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Hosted Journeys

MELBOURNE & SURROUNDS INCLUDING THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Thursday, 29 February 2024 - Saturday, 9 March 2024
EX BRISBANE



Tour Cost from: \$5799.00 per person twin share (Single Supplement \$860.00)

Tour Price based on minimum 15 paying passengers.

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

Thursday, 29 February 2024

- ° This afternoon you travel from the South Burnett by coach for an overnight stay at Ibis Brisbane Airport.
(Dinner at own expense)

Day 1 – Friday, 1 March 2024

Depart Brisbane – Arrive Melbourne

- ° This morning board your morning flight to Melbourne.
- ° Upon arrival into Melbourne your coach and driver will be waiting to greet you and introduce you to Victoria's capital city and what it has to offer.
- ° Check into your accommodation at Oakwood Premier Melbourne located at the crossroads of Southbank, South Wharf and South Melbourne.
- ° This afternoon, enjoy a few hours free to explore the city.
- ° Tonight, you will enjoy an amazing 4 course dinner upon the Spirit of Melbourne Cruising Restaurant. Enjoy delectable food whilst cruising down the Yarra River by night.

Overnight – Oakwood Premier Melbourne

Meal Inclusions – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 2 – Saturday, 2 March 2024

Dandenong Ranges and Yarra Valley

- Following breakfast, escape to the country on a day trip into the Dandenong Ranges and the Yarra Valley.
- Your journey starts at Belgrave Station where you will climb aboard the well-preserved century old Puffing Billy steam train. Puffing Billy is one of the oldest steam trains in Australia. Enjoy fresh mountain air as you chug along through Sherbrooke Forest.
- Travel across Puffing Billy's most famous landmark – the iconic Trestle Bridge.
- After a leisurely hour-long journey, you will arrive at Lakeside Station, situated within the picturesque Emerald Lake Park.
- Spend time enjoying the facilities at Lakeside before boarding the coach for a scenic drive to the Yarra Valley, Victoria's most well-known wine region.
- Stop at Rochford Winery where you will enjoy a two-course lunch and enjoy a 4-wine cellar door tasting before heading back into Melbourne City.



Overnight – Oakwood Premier Melbourne

Meal Inclusions – Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3 – Sunday, 3 March 2024

Melbourne City Highlights

- After breakfast, you will board your coach for a short city transfer to the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. Better known as the 'G' to the locals, the MCG is steeped in sporting history.
- Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the MCG, as well as entry to the Australian Sports Museum. The museum brings together the history of the MCG itself as well as over 3500 objects across 95+ sports.
- This afternoon you will visit Captain Cooks Cottage in the beautiful Fitzroy Gardens.
- From here you will journey via colourful St Kilda and the exclusive suburbs around Brighton.
- The Brighton Bay Bathing Boxes are a must see. The 82 bathing boxes are unique and remain as they did over one hundred years ago.
- This evening, enjoy a three-course dinner at The Meat & Wine Co in Southbank.

Overnight – Oakwood Premier Melbourne

Meal Inclusions – Breakfast and Dinner



Day 4 – Monday, 4 March 2024

Phillip Island

- After breakfast, you will set off on an adventure to Phillip Island.
- Phillip Island is located about 90 minutes from Melbourne.
- First stop is at the Koala Conservation Centre. Visitors can explore lush native bushland and see iconic Australian wildlife in their natural habitat.

The two elevated tree-top boardwalks bring you closer to the koalas as they go about their daily business of sleeping, eating and sleeping some more.

- Next is a visit to Churchill Island. Churchill Island has an important place in the history of Victoria being the first site of European settlement.

Churchill Island houses a historic homestead and a working heritage farm which dates back to 1872.

- At the Antarctic Journey which is a joint venture between National Parks and the World Wildlife Fund (Australia) you will learn stories of conservation, climate resilience and what lives in the deep. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking visual and sound experience with floor to ceiling footage of Antarctic wildlife and landscapes.
- Enjoy dinner before heading to the famous Penguin Parade Viewing.



Overnight – Oakwood Premier Melbourne

Meal Inclusions – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5 – Tuesday, 5 March 2024

Great Ocean Road

- Today we experience one of Victoria's most scenic drives – The Great Ocean Road.
- Today's road trip will take you from Melbourne to Torquay, home to some of Australia's best known surf beaches. Torquay marks the official beginning of the Great Ocean Road.
- Coast views will dominate the 30 kilometres between Torquay and the beach town of Lorne. Lorne is located between the sparkling waters of Loutit Bay and the Otway National Park.
- As you make your way to Apollo Bay, you'll travel up along cliff tops offering incredible views alongside wild beaches.
- Lunch today will be at the Apollo Bay Hotel.
- Get your camera ready for the spectacular coastline leading to Port Campbell and the famous 12 Apostles, a group of magnificent rock stacks rising up from the Southern Ocean. Enjoy the lookout over the cliffs of the Loch Ard Gorge and the beautiful Bay of Islands.
- Continue along the Great Ocean Road west to Warrnambool which is your overnight destination.



Overnight – Lady Bay Resort

Meal Inclusions – Breakfast and Lunch

Day 6 – Wednesday, 6 March 2024
Warrnambool to Ballarat

- Following breakfast you will enjoy a visit to the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Here lie the stories of hundreds of ships, their crewmen and passengers whose lives were claimed by the Shipwrecked Coast in the 19th Century. Stories passed on by the lucky few who survived the journey to start a new life in a foreign land, vowing never to set foot on a ship again.
- Following your tour of the Maritime Village, you will then encounter Project Maremma! You will learn about the Little Penguins on Middle Island and how in a world first, Maremma dogs are being used to protect the penguin colony.
- Enjoy lunch at Flagstaff Hill before continuing your onward journey to Ballarat.



Overnight – Quality Inn Heritage on Lydiard

Meal Inclusions – Continental Breakfast, Morning Tea and Lunch

Day 7 – Thursday, 7 March 2024
Ballarat to Melbourne

- Start your day with a continental breakfast at your accommodation.
- This morning you will visit Sovereign Hill.
- Sovereign Hill presents the story of Ballarat as a gold rush boomtown. Ballarat began as a sheep farm, but following the discovery of gold in 1851, it triggered the great alluvial gold rush. The sleepy pastoral settlement grew rapidly into a fine provincial city built on the wealth derived from the gold.
- The outdoor museum of Sovereign Hill enjoys international renown as a living museum featuring rare trades including wheelwrights, candlemakers and blacksmiths. There are also working machinery exhibits and costumed interpreters.
- This afternoon, relax and enjoy the journey back into Melbourne in time for dinner.

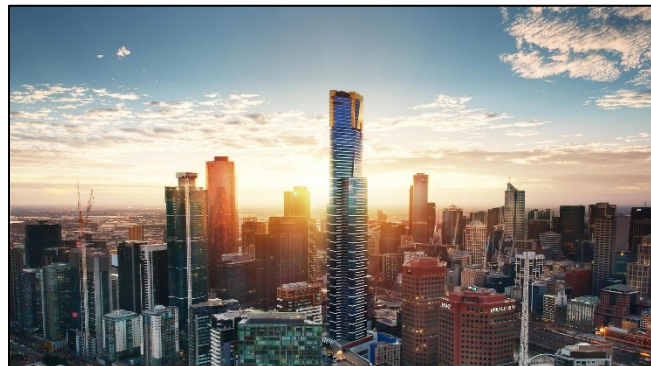
Overnight – Oakwood Premier Melbourne

Meal Inclusions – Breakfast and Dinner



Day 8 – Friday, 8 March 2024
Melbourne

- Following breakfast at your accommodation you will be taken to the Melbourne Skydeck.
- Located in the heart of Melbourne, Skydeck captures everything that is special about Melbourne and beyond.
- Featuring the South Hemisphere’s highest observation deck, the Melbourne Skydeck experience entertains and informs through its spectacular and every-changing views, and it’s state of the art virtual technology.
- The multi-million dollar Voyager Theatre is the first of it’s kind in the Southern Hemisphere taking guests on a voyage of discovery through Melbourne and Victoria in super high definition video with 6D sensory immersion.
- This afternoon will be an afternoon of leisure.



Overnight – Oakwood Premier Melbourne
Meal Inclusions – Breakfast and Dinner

Day 9 – Saturday, 9 March 2024
Melbourne to Brisbane

- Following breakfast, enjoy your last look at Melbourne before your coach transfers you to Melbourne Airport for your return flight home.
- On arrival into Brisbane, you will be met for your return journey to the South Burnett with Pursers Coaches.

Meal Inclusions – Breakfast



Important Information:

General Information/Health and Fitness

There is no age limit or fitness standard required to participate in the Melbourne and Great Ocean Road Tour.

In some destinations there are sightseeing excursions by foot. It is suggested that if you are elderly or have recently suffered a serious illness that you consult your doctor to see if you are fit to travel. Please be aware that a variety of temperatures may be encountered on the tour. Any disability or medical condition requiring special attention must be advised at the time of booking.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd is not responsible for any loss of enjoyment, loss of touring or loss of monies should the passenger be unable to participate in the tour or in any or all of the activities.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd will endeavour to assist all passengers but are unable to guarantee provision of individual assistance to any passenger for walking, dining, boarding or alighting coaches or other transportation vehicles or other personal needs.

Pursers Coaches Pty Ltd welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs provided they are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all necessary assistance. It is the passenger's responsibility to advise of their circumstances to ensure the selected tour is suited to their individual needs.

Airline Check-in

Passengers may be requested to show photo identification upon check-in at the airport. Photo identification can be in the form of a driver's licence or passport.

Luggage:

Checked luggage is limited to 23kg per person.
A limit of 7kg per person carry-on luggage is permitted.
All bags must be clearly labelled with a name.

Seat Rotation:

For the enjoyment of all passengers the tour operates a daily seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.

Dress:

Casual/comfortable clothes are suggested for the duration of the tour. Suitable footwear is recommended. Please ensure you pack a hat/visor, sunglasses and sunscreen.

Dietary Requirements:

Special dietary requests (eg: Vegetarian, Gluten Free, Lactose Intolerant and Diabetic) should be advised at the time of booking. These requirements will be requested to the accommodation providers. Any further intolerances needing to be managed are the responsibility of the passenger.

Special Requirements:

Please ensure you bring any prescription medication needed.

Tour Price Includes:

Return coach transfers from South Burnett to Brisbane Domestic Airport
Overnight accommodation at Ibis Brisbane Airport
Return economy airfares and taxes from Brisbane Airport to Melbourne Airport
Return coach transfers from Melbourne Airport to Melbourne Accommodation
9 x night's accommodation in quality 4* properties
Breakfast daily
3 x Lunch
5 x Dinner
1 x Morning Tea
Spirit of Melbourne Cruising Restaurant
Puffing Billy Steam Train
Yarra Valley Wine Tasting
Tour of Melbourne Cricket Ground
Phillip Island Penguin Parade
The Great Ocean Road – Torquay to Warrnambool
Melbourne Skydeck
plus much more.....



Tour Price Excludes:

Beverages
Optional tours and services
Travel Insurance
Excess Luggage
Meals and drinks not specified
Items of a personal nature - laundry etc.

Non-refundable deposit of \$650.00 per person is due at time of booking to confirm your place on this tour together with a completed booking form.

Final Balance Due – Friday, 5 January 2024

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