

## 2025 Stretch Expedition: **Australia** January 17 – 31

The Spring and Summer of 2019-2020 were known as the “Black Summer” in Australia due to the catastrophic brushfires that burnt more than 23% of the forests in southeast Australia.



### TRIP HIGHLIGHTS:

#### *Blue Mountains in Sydney, Australia*

- Volunteer with Habitat for Humanity Australia’s Brush Fire Resilience Program by helping vulnerable residents prepare for the next disaster season.
- Volunteer work includes:
  - Cutting back excess vegetation growth
  - Trimming tree branches
  - Removing other flammable materials
  - Blocking ember entry points, and providing minor repairs and maintenance.

#### *Tasmania, Australia*

- Journey along some of the world’s highest sea cliffs on the Three Capes Signature 4 Day Walk in Tasmania!
- Private group lodge accommodations within Tasman National Park.
- Note: This is considered a moderate hike, averaging 5 – 6 hours of walking / day.

### OVERVIEW ITINERARY:

#### January 17 – 19

Travel. Arrive in Sydney on January 18. Travel to Katoomba, Blue Mountains on January 19.

#### January 20 – 24

Habitat for Humanity Brushfire Resilience Program

#### January 25

Travel from Sydney to Hobart, Tasmania

#### January 26 – 29

Three Capes Signature Walk

#### January 30 – 31

Travel. Depart from Tasmania to begin journey home.

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### PREVIOUS STRETCH EXPEDITIONS

2024 Roatan • 2023 Namibia • 2022 Grand Canyon • 2021 Pandemic - No Travel • 2020 Pandemic - No Travel • 2019 North Pole • 2018 Cambodia • 2017 Norway • 2016 Cuba • 2015 Spain • 2014 Morocco • 2013 British Virgin Islands • 2012 Galapagos Islands • 2011 Colorado • 2010 Peruvian Amazon • 2009 South Africa • 2008 India • 2007 Chile • 2006 Sri Lanka • 2005 France • 2004 China • 2003 New Zealand • 2002 Vietnam • 2001 Nepal • 2000 Ecuador • 1999 Tanzania