

34 Days | Essential Australia | Oceania Cruises | 2024

Sydney - Brisbane - Airlie Beach - Cairns - Cooktown - Darwin - Bali - Komodo Island - Geraldton - Perth - Albany - Kangaroo Island - Adelaide - Phillip Island - Melbourne - Burnie - and more...

From **\$14,199** Typically \$16,199 pp twin share



34 Nights onboard the luxurious MS Regatta

Circumnavigate Australia with included visits to Bali and Komodo Island

FREE Shore Excursion Credit, Champagne, Wine, Speciality Dining, Unlimited WiFi and MORE!

Description



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Embarking on the 'Essential Australia' 34-day voyage with Oceania Cruises aboard the Regatta is a journey that promises a luxurious and immersive exploration of the diverse landscapes and cultures of the Australian continent.

Departing from Sydney on the 22nd of December 2024, this extended cruise offers a unique blend of relaxation, adventure, and cultural enrichment.

The Regatta, known for its intimate and elegant atmosphere, provides a comfortable and stylish setting for your voyage. With its luxurious amenities, gourmet dining options, and attentive service, passengers can expect an unparalleled cruising experience throughout the 34-day journey.

One of the highlights of this itinerary is the inclusion of stops in Bali and Komodo Island. Bali, known for its vibrant culture and stunning landscapes, offers a fascinating contrast to the Australian destinations. From the serene beaches to the lush rice terraces and bustling markets, passengers can immerse themselves in the rich tapestry of Balinese life. Komodo Island, famous for its unique Komodo dragons, provides a rare opportunity to witness these prehistoric creatures in their natural habitat. The island's rugged terrain and pristine waters also make it an ideal destination for snorkeling and diving enthusiasts.

As the cruise circumnavigates the Australian coastline, passengers will have the chance to explore a variety of destinations, each with its own distinct charm. From the cosmopolitan allure of Sydney to the natural wonders of the Great Barrier Reef, the voyage showcases the vast beauty and diversity of Australia. While the itinerary skips the Kimberley region, the cruise makes up for it by including other iconic ports of call, creating a well-rounded exploration of the continent.

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Throughout the journey, expert guides and lecturers on board provide valuable insights into the history, wildlife, and culture of the regions visited. Oceania Cruises is known for its commitment to enrichment programs, ensuring passengers gain a deeper understanding of the destinations they explore. From educational talks to hands-on experiences, the cruise offers a holistic approach to learning and discovery.

Onboard activities are designed to cater to a range of interests, whether it's indulging in spa treatments, participating in culinary classes, or enjoying live entertainment. The Regatta's smaller size allows for more personalized service, creating an intimate and relaxed atmosphere that enhances the overall cruise experience.

In addition to the enriching shore excursions and onboard activities, the 'Essential Australia' voyage

during the festive season adds a touch of holiday magic. Celebrating Christmas and New Year's Eve on the high seas with Oceania Cruises is a truly special experience, marked by festive decorations, special events, and gourmet holiday meals.

The 'Essential Australia' 34-day voyage with Oceania Cruises on the Regatta promises an unforgettable exploration of Australia's diverse landscapes, complemented by the unique cultural experiences in Bali and the natural wonders of Komodo Island. Whether you seek relaxation, adventure, or cultural immersion, this cruise offers a well-rounded itinerary that captures the essence of Down Under in a luxurious and enriching manner.



Itinerary

Day 1

Sydney

Before boarding today you may want to take the time to visit the famous Opera House, stroll along the harbor or cruise around it. Climb the Harbour Bridge, take a walk through the Rocks where Sydney began, or enjoy celebrated Bondi Beach. Head into the beautiful Blue Mountains for a taste of the country; visit a wildlife park and enjoy Australia's fabulously unique creatures.

You will commence embarkation from 1PM at the Sydney Cruise Terminal. Once on board, settle into your stateroom and when its time, make your way to the outer decks to prepare to set sail from one of the worlds most beautiful harbours.

The ship will depart today at 6PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 2

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Coral Sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 3

Brisbane

Today the ship will arrive at 7AM.

Venture into the lush mountains backing the city and enjoy breathtaking views, stunning forests and fields, farms, wineries, gallery and craft areas, and picturesque gardens. Watch for unusual birds as you stroll. Explore the city's museums, waterfront, riverwalk and beaches. The capital of Queensland, Brisbane is Australia's 3rd largest city and the most cosmopolitan of the ports in the state. Take an hour drive inland to visit the famous Australian Zoo, home of the Crocodile Hunter.

The ship will depart at 7PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 4

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Coral Sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 5

Whitsunday Island (Airlie Beach)

The ship will arrive at 7AM.

Enjoy spectacular beaches, snorkel in crystalline waters, or dive and explore the exquisite underwater world of fish and coral. Visit the nearby Great Barrier Reef and enjoy its breathtaking wonders. While in Airlie Beach, take in the laid-back atmosphere at the picturesque lagoon and tropical garden.

The ship will depart at 3PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 6

Cairns

The ship will arrive at 9AM.

This is the place to see the magnificent rainforest from the Kuranda Railway and visit local wildlife like koalas and emus in a rainforest habitat. Or learn about Aboriginal tradition at the culture park. Explore the town, its charming homes and the lovely botanical garden.

The ship will depart at 7PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 7

Cooktown

The ship will arrive at 7AM.

Embraced by UNESCO World Heritage Sites such as the Great Barrier Reef and Queensland's tropical rainforests, Cooktown is known as the gateway to Australia's spectacular wilderness. You may catch a glimpse of a crocodile on a river cruise, and native blooms will decorate your stroll through the Botanic Gardens. At the James Cook Museum, learn about the history of this important township where Captain Cook spent seven weeks repairing his vessel, and then go fishing with the locals at Fisherman's Wharf.

The ship will depart at 4PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 8

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Coral Sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 9

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Arafura Sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 10

Darwin

The ship will arrive at 10AM.

Discover Aboriginal culture and art at the Fine Arts Museum, see the city and its wonderful gardens, or venture into the outback to fabulous Territory Wildlife Park and its many wonders. Or head for the incredible waterfalls at Litchfield National Park. Watch crocodiles at a research station, or take a cruise along the Adelaide River and watch the saltwater crocs leap from the water to catch their prey.

The ship will depart at 7PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 11

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Timor Sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 12

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Timor Sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 13

Bali (Benoa), Indonesia

The ship will arrive at 8AM and remain here overnight.

Experience this exquisite island and its gentle people as you explore the lush countryside of terraced rice fields and mountains dotted with temples. Visit a royal palace, watch an entrancing dance performance, or see carvers at work. Enjoy villages filled with beautiful arts and crafts and the daily festivals with villagers parading in their finery to local temples.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 14

Bali (Benoa), Indonesia

Enjoy another day to explore the beautiful island of Bali.

The ship will depart at 3PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 15

Komodo, Indonesia

The ship will arrive at 10AM.

Komodo is one of the 17,508 islands of Indonesia and one of three major islands making up Komodo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In addition to being a popular destination for diving, it is the only natural habitat of the Komodo dragon. The island of Komodo includes approximately 60 square miles of craggy mountains, deep canyons, savannas and monsoon rainforests.

The ship will depart at 8PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 16

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Indian Ocean. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 17

At Sea

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Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 18

At Sea

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Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 19

Geraldton

The ship will arrive at 7AM.

The hub of Australia's Coral Coast, Geraldton features stunning beaches, a burgeoning culinary scene and a rich history. Step back in time with the city's array of historical monuments and museums, including Point Moore Lighthouse, Birdwood Military Museum and St. Francis Xavier Cathedral. Visit Ellendale Pool, a natural pool surrounded by giant gum trees and a stunning rocky cliff. Perhaps spend a leisurely afternoon on one of the many sun-drenched beaches and watch the abundant kitesurfers in action – Geraldton is one of the top three kitesurfing locations in the world. Immerse yourself in the local cuisine at an eclectic café or serene seaside restaurant as you sample lobster fresh from the sea and typical regional dishes.

The ship will depart at 5PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 20

Perth (Fremantle)

The ship will arrive at 10AM and remain here overnight.

A stunning setting along Swan River and the Indian Ocean welcomes you into the laid-back city of Perth. At Kings Park, one of the few urban parks that dwarf Central Park, take in breathtaking views of downtown Perth and plan your day. Explore the city's range of eclectic neighborhoods, immerse yourself in indigenous art at the Art Gallery of Western Australia, or discover Australia's native wildlife at the Perth Zoo. Travel to nearby Swan Valley, Western Australia's oldest wine region, to visit one of the many historic vineyards for a tasting of excellent local wines. Meanwhile, discover Fremantle's distinct character through its 19th century port streetscape. Dive into its seafaring history at the Western Australia Maritime Museum and Shipwreck Galleries, visit Fremantle Prison or explore the Manjaree Heritage Trail for a glimpse of life before European settlement.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 21

Perth (Fremantle)

Enjoy another full day in Perth.

The ship will depart at 8PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 22

Busselton

The ship will arrive at 7AM.

Known as Western Australia's premier resort town, Busselton is the perfect getaway to experience the combination of a slow-paced seaside town and a bustling cosmopolitan city. This beautiful city is an interesting locale on its own, but it is also a gateway port to the well-known Margaret River wine region. Busselton is known for its impeccable coastline and the longest wooden jetty in the Southern Hemisphere. Visit the Underwater Observatory, a fantastic aquarium with more than 300 marine species waiting to be enjoyed. If you love natural beauty, enjoy the beautiful beaches and astonishing limestone caves. Culture and history lovers should visit the Busselton Museum or the Old Courthouse Art Complex, both providing an inside look into the ins and outs of the region both now and hundreds of years ago.

The ship will depart at 4PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 23

Albany

The ship will arrive at 9AM.

Western Australia's oldest colonial settlement, Albany holds not only great historical significance but also immense natural beauty. Founded in 1826 as a British military outpost, the town evolved into a provisioning port for ships, a departure point for Australian troops bound for World War I, and eventually a base for the whaling industry. History buffs will be intrigued by sites such as the Anglican church, town hall, restored gaol and a one-of-a-kind whaling station museum, while the dramatic scenery of the rugged coastline will astound anyone fortunate enough to sail into Princess Royal Harbour. Known as Ataturk Entrance, the channel accessing the harbor from King George Sound is quite narrow, with forested peaks rising on either side from the rocky shores and sweeping white beaches. The view from your ship's deck provides the perfect introduction to the natural wonders embracing this historic town.

The ship will depart at 6PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 24

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Great Australian Bight. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 25

At Sea

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Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 26

Adelaide

The ship will arrive at 10AM.

South Australia's coastal capital, Adelaide combines the charm of a picturesque country town with lively cosmopolitan offerings. Discover the region's history at the South Australian Art Museum or browse local delicacies such as Adelaide Hills cheeses at the impressive Central Market. Visit Adelaide Oval, celebrated as the world's prettiest cricket ground, for a behind-the-scenes look at the iconic stadium's history. For a taste of the local wine culture, venture into the countryside to explore Barossa Valley, Clare Valley or McLaren Vale, three excellent nearby wine regions.

The ship will depart at 11PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 27

Penneshaw (Kangaroo Island)

The ship will arrive at 7AM.

Perhaps one of Australia's most beautiful hidden gems, Kangaroo Island is home to thriving native wildlife, dramatic coastal cliffs, lush eucalyptus forests, rolling green hills and gorgeous beaches. In Penneshaw, discover indigenous fairy penguins, the smallest species of penguin, or visit Island Beach for snorkeling, swimming and birdwatching. Travel to spectacular Flinders National Park to encounter koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, fur seals and massive rock formations, or visit Seal Bay Conservation Park for the unforgettable experience of walking among a colony of friendly sea lions. Or simply relax with a glass of sparkling shiraz and enjoy the views from Sunset Winery, perched on a hill overlooking the Eastern Cove.

The ship will depart at 4PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 28

Portland

The ship will arrive at 10AM.

As Victoria's first European settlement, this vibrant harbor town features a lovely historic waterfront and well-preserved colonial architecture. For insight into Portland's past, stroll Julia Street, lined with heritage buildings, and stop at the History House, a fascinating museum housed in the former town hall. Discover Portland's whaling history at the Portland Maritime Discovery Center and later watch Southern Right Whales, Blue Whales and seals frolic in Portland Bay, Cape Nelson or Cape Bridgewater. Just beyond Bridgewater, explore blowholes, a geological formation made of basalt and scoria rock which creates stunning spouts of sea spray during high tide. Don't miss the remarkable petrified forest, also nearby.

The ship will depart at 7PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 29

Phillip Island (Coves)

The ship will arrive at 9AM.

Phillip Island boasts wide sandy beaches, spectacular coastal scenery, excellent surfing and a world-famous Grand Prix circuit. However, its biggest attraction measures about one foot tall and weighs just two or three pounds. The island is home to thousands of little penguins, endearing not only as the smallest penguins on the planet but also for their unique blue coloring. Each day as the sun sets, the tiny birds return from a long day of fishing at sea and waddle up the beaches to the safety of their burrows. Affectionately known as the Penguin Parade, this magical scene has enchanted visitors since 1920. An array of wildlife beyond the penguins also can be observed here, including whales, koalas and Australia's largest fur seal colony. Those not fond of furry friends might visit the National Vietnam Veterans Museum, take a stroll on the seaside boardwalk, or check out a local brewery or winery.

The ship will depart at 11PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 30

Melbourne

The ship will arrive at 8AM.

Head into the scenic Dandenong Mountains and ride the Puffing Billy steam train through the forest. Meet the koalas, wallabies and more at a wildlife park or explore local wineries. Take a walk and discover the city's marvelous architecture, chic galleries and boutiques.

The ship will depart at 11PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 31

Geelong

The ship will arrive at 6AM.

Enjoy one of the most vibrant waterfronts in all of Australia, with immaculate walkways, shops, restaurants and public artworks. Visit a local winery or two, explore the national Wool Museum for shearing demonstrations, or go snorkeling, jet skiing or kite surfing.

The ship will depart at 6PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 32

Burnie

The ship will arrive at 9AM.

Nestled in the northwest corner of Tasmania, this energetic and creative seaside town offers a unique perspective on the world of industry. Once dependent on paper manufacturing, the inventive community has transformed its industry into a compelling art culture. Visit Makers' Workshop, part museum and part arts center, for an introduction to the inspired spirit of Burnie, along with a tour of the process of papermaking and a glimpse of local artisans at work on their handicrafts. Discover Burnie's natural gems on the many trails at Fern Glade Reserve or the picturesque Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden.

The ship will depart at 7PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 33

At Sea

Today is a full day cruising the Tasman Sea. Take the opportunity to relax or enjoy the services and facilities of the ship.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 34

Eden

The ship will arrive at 7AM.

Formerly a whaling hub in the 19th century, Eden is the southernmost town in New South Wales, nestled between two glorious bays and perched on rolling hills bounded by dramatic cliffs and expansive sandy beaches. Eden's whaling legacy lives on in its exciting whale-watching opportunities and the fascinating Killer Whale Museum. At the Sapphire Coast Marine Discovery Centre, towering lighthouses and the scenic coastline keep the focus firmly on the ever-changing sea.

The ship will depart at 3PM.

Meals: All Meals Onboard

Accommodation: MS Regatta

Day 35

Sydney

Welcome back to Sydney! The ship will arrive early this morning and disembarkation will commence after breakfast at approximately 8AM.

We trust you have enjoyed this amazing adventure with Oceania Cruises!

Meals: Breakfast

Inclusions & Exclusions

Inclusions

- 34 Nights onboard MS Regatta in a Category F Inside Stateroom
- All meals whilst onboard the MS Regatta
- Ultra Tranquility Bed, an Oceania Cruises exclusive, with 1,000-thread-count linens
- Complimentary soft drinks replenished daily in your refrigerated mini-bar
- Complimentary still & sparkling Vero Water
- Private teak veranda
- Bulgari amenities
- Room service menu 24 hours a day
- Twice-daily maid service
- Belgian chocolates with turndown service
- Interactive television system with on-demand movies, weather and more
- Wireless Internet access and cellular service
- Writing desk and stationery
- Plush cotton towels
- Thick cotton robes and slippers
- Handheld hair dryer
- Security safe
- Gratuities

In addition to the above, you will also receive:

- FREE US\$1,800 simply MORE Shore Excursion Credit
- FREE Champagne, Wine & More
- FREE Gourmet Speciality Dining
- FREE Unlimited WiFi

Exclusions

- International Flights
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional activities/tours/entrance fees
- Personal Expenses
- Travel Insurance (strongly recommended)
- Visa(s)/Visa fee

Travelling Solo: Please contact our Customer Service Team for availability and a quote on a single supplement.

Flights: Airfares are not included in this program. If you would like us to quote you on the best available airfare please contact our Customer Service team.

Extensions/Add ons: Wanting to extend your stay in Sydney or add on another cruise or tour? Speak to our Customer Service team about options and a quote.

Travel Insurance: We recommend Covermore travel insurance. To quote and book, please click [HERE](#).

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