



# KOALA TOUR

Deluxe Tour (4 & 5 Star accommodation throughout)

## Five Matches

08 July - 05 August | 29 Days Away / 25 Nights In Australia

### BREAKOUT TOURS

The Koala 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!*

#### FIJI



#### QUEENSTOWN, NEW ZEALAND



#### RED CENTRE - AYERS ROCK / ULURU



#### SYDNEY



### TOUR ITINERARY

#### Tuesday 08 July

Depart Dublin or your chosen airport.

#### Wednesday 09 July

In transit.

#### Thursday 10 July

Land in Adelaide. On arrival transfer to the 4\* [Hotel Indigo Adelaide Market](#) (or similar) and check in for 4 nights B&B. Drinks reception this evening.

#### Friday 11 July

Full-day Barossa Valley Wine Tour with lunch (included). Just 50 minutes north east of Adelaide, the Barossa Valley offers a rich and immersive experience that captivates the senses and leaves a lasting impression. This evening enjoy a tour event including food and drinks.

#### Saturday 12 July

It's Match day! Invitational AU & NZ v The Lions at Adelaide Oval. Executive return coach transfers included.

#### Sunday 13 July

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras available to book at later date.*

#### Monday 14 July

Check out of your hotel and fly to Cairns (3hr 10m). On arrival transfer to the centrally located 4\* [Pacific Hotel](#) (or similar) and check in for 3 nights B&B.

#### Tuesday 15 July

Full-day Great Barrier Reef Tour (included). Experience the magic that is the Great Barrier Reef with a Guided Snorkel Safari, a Glass Bottom Boat Tour, a Semi-Sub Tour and a tropical buffet lunch. This evening enjoy a very social tour event including food and drinks!

#### Wednesday 16 July

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras available to book at later date.*

#### Thursday 17 July

Check out of your hotel and fly to Brisbane (2hr 15m). On arrival transfer to the centrally located 5\* [Hotel X Brisbane, Fortitude](#) (or similar) and check in for 4 nights B&B.



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**Invitational AU & NZ v The Lions**

12 July - Adelaide Oval, Adelaide

**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)

**Friday 18 July**

Day at leisure. This evening enjoy a tour event including food and drinks.

**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. *Optional Extras available to book at later date.*

**Monday 21 July**

Check out of your hotel and fly to Melbourne (2hr 10m). On arrival transfer to the 4\* [InterContinental 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 available to book at later date.*

**Thursday 24 July**

Day at leisure. *Optional Extras available to book at later date.*

**Friday 25 July**

Day at leisure. This evening enjoy a tour event including food and drinks.

**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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### TOUR INCLUDES

Deluxe Four & Five Star Hotel accommodation on a B&B basis

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

Official Bronze Category Tickets to all other matches as per this itinerary

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

Four Domestic Flights

Official Lions Hat & Backpack

Tour escorted by our experienced and friendly RTI staff

Various Rugby Legends making appearances throughout

Option to upgrade your International Flights

Great Barrier Reef Tour

1 Welcome Drinks Reception

2 Dinners

2 Wine Tours including lunches

6 Events including Food and Drink

### TOUR ITINERARY (CONTINUED)

#### Sunday 27 July

Check out of your hotel and fly to Newcastle (1hr 35m). On arrival transfer to the 4\* [Rydges 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 Breakout 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. *Optional Extras available to book at later date.*

#### Tuesday 29 July

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, food and drinks package (**included**).

#### 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 5\* [Raddison Blu Plaza Hotel](#) (or similar), Sydney and check in for 4 nights B&B.

#### Friday 01 August

Day at leisure. This evening enjoy a tour event including food and drinks.

#### Saturday 02 August

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





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### 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

#### Sunday 03 August

Day at leisure. This evening enjoy an end of tour dinner (**included**) to celebrate a trip of a lifetime.

#### Monday 04 August

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

#### Tuesday 05 August

Arrive back in Dublin or your chosen airport.



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### READY TO BOOK?

1. Log onto [www.rugbytravelireland.com](http://www.rugbytravelireland.com)
2. Choose your tour
3. Then click the "Book Now" button!

### EMAIL US

[lions2025@rugbytravelireland.com](mailto:lions2025@rugbytravelireland.com)

### CALL US

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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://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](http://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 4 & 5 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).

**TOUR MERCHANDISE:** Official merchandise will be provided.

**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 domestic 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 31 March 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/](http://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 30 Jun 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](mailto: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**