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KING ISLAND & YARRA VALLEY

7 DAY TOUR

Departing: Thursday 06 February 2020

Returning: Wednesday 12 February 2020



TOUR COST:

\$2595.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3130.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details.

PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
7.30am Bay 1, Woden Bus Interchange

7.50am West Row Bus Stop, City
8.00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

Day 1: CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE: Thursday 6 February 2020 (D)

Escape the heat and join us on tour to **King Island** before disappearing into the gems of the **Yarra Valley**. Arriving in Melbourne, we overnight in Caroline Springs to prepare for tomorrow's departure to King Island.

Mercure Caroline Springs, Ph: (03) 8358 0555

Day 2: MELBOURNE TO KING ISLAND: Friday 7 February 2020 (BD)

This morning we board our short flight (Regional Express flight included in cost) to **King Island**, crossing the Bass Strait. We'll be met on arrival by the **local specialist** who will be with us for the next few days. We'll tour the area around **Currie** today and learn about the shipwreck heritage of King Island, graveyard of at least 60 ships over the past two centuries. The **King Island Museum** is housed in the old lighthouse keeper's residence at Currie and is a wealth on memorabilia and history. An integral part of the King Island economy is the **Kelp Works**. Established in Currie in the 1970s, Bull Kelp is harvested along the coast line and brought to the Kelp Works to be dried on huge racks. The kelp is then milled into granules and exported to Scotland where it is further processed. Nearly everything we eat and use every day – cosmetics, sauces, fabric dyes, toothpaste, shampoo, ice cream, beer – all benefit from King Island Bull Kelp. Later we check into our accommodation, the **Boomerang by the Sea Motel**. The restaurant offers us stunning coastal views, good food and country hospitality. *Boomerang By the Sea, King Island, Ph: (03) 6462 1288*

Day 3: NORTH COAST OF KING ISLAND: Saturday 8 February 2020 (BLD)

Get set for a day of sensational scenery, plentiful wildlife and amazing shipwreck stories as we head along the Northern Road on our way to the top of King Island at **Cape Wickham**. We will make a stop at Shag Lagoon just off the main North Road where we will be able to see a variety of waterbirds. Hear the story of the Paddlesteamer Shannon which was shipwrecked in the waters off the north coast. Its boiler is still on the beach. Lunch is at **Penny's Lagoon** - a suspended lake where the water is held by compacted sand and vegetation – one of only 3 in the world! The loss of life in the late 1800s was becoming so great around King Island that the Colonies finally decided to jointly fund Australia's tallest lighthouse – a soaring symmetrical stone tower 47 metres high. The Cape Wickham Light still guards the entrance to Bass Strait. Our last stop in the North will be the amazing Cape Wickham Golf Course, rated number one public access golf course in Australia - before heading back towards Currie with a stop at the **King Island Dairy**. Here is the chance to taste some of King Island's special cheeses and to buy take home packs from the shop. As we are heading out tonight for a visit to the penguins, we will try to get back to the motel a bit early. Tonight we are off to a little place called Grassy on the eastern side of the Island.

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Day 4: SOUTH COAST OF KING ISLAND: Sunday 9 February 2020 (BLD)

This morning we take the **Scenic South Tour** which takes in the hybrid power plant that energises King Island on its own grid followed by morning tea at Millers Bay. Next is the Etrick River and the tragic story of the 'Cataraqui' wreck in 1845. The **Calcified Forest**, our next stop is a quite unique phenomenon. Encroaching sand blows have buried the native scrub and over the ages the inundated bush has rotted away and the resulting cavities have been refilled by calcium leached out of the sand. Subsequent erosion has revealed the result. To gain access to the site, Parks Tasmania has constructed a well-made track of 630 metres which is wheel chair friendly. Down to Seal Rocks to marvel at the force of the ocean and then it's off to lunch. Lunch will be at **Brewer's Cafe**, great food in

a bush setting. After lunch we will head back to Grassy to look over the town, the old mine site and harbour in daylight. **Portside Links Gallery** is a peep into the art community of King Island. Later this afternoon we have an appointment at **Perry Beef Farm**. Fred and Shona Perry are lifetime farmers although Fred says that will stop when he's 70! They do a magnificent job of showcasing their extensive cattle breeding and fattening operation. We enjoy a tour and afternoon tea before making our way back to Currie for dinner at the motel.

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Day 5: KING ISLAND TO THE YARRA VALLEY: Monday 10 February 2020 (BD)

Packing our bags this morning, we visit the **Currie Museum** housed in the old lighthouse keeper's residence. From here we have some free time in Currie for last-minute souvenir hunting. Transferring to the airport, we farewell our wonderful guide who has shared King Island and her stories with us for these few days. Our return flight gets us to the Rex terminal in Melbourne, arriving early afternoon. Re-boarding our **Potter Travel** coach we head through to Yarra Glen, making a stop at the **Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery**. We are welcomed with chocolate tastings, displays of thousands of premium chocolates and European chocolatiers at work handcrafting indulgent creations. Arriving at our Ringwood accommodation we settle into our rooms for the next 2 nights.

Sage Hotel Ringwood, Ph: (03) 8845 1100

Day 6: COLDSTREAM: Tuesday 11 February 2020 (BLD)

Today we travel to **Coldstream** to visit **Coombe Yarra Valley**. Once home of famous opera singer Dame Nellie Melba, it is still owned and operated by her descendants, the Vestey family. The elegance, beauty and romance of The Melba Estate makes it a great spot to enjoy a **tour** of the historic, landscaped gardens and a lovely **Devonshire Tea**. Next we head on to Yarra Junction to the **Blue Lotus Water Garden**. There are 14 acres of display garden here with two lakes, an area of river flats that have been landscaped with eighty small ponds filled with over fifty varieties of lotus. The ponds contain hundreds of plants generating thousands of blooms daily and three smaller dams with hundreds of flowering water lilies and lotus edged by many exotic plants. It will be a day full of colour. Returning to our hotel we enjoy a farewell dinner.

Sage Hotel Ringwood, Ph: (03) 8845 1100

Day 7: YARRA VALLEY TO CANBERRA: Wednesday 12 February 2020 (BL)

We farewell our hosts this morning and begin our return journey to Canberra. Following a stop for **lunch** in Albury we head for home reflecting on what a wonderful time we've had.



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 **\$250.00 per person**.

FINAL PAYMENT: FRIDAY 06 DECEMBER 2019

Tour reference for
Direct Deposits:
Surname P12051

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Reservations that are cancelled prior to **FRI 06 DEC 2019**: Loss of \$50.00 administration fee.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **FRI 06 DEC 2019** and prior to **WED 08 JAN 2020** loss of 50% of total tour cost.

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Tour Includes: Regional Express Airline Flight Melbourne to King Island return. 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.

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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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