

POTTER TRAVEL

Gippsland and Phillip Island

7 DAY TOUR

Departing: Saturday 23 March 2019
Returning: Friday 29 March 2019



TOUR COST:

\$1575.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$1965.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details

PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Riggall Place, Lyneham
7.20am West Row Bus Stop, City

7.40am Bay 3, Woden Bus Interchange
8.00am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

DAY 1: (LD) CANBERRA TO TRARALGON: Saturday 23 March 2019

Welcome aboard! Pack your knitting and puzzle books for today we hit the road with anticipation for the adventure ahead. Making great time we slip into the East Gippsland region stopping at Cann River. Taking a moment to stretch our legs and have a bite to eat at the Cann River Bakery, we get our first glimpse of Gippsland and a true sense of what is to come! Back on board, watching the scenery roll by, we make our way to Bairnsdale. Become illuminated by the unbelievably detailed and beautifully painted murals that adorn the St. Mary's Catholic Church, commissioned by Francesco Floriani. Continuing on, we pass through Sale to Traralgon, unpack and settle in for the next couple of days of exploring the Gippsland region.

Comfort Inn and Suites La Trobe, Traralgon | 03 5173 7500

DAY 2: (BLD) UNCOVERING GIPPSLAND: Sunday 24 March 2019

Well rested and ready to uncover this intriguing region of Gippsland we head to the Miners View. Here you will get an impressive view over the vast and deep open cut coal mine with the gigantic bucket wheel excavators digging coal for Victoria's biggest station, the Loy Yang Power Station. Just a hop, skip and a jump to the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden, a premier rose garden will entice you to relax and explore this perfumed wonderland. Grazing the edge of alpine country, your eyes will feast upon the lush landscapes and stunning valleys as we journey to Walhalla, once a busy gold mining centre. After a welcomed lunch at the Walhalla Star Hotel, find yourself listening to the clank of the tracks tick by as you become enchanted by the wondrous scenery along the Walhalla Goldfields Railway (traveling from Walhalla to Thomas Station). Back at the hotel, we enjoy our dinner for the evening.

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DAY 3: (BLD) GIPPSLAND: Monday 25 March 2019

Today we continue our exploration of Gippsland with our first port of call: the Gippsland Regional Maritime Museum at Port Albert. Come to know the rich maritime history as you pour over the extensive collection of historic artefacts, photos and documents within. Pursuing forward, unearth some of the local produce Gippsland has to offer at Prom Country Cheese. Note the delightful tang and creamy texture upon your tongue while listening to the creation of the handcrafted cheeses. We take an opportunity now to journey to Wonthaggi to visit the State Coal Mine. Tour above ground where we can meet Cobber the pit pony, climb aboard the old steam locomotive, follow the heritage walk amongst buildings and gardens or watch a film in the theatre. After a wonderful day, we arrive back into Traralgon before enjoying our dinner.

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DAY 4: (BLD) CHURCHILL ISLAND: Tuesday 26 March 2019

This morning you will experience a piece of Victoria's heritage on the historical island of Churchill Island Heritage Farm. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the fragrant cottage gardens and discover the restored farmhouse and cottages that provide a glimpse into the past lives of early Australian settlers. Now a unique opportunity to remember, interpret and understand the experience of the veterans at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum. Home to a huge collection of artefacts, detailed information, imagery and audio facilities this museum will keep us very much engaged. Enjoy lunch here before enticing our sweet tooth at Panny's Amazing World of Chocolate. Feel like a child in a chocolate shop while watching the world largest chocolate waterfall cascade to your feet or appreciating classical art sculptures made entirely from chocolate. It is now time to head back to our hotel, enjoy dinner and have a good night's rest before tomorrow's adventure.

Ramada Resort Phillip Island, Phillip Island | 03 5952 8000

DAY 5: (BLD) EXPLORING PHILLIP ISLAND: Wednesday 27 March 2019

With the refreshing ocean breeze in our hair we set voyage aboard a Wildlife Coast Cruise to experience Phillip Island's amazing coastline. Exploring the islands of Westernport Bay, you will witness the sheer granite cliffs of Cape Woolamai, keeping an eye out for the marine wildlife that call these shores home. We enjoy morning tea on board and lunch as we disembark at San Remo to observe the pelican feeding. Listening to their scoop like beaks gobble down their fishy lunch, you can't help but admire these gangly sea birds. Regaining our land legs, we travel to the Koala Conservation Centre, an ecotourism attraction that has been essential for saving the island's koala population. Strolling through the eucalypt woodland along the elevated tree-top boardwalk, you will meet these gorgeous cuddly characters in their natural habitat. After a special day exploring the sites it is time to head back to our hotel for an early dinner before meeting a secretive local, the Fairy Penguin. Known as the Penguin Parade, watching these intriguing birds surf up with bellies full of whitebait as they waddle into their burrows along the shore, we will have witnessed something special.

Ramada Resort Phillip Island, Phillip Island | 03 5952 8000

DAY 6: (BLD) SAND ART GALLERY: Thursday 28 March 2019

It's farewell to Gippsland today as we set off to visit the fascinating Sand Art Gallery in Riddles Creek. Every year a different theme is chosen, from which the sculptors work within to create the most marvellous pieces of sand art. This year we will be charmed by the "Enchanted Forest" sand sculptures, marvel at the craftsmanship and attention to detail carved lovingly into the sand. Lunch will be enjoyed here before making our way back to Canberra stopping in Wangaratta for the night.

Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway, Wangaratta | 03 5721 8399

DAY 7: (BL): WANGARATTA TO CANBERRA: Friday 29 March 2019

It's sad to say, but it is time to head home. Travelling through to Canberra we pass Gundagai, a classic Australian country town. Taking a moment to walk around and enjoy lunch at Oliver's Real Food, we continue on, arriving home with wonderful new friends and lasting memories.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT is required within 14 days of booking confirming your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. Deposit is **\$150.00 per person**.

FINAL PAYMENT: THURSDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2019

Tour reference for
Direct Deposits:
Surname + P11393

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You must be able to embark and disembark the coach unaided to travel on a Potter Travel tour. Your deposit and final payment on our tour is acknowledgement that you have read and understood the booking terms and conditions as mentioned above.

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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