

AUSTRALIA
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PHOTO TOUR

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We'd like to begin by acknowledging the Traditional Owners of the land on which we will set foot, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Join John Greengo for a photographic tour of Australia, one of the most diverse countries in the world. We'll be focusing on the best of Sydney and the surrounding areas. There will be something for everyone; from unique flora and fauna, to street scenes and seascapes.

Our tour will explore the downtown Sydney streets, take us along a stunning coastline, visit beach towns with vibrant surf activity, and take in the majestic views and trails of the Blue Mountains.

Day 1 Sep 15

Sydney D

Welcome to Sydney, home to its magnificent natural harbour, iconic landmarks, and deep history.

Check into our Sydney hotel and kick off your adventure with an afternoon gear check with John; ensuring your photographic success.

Later, enjoy a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. But don't stay up too late — tomorrow's early start promises incredible photographic experiences.

Hotel: Intercontinental - Circular Quay (or similar)



Day 2 Sep 16

Sydney BLD

Start the day with a sunrise shoot, capturing Sydney Harbour's iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Prefer to sleep in? No problem. Join us for a hearty breakfast at the hotel when we return.

Spend the day exploring Sydney's CBD on foot, discovering famous landmarks and hidden gems, perfect for architecture and street photography. The options are endless; from cathedrals and memorials, to art installations and gardens.

End your day with a breathtaking sunset shoot at John's favorite harbor foreshore location, followed by a delicious dinner.

ARCHITECTURE ~ CITYSCAPE ~ STREET ~ MACRO

Hotel: Intercontinental - Circular Quay (or similar)



Day 3 Sep 17

Sydney BLD

Being on the east coast, Sydney is ripe with sunrise opportunities, and we'll adjust our schedule to make best use of them. Start your day with sunrise on the harbor shoreline, followed by breakfast at our hotel.

Today's activities center around the eastern suburb's coastline. Uncover a mix of long sandy beaches, ocean pools, and quieter, more intimate coves. South Head, known for its dramatic ocean cliffs and military history, is part of "The Heads" — the entrance to Port Jackson (Sydney Harbour's official name).

End your day with a cross-harbor view of the Sydney skyline with a setting sun behind it.

LANDSCAPE ~ ACTION ~ NATURE

Hotel: Intercontinental - Circular Quay (or similar)



Day 4Sep 18

Sydney - Central CoastBLD

Shoot sunrise from a new perspective on northern side of the harbor, then back to the hotel for breakfast and check-out.

On our way out of Sydney, marvel at native Australian flora and fauna in the south-west outskirts. There's a good chance of seeing and photographing Swamp Wallabies, as well as a myriad of birds, and vibrant blooming plants. Macro photographers will have no end of subjects.

After a delightful lunch we'll head to the beautiful Central Coast — just a 2-hour drive away. With available time, we'll stop to explore intriguing locations along the way.

In the evening, we'll gather to share images and review our photographic progress; a great time for question and answers.

WILDLFE ~ BIRD ~ NATURE ~ MACRO ~ LANDSCAPE
Hotel: Crowne Plaza - Terrigal (or similar)

Day 5Sep 19

Central CoastBLD

Wake up bright and early for your first opportunity to experience a coastal sunrise. Walk along large rock platforms, popular spots for fishing, with a perfect view of the sunrise over the Pacific Ocean.

A full day will be spent exploring the Central Coast and its indiginous history. With available free time in the afternoon, choose your pleasure: shopping, take a nap, photos on the beach, or take a dip in the ocean.

LANDSCAPE ~ ACTION ~ PORTRAIT
Hotel: Crowne Plaza - Terrigal (or similar)

Day 6Sep 20

Central CoastBLD

Kickstart your day with a sunrise shoot at the site of a historic, active lighthouse. Visit dramatic rocks that perform as platforms for viewing crashing waves and rock pools.

Enjoy breakfast en route to a Surf Live Saving Club and meet the volunteers who keep Australian beaches safe, capturing their rescue techniques in action.

Spend your afternoon exploring the coastline, photographing birds and wildlife.

LANDSCAPE ~ ARCHITECTURE ~ ACTION ~ PORTAIT ~ BIRD
Hotel: Crowne Plaza - Terrigal (or similar)



Day 7Sep 21

Central Coast - Blue MountainsBLD

An optional sunrise shoot just a few minutes from your hotel starts the day; returning to the hotel for breakfast and check-out.

En-route to our next destination, discover amazing Australian wildlife at a park brimming with koalas, kangaroos, echidnas, quokka, and more. Spot vibrant birds like lorikeets, cassowaries, and emus.

As you head to the Blue Mountains, get ready for cooler temperatures and breathtaking views. From a high plateau, warm up with an afternoon bush walk before relaxing at your luxury hotel.

WILDLIFE ~ BIRD ~ LANDSCAPE
Hotel: Lilianfells Resort & Spa (or similar)

Day 8Sep 22

Blue MountainsBLD

Wake up early in your mountain retreat to the soothing sounds of nature and capture the breathtaking sunrise over Grose Valley.

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at a local favorite cafe and then discover the majestic sandstone cliffs and waterfalls of Megalong Valley, a favorite spot for rock climbers.

Head back to Katoomba township to admire vibrant street art before diving back into nature at Jamison Valley.

LANDSCAPE ~ ACTION ~ STREET ~ BIRD
Hotel: Lilianfells Resort & Spa (or similar)



Day 9

Sep 23

Blue Mountains

BLD

Today is all about bush walks and waterfalls.

Start with a stunning sunrise shoot and breakfast, then explore the Jamison Valley with your choice of a light or long walk. Both options offer incredible sites. Next, ride the SkyWay, the largest aerial cable car in the Southern Hemisphere, for breathtaking views above the valley and waterfalls.

In the afternoon, visit one of the region’s prettiest waterfalls and end the day with a sunset shoot at Mount Victoria.

NATURE ~ LANDSCAPE ~ BIRD

Hotel: Lilianfells Resort & Spa (or similar)

Day 10

Sep 24

Blue Mountains - Sydney

BLD

Capture the stunning sunrise over Grose Valley and savor breakfast before we head back to Sydney.

Just 90 minutes away from the mountains, enjoy a scenic ferry ride along Parramatta River, one of Sydney’s iconic waterways.

Explore the narrow passageways, hidden staircases, and small shops in The Rocks, an area steeped in colonial history.

End your day with a breathtaking sunset shoot, to one of John’s favorite harbor foreshore locations.

STREET ~ ARCHITECTURE ~ LANDSCAPE ~ CITYSCAPE

Hotel: Intercontinental - Circular Quay (or similar)



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Day 11

Sep 25

Sydney

BLD

For the first time this tour, we venture to the northern side of Sydney for a variety of activities — a sunrise shoot that captures the steep cliffs framing the entrance to Sydney Harbour; exploring Sydney’s 2nd most famous beach; walking around Kirribilli’s narrow streets (where the Prime Minister’s Sydney residence is located).

A short ferry ride later in the day provides views of the Harbour Bridge.

The final night of our Australian photo tour comes to a close with a delicious farewell dinner.

LANDSCAPE ~ ACTION ~ STREET ~ CITYSCAPE

Hotel: Intercontinental - Circular Quay (or similar)

Day 12

Sep 26

Sydney

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After breakfast and checkout, we’ll gather as a group to have a final image review session.

We then say goodbye to our new friends and continue our journeys separately.





PRICE & INCLUSIONS

Tour price, \$7,850 USD per person (double/twin), is based on a group of 8-12. Single occupancy available at \$9,650 USD.

Tour participants from Australia and New Zealand can opt to pay tour costs in Australian dollars (AUD), with the exception of the tour deposit (US \$1,500). Tour deposits are solely received in US dollars via our [shop page](#).

NOTES: Tour specifics, such as sequence of itinerary or daily events are approximate and subject to change, at any point in time as local schedules change or the local guide, instructor and/or escort deem(s) necessary. There can be additional cost increases and tour price variances caused by devaluation of local or US\$ values/ exchanges.

INCLUDED

All hotels (4&5 stars) and meals (including non-alcoholic drinks during meals) as indicated on itinerary in bold (B-L-D). Bottled water will be provided, please bring your own canister for refills. Please advise any dietary restrictions, including diabetic or vegan; we will do our best to provide options to meal plans where possible, but cannot always guarantee this.

TIPS: John Greengo Photography Tours LLC covers tips for local guides & drivers, and for meals included in the program. When meals and drinks are on your own, tipping is not included.

In-country transportation during the tour is included.

NOT INCLUDED

- Transportation to & from Sydney, Australia (the tour start/end location)
- Passport & visa costs
- Extension/optional tours, laundry, hotel incidentals such as movies, room service, all beverages outside of meal times (other than water), all alcoholic beverages or mini-bar, phone, fax, internet fees and excess baggage charges. Any items not specifically listed.
- Insurance: It is highly recommend that you purchase travel/tour cancellation insurance or extra costs due to unanticipated changes in your itinerary for reasons beyond our control.
- Snacks outside of meal times.
- Any items specifically not listed in the itinerary.

DEPOSITS & PAYMENTS

A \$1,500 deposit (per person) initially holds your spot(s). Following the deposit payment, you will be emailed a **Registration Pack**. Please return your completed **Registration Forms** within 7 days of receiving the email to fully secure your reservation. Deposits are accepted via the John Greengo Photography [shop page](#), where we accept a range of credit cards and other payment types (eg: ShopPay, PayPal, etc.).

An interim payment of 40% of the total tour price is due on February 16th, 2026. An invoice will be emailed to you with the details.

Final payment is due on May 18th, 2026.

US dollar interim and final payments are to be made to “John Greengo Photography Tours LLC” either by check or bank transfer. AU dollar interim and final payments can be made by bank transfer only. Further details will be provided to participants closer to the due date.

	Participants residing in Australia or New Zealand		All other participants	
	Double/Twin	Single	Double/Twin	Single
Deposit	US \$1,500 [AU \$2,150 credited to tour price]		US \$1,500	
Interim Payment	AU \$4,360	AU \$5,460	US \$3,140	US \$3,860
Final Payment	AU \$4,390	AU \$6,040	US \$3,210	US \$4,290
Total Tour Price	AU \$10,900	AU \$13,650	US \$7,850	US \$9,650

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellations must be made in writing.

Cancellations made:

- before January 15th, 2026 will receive a full refund minus a US \$100 administration fee
- from January 15th, 2026 to February 16th, 2026 (inclusive) will forfeit US \$750 (50% of tour deposit)
- from February 17th, 2026 to May 17th, 2026 (inclusive) will forfeit 50% of the total tour price
- after May 17th, 2026 will forfeit the entire (100%) cost of the tour

There is no refund for any unused portions of the tour program once the tour has commenced.

In case that cancellations reduces the group size to below the minimum on which costs are based (currently 8 paying PAX), we reserve the right to either (a) offer the program with certain cost-reducing alternatives in accommodations, itinerary and/or services, (b) charge a supplement based on the actual costs for the final number of participants, (c) cancel the trip.

AGE

All participants under the age of eighteen (18) years must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. We reserve the right to refuse minors, where we believe their participation would negatively impact the group. We recommend that interested parties should contact us at tours@johnngreengo.com to discuss a minor’s appropriateness for the tour prior to paying a deposit.

HEALTH CONCERNS

This is a highly active tour requiring strength and stamina. At times we will be at elevations up to 3,500ft (1,100m). Participants are expected to be able to walk, stand, stroll, climb/descend stairs and hike over a variety of uneven (sometimes slippery) surfaces for up to 3 hours at a time.

You must advise us of any physical limitations or concerns or any special electronic medical equipment you are bringing. John Greengo Photography Tours LLC & John Greengo Photography LLC (collectively referred to in this document as “**JGP**”) reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant should such person’s behavior, health, or mental condition impede the operation of the trip.

Medical Considerations: If you have any medical or psychological conditions, it’s very important that you let us know well before departure so that we can work with you as much as possible. Tour leaders have the right to disqualify anyone at any time during the tour if they feel the tour member is incapable of continuing and/or if a tour member’s continued participation jeopardizes the group’s or the individual’s own safety. Under these circumstances, refunds are not given. Certain medical devices may result in the necessity of a single room or special electrical supplements and services.

INSURANCE

It is **highly** recommended that you purchase insurance upon making a deposit for the tour – covering medical, trip cancellation and interruption, and loss of baggage.

PASSPORT & VISA

A valid passport is required for all travelers and must be valid 6 months after return to your home country.

All travelers are responsible for checking with the appropriate embassies or consulates to determine if any visas are needed. Where visas (including ETA/ESTA) are required, we strongly recommend they be obtained before departure. Securing visas is the responsibility of each traveler. It is of utmost importance that all travelers thoroughly check visa requirements before their intended date of travel. **JGP** and/or our suppliers, agents, or affiliates cannot be held responsible by travelers who do not meet visa requirements.

TRAVEL ADVISORY & WARNINGS

It is the responsibility of the traveler to become informed on the most current travel advisories and warnings of your country’s government (for USA citizens: US State Department’s travel website at www.travel.state.gov/ or call at 1(888) 407.4747). In the event of an active State Department Travel Warning against travel to the specific destination of the trip, should you still choose to travel, notwithstanding any travel advisory or warning, you assume all risk of personal injury, death or property damage that may arise out of the events like those advised or warned against.

RESPONSIBILITY

JGP cannot be held responsible for any additional costs incurred by the passenger due to missed, canceled or delayed flights. These costs will be borne by the tour participant. By the acceptance of vouchers, contracts, or tickets, the tour participant agrees to the foregoing and also agrees that neither **JGP** nor its suppliers, agents, or affiliates shall not be or become liable or responsible for any loss, injury or damage of person, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodations, transportation, or other services, resulting directly or indirectly from acts of God, dangers incident to the bush, the sea, by fire, machinery, actual or intended wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, sickness, quarantines, medical or custom regulations, defaults, delays or cancellation or changes in itinerary, from causes beyond the control of **JGP**.

Anyone not utilizing the pre-arranged transportation or accommodation is responsible for the cost of any substitute transportation or accommodation. No change in the itineraries is expected, however **JGP** reserves the right to make changes if necessary. **JGP** cannot be held responsible for changes of itinerary.

The payment of the deposit or any other partial or full payment for a tour reservation constitutes agreement and consent to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in the website or customized itineraries.

DISCLOSURE NOTICE

Please be aware that during your participation in a **JGP** tour, certain risks and dangers may arise, including, but not limited to, the hazards of traveling in undeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of conveyance, the forces of nature, political unrest and accident or illness in remote regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities. Also be aware and clearly understand that **JGP** and our suppliers, agents or affiliates will not have liability regarding provisions of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered.

YOU ARE VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN THESE ACTIVITIES WITH THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE DANGERS INVOLVED AND HEREBY AGREE TO ACCEPT ANY RISKS.

AS LAWFUL CONSIDERATION for the agreement with **JGP** to participate in such tours and activities you hereby agree that you will not make a claim against **JGP** or sue for bodily injury, emotional trauma, death and/or property damage, however caused, as a result of your participation in the tour. You therefore release **JGP** and its employees from all claims, actions, and demands that you may have for bodily injury, death, or property damage arising from your participation in a tour. This release of Liability and Assumption of Risk agreement is entered into on behalf of all members of your family including minors accompanying you. This agreement is binding on your heirs, legal representatives and assigns. If any portion of this agreement is unenforceable, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW



