

# POTTER TRAVEL

## AUTUMN SPECTACULAR

ADELAIDE HILLS, GRAMPIANS & BRIGHT  
7 DAY TOUR

Departing: Saturday 14 April 2018  
Returning: Friday 20 April 2018



### TOUR COST:

\$1895.00 per person Twin/Double Share  
\$2195.00 Sole Occupancy

**Day 1: CANBERRA TO ADELAIDE: Saturday 14 April (D)**

Welcome to our Autumn tour taking in the Adelaide Hills, the Grampians and Bright. This morning we meet at the airport and fly to Adelaide together (flights TBA). Upon arrival into Adelaide, our Potter Travel touring coach will be there to greet us. Mid-afternoon we embark on a sightseeing tour of the city before we check into our accommodation, overlooking the south parklands. After settling into our rooms, we freshen up for dinner.

*Chifley South Terrace, Adelaide (ph 08 8223 2800)*

**Day 2: ADELAIDE HILLS: Sunday 15 April (BLD)**

Today we will spend the full day exploring the Adelaide Hills. Departing the city, the South Eastern Freeway takes us through the pretty townships of Stirling and Aldgate. The area is home to an array of deciduous trees, imported in the early colonial days from North America and Europe. Maple, Ash, Oak and Elm are some that bring a wonderful display of colour. Arriving into Hahndorf we visit Beerenberg Strawberry Farm, which is Australian owned, with all products made on site. You may not know but Beerenberg products can now be found in 24 countries, on major airlines and in more than 300 hotels! After our visit here we have time for a wander along the street to enjoy the local art and craft shops. Next we head to the Stanley Bridge Tavern in Verdun for lunch. Our afternoon visit is to Melba's Chocolate and Confectionery Factory – housed in a historic cheese factory. We spend some time taking a look at the operation and experiencing the old chocolate and confectionery making techniques. Make sure you try their Rocky Road! Right next door is Woodside Cheese Wrights and here we can sample some of the delicious locally made cheeses. After an enjoyable day we return to our hotel.

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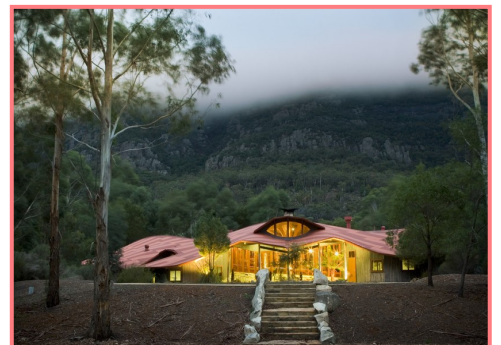
**Day 3: ADELAIDE TO HALLS GAP: Monday 16 April (BLD)**

We farewell Adelaide today and drive via Murray Bridge to Tailem Bend for a morning break. From here we travel through Tintinara to our lunch stop at the Morning Loaf in Bordertown. This afternoon's drive is first through to Horsham to stretch our legs before arriving at our destination of Halls Gap. The Grampians National Park is a masterpiece of natural splendour, known for its sandstone mountains, wildflowers and wildlife. We have time to explore tomorrow so now we check into our motel and settle in for dinner. Nestled in a peaceful valley, the Grampians Motel has views of natural bush, with native wildlife often seen in close proximity to the motel.

*Grampians Motel, Halls Gap (ph 03 5356 4248)*

**Day 4: THE GRAMPIANS: Tuesday 17 April (BLD)**

The Grampians National Park is one of the largest in Victoria. It is said that when Major Thomas Mitchell first visited the area in 1836 the then Surveyor General of New South Wales was speechless at the imposing sight that met his gaze from the top of what we now know as Mount William. Apart from the stunning scenery the park is a natural oasis where plants and animals, which have become extinct in other areas, flourish. It is likened to a giant botanical garden, filled with one third of Victoria's fauna. This morning we have breakfast then begin our touring with a visit to the Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre. This is the best place to start our tour as it explains the Park's exceptional environment and



Aboriginal culture. Next is a drive to Boroka Lookout, Reeds Lookout and McKenzie Falls – all offering stunning autumn views. Our lunch has been arranged at the delightful Wander Inn in Wartook. Our afternoon stop, on the way back to Halls Gap, is the unusual Old Dadswell Town. Located at Dadswell Bridge, it is an old style Australian town that has been recreated on a local property. It will be a bit of fun as we take a look at Madam X's Bordello, Mad Max's Garage and Robbie's Barber Shop. After our day in the great outdoors, we return to the motel.

*Grampians Motel, Halls Gap (ph 03 5356 4248)*

**Day 5: HALLS GAP TO BRIGHT: Wednesday 18 April (BLD)**

Departing the Grampians we travel through Stawell and on to Bendigo. We have time here to visit the Great Stupa of Universal Compassion, the largest Buddhist monument in the western world. It is also the final home for the biggest Jade Buddha in the world. Following our visit we enjoy lunch at the Farmers Arms Hotel before our afternoon's drive through to Bright. Bright is one of Victoria's most attractive towns, especially in autumn. As we arrive into Bright we will see the striking autumn leaves with their magnificent show of colours that the area is renowned for. Many of the deciduous trees were planted in the early 1850's at the suggestion of Baron Von Mueller, the founder of the Melbourne Botanical Gardens. We settle into our motel and prepare for dinner.

*Bogong View Motor Inn, Bright (ph 03 5755 1422)*

**Day 6: BRIGHT: Thursday 19 April (BLD)**

We wake to the freshness of the alpine region this morning, ready for a pleasant day's exploring. Our local guide will board the coach this morning and take us on a tour of the region. We will also visit the Wandiligong Valley, an entire area that has been registered with the National Trust. To the south of the town we can see the noted Wandi Poplars and one of the largest apple orchards in the southern hemisphere. Tobacco and nuts are also grown in this rural setting. We return to Bright, farewell our guide and head to the Bright Brewery for lunch, a tour and tastings. Our final visit of the day is to the Bright Art Gallery & Cultural Centre and their well-known Autumn Art Exhibition. We then have the remainder of the day to enjoy as we wish.

*Bogong View Motor Inn, Bright (ph 03 5755 1422)*

**Day 7: BRIGHT TO CANBERRA: Friday 20 April (BL)**

After breakfast we say goodbye to Bright and head for home via the classic colonial township of Yackandandah. Having changed little in appearance since last century, the town has many buildings classified by the National Trust. We continue through to Holbrook to stop in at the Woolpack Inn Museum. This two storey historic building with heritage listing opened as a hotel by John Mitten in 1839. It later became the Criterion Hotel in 1895 and remained as such until it was converted to a museum in 1971. There are 22 rooms of exhibits some of which depict the way the local residents lived in the 19th century. There is also a 'War Room' telling the story of service personnel from the Holbrook area serving in the first and second world wars. We have our lunch here then head for Canberra. Arriving home later this afternoon we complete our 7 day autumn tour.

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**FINAL PAYMENT: THURSDAY 01 MARCH 2018**

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# RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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