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MELBOURNE & SURROUNDS

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

8 DAY TOUR

Departing: Monday 27 March 2023

Returning: Monday 03 April 2023



TOUR COST:

\$3195 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3795 Sole Occupancy

PICK UP TIMES:

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

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

Discover Melbourne and Surrounds including the Dandenong Ranges, Yarra Valley and Mornington Peninsula. Our tour also features the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show which showcases the best landscape and floral talent from Australia and around the world alongside an extensive array of garden retail products. The Show is a celebration of lifestyle and our great outdoors.

Day 1:(LD) CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE: Monday 27 March 2023

Welcome to our tour to Melbourne and surrounds featuring the Melbourne Flower Show. We meet our friendly Potter Travel crew and fellow travellers and begin our journey. Stopping in Albury for lunch, we continue across the Victorian border to the vibrant capital, Melbourne. This will be our home for the next seven nights, so unpack and relax before our welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

7 nights | Best Western Plus Travel Inn Hotel | (03 9347 7922)

Day 2: (BLD) MELBOURNE: Tuesday 28 March 2023

Known as the sporting capital of Australia, there is no better place to start your Melbourne exploration than at the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). Located here is the National Sports Museum which presents world class exhibitions and sporting artefacts. Next, we head to the picturesque Royal Botanic Gardens for a guided tour. The impressive gardens features and amazing and diverse plant collection including camelias, rainforest flora, succulents and roses. We enjoy a delicious lunch onsite, taking in the stunning surroundings. Located on the southern banks of the Yarra River is Eureka Tower. Enjoy floor to ceiling, 360-degree views of Melbourne's CBD, sports precinct, Port Phillip Bay, Docklands and everything in between.

Day 3: (BLD) DANDENONG RANGES: Wednesday 29 March 2023

We travel to Belgrave to join the famous Puffing Billy Steam Train on a ride through to Lakeside. Journey through magnificent Dandenong Ranges, with lush fern gullies brushing past and Mountain Ash trees towering overhead onboard the open sided carriages. Nestled deep within the serene landscape of the Dandenong Ranges is the gorgeous township, Sassafras. Discover the village's nineteenth century charm with niche stores lining the streets. Lunch is at Fortnums Restaurant, which has the bright airy look and feel of an English conservatory with a charming atmosphere and delicious food. We travel to Sky High on the uppermost reach of the Dandenong Ranges, to look at the big picture, from the Mornington Peninsula across the majestic sweep of Port Phillip Bay, surrounded by Melbourne's growing urban fringes, to the You Yongs on the southern horizons.

Day 4: (BD) MELBOURNE FLOWER SHOW: Thursday 30 March 2023

Today is festival day! We head to the International Flower and Garden Show. This hallmark event for Victoria is the most prestigious of its kind in Australia. Over 300 exhibits are on show representing horticulture, nurseries, landscape gardening, floristry and cut flowers together with their associated products and services. The show will simply take your breath away with their associated products and services. The show will simply take your breath away with the work of Australia's leading floral designers creating exquisite feature displays. We have plenty of time here before a visit to Ripponlea Estate. We are taken on a journey back in time with a unique glimpse into the lifestyles of the wealthiest Australians of the era. We explore the house and gardens of sweeping lawns, magnificent trees, a tranquil lake unique fernery and an orchard with over on hundred varieties of heritage apples and pears. Tonight, we make our way to New Quay Promenade in the Docklands for dinner at Berth Restaurant.

Day 5: (BLD) YARRA VALLEY: Friday 31 March 2023

We travel to Coombe – Melba Estate, one of the largest and oldest family estates in the Yarra Valley. The history, beauty and romance of the estate makes it a unique place to visit as we enjoy morning tea and a tour. Not too far away is Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery. We'll be welcomed with chocolate tastings, displays of thousands of premium chocolates and chocolatiers hard at work handcrafting their creations. We have time to purchase some goodies if desired. This afternoon we visit Alowyn Gardens, which started life as a blackberry infested paddock. Now the gardens have been deigned with shade and comfort in mind and the purpose is to provide an informative and educational experience for those experience the beautiful gardens.

Day 6: (BLD) WERRIBEE: Saturday 1 April 2023

We make our way to Werribee Open Range Zoo, where it has a special focus on African animals. We board our special safari bus across the unique open range savanna and spot rhinos, giraffes and zebras. With free time to wander at leisure, visit the world's largest gorilla exhibit or see cheeky monkeys at play. We travel to nearby Werribee Park Mansion, long regarded as Victoria's finest rural colonial homestead. Explore the formal gardens, see a magnificent display of colour at the State Rose Garden and marvel at the expansive manicured landscape. We drive to Geelong where we board the Bellarine Express. Relax and enjoy the scenery as this state-of-the-art vessel will take us back into the heart of Melbourne, where our coach will pick us up and transfer us back to our hotel.

Day 7: (BLD) MORNINGTON PENINSULA: Sunday 2 April 2023

This morning we soar the heights of the Mornington Peninsula gliding quietly through the sky in a gondola at Arthurs Sea Eagle. With uninterpreted views across Port Phillip Bay and framed by swaying gum trees, we'll be immersed by the magic landscape. Later, we uncover Australia's oldest and most famous hedge maze at Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Gardens. We have time to wander the year-round flowering lavender labyrinth and 25 acres of world acclaimed gardens. Overlooking the vineyard and sculpture park to the Western Port Bay and Phillip Island, we enjoy lunch with a view at the Pt Leo Estate Restaurant. Relax with a glass of wine and indulge in the decadent food which celebrates the regions delicious produce. Our final stop is to the Tyabb Packing House Antiques Centre. It claims to house Australia's largest collection of antiques and collectables! There are over 30 dealers here specialising in antiques, deco, old wares, retro, vintage and speciality items – something for everyone!

Day 8: (BL) HOMEWARD BOUND: Monday 3 April 2023

With our bags packed, we have a day on the coach as we head back to Canberra. Stopping in Chiltern for lunch we continue home, arriving late afternoon from a fantastic holiday to Melbourne.



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DEPOSIT: is required within 14 days of a verbal or written confirmation of your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. The deposit for this tour is **\$350 per person**. Online Direct Debit transactions must include the following reference: **Surname + P14263**

FINAL PAYMENT: **FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023**. Online Direct Debit transactions must include the following reference: **Surname + P14263**

CANCELLATION BY YOU:

You may cancel your booking by giving written notice to us or calling our reservation team. Cancellation fees and charges will be levied as follows irrespective of when notice of cancellation is received:

1. any amounts we have paid or have contractually committed to pay to third parties to deliver your travel arrangements that we cannot reasonably recover (for example payments made or due to hotels, airlines, cruise companies, tour wholesalers);
2. where we operate any of the services included in your travel arrangements (for example, coach travel), a reasonable amount attributable to such services which we determine we cannot resell;
3. a fee which is the greater of the deposit and 20% of the booking value to compensate us for work performed up until the time of cancellation;
4. a fee not greater than 5% of the booking value to compensate us for processing the cancellation and any associated refund.

Cancellation fees and charges will not exceed payments received by us at the time of cancellation. If after the application of these fees and charges there is a surplus of payments you have made to us, we will refund this to you within a reasonable time. You agree that these cancellation fees and charges are reasonable and required to protect our legitimate business interests. Any payments we have made to third parties will only be refunded to you once we have deducted the above cancellation fees and charges and once we have actually recovered the amounts from the third parties. We will use reasonable endeavours to recover third party payments, but we make no guarantee that we will be able to make recoveries.

The operation of the tour is subject to minimum numbers. Potter Travel reserves the right to pass on any additional fees or surcharges imposed by the airlines or wholesaler with or without notice. Potter Travel reserves the right to alter itineraries without notice due to weather, road conditions or any other reason which is seen to be in the best interest of passengers travelling. The operation and provision of services from other tour operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Potter Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service. 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.

Tour Includes: one return economy airfare from Canberra to Prosepine, meals and accommodation at the hotels as mentioned in the Itinerary, some lunches and morning or afternoon tea supplied from the coach, entry fees and/or guided tours to 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.

We do not cater for forced singles on our tours. If you wish to twin share you will need to organize your own travelling companion, otherwise the sole occupancy fare applies.

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

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.

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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. If you are unable to be contacted on a daytime telephone number, the seat will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

Potter Travel has completed the Covid-19 Safety Plan and we are registered as a Covid Safe Business with the NSW Government to help protect our staff and customers. All passengers must be vaccinated against Covid-19 to travel on our tours.

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