

# **pottertravel**

## **KING ISLAND**

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## **YARRA VALLEY**



### **7 DAY TOUR**

**Departing: Monday 31 October 2022**

**Returning: Sunday 06 November 2022**

**Day 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE: Monday 31 October 2022**

Discover something new and join us and the National Trust ACT on a 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: (BD): MELBOURNE TO KING ISLAND: Tuesday 01 November 2022**

This morning we board our 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. Finding time to buy some lunch we then check into our accommodation at **Boomerang By The Sea**. Embarking on a **guided tour** of the main township of Currie taking in the fishing harbour, King Island Cultural Centre, Currie Lighthouse and some of the Island's shipwreck history. After our tour we visit **King Island Dairy** for a cheese tasting before returning to the motel for a short rest and dinner.

*Boomerang By the Sea, King Island, Ph: 03 6462 1288*

**Day 3: (BLD): NORTH COAST OF KING ISLAND: Wednesday 02 November 2022**

After breakfast we begin touring the **northern region of King Island**. First destination is Shag Lagoon Bird Hide to view some of King Island's beautiful water fowl. Travelling further north we keep a keen eye out for bird species such as pheasants, peacocks and turkeys which are plentiful in this area and visit **King Island Kelp Craft** for morning tea. Our next stop is **Quarantine Bay** where we will be taking in the views and interesting history of Christmas Island and New Year Island, located just off the coast. Visiting the mouth of Yellow Rock River, we see the wreck site of the Shannon and hear Captain Johnson's unfortunate story. Heading to **Meet Your Beef** we enjoy a farm tour followed by **lunch**. Our afternoon begins with Martha Lavinia Beach, a world class beach break on King Island in Bass Strait. The wave peak has been voted one of the Top 10 Surf Breaks in Australia and is frequented by pro surfers when in the region for the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach Classic. We continue across to **Penny's Lagoon**, a rare perched lake found in only three locations in the world. Its freshwater is held by compacted sand and organic matter and is a favourite swimming spot for locals and visitors. Onward to **Cape Wickham**, the most northern point of King Island. We view the Cape Wickham Lighthouse, the tallest granite lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere, overlooking the beautiful Cape Wickham Links Golf Course, one of Australia's top ranking golf courses. Lastly we continue via Lake Flannigan to Disappointment Bay which is anything but a disappointment - in fact it's one of King Island's most beautiful locations. Returning to our accommodation for a short rest and a refresh, dinner this evening is at **Wild Harvest Restaurant**. The restaurant is one of the best on King Island and showcases the Islands best produce. After dinner we view the local fairy penguin colony. On dusk the penguins waddle out of the water to go to their burrows where they are able to keep safe from predators to nest, rest and moult.

**Day 4: (BLD): SOUTH COAST OF KING ISLAND: Thursday 03 November 2022**

Today we begin with a visit to **King Island Kelp Industries** where we learn about its harvesting, its refining and what it is used for and why King Island is the major player in kelp. Next stop is the Restaurant Without Food for **morning tea** before heading to the east coast settlement of Naracoopa. We learn more of the area in Naracoopa, as well as the early history including the controversial jetty built in 1915/16. After taking in the stunning views we travel south through some of the most productive farming land on King Island. En-route we will be enlightened on all things farming and the effects of rain fall differences between the north and south of the island. On arrival into **Grassy** we discover the scheelite mining heritage here and learn of King Island's shipping and fishing fleet. **Lunch** is at the iconic **King Island Boat Club**. A major fixture on the Australian Ocean Racing calendar, the yacht race from Queenscliff to Grassy has been running since the 1970s. Later we discover **Surprise Bay**, the southernmost settlement of King Island. Provided with the history of the first settlement of King Island, we will hear the amazing story of the Bowling family, the first people to take up land on King Island for farming and settlement. We also visit a very rare forest with views over a spectacular coastline which was the scene of the worst peacetime maritime disaster in Australia's history. When the British barquentine "schooner" Catarraqui was wrecked in a winter storm, it claimed the lives of 400 people, a great many of whom were women and children. Talking a stroll through the Calcified Forest we arrive at a viewing platform to survey the fossilised stumps of rainforest trees. For those of us not up for a walk,

we can relax and enjoy a cuppa from the coach. Our next stop takes us to the dramatic Seal Rocks Lookout, used by Dutch and French sealer's to spot pods of seals. We then begin our drive back to Currie via the Hybrid Power Station. This evening we head to **View Dining** for tea, set in a lovely location with fantastic local produce.

**Day 5: (BLD): KING ISLAND TO THE YARRA VALLEY: Friday 04 November 2022**

After breakfast we pack our bags and check out of our accommodation. Our touring this morning includes a visit to the **King Island Historical Society Museum**. The museum was established in a former lighthouse keeper's cottage in 1980. All aspects of the Island's history are represented in the displays at the King Island Museum including the original lens from Cape Wickham Lighthouse made from crystal. Relics from the large number of shipwrecks around the coastline of the Island are also featured. Following **lunch** we have some free time before transferring to the airport. Thanking our wonderful guide who has shared King Island and her stories with us these past few days, we bid the island farewell. Our return flight gets us to the Rex terminal in Melbourne early evening where we reboard our coach and make our way to our accommodation to settle in for the next 2 nights.

*Canterbury International Hotel (03 9878 4111)*

**Day 6: (BLD): COLDSTREAM: Saturday 05 November 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 Junction for **lunch** and a wander 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. Our final stop is in Yarra Glen, 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. We return to our hotel and freshen up for dinner.

**Day 7: (BL): YARRA VALLEY TO CANBERRA: Sunday 06 November 2022**

We farewell 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.

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**PRICE:**

\$3395.00 per person twin share  
\$3930.00 sole occupancy

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7:45am: West Row Bus Stop, City  
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