

DOC TOUR

Deluxe Tour (4 Star accommodation throughout)

All Three Test Matches + Melbourne Rebels

15 July - 04 August | 21 Days Away / 17 Nights In Australia

BREAKOUT TOURS

The DOC Tour includes four nights, from 27th of July, in Hunter Valley.

You can however, choose to book one of our superb Breakout Tours (see below) for these four nights instead. These can simply be added during the online booking process.

To find out more information on our superb Breakout Tours check out our website!

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SYDNEY



TOUR ITINERARY

Tuesday 15 July

Depart from Dublin airport or your chosen airport.

Wednesday 16 July

In transit.

Thursday 17 July

Land in Brisbane and transfer to the 4* **Voco Brisbane** (or similar) for 4 nights B&B. Welcome drinks reception this evening.

Friday 18 July

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras will be available to book.*

Saturday 19 July

Match Day - **First Test!** Wallabies v The Lions, at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane. *Please note there are no match transfers included because the public transport infrastructure is far quicker!*

Sunday 20 July

Day at leisure.

Monday 21 July

Check out of your hotel and fly to Melbourne (2hr 10m). On arrival transfer to the 4* **Quincy Hotel, Melbourne** (or similar) and check in for 6 nights B&B.

Tuesday 22 July

Match Day! Melbourne Rebels v The Lions, Marvel Stadium, Melbourne. *Please note there are no match transfers included because the public transport infrastructure is far quicker!*

Wednesday 23 July

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras will be available to book.*

Thursday 24 July

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras will be available to book.*

Friday 25 July

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras will be available to book.*

Saturday 26 July

Match Day - **Second Test!** Wallabies v The Lions, MCG. *Please note there are no match transfers included because the public transport infrastructure is far quicker!*

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MATCHES INCLUDED

Wallabies v The Lions - 1st Test

19 July - Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane

Melbourne Rebels v The Lions

22 July - Marvel Stadium, Melbourne

Wallabies v The Lions - 2nd Test

26 July - MCG, Melbourne

Wallabies v The Lions - 3rd Test

02 August - Accor Stadium, Sydney



100% OFFICIAL
LIONS MATCH TICKETS
GUARANTEED

TOUR ITINERARY (CONTINUED)

Sunday 27 July

Check out of your hotel and fly to Newcastle (1hr 35m). On arrival transfer to the 4* [Ryldges Resort](#) (or similar) in Hunter Valley and check in for 4 nights B&B. In the heart of wine country this superb countryside hotel gives you a chance to relax and catch your breath for the final Test. Walking trails, a golf course and a spa can all be enjoyed. Alternatively you can book a break out tour.

- *Four nights in Hunter Valley. You can choose to book one of our superb Breakout Tours instead. These can simply be added during the online booking process.*

Monday 28 July

Day at leisure.

Tuesday 29 July

Optional Extra - Hunter Valley Wine Tour with lunch (**included**). The Hunter Valley is Australia's oldest commercial wine producing area. Includes three premium wine tastings, local produce samples and lunch at a local winery.

Wednesday 30 July

Day at leisure. This evening enjoy a tour dinner in a superb local restaurant. (*Optional extra*)

Thursday 31 July

Check out of your hotel and travel by executive coach from Hunter Valley to Sydney. Lunch stop (at own expense) in Manly, one of Australia's most famous beaches. Continue (20min) to the centrally located 4* [Sydney Harbour Hotel](#) (or similar) and check in for 3 nights B&B.

Friday 01 August

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras will be available to book.*

Saturday 02 August

Match Day - **Third Test!** Wallabies vs The Lions Accor Stadium, Sydney. Executive return coach transfers included.

Sunday 03 August

Check out of your hotel and transfer to Sydney International Airport for your return flight.

Monday 04 August

Arrive back in Dublin or your chosen airport.



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TOUR INCLUDES

Deluxe Four Star Hotel accommodation on a B&B basis

Official Bronze Category Tickets to all Test Matches as per this itinerary

Official Bronze Category ticket to the Melbourne Rebels match (with option to upgrade at a later date)

International Flights ex Dublin (option to book the tour ex flights)

Two Domestic Flights

Lions baseball cap

Tour escorted by our experienced and friendly RTI staff

Various Rugby Legends making appearances throughout

Option to upgrade your International Flights

Welcome Drinks Reception

Wine tour including lunch

TOUR EXCLUSIONS

- Single Room Supplement (*if applicable*)
- Visa Applications (free online application that must be made by you)
- Porterage and Gratuities
- Meals, snacks and beverages unless specified
- Travel Insurance
- Optional Excursions
- Excess baggage costs



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READY TO BOOK?

1. Log onto www.rugbytravelireland.com
2. Choose your tour
3. Then click the "Book Now" button!

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PAYMENT OPTIONS

Option A: Full payment upon booking (25% is non-refundable).

Option B: 25% non-refundable deposit upon booking, 25% by 30th November 2024, 25% by 28th February 2025 and final balance by 30th April 2025.

If your booking is made on or after 30 March 2025 full payment is required.

TOUR ADD ONS

We are extremely flexible so if you are looking to extend your stay in Australia, visit NZ, chill out in Fiji or relax in the Maldives then let us know. We would be delighted to assist.

| ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Travel documents will be issued to you 14 - 30 days approx prior to departure via the RTI Travel App.

PASSPORTS: All passengers travelling require a full passport. In the case of people coming to Australia temporarily, the passport must be valid either for at least 6 months beyond the date you intend to travel to and from Australia.

All passengers other than Australian and New Zealand citizens need to present the following documents to officers in immigration clearance:

- a valid passport.
- a valid visa to enter Australia (including electronic visas). Residents of Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and Europe need a travel visa to enter Australia and stay for a duration of up to 90 days. You can get further information and apply online free of charge for the eVisitor (subclass 651) visa by [clicking here](http://clicking_here) www.immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas
- a completed and signed Incoming Passenger card, including health and character declaration.

Anyone who arrives without a valid travel document, visa or authority, might be refused entry to Australia or delayed until their identity and claims to enter Australia have been confirmed.



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For full Terms & Conditions please '[CLICK HERE](http://www.rugbytravelireland.com/bil-tour-faq)' - www.rugbytravelireland.com/bil-tour-faq

TIME DIFFERENCE: During May, June and July Australia is +8 or 12 hours ahead of GMT.

CLIMATE: The average daytime temperatures on tour range from 18° in Perth and Sydney, 21° in Brisbane, 26° in Cairns. Melbourne averages are around 14° and rain is most likely here.

FLYING TIMES: The total flying and transfer time from Dublin to Australia is 30 hours approx.

LOCAL CURRENCY: The Australian dollar is the currency used in Australia. The exchange rate as of March 2024 is €1 = \$1.65 & £1 = \$1.94. Rate correct as of March 2024

HEALTH: No inoculations are required. We strongly advise you to arrange your own health insurance. Australia's public and private medical/hospital facilities provide a high standard of treatment and service, but it is important to note these services are not free to visitors, except as a result of an accident.

SECURITY: Visitors are advised to take the same care with your personal safety and your possessions as you would do at home. Take copies of your important documents (like your passport and credit cards) and keep them separate from the originals. You should also keep a record of the description and serial number of valuable items (like cameras, tablets and smart phones). And remember, in an emergency dial 000.

ACCOMMODATION: All accommodation is based on 4 star hotels on a bed and breakfast basis.

FLIGHTS: We only ever work with highly reputable International airlines.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: One check in item (minimum 20kg check in allowance) and two pieces of hand luggage per person (1 handbag/laptop bag & 1 additional cabin bag).

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.



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INSURANCE: We consider adequate travel insurance with a reputable insurance company to be essential and as such we make it a condition of our contract with you. Your travel insurance should cover the cost of cancellation, medical expenses, loss of luggage or money, personal liability claims, participation in activities and costs of assistance (including repatriation) in the event of accident, injury, illness (including full Covid-19 cover) or death.

FLIGHT UPGRADES: Although the comfort and service offered by the airlines we use is excellent, you may wish to upgrade your flight to Business Class or First Class (not available for internal flights). Please ask for details as prices do fluctuate.

INTERESTED IN ROOM SHARING: All our rates and charges are calculated on the basis of two people sharing a room. If a room is being used by just one person, then the single supplement makes up for the unsold "half" of the room. If you are travelling solo and wish to share with someone to avoid the single supplement, then we are happy to help pair you with another similar tour guest with the same request. We will put you directly in touch with each other and you can both make the decision whether you are suitable to share throughout the tour. If a suitable person cannot be found the single room supplement will be payable in full no later than 28 February 2025.

FINANCIAL PROTECTION - BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE: OTP Travel Services Ltd T/A Rugby Travel Ireland (RTI) is fully bonded assuring you that your monies are secure at all times. Rugby Travel Ireland is bonded and licensed with the Irish Aviation Authority Regulation, Tour Operators Licence No. T.O.260. Further details are available at www.iaa.ie/.

HOTELS: Tour costs are based on twin/double rooms with two people sharing. Triple/Family rooms can be quoted subject to availability. Should we change your hotel we will advise you at the earliest opportunity, but we will always endeavour to offer a hotel of the same standard. If this is not possible, an alternative will be provided, and a credit note will be applied. All accommodation is on a bed and breakfast basis.

CHANGES TO YOUR TOUR: RTI reserve the right to change/readjust the tour schedule, transportation, hotel accommodation and services indicated in the package. Promotions may end without notice. All tours are subject to availability. It is unlikely that we will have to make changes to your travel arrangements but we reserve the right to do so at any time.

IF YOU WISH TO CANCEL: If you cancel prior to 31 Oct 2024 = 25% deposit cancellation charge. If you cancel between 01 Aug – 31 Oct = 50% cancellation charge. If you cancel between 01 Nov – 31 Jan = 70% cancellation charge. If you cancel between 01 Feb 2025 – 28 Feb 2025 = 90% cancellation charge. If you cancel on or after 01 Mar 2025 = 100% cancellation charge.

If the reason for your cancellation is covered under the terms of your insurance policy, you may be able to reclaim these charges from your insurer. This is why it is imperative that you have travel insurance in place well in advance of you travelling.

YOU MUST HAVE TRAVEL INSURANCE TO TRAVEL ON OUR LIONS TOUR

 ROI RESIDENTS ONLY
[Get Travel Insurance Quote](#)

CONTACT US: If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact one of our friendly RTI staff members at hello@rugbytravelireland.com or by calling us directly on +353 61 624 734 / +353 1 556 7776.

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TESTIMONIALS

We have always had the most dedicated, fun loving and passionate supporters on our British & Irish Lions tours, dating back to our first ever Lions tour in 2009 to South Africa. If you are looking for a professionally organised official tour that runs seamlessly with lots of added extras, then look no further! We look forward to welcoming back our many regular guests from all four nations and to also welcoming our new guests for what will be an epic tour to Australia in 2025.

Mark Pinsent

Managing Director, Rugby Travel Ireland

The 2017 Lions tour to NZ with Rugby Travel Ireland surpassed all expectations. The itinerary and price was unrivalled when we compared it with other travelling rugby fans. We are going to follow The Lions again and would not consider going with any other company.

Roy & Judith - England

Rugby Travel Ireland delivered the perfect tour. All the matches, social events, a great choice of accommodation plus lots of extra options to make the most of the time between the matches made this a brilliant tour. The staff were friendly, courteous, efficient and well informed.

Gwyn - Wales

I just wanted to thank you and your brilliant team for what you did for me and my two sons which was the trip of a lifetime in 2017 in New Zealand following The Lions on the Kiwi tour – we will book again!

Nick, Wesley & Geoff - Ireland

At 58, NZ 2017 was my first ever Lions tour. Thanks to RTI for making it an amazing tour and such a memorable life event for me.

Craig - Scotland

NZ 2017 was the trip of a lifetime for me. I booked as a solo female and I arrived home with a new family. I cannot praise RTI enough, from the time I booked, to the time I arrived home and everything in between, they were beyond fantastic.

Michelle - Ireland

We had always wanted to go on a Lions tour. We booked with RTI for 2017, it was fantastic. They were flexible, delivered a superb programme and we have ended up with lifelong friends. It was so good we also booked with RTI for the Rugby World Cup in 2019; another meticulously planned and delivered tour. The tour, people and atmosphere were electrifying.

Howard and Rachel - Scotland