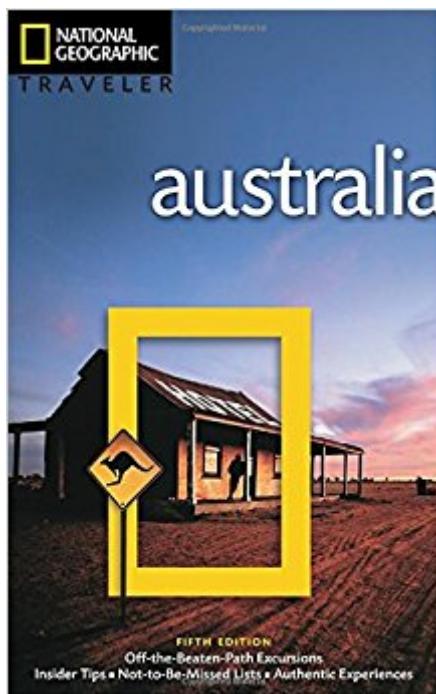


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# National Geographic Traveler: Australia, 5th Edition



## Synopsis

Active travelers trust National Geographic to deliver what they want in a guidebook: expert advice, insider tips, and the cultural feel of each destination not easily found online. These guides are pitch-perfect for today's experiential travel enthusiasts who want an authentic, enriching immersion. From famous Bondi beach in Sydney to massive Ayers Rock in the remote desert outback, from rough-and-tumble gold-mining towns in Australia's Far West to the incredible underwater vistas of the Great Barrier Reef, Oz expert Roff Smith guides you through the incredibly varied land- and cityscapes that are modern Australia. Illustrated with 175 vivid photographs and nearly 30 detailed, full-color maps, this guide gives you every tool you need to plan a trip to the unique land on the other side of the world. Starting with a detailed introduction to Australia's history, food, land, and culture, the book explores every corner of the country beginning with Sydney, the gleaming cosmopolitan jewel in New South Wales. Special sidebars give detailed information on many topics such as Australian wine, cricket, bush fires, aboriginal art, and the many cultural festivals of southern Australia. The book features seven guided drives through some of the land's more spectacular scenery and numerous guided walks in Sydney and Melbourne. A thorough Travelwise section recommends hotels and restaurants throughout the country in all price ranges. The book is chock-full of insider tips from National Geographic and local experts to favorite or little-known sites and events, as well as dozens of sidebars highlighting experiences such as wading among curious wild dolphins off the western coast, camel trekking in the outback desert, and diving among giant clams and vivid coral at the Great Barrier Reef. Whether you're visiting the lush forests and wildflowers of the Snowy Mountains, fishing for trout in the rivers of Tasmania, or taking in a concert at Sydney's world-famous Opera House, this guide has everything you need for a memorable trip.

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## Customer Reviews

ROFF SMITH has lived most of his adult life in Australia, beginning as a journalist for the Sydney Morning Herald and later as a feature writer for Melbourne's Sunday Age. He joined Time in 1993, and as an award-winning senior writer he covered stories around Australia and as far afield as New Guinea, French Polynesia, and Antarctica. In 1996, Roff set off alone into the Australian Outback on a 10,000-mile bicycle trek. The story of his journey appeared as a three-part series in National Geographic and is described in more detail in *Cold Beer and Crocodiles: A Bicycle Journey into Australia* and *Australia: Journey Through a Timeless Land*.

This is a really nice guide book. I am planning our honey moon to Australia, and this book has been very helpful so far. It is the first Australia book I bought. The pictures are beautiful! There is also a lot of history about Australia which really helps set the mood for your trip. The book also describes the wildlife and tips on being respectful to the environment which I always appreciate. There are several recommended itineraries based on how long you will be traveling. This is very helpful when making your initial travel outline. Definitely recommend. (Of note, I travel quite a bit- several international trips a year, and I always buy a guide book, so this is comparing it to many other guide books to many other countries). Hope this is helpful!

It outlines Australia as a whole pretty darn well. As an overall book to read along with other material before making a trip, it's great. There are better resources for figuring out where you want to go on a trip, however.

Best guide for visiting tourists from overseas

my daughter loves this book. we are in the usa, she hopes to travel to Australia some day

This and the Frommers are both great guides to visiting Australia. Discusses information you need

on hotels, food, and attractions, as well as custom and legal information you need when visiting the country.

Interesting material but Frommer or Fodors travel guide more to the point.

Good book. Our friends used it for planning their trip and recommended it. We're glad that we have it for planning our trip.

Very informative for those who wish to visit the continent. Very helpful!

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