

**IRELAND'S THREE TEST
SERIES V AUSTRALIA
JUNE 2018**

5TH-26TH JUNE 2018



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TOUR SUMMARY

PRICE

€4,995 PER PERSON SHARING

TOUR COST INCLUSIONS

DAYS / NIGHTS

22 DAYS / 18 NIGHTS IN AUSTRALIA

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS

RETURN INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS WITH EMIRATES. DUBLIN—BRISBANE / SYDNEY—DUBLIN

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

EXECUTIVE COACH TRANSFERS THROUGHOUT PLUS THREE DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:

- NEWCASTLE — MELBOURNE
- MELBOURNE — CAIRNS
- CAIRNS — SYDNEY

HOTELS

- 3 NIGHTS AT THE 4* HOTEL GRAND CHANCELLOR, BRISBANE (1ST TEST)
- 1 NIGHT AT THE 4* BREAKFREE AANUKA BEACH, COFFS HARBOUR
- 3 NIGHTS AT THE 4* CROWNE PLAZA, HUNTER VALLEY
- 4 NIGHTS AT THE 4* RYDGES HOTEL, MELBOURNE (2ND TEST)
- 3 NIGHTS AT THE 4* PACIFIC HOTEL, CAIRNS
- 4 NIGHTS AT THE 4* PARKROYAL HOTEL, DARLING HARBOUR, SYDNEY (3RD TEST)

MEALS

- BREAKFAST EVERY DAY
- PRE-MATCH EVENTS FOR ALL THREE TESTS INCLUDING FOOD & THREE DRINKS VOUCHERS (WINE, BEER AND SOFT DRINKS) PER MATCH

MATCH TICKETS

CATEGORY 1 MATCH TICKET TO ALL THREE TEST MATCHES

ALSO INCLUDED

- DINNER WITH SPARKLING WINE RECEPTION DURING STAY IN HUNTER VALLEY
- HALF DAY TRIP TO AN ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AND HERITAGE CENTRE INCLUDING TRANSFERS
- TOUR BACKPACK AND FLEECE JACKET
- TOUR ACCOMPANIED BY A RUGBY LEGEND
- TOUR SOCIAL IN CAIRNS INCLUDING A TWO HOUR COMPLIMENTARY DRINKS PACKAGE AND HOT FINGER FOOD

TOUR COST EXCLUSIONS

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT @ €1,750

TRAVEL INSURANCE, PASSPORTS AND VISAS IF APPLICABLE (NO VISA REQUIRED FOR EU CITIZENS)

UPGRADE TO BUSINESS CLASS OR FIRST CLASS FLIGHTS. SUPPLEMENT APPLIES AND SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY

ADMISSION FEES INTO SIGHTS OF INTEREST NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST / ITINERARY. PERSONAL EXPENSES SUCH AS TIPS FOR MEALS, GRATUITIES, TELEPHONE CALLS, BEVERAGES, ALL MEALS NOT MENTIONED UNDER INCLUSIONS AND ANYTHING ELSE OF A PERSONAL NATURE

TUESDAY 5TH JUNE | DEPARTURE DUBLIN

22.25 Emirates flight departs Dublin for Brisbane with a short transfer in Dubai.

THURSDAY 7TH JUNE | BRISBANE

Land in Brisbane this morning. Transfer to the centrally located **4* Hotel Grand Chancellor** and check in for 3 nights. The hotel affords commanding views of the city skyline and the Brisbane River. It also has a rooftop swimming pool!



FRIDAY 8TH JUNE | BRISBANE

Brisbane is the capital of Queensland and Australia's third largest city. We recommend a cruise or water taxi along the Brisbane River, a trip up Kangaroo Point Cliffs (for great views) or even a Brewery Tour!



SATURDAY 9TH JUNE | BRISBANE | 1ST TEST

Match Day! Australia v Ireland at the Suncorp Stadium. Transfer to our exclusive Rugby Travel Ireland venue which is next door to the stadium! Enjoy pre-match food and three complimentary drinks (beers, wines and soft drinks). Pre-match analysis provided by our rugby ambassador. Category 1 match tickets are included for what will be a huge Test match. Post-match return to our venue and enjoy the rest of the evening. Transfers back to the hotel included.



SUNDAY 10TH JUNE | COFFS HARBOUR

Depart this morning by coach for Coffs Harbour via Surfers Paradise with a coffee stop off at Byron Bay. It's a stunning drive down the east coast to Coffs Harbour, one of the sailing capitals of Australia. Enjoy one night at the **4* BreakFree Aanuka Beach Resort**, a relaxed tropical style beachfront resort with great food and wine set right on the sands of Diggers Beach.



MONDAY 11TH JUNE | HUNTER VALLEY

We depart this morning for Hunter Valley with a lunch stop at the lovely seaside town of Port Macquarie. We then arrive and check into the excellent **4* Crowne Plaza, Hunter Valley Resort** for 3 nights. This hotel includes a 25m outdoor heated pool, spa, tennis courts and its own 18 hole golf course. We love this hotel and it is your chance to kick back and relax in this stunning countryside location surrounded by vineyards!

TUESDAY 12TH JUNE | HUNTER VALLEY

Hunter Valley boasts more than 150 vineyards. The area has also become a haven for foodies, with restaurants making the most of the views: picturesque rolling hills and row after row of grapevines. We will have a number of optional extras available over the next two days including a round of golf and a visit to a local vineyard with superb wine tasting followed by lunch.



WEDNESDAY 13TH JUNE | HUNTER VALLEY

Day at leisure. This evening enjoy a group dinner (included in your tour package) at a local restaurant with a welcome drink on arrival, a three course meal and return transfers. Great fun!

THURSDAY 14TH JUNE | MELBOURNE

Check out this morning and transfer (1 hour) to Newcastle Airport for your 14.30 flight to Melbourne. On arrival at Melbourne airport transfer to the 4* **Rydges Hotel** and check in for 4 nights. You cannot get more central than this hotel and you will love the fact that you are in the heart of the theatre district and on the edge of Chinatown with great value restaurants and bars on your doorstep.



FRIDAY 15TH JUNE | MELBOURNE

Day at leisure. With Melbourne's combination of world-class dining, art galleries, homegrown fashion, great coffee and a packed sports calendar, it's no surprise Victoria's capital is regarded as the world's most liveable city. The vast Crown Casino is also definitely worth a visit during your stay in Melbourne.



SATURDAY 16TH JUNE | MELBOURNE | 2ND TEST

Match Day! 2nd Test. Australia v Ireland at the AAMI Park. Enjoy pre-match food and drinks just a short walk from your hotel. Pre-match analysis provided by our rugby ambassador. Category 1 match tickets are included. Private return transfers to the stadium. Post-match return to our venue and enjoy the rest of the evening.

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE | MELBOURNE

Day at leisure. If you haven't done so already, we recommend taking a tram to St Kilda, Melbourne's seaside playground. Renowned for its safe sandy beach, palm-lined boardwalk, great restaurants, bars and cafés and fabulous old buildings.



MONDAY 18TH JUNE | CAIRNS

Check out this morning and depart from the hotel at 11am for your 13.55 flight from Melbourne to Cairns. On arrival at Cairns airport transfer to the centrally located **4* Pacific Hotel** and check in for 3 nights. We have chosen Cairns as your "downtime" between the second and third Tests, because it has everything you require for a relaxing few days. It has a lovely warm tropical climate and importantly, it is the dry season at this time of year! It is also the gateway to the Great Barrier Reef.



TUESDAY 19TH JUNE | CAIRNS

As part of your stay in Cairns we have included a half day visit to a local Aboriginal visitor center with Aboriginal dances, bush foods & medicines, weapons & hunting, didgeridoos and boomerang throwing! Return transfers from your hotel included. You can book your complimentary Aboriginal Experience either today or tomorrow. Optional activities will of course include trips to the Great Barrier Reef.



WEDNESDAY 20TH JUNE | CAIRNS

Day at leisure. Cairns has a cracking nightlife that we can personally vouch for! This evening we have arranged a purely optional get-together in a great local bar. It is also the perfect time to witness thousands of fruit bats flying off at dusk to spend the evening in the jungle! An amazing natural spectacle.



THURSDAY 21ST JUNE | SYDNEY

We take the 15.40 flight from Cairns to Sydney. On arrival at Sydney airport transfer to the **4* ParkRoyal Hotel**, Darling Harbour and check in for 4 nights. Evening at leisure.

FRIDAY 22ND JUNE | SYDNEY

The ParkRoyal Hotel is brilliantly located on Darling Harbour, Sydney's best area for bars and restaurants, all in a stunning setting. You'll be delighted to know that we have secured one of the best bars / restaurants as the Rugby Travel Ireland social hub! As a valued guest you'll benefit from a discount on food and drinks over the next four days!



SATURDAY 23RD JUNE | SYDNEY | 3RD TEST

Match Day! 3rd Test. Australia v Ireland at the Allianz Stadium. Could this be a series decider? Enjoy pre-match food and drinks and pre-match analysis provided by our rugby ambassador. Category 1 match tickets are included. Private return transfers to the stadium. Post-match return to our hotel and enjoy the rest of the evening at leisure.



SUNDAY 24TH JUNE | SYDNEY

Day at leisure. Why not visit the famous World Heritage Site that is the Sydney Opera House. The Harbour Bridge, Manley, Sydney Tower and Bondi Beach are all must sees as well.



MONDAY 25TH JUNE | DEPART SYDNEY

You have plenty of time today for siteseeing and souvenir shopping because we will not depart the hotel for Sydney airport until late this afternoon. Check in for Emirates 21.10 flight to Dublin with a short transfer in Dubai.

TUESDAY 26TH JUNE | DUBLIN

Land into Dublin at 12.05 – just in time for lunch! What an incredible tour. Thank you so much for travelling with Rugby Travel Ireland and we hope to see you on another of our tours in the near future.



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"The tour was outstanding, from start to finish. Our guides, Mark & Donal, were friendly, polite, courteous and went above and beyond what was expected of them!"

Sheran & Steve, South Wales,
B&I Lions Tour Australia.

"I wanted to say a big huge massive thank you for everything on the Tour. I appreciate how much effort you all went to make everyone welcome and I cannot thank you enough as it was particularly relevant to those travelling solo."

Siofra, Dublin.
B&I Lions Tour Australia.

A big thank you for everything! You all contributed to make our first Lions Tour very special for Christine and I. We enjoyed every minute.

Eoin, Co Down.
B&I Lions Tour NZ.

"The level of organisation was incredibly detailed and made a huge contribution to everyone's enjoyment. The itinerary was great with flexibility to mix or do your own thing as people wanted."

Owen & Ginny, Co. Louth.
B&I Lions Tour Australia.

I just wanted to thank you so much for an unforgettable tour. It was my first tour and certainly won't be my last. It was so well organised but not regimented, you were all so friendly and helpful, like one big rugby family! Thanks again, keep up the good work.

Jackie, Dublin.
B&I Lions Tour NZ.

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TOUR ROUTE



PAYMENT TERMS

25% Deposit to secure

25% End of February

50% End of April

*Please note that we are flexible with payment terms if required.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

INSURANCE: It is vital that you have travel insurance and we strongly recommend that you are covered from the time of booking as this may assist you in recovering monies paid in the unfortunate event of you having to cancel your trip. We offer travel insurance to Australia starting from €59pp.

PRICE CHANGE: The tour price is correct at the time of print but may change. Please refer to our website for any price changes.

PASSPORTS: We strongly recommend that your passport is valid for at least six months after your departure date from Australia.

VISAS: You will need a valid Australian visa to enter the country (unless you are an Australian or New Zealand citizen). The eVisitor is a free three month holiday visa and is available to passport holders from the European Union and a number of other European countries. You will need to

apply online on this Australian Government website: <http://www.border.gov.au/Trav/Visi/Visi/Visitor-visas/eVisitor-online-application> Please note that you first have to set up an account and then make the eVisitor application. It will take about 10-15 minutes to complete. Once completed, and if accepted, your visa is valid for twelve months.

HOTELS: Prices are based on twin/double rooms with two people sharing. If a triple room is requested then we must check availability first. Single occupancy incurs a single room supplement as outlined in our costs. Should we (through circumstances beyond our control) be forced to change your accommodation, we will advise you at the earliest opportunity. In these rare cases we will offer a hotel of the same standard or higher and any extra cost will be absorbed by us.

CANCELLATION CHARGES: Should you wish to cancel your booking, we will require notification in writing. Cancellation charges will be levied in accordance with the scale set out in our full set of terms and conditions <http://www.rugbytravelireland.com/terms-conditions>

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