

AGENT SPOTLIGHT! A collective series ...



NEW in our Agent Spotlight series this week - all eyes are on Shel Hansen, Travel Advisor with Travel Leaders in La Crosse! As a 30-year industry veteran, Shel has traveled the South Pacific numerous times, including eight times to Australia, plus additional visits to New Zealand, Fiji and Tahiti. She has been an Aussie Specialist and has earned the status of Premier Aussie Specialist. Even though tours, cruises and much more is in Shel's portfolio, she has elected to share with you, and highlight her experiences "down under".

Settle in as Shel takes you to the land of kangaroos, exotic foods and 'The Harbour City'.

Australia is on everyone's bucket list!! - From a "liveaboard" diving experience, visiting some of the world's oldest trees in the rainforest, a hot air balloon ride, an Aboriginal experience in the Outback, holding a 20-foot python, a private surfing lesson, a private yachting experience, an overnight at your favorite winery, blending wine at Penfolds Winery, swimming with sharks, to holding a Koala or just spending a quiet day at the beach, and so much more! . . . Behold Australia; the land encompassing 180 degrees of extraordinary!

Australia is divided into both states and territories. Sydney is located in New South Wales and is my favorite city in the world - I LOVE SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA! I do... It has so much to offer! The people who live there are friendly and energetic; the city is beautiful and vibrant, filled with locals and tourists from all over the world, coming to see the iconic Sydney Opera House and either view or climb the world-famous Sydney Harbour Bridge and spend time enjoying The Rocks.



My travels recently took me back to Sydney, to familiar places and some new experiences. While I was there, I indulged in some of my favorites. I took a guided tour of the Opera House, enjoyed an Opera and then sat at the Opera Bar sipping on a drink and eating my niblets as I soaked up the dramatic views!

The #1 activity in Sydney is to climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge. I heard the bridge calling to me as soon as I arrived... it didn't disappoint. Eight lanes of traffic, a train track and a pedestrian walkway bustling below my feet. The top of the bridge climb is 440 feet up. Once I reached the top, I could see for many miles; it was so exhilarating! This was my fourth climb! Tours are daily from sunrise to sunset and scheduled every 15 minutes. An experience not to miss.



The Rocks, site of Australia's first European settlement in 1788 and adjacent to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, is the main tourist and historic area in the city. Circular Quay (where the boats come & go most hours of the day and night) and Darling Harbour are great areas and fun for you ship watchers! Circular Quay, centrally located between the Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge, is the hub for ferry, rail and bus interchange. In this surrounding area you will find numerous restaurants and shopping venues.



Darling Harbour, a recreational area and home to many fun attractions, is an easy ferry ride away from Circular Quay. Some of these include: The Sydney Entertainment Centre, Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre, the Harbourside Shopping Center, Australian National Maritime Museum, the Star Casino and Entertainment Complex, Sydney Aquarium, the largest IMAX Theatre screen in the world, the Aboriginal Centre and more!

Additional highlights of my trip 'down under' included a visit to Bondi Beach with a VIP tour of the Surf Life Savings School, breakfast with the Koalas at the Sydney Wildlife World (also at Darling Harbour) and a day trip outside of Sydney to Featherdale Wildlife Park and then on to the splendid Blue Mountains.



Australia is calling me again and I can't wait to go back. However, while I am "stateside", I look forward to assisting you in planning an absolutely amazing adventure to my favorite country. Please contact me at **608-779-1191** or Shel.Hansen@TravelLeadersgo.com – Until I assist you in planning your next adventure... G'day mate!

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