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KING ISLAND & YARRA VALLEY

7 DAY TOUR

Departing: Sunday 13 March 2022

Returning: Saturday 19 March 2022



TOUR COST:

\$2965 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3495 Sole Occupancy

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

An unmissable tour to one of Australia's best kept secrets. Discover the unspoilt natural beauty of King Island and experience the sights, sounds and flavours of the Yarra Valley

Day 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE: Sunday 13 March 2022

Discover something new 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 (03 8358 0555)

Day 2: (BD): MELBOURNE TO KING ISLAND: Monday 14 March 2022

This morning we board our short flight to King Island, crossing the Bass Strait. We'll be met on arrival by a local specialist, a fifth generation born and bred King Islander, who will be with us for the duration of our stay. This afternoon we'll be introduced to the township of Currie with a guided tour and the opportunity to purchase anything we may need for our stay. Later we check into our accommodation, the Boomerang by the Sea Motel for the next 3 nights. After unpacking and settling in, we head out to enjoy our first dinner on the island.

Boomerang By the Sea, King Island (03 6462 1288)

Day 3: (BLD): SOUTHERN KING ISLAND: Tuesday 15 March 2022

We start the day by travelling through some of the most productive farming land on King Island. En-route our guide will enlighten us on all things farming, rain fall differences and effects between the north and south of the Island. Our journey takes us across to the east coast of Naracoopa where we first visit Sea Elephant River, one of the Islands largest river system and major link to the Lavinia wetlands for many of the critically endangered species such as the Orange Belly Parrot. After this we make our way to Blow Hole Beach where in the correct weather conditions, a natural blow hole in the rocks provides an impressive sight. Learning about the island's European history en-route, we continue to Grassy Harbour and our lunch stop at the King Island Boat Club. In the town of Grassy we discover mining heritage from the 20th century before arriving at the southernmost settlement of King Island - Surprise Bay. Visiting a very rare calcified forest, offering views over some of King Island's most spectacular coastline, a leisurely short stroll takes us to a viewing platform to survey the intriguing fossilised stumps of ancient rainforest trees. Beginning our drive back to Currie we make a last stop at King Island Dairy to sample some of the delicious cheeses. With a legacy spanning more than 100 years, King Island Dairy is Australia's premier specialty cheese producer and has developed an enviable reputation as a maker of some of the world's finest produce with a range including white, blue and cheddar cheeses. This evening we transfer to one of the best restaurant's showcasing the islands fabulous produce. After our delicious dinner we have the opportunity to view the local fairy penguin colony. On dusk the penguins waddle out of the water to return to their burrows where they are able to keep safe from predators to nest, rest and moult.

Day 4: (BLD): NORTHERN KING ISLAND: Wednesday 16 March 2022

This morning our touring takes us to the northern region of King Island. First destination is Shag Lagoon Bird Hide to view some of King Island's beautiful water fowl. Head further north whilst keeping a keen eye out for bird species such as pheasants, peacocks and turkeys which are plentiful in this area. Enjoy morning tea at Quarantine Bay while taking in the views and interesting history of Christmas Island and New Year Island located just off the coast. Visit the mouth of Yellow Rock River, the wreck site of the Shannon to hear Captain Johnson's unfortunate story. Then experience a Meat Your Beef tour with Tom and Anna Perry at their beef farm to discuss how they farm on King Island, followed by a special Paddock to Plate lunch on their property. Later we continue across to Penny's Lagoon, a rare perched

lake found in only three locations in the world. Continue up past Lake Flannigan and onto Disappointment Bay which is anything but a disappointment - in fact it's one of King Island's most beautiful locations. At the most northern point of King Island view the tallest granite lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere, overlooking one of Australia's top ranking golf courses. Our last stop for today is the museum run by the King Island Historical Society full of history including the original lens from the Cape Wickham light house. On arrival back at our accommodation there will be time for a short rest and freshen up before transferring to our dinner venue.

Day 5: (BD): KING ISLAND TO THE YARRA VALLEY: Thursday 17 March 2022

Packing our bags this morning, we check out of our accommodation. Thanking our hosts, we transfer to the airport in time to board our flight to Melbourne. Our return flight gets us to the Rex terminal in Melbourne. 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 (03 8845 1100)

Day 6: (BLD): COLDSTREAM: Friday 18 March 2022

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. Next it's onto Yarra Glen for lunch and a wander at the Big Bouquet Farm. Taking our own exploratory tour, see the impressive glasshouses filled with the sweet scent of gerberas and the information room sharing how these popular flowers symbolising happiness are grown all year round. Meeting the friendly alpacas tops off a lovely visit. Last stop is at 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 and beauty. Returning to our hotel we enjoy a farewell dinner.

Day 7: (BL): YARRA VALLEY TO CANBERRA: Saturday 19 March 2022

We cheerio our hosts this morning and begin our return journey to Canberra. Making our way to the pretty village of Yackandandah we have time for lunch and a look at the town centre classified by the National Trust. Steeped in the legacy of gold, it is now home to an eclectic mix of artist galleries and antiques. As we make tracks for home, sit back and relax, reflecting on what a wonderful time we've had in this wonderful part of Australia.



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