

# pottertravel

## MORNINGTON PENINSULA GREAT OCEAN ROAD

### 8 DAY TOUR

Departing: Monday 17 February 2020

Returning: Monday 24 February 2020



#### TOUR COST:

\$1985.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$2515.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details.

## **PICK UP TIMES:**

**7.10am** Riggall Pl, Lyneham  
**7.20am** West Row Bus Stop, City

**7.40am** Bay 1, Woden Interchange  
**8.00am** Crawford St, Queanbeyan

### **Day 1 (LD): CANBERRA TO LAKES ENTRANCE: Monday 17 February 2020**

Welcome to our 8 day tour to the Mornington Peninsula. This morning we make our way south via Cooma and Bombala to our lunch stop at Cann River. This afternoon we continue through to our destination of Lakes Entrance. Upon arrival we check into our motel for our overnight stay and settle in before dinner.

The Esplanade Motel, Lakes Entrance | 03 5155 1933

### **Day 2 (BLD): LAKES ENTRANCE TO THE MORNINGTON PENINSULA: Tuesday 18 February 2020**

After breakfast we re-board the coach and continue through to Bairnsdale, an idyllic garden town with reminders of the booming gold rush days. Some of Bairnsdale's architecture is also of interest. The most striking building in the town is the Court House in Nicholson St which opened in 1894. It is recognised as one of Victoria's finest examples of late 19<sup>th</sup> century architecture and is considered significant to the development of the Australian style. From here we travel on to Morwell for lunch before continuing through to our destination of the Mornington Peninsula. We'll be following Western Port Bay as we drive down the coast before arriving in the township of Flinders. This charming village on the east coast is where we will stay for 2 nights at the Flinders Hotel. It's a contemporary architecturally designed hotel that blends into the coastal landscape. On arrival we will be met and assisted with our check in before a welcome dinner.

Flinders Hotel, Mornington Peninsula | 03 5989 0201

### **Day 3 (BLD): MORNINGTON PENINSULA: Wednesday 19 February 2020**

Today's sightseeing takes us first to Cape Schanck then onto Portsea where we'll stop for a photo opportunity. Nearby is the Point Nepean National Park – the most westerly point of the peninsula. Closed to the public for over 100 years, Point Nepean National Park is now a popular tourist destination and home to the historic Quarantine Station established in 1852 followed by Fort Nepean in 1882. We enjoy morning tea then ride 'The Transporter' for a drive out to Point Nepean. We'll see spectacular ocean scenery and have bay views across the 'rip' to Point Lonsdale. We'll have time to inspect the old gun placements before returning to the coach. Following our picnic lunches we depart the area and tour past Sorrento and Dromana and on via Arthurs Seat. Shortly we arrive at Red Hill Estate, a multi-award winning winery, situated in the internationally recognised cool-climate region. This stunning property also boasts a superb panoramic view of Western Port Bay. We enjoy a wine tasting here then return to Flinders and our hotel.

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### **Day 4 (BLD): FLINDERS – PORT PHILLIP BAY – GEELONG: Thursday 20 February 2020**

This morning we head out to visit Ashcombe Maze & Lavender Gardens. Ashcombe is home to Australia's oldest and most famous hedge maze, a beautiful circular rose maze, and the year round flowering Lavender Labyrinth, all set among 25 acres of world acclaimed gardens. The traditional hedge maze is planted with more than 1000 cypress trees and thousands of metres of pathways. Now more than three metres high and two metres thick, the Maze keeper clips the hedges three times a year to keep it sculpted into a curvaceous challenge! We enjoy the gardens then head to Tyabb and the famous Tyabb Packing House Antiques Centre. In an historic packing shed used to store apples and pears grown in the region, it now houses one of Australia's largest collections of antiques and collectables. Spend some time browsing through retro, vintage and old wares and the many specialty items. We stay for a light lunch then travel across to Sorrento. Catching the Searoad Ferry we cruise across "the Heads" to Queenscliff on the Bellarine Peninsula. This enchanting historic town was established in 1838 as a pilot station to guide ships through the 'rip' and it is imbued with olde worlde character, historic hotels and homes, stores, rugged beaches and even a bona fide fort, built to defend Port Phillip Bay from foreign navies, privateers and other undesirables. We continue on to Geelong – a city which for most of its history has been one of the great wool cities of Australia. There are nearly 200 buildings in the area, classified by the National Trust, to keep residents and visitors mindful of the city's heritage.

Rydges, Geelong | 03 5223 6200

### **Day 5 (BLD): GREAT OCEAN ROAD: Friday 21 February 2020**

Joining the Great Ocean Road at Torquay we take a breathtaking drive along one of Australia's most spectacular coastlines. The approach to Lorne is remarkable as the township is built amongst forest with native trees, stretching right down to the water. At Apollo Bay the road leaves the coast, winding its way up the slopes of the Otway Ranges where we can experience the spectacular Otway Fly, the longest and highest canopy walk of its kind in the world. There is a 300m flat walk from the carpark to the Visitors Centre so wear some comfortable shoes. The natural beauty of the area continues as we drive the full length of the Port Campbell National Park. The dramatic coastal scenery on either side of town of Port Campbell will be a highlight of our journey. Tick off the must-see landmarks such as the Twelve Apostles, London Bridge and the beautiful Bay of Islands before arriving at the seaside town of Warrnambool.

Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, Warrnambool | 03 5559 2000

### **Day 6 (BLD): FLAGGSTAFF HILL & PORTLAND: Saturday 22 February 2020**

We explore Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village this morning where the focus is on the maritime history of the region. Supported by the local community this delightful complex authentically recreates the appearance, atmosphere and activities apparent in a small coastal port during the 50 years prior to 1900. Scattered throughout the village are a range of trades that supported the maritime heritage of the late 1800s. We're off to Portland next, to uncover the only deep sea port between Adelaide and Port Phillip. The coastal route to Portland takes us through Port Fairy, before arriving at the Cable Tram Depot. Following a light lunch it's all aboard the tram to follow the scenic track running along Henty Beach with wonderful views of the deep-water harbour. We'll pass alongside the historically significant 'ploughed' field on the way to the World War II Memorial lookout tower. While cable trams were originally propelled by gripping underground cables, these trams are driven by a concealed diesel engine in an original and otherwise authentic cable tram. Later, having returned to Warrnambool, we take in the sound and laser show at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Shipwrecked re-creates the tragic story of the Loch Ard shipwreck that took place in local waters more than 120 years ago.

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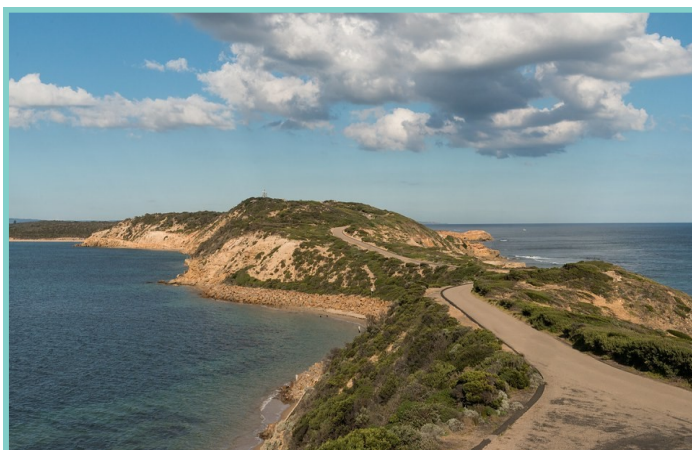
### **Day 7 (BLD): WARRNAMBOOL TO BENDIGO: Sunday 23 February 2020**

Making our way inland to the Goldfields region of central Victoria, we arrive at the grand, 19<sup>th</sup> century Shamrock Hotel. The hotel is of historic and architectural significance to Victoria and is part of the interesting streetscape and collection of late Victorian buildings of a similar style. It is fitting then that we drop in for lunch. Our afternoon's visit is an intriguing one! With the name Confectionery Capers, we'd be forgiven for thinking we were off to a sweet shop. We'll see confectionery displayed in ways never seen before and fascinating machines that wobble, jiggle, shake, jump and whirl in a sea of madness and mayhem! After checking in for our final night on tour we freshen up for dinner.

Quality Inn Colonial, Bendigo | 03 5447 0122

### **Day 8 (BL): BENDIGO TO CANBERRA: Monday 24 February 2020**

With our bags packed full of wonderful memories, we begin our return to Canberra. Making a lunch stop in Albury, we arrive home later this afternoon completing our tour.





# 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 **\$300.00 per person**.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER 2019

Tour reference for  
Direct Deposits:  
Surname P11901

## **CANCELLATION TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

Reservations that are cancelled prior to **FRI 20 DEC 2019**: Loss of \$50.00 administration fee.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **FRI 20 DEC 2019** and prior to **FRI 17 JAN 2020** loss of 25% of total tour cost.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **FRI 17 JAN 2020** and prior to **FRI 31 JAN 2020** loss of 50% of total tour cost.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **FRI 31 JAN 2020** loss of 100% of total tour cost.

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The operation of the tour is subject to minimum numbers. Once inside the final payment date if your cancellation affects our minimum group numbers, Potter Travel reserves the right to impose further cancellation fees in addition to those noted above. Potter Travel reserves the right to pass on any additional fees or surcharges imposed by the airlines or wholesaler with or without notice.

**Tour Includes:** Dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at the Hotels mentioned in the Itinerary, some lunches, morning and/or afternoon tea supplied from the coach, entry fees and/or guided tours to all attractions as mentioned in the itinerary, tickets to shows (if applicable), luxury coach travel and GST. Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

**Not Included:** Alcoholic beverages or other drinks (except wine tasting), meals not specified, room service, telephone calls, some morning/afternoon teas or any items of a personal nature.

**Forced Singles** are not permitted on our tours. If you wish to twin share you will need to organise your own travelling companion, otherwise single supplement is payable.

Potter Travel recommends that Travel Insurance be taken to protect against unforeseen circumstances. Travel Insurance is available through Potter Travel.

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No guarantees will be given as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used by Potter Travel. Drop offs may be in the opposite direction to the pickups depending on the touring route taken.

Daily **seat rotation** will take place on all extended tours, which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking. Passengers suffering from motion sickness are advised to take the necessary precautions as seat rotation is compulsory.

Potter Travel accepts no responsibility for damage, loss of personal belongings or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connecting tours operated by this company. Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control.

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Where tours are fully booked any future enquiries will be put onto a waitlist and as cancellations occur the person at the top of the waitlist will be contacted first and offered the seat followed by the second, the third and so on. In the instance that you are unable to be contacted on a daytime telephone number, the seat will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

**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.**

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