



WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL
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TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE in AUSTRALIA

Featuring a world-class team of experts
aboard *Caledonian Sky* • April 12–25, 2023



DEAR COUNCIL TRAVELERS,

I invite you to join us on a once-in-a-lifetime experience to **witness the April 20, 2023 Total Solar Eclipse from the best possible vantage point, directly on the centerline**, as the brilliance of Australia's remote Coral Coast is plunged into darkness.

Cruise for ten nights down the coast of Western Australia, home to some of the darkest skies in the world, allowing us to plan for **incredible stargazing of the Southern Skies each evening** from the ease and comfort of the ship's top deck. Experience the variety of dazzling landscapes of Western Australia's colorful **Coral Coast**, home to white sand beaches, oceans with azure blue hues, rugged red outback desert, and the world's longest fringing reef. Encounter an **abundance of wildlife**—rare birds, land animals, and marine life—including a chance to swim with mighty whale sharks and manta rays. This region also boasts a **rich Indigenous cultural heritage**. During a day on the Burrup Peninsula, an area under consideration as a World Heritage listing, travelers can view a wealth of ancient rock petroglyph carvings in the company of Indigenous guides.

A **team of onboard experts** will offer a **series of illustrated lectures and informal discussions** along the way. In addition, a ten-member expedition team will provide valuable insights and lead **Zodiac and snorkeling excursions** to allow guests to get close to the action and step ashore in remote locations.

This program is limited to only 94 travelers, so I urge you to reserve your preferred cabin today by calling us at **(800) 942-5004 x231 or x209** or emailing travel@wacphila.org.

We look forward to traveling with you,



Shoshana Altrichter
Vice President of Travel
World Affairs Council of Philadelphia

FACULTY LEADERS

- ◆ **Richard Binzel**, Professor of Planetary Science at MIT; retired from teaching, while remaining active with NASA planetary missions. Experienced guide for 7 total solar eclipses.
- ◆ **Joseph Henrich**, chair of the department of Human Evolutionary Biology at Harvard University.
- ◆ **Meg Urry**, Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Yale and Director of the Yale Center for Astronomy and Astrophysics.
- ◆ **Joel Weisberg**, Professor of Physics and Astronomy and the Natural Sciences, Emeritus, at Carleton College.

HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Witness the April 20, 2023 Total Solar Eclipse from the best possible vantage point as the brilliance of the Coral Coast is plunged into darkness and be amazed as the changing light and sharpening shadows highlight Western Australia's beauty.
- ◆ Cruise for 10 nights down the coast of Western Australia, home to some of the darkest skies in the world, allowing us to plan for incredible stargazing of the Southern Skies each evening from the ease and comfort of the ship's top deck.
- ◆ Snorkel pristine and rarely visited Rowley Shoals, the remarkable reefs of Muiron Islands, and the teeming coral gardens of Coral Bay.
- ◆ Encounter an abundance of wildlife—rare birds, land animals and marine life—including mighty whale sharks and manta rays, two of the world's largest harmless fish.
- ◆ Engage with Indigenous Australians and learn about the world's oldest living culture during visits to sacred Aboriginal sites in Shark Bay and the Burrup Peninsula, home to incredible petroglyphs soon to be designated a World Heritage Site.

Please note: Ideal weather conditions and cloud conditions for viewing the eclipse can change and are not guaranteed.



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ITINERARY

**WEDNESDAY–THURSDAY,
APRIL 12–13**

Home / Sydney, Australia

Depart home and fly across the International Date Line to Sydney.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14

Arrive Sydney

Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel to rest and recover from your travels. Optional afternoon tours are available before gathering for a welcome orientation and reception.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 15

Broome

Return to the airport for the five-hour flight to Western Australia's Kimberly region. Enjoy an orientation tour of Broome, a popular coastal retreat for Australians, before boarding the *Caledonian Sky*, our home for the next ten nights.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

Rowley Shoals

Enjoy a full day in Rowley Shoals Marine Park, an incredible area made up of three coral atolls believed to have formed more than 10 million years ago. Explore pristine Mermaid

Reef, home to more than 200 species of hard coral. Tonight, gather on deck for the first of our nightly stargazing sessions led by our onboard astronomer.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

MONDAY, APRIL 17

Burru Peninsula

Explore the unique Burru Peninsula, home to the world's richest site of prehistoric Aboriginal rock art, with some petroglyphs as old as 40,000 years. As an option (at extra expense), swap the water for the open skies on a scenic helicopter flight over the spectacular Dampier Archipelago.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

Montebello Islands

The "Montes," an archipelago of more than 250 islands, are a bird watcher's paradise. Explore by Zodiac and step ashore on one of the beautiful beaches for a chance to spot the rare rufous hare-wallaby and lagoon rays in the tidal pools.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Muiron Islands

On the eve of the total solar eclipse, hear from our experts and prepare for tomorrow's

main event. Arrive in the Muiron Islands, where vibrantly colored soft corals can be found in abundance, and the waters are perfect for snorkeling. Keep an eye out for turtles who love the soft corals here.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

Ningaloo Reef Marine Park / Eclipse Day

Anchor off the coast of Exmouth on the centerline to observe and celebrate today's total solar eclipse, away from the mobs of eclipse-goers on land. Also, enjoy a chance to snorkel the World Heritage-listed Ningaloo Reef Marine Park, home to numerous marine species, including enormous whale sharks.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

Ningaloo Reef Marine Park / Coral Bay

Watch for marine life as we cruise toward the southern edge of the Ningaloo Reef. Reach Coral Bay, named for its beautiful coral gardens, which lie mere feet from its white sandy beach. Choose between a Zodiac safari in search of manta rays and sea turtles, snorkelling through the coral, or



ABORIGINAL ROCK ART



WILD EMU

going ashore for time on the beach.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

Monkey Mia / Shark Bay

Zodiac ashore for a ranger-led feeding encounter with the wild dolphins of Monkey Mia. Cruise to the turquoise waters of Shark Bay, where sheltered lagoons and beds of seagrass provide the perfect habitat for dugongs, sea turtles, whales, dolphins, rays, and sharks. Gain an indigenous perspective of the area with descendants of the Malgana, one of three Aboriginal groups of Gutharraguda (the Malgana name for Shark Bay).

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

Geraldton / Kalbarri National Park

Explore Kalbarri and its surrounding areas, starting with the mighty Murchison River. Continue to Kalbarri National Park, home to

towering rock formations, deep gorges, and rolling sandplains. Choose from a variety of hikes for all levels.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,D)

MONDAY, APRIL 24

Abrolhos Islands

Board Zodiacs for an in-depth discovery of the Abrolhos Islands, rich in maritime history, and an ideal habitat for large breeding colonies of sea birds, with more than 90 species identified. Also, keep watch for sea lions, dolphins, and migratory whales. Gather this evening for a special captain's farewell reception and dinner.

CALEDONIAN SKY (B,L,R,D)

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Perth / Home

Disembark in Perth, the capital of Western Australia. Transfer to the airport for morning flights home, or for those with later flights, attend a privately guided tour of the Perth Observatory, in operation for 125 years.

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SYDNEY OPERA HOUSE

Optional Extensions

A pre-tour extension in Sydney and a post-tour extension in Perth and the Margaret River region will be available.

Further details and pricing will be sent to confirmed participants.



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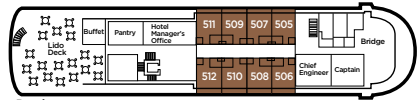
CALEDONIAN SKY



The MS *Caledonian Sky* offers the perfect balance between a premier expedition ship and a boutique vessel, hosting a maximum of just 99 guests, served by 75 crew. All cabins have an ocean view, en suite bathroom, spacious wardrobe or walk-in closet, safe, minibar, individually controlled heat/air-conditioning, flat-screen television, and sitting area with sofa. Twenty-three of the suites feature private balconies. An elevator services all passenger cabin decks. The ship's amenities include two lounges with bar service, library, gym, hairdresser, laundry service, and gift shop. The onboard chefs prepare international meals and regional specialties served in a single open seating. Complimentary beverages—alcoholic and non-alcoholic—are served all day, including regional beer and wine.

PROGRAM RATES (PER PERSON)

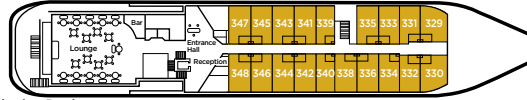
CATEGORY		DOUBLE	SINGLE
A	STANDARD SUITE FORWARD portholes; queen or twin beds; 238 sq. ft.	\$14,990	\$22,490
B	STANDARD SUITE portholes; queen or twin beds; 238 sq. ft.	\$15,990	\$23,990
C	SUPERIOR SUITE picture window; queen or twin beds; 226–241 sq. ft.	\$17,990	\$26,990
D	PREMIUM PROMENADE SUITE picture window; queen or twin beds; 221 sq. ft.	\$19,990	—
E	DELUXE BALCONY SUITE 221 sq. ft. plus 40-sq.-ft. balcony	\$20,990	—
F	PREMIUM BALCONY SUITE 245 sq. ft. plus 83-sq.-ft. balcony	\$22,990	—
G	OWNER'S BALCONY SUITE queen bed, 349 sq. ft. plus 101-sq.-ft. balcony	\$24,990	—



Bridge Deck



Promenade Deck



Caledonian Deck



Castle Deck

GENERAL INFORMATION

PROGRAM RATES INCLUDE

All accommodations, meals, and excursions as specified in the itinerary, including eleven breakfasts, ten lunches, ten dinners, one deluxe hotel night, and **ten nights aboard *Caledonian Sky*** • In-program flight from Sydney to Broome (up to \$540 per person) • Comprehensive program of briefings, lectures, and presentations • Group transfers for all participants on group arrival and departure dates • **All gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides, drivers and shipboard personnel for all group activities** • Entrance fees and port charges • Welcome and farewell wine receptions • **Open bar (non-premium) aboard *Caledonian Sky* including regional beer and wine • House wine, beer, and soft drinks with all group lunches and dinners** • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Comprehensive packet of pre-departure information • Professional tour manager throughout the program

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc., can help with airline arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 877-376-1754. You are also welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice. Further information about making flight arrangements will be sent to confirmed participants.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a moderately active trip for travelers who are flexible, comfortable traveling with a group, and can handle the vagaries of travel with good humor. Navigating uneven terrain and standing for up to two hours at outdoor sites are the most strenuous activities. Travelers must be able to board the ship via a metal gangplank with rope handrails. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. SARS-COV-2 (COVID 19) vaccinations are required for all participants as well as tour staff and shipboard crew. Up-to-date COVID-related protocols and procedures will be communicated in pre-trip documents. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Criterion Travel, local staff, and host country laws. **Please note:** Ideal weather conditions and cloud conditions for viewing the eclipse can change and are not guaranteed.

INSURANCE

Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, medical problems, baggage loss and delay, etc., is highly recommended. Cancellation policies that apply to this expedition are included in this brochure. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants.

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To reserve a place, please contact the World Affairs Council by phone at (800) 942-5004 or (215) 561-4700 x231 or x209. You may fax a completed reservation form to (215) 561-5660 or mail to One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Blvd. Suite 1055, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

For more information please visit our website at www.wacphila.org or email travel@wacphila.org.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

PROGRAM RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

U.S. domestic and international airfare • Passport/visa expenses • Medical expenses and immunizations • Travel and trip cancellation insurance • Private transfers or airport transfers outside of group arrival and departure days • In-program flight costs in excess of \$540 per person • Personal excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour • Optional helicopter excursion • Airline baggage charges • Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks except as noted • Laundry or dry cleaning • Telephone, fax,

internet, and email charges • Room service • Other items of a personal nature

GROUP SIZE

This program can accommodate 94 participants, including travelers from Carleton Alumni Adventures, Harvard Alumni Travel, and Yale Alumni Academy.

A NOTE ABOUT RATES

Tour rates are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Complete Terms and Conditions including Statement of Responsibility will be made available to you at time of registration, or in advance upon request. A signed "Terms & Conditions, Release from Liability, Assumption of Risk and Binding Arbitration Clause" is required from each applicant prior to participation on the tour.

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS

To reserve space, call (800) 942-5004, email travel@wacphila.org, or return the completed reservation form with your \$2,000 per person deposit to: World Affairs Council of Philadelphia, One Penn Center, 1617 JFK Blvd. Suite 1055, Philadelphia, PA 19103. An interim payment of \$2,000 per person is due nine months prior to departure (July 13, 2022). Balance of payment is due December 13, 2022. Final payments must be made by check or bank transfer. Reservations will be processed in order of receipt.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

Upon payment of a deposit, all reservations are subject to the cancellation provisions set forth below and by which the passenger agrees to be bound. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing by the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia. Due to intense demand for space and charter arrangements, payments are 100% nonrefundable. For this

reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. No refunds will be made for any part of this program on which you choose not to participate. NOTE: Neither the World Affairs Council of Philadelphia nor Criterion Travel, the tour operator, accept liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of a nonrefundable ticket in conjunction with this tour.

ITINERARY CHANGES

The itinerary presented for this tour is subject to modification and change by the tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate the program as planned; however, should unforeseen world events and conditions require the itinerary to be altered, Criterion Travel reserves the right to do so for the safety and best interest of the group. Any extra expenses incurred in this situation are the responsibility of the participant.

HEALTH

All participants should be in good health and capable of keeping up with an active group of travelers. By forwarding the deposit for passage, the passenger certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other passengers.

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NAME #1 (as it appears on passport)

BIRTHDATE

NAME #2 (as it appears on passport)

BIRTHDATE

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY / STATE / ZIP or POSTAL CODE

HOME PHONE

MOBILE PHONE

E-MAIL 1

E-MAIL 2

PAYMENT

Once a request is received, a Travel Counselor from Criterion Travel will contact you within two business days to securely take your credit card information for the deposit. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed and your reservation form is signed. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA, or by personal check. If paying by check, please make check payable to Criterion Travel and include with the form.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$2,000 per person, payable to Criterion Travel) to reserve _____ place(s) on **Total Solar Eclipse in Australia**

SINGLE TRAVELERS

I prefer to have single accommodations (*limited availability*)
or I plan to share accommodations with:

ACCOMMODATIONS

Cabin category preference:

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Bed Preference (not guaranteed): One bed Two beds

I/We have read the Terms & Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them as stated herein:

SIGNATURE

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