

## NAT PASS Basic

### Sydney -> Byron Bay -> Sydney

**Duration:** Minimum 6 Days, Maximum 12 months

**Group Size:** Min 4 / Max 40

**Age Requirement:** 18+, 16-17 with parental consent

### Sydney to Barrington Tops

G'day, mate, and welcome to your adventure! We depart the big city of Sydney early this morning and head to the Hunter Valley wine region for a tasting at an award-winning vineyard. From there, we carry on through the backcountry to our first stunning Strademark stop right on the edge of the World Heritage-listed Barrington Tops National Park. At our Stray exclusive accommodation overlooking the Barrington River, you can choose to go river tubing on the mild rapids, or play table tennis, pool and darts at the lodge. Finish the day with a shared group dinner and a scenic soak in the massive hot tub.

**Accommodation:** Lodge at Barrington Tops (set price for bed, dinner and breakfast)

**Optional Paid Activities:** River tubing, Farm Visit or Bush Walk depending on the group size, weather and river level (one is included in the accommodation price)

**Free Activities:** Play pool or table tennis, swim in the pool

### Barrington Tops to Spot X Surf Camp

We depart after breakfast and journey north through the remote countryside back towards the coast. Our next stop is the Port Macquarie Koala Hospital, where you can get a closer look at Australia's laziest (and arguably cutest) marsupials. Check out the information centre to learn all about the hospital's efforts to rehabilitate, protect and preserve the koalas. After this, we head to Emerald Beach, an iconic kangaroo hangout, where if you're lucky you can spot them hopping along the beach. We arrive at our beachfront overnight stop Spot X in the early evening.

**Accommodation:** Spot X Surf Camp (set price for bed, dinner and breakfast)

**Activities Included:** Port Macquarie Koala Hospital, kangaroo spotting on Emerald Beach

### Spot X Surf Camp to River Retreat

The morning at Spot X is all yours. Learn to surf in some of the best beginner waves in Australia, or for those who already know how to 'hang 10,' rent a board and show us what you can do! We recommend staying longer to do a Surf & Stay if you are keen to really hone your surf skills. You can also swim and chill out on the beach or sink into a hammock at the camp. We depart around midday, grabbing a bite to eat in town before travelling to our relaxing, rural River Retreat. Spend the afternoon on a guided canoe trip down the Nymboida River to learn about the area, which is home to amazing birds, snakes, and the incredibly shy platypus, and unwind with a refreshing dip in the river. This evening, we'll gather round a bonfire and sleep in wilderness cabins or tents beneath the stars.

**Accommodation:** River Retreat - cabins or camping

**Optional Paid Activities:** Surf lesson, hop off at Spot X for a Surf & Stay

**Activities Included:** Guided canoe trip (or bush walk if canoeing isn't possible), swim in the river

### River Retreat to Byron Bay

Next up - Byron Bay, known as the most chilled out town in Australia! On the way there, we stop in the picturesque seaside town of Yamba for lunch. We'll also visit the Angourie Blue Pool, an old quarry that was accidentally (and awesomely) filled by an underground spring, meaning you can now cool off in an epic fresh water pool right on the beach! Upon arriving in Byron Bay, we'll take you on an orientation drive around town to help you get your bearings, showing you the points of interest and the top spots for food, shopping and nightlife.

**Accommodation:** Your choice of Byron Bay hostel, book via Mate

**Activities Included:** Swim in Angourie Blue Pool, Byron Bay orientation drive

### Byron Bay

You have two full free days in Byron Bay to "cheer up, slow down, and chill out" as the town's famous welcome sign instructs. And there is plenty to do in this laidback hippy town: practice your surfing skills down at the beach, walk to mainland Australia's most easterly point at the Cape Byron Lighthouse, search for dolphins and other marine life on a sea kayaking trip, or visit the alternative town of Nimbin. Tonight, get out to experience Byron's eclectic nightlife – there is always something going on!

**Accommodation:** Your choice of hostel

**Optional Paid Activities:** Surf lessons/hire, kayaking, Nimbin day trip, diving

**Free Activities:** Walk to Cape Byron Lighthouse, relax on the beach, dance the night away!

### Byron Bay

You have another free day in Byron Bay today. Tick off any activities you didn't get the chance to do yet, or pass the day wandering the township and exploring the many boutique shops and cafes. Eating your way around Byron is an experience in itself, and there are plenty of vegetarian options available!

**Accommodation:** Your choice of hostel

**Optional Paid Activities:** Surf lessons/hire, kayaking, Nimbin day trip, diving

**Free Activities:** Walk to Cape Byron Lighthouse, relax on the beach, dance the night away!

### Byron Bay to Sydney (via Spot X)

Today is an express travel day to return to the final destination of your trip, Sydney. Along the way we stop at Spot X, a famous surf camp with perfect waves for beginners and pros alike. Hop off here to hang 10, or continue with the bus to Sydney, arriving in the evening. If you have some time in Sydney, there is plenty to do! From Stray's famous Blue Mountains day trip, whale watching tours to climbing the Harbour Bridge, you won't be bored for a moment. We hope you had a blast on your Stray adventure!

**Accommodation:** Your choice of hostel

**Optional Activities (for future days):** Blue Mountains day trip, Bondi to Coogee beach walk, explore King Street Wharf, Royal Botanic Gardens, Taronga Zoo, Sydney Bridge Climb, whale watching tour, skydiving, hop-on hop-off harbour cruise

**What's Included:**

**Transport:** Private Bus

**Guide: Sydney - Sydney return:** Driver Guide on bus sectors

**Activities:**

- Wine tasting at Hunter Valley
- Koala hospital visit, Port Macquarie
- Kangaroo spotting, Emerald Beach
- Canoeing experience or bush walk, River Retreat
- Angourie Blue Pools, Yamba
- Byron Bay orientation drive

**What's Not Included:**

- All meals
- Accommodation and additional activities

This Itinerary is a guide. Given the spontaneous nature of our trips and lack of control over Australia's weather (!), what we do each day might occasionally vary.

**Teilnehmer:** min 4 bis max. 40 Personen (Mindestalter 18 Jahre, 16-17 Jahre in Begleitung der Eltern)

**Transport:** Reisebus

**Includierte Mahlzeiten:** keine

**Gepäck Limit:** 15 kg, please bring a soft sided bag only

**Rollstuhlgeeignet:** nein

**Geeignet für Menschen mit eingeschränkter Mobilität:** ja (genauere Informationen auf Anfrage)

**Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch**