

11-NIGHTS GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

CELEBRITY EDGE

February 11, 2026 – Sydney, Australia

Considered one of the most cosmopolitan cities in the Southern Hemisphere, Sydney offers so much—from beaches and wineries to stunning landmarks and world-class shopping. Tour architectural marvels like the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbor Bridge, view life below the surface from Sydney Aquarium’s underwater walkways, or take it all in from above on a tour of the Sydney Tower. You’re never far from nature in this thriving urban center. Well-known surf beaches, zoos, national parks, whale watching tours, bush tours, and the Royal Botanic Gardens—featuring over 7,500 plants—offer visitors a chance to enjoy the area’s sunshine, lush greenery, wildlife, and clear blue oceans. Sydney is not only Australia’s oldest city, it is also one of the most ethnically diverse cities on the globe, offering a wealth of cuisines, unique museums, and cultural opportunities. Explore lively pubs, shops, and historic buildings at The Rocks, located on Sydney harbor.

February 12, 2026 – At Sea Cruising

While at sea, take the time to recharge before the next adventure. Lounge by the pool, be spoiled at the spa, taste the delicacies or explore the venues on-board, until we arrive at the next amazing destination.

February 13, 2026 – Brisbane, Australia

On a Brisbane cruise, you'll find a thriving art scene, sandy beaches, lively nightlife, and multiple wildlife sanctuaries. Start with scenic city views from Mount Coot-tha, west of downtown.

Cultural sophistication belies Brisbane's proximity to wilderness. Contemporary art galleries energize the vibrant Fortitude Valley district, including the Gallery of Modern Art, Institute of Modern Art, Philip Bacon Galleries, Jan Murphy Gallery, and Edwina Corlette Gallery.

A cruise to Brisbane offers plenty of possibilities to recreate. Go for a swim at South Bank Parklands, a sparkling, man-made, inner-city beach overlooking the Brisbane River. Or, take a ride down to Gold Coast and swim, surf, or build sandcastles on one of the Pacific's most famous beaches.

Meet Australia’s best-known natives, the koalas and kangaroos, at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary, on the river. Learn all about the sleepy marsupials and other wildlife threatened

by traffic, disease, and habitat loss. Cuddle a koala. Feed a kangaroo. See Tasmanian devils.

North of town, you can visit the Australia Zoo to learn about Wildlife Warriors and efforts to protect injured, threatened, and endangered species. See cheetahs and rhinos roaming the zoo's African Savannah.

You can shop for the latest designer goods on a Brisbane cruise. One chic area is Edward Street, where you'll find Hermès, Oroton, Georg Jensen, Paspaley, Chanel, and Australia's largest Cartier store. Move on to James Street, in Fortitude Valley, for the vibrant colors, bold designs, and bohemian fashions of Australia's own Camilla.

14 February 2026 – At Sea Cruising

15 February 2026 – Airlie Beach, Australia

On your cruise to the Great Barrier Reef, this is the perfect departure point for local excursions. The coral reef is the largest living thing on the planet—so big you can see it from space—but made of billions of tiny organisms known as polyps.

A UNESCO World Heritage site, the reef supports a vast diversity of marine life, with 600 types of soft and hard corals, 1,625 types of fish, and 30 species of whales and dolphins. Great Barrier Reef Marine Park covers 133,000 square miles, including 3,000 coral reefs and 900 islands. The snorkeling and diving here are unmatched.

Airlie Beach is popular with backpackers, yachtsmen, and other lovers of the tropical lifestyle. Sailing among the calm, protected waters of the Witsunday Islands and skydiving over the pristine shorelines are a couple of the must-do adventures for many visitors.

When it's time for some shopping during your Airlie Beach cruise, you'll find lovely seaside markets and galleries with friendly artists, handmade jewelry, colorful paintings, stunning photos, and tropical beachwear—perfect for a leisurely browse after breakfast.

16 February 2026 – Cairns, Australia [overnight]

In tropical North Queensland, surrounded on three sides by lush rainforest, your Cairns cruise makes the perfect launchpad for excursions to the Great Barrier Reef. This reef is the largest living thing on the planet—so big you can see it from space—but it's made up of billions of tiny organisms known as coral polyps.

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Inland, explore the rainforest by cable car and scenic railway, soaring above treetops, peering into gorges, and observing jungle waterfalls. Join a whitewater rafting adventure in Barron Gorge National Park.

Stop at a rainforest village to see kangaroos, birds, butterflies, and reptiles. Hold a koala in your arms and feed a wallaby. Watch traditional Aboriginal dancers perform and artisans create their pottery, paintings, glass works, jewelry, and fabrics. You can shop for these original keepsakes to take back aboard your Cairns cruise.

Back in town, stroll the lovely native flowers, plants, and trees at Cairns Botanic Gardens. You might even get lucky in the local casino. What a way to top off your cruise to Cairns.

17 February 2026 – Cairns, Australia

Continue your exploration.

18 February 2026 – Port Douglas

The once-sleepy, now-bustling seaside village of Port Douglas will be your hub to the Great Barrier Reef, home to some 1,500 species of fish, 5,000 species of mollusk and 400 species of coral for your exploration. During your Cruisetour, you'll enjoy a full day of marine adventure with opportunities to swim, snorkel, dive or view the reef from an underwater observatory.

19 February 2026 – Willis Island Cruising

The only humans that make their home on this tiny island—just 1,600 feet long and 490 feet wide—are meteorologists manning a weather monitoring station. From the ship's deck you'll see thousands of seabirds such as Boobies, wedge-tailed shearwaters and sooty terns. Other highlights include a nearby coral reef and turtle nesting ground.

20 – 21 February 2026 – At Sea Cruising

22 February 2026 – Arrive Sydney, Australia

Continue your land exploration of Australia, head for home, or remain on the ship and continue on with your new Bucketeer friends on an exciting 11-night voyage to New Zealand, ending in Auckland.