

King Frederik and Queen Mary are heading Down Under. Picture Instagram



## Royals to rock on in the Red Centre

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Queen Mary's best friend, Amber Petty, says she is looking forward to spending quality time with the Danish royals on their coming Australian visit.

The Danish royals, King Frederik and our Queen Mary, will arrive at Uluru on Saturday to launch a four-state tour.

Petty, who was one of Mary's bridesmaids at her 2004 wedding to King Frederik, will see her bestie at some point during their six-day visit Down Under.

"I'm very excited to see my friend, and her husband. I think it's going to be a very special trip," Petty said.

Accompanied by more than 50 Danish industry heads, the royals will visit the Northern Territory, Canberra, Melbourne and Tasmania over six days.

Their visit to the Red Centre follows a storied visit by Prince Charles and Princess Diana in 1983 and is

expected to embrace Indigenous leaders and the stunning sunset.

The couple will speak at a state dinner in Canberra.

In Tasmania, where Mary attended a Hobart high school as Mary Donaldson, the royals are expected to inspect shipbuilder Incat, which is building electric ferries for use in Denmark.

Mary and Frederik will take opportunities to promote Danish industries to the world.

The tour is expected to feature discussions about renewable energy and sustainability, likely to focus on Danish wind turbines and Denmark's expertise with offshore wind.

The couple became king and queen in 2024 after Frederik's mother, Queen Margrethe, unexpectedly stepped down after 52 years.



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