

MELBOURNE MANSIONS, Q-TRAIN & FLOWER SHOW

24TH MARCH 2025 - 30TH MARCH 2025

🕒 7 Days 📍 Shepparton, Melbourne & Wangaratta



2,495 per person - Twin/Double share
3,075 Sole Occupancy

Immerse your senses

Melbourne in March is a very special time. Enjoy an African adventure at the Werribee Open Range Zoo where our safari bus travels amongst the savannah. Indulge yourself in history at Werribee Park and Barwon Park Mansions.

Travel along the historic Bellarine Railway on the award winning Q-Train providing unique views of Swan Bay and the Bellarine. Then smell the freshly cut grass and bursting blooms that scent the Melbourne air for the Annual International Flower and Garden Show.

If you have any questions regarding this tour, or any of our other tours, please reach out to our team. We will be delighted to help you in any way.

*Potter Travel Team and
The Deane Family x*

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ 6 nights motel accommodation
- ✓ 6 motel cooked breakfasts
- ✓ 6 motel two course dinners
- ✓ Entry to Werribee Park Mansion
- ✓ Entry and Guided Tour at Werribee Open Range Zoo
- ✓ Entry and morning tea at Tarndwarncoort Homestead
- ✓ Guided tour and lunch at Coragulac House
- ✓ Entry and tour at Barwon Park Mansion
- ✓ Train dining experience (lunch) onboard The Q Train
- ✓ Entry to Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show
- ✓ Entry, talk and morning tea at Living Legends (Woodlands Historic Park)
- ✓ Lunch at Fowles Winery
- ✓ Lunch at Gundagai District Services Club

PICK UP TIMES

7:10 am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
7:30 am Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange
7:50 am West Row Bus Stop, City
8:00 am Riggall Place, Lyneham



Canberra to Shepparton

Day 1 - Monday 24th March 2025 (D)

Welcome to our tour to Melbourne. We meet our friendly crew and fellow travellers and begin our adventure. We have a travel day ahead as we make our way to our overnight destination of **Shepparton**.

Quality Hotel Parklake Shepparton | 03 5821 5822

Lunch at own expense | Dinner at the hotel



Shepparton to Melbourne

Day 2 - Tuesday 25th March 2025 (BD)

This morning, we express to **Werribee** where visit **Werribee Park Mansion** which has long been regarded as Victoria's finest rural homestead. Completed in 1877, it was built in the Italianate style by pioneering pastoralists, the Chirnside brothers from Scotland. Now it's a fabulous Lancemore Hotel. We have time to enjoy the formal gardens of The Mansion including a stroll through the **State Rose Garden**, featuring 4,500 plants from 100 species in the shape of a giant Tudor rose. Next, we embark on an African adventure at **Werribee Open Range Zoo**. We'll board our special safari bus to take a tour amongst the unique savannah where we marvel at rhinos, giraffes and zebras. We will be completely immersed in the sights, smells and sounds as we travel across the zoo's open plains. After our tour we have some free time to enjoy a stroll along the walking tracks to see other animals such as the pride of lions or observe the playful monkeys. At a designated time, we meet the coach for our transfer to our hotel where we check in and freshen up before dinner.

Mercure Caroline Springs | 03 8358 0555

Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at own expense





Grand Old Homesteads

Day 3 - Wednesday 26th March 2025 (BLD)

This morning, we head to **Tarndwarncoort Homestead** – one of Victoria’s oldest surviving homesteads and the continuation of one of Australia’s oldest family sheep farms. Owned and operated by the Dennis family since 1840, it is the birthplace of Australia’s first breed of sheep – Polwarth. It will be an interesting visit with morning tea and a tour of the gardens. From here we have arranged a visit to **Coragulac House**, nestled at the foot of Red Rock scenic lookout. Built in 1873 by pioneering pastoralists, the historic bluestone homestead has been privately owned throughout its history. We’ll enjoy a light lunch and tour of the house, beginning with the six metre cedar panelled Entrance Hall. Lastly, we head straight to Winchelsea and the majestic **Barwon Park Mansion**. Feeling all to inadequate after entertaining the visiting Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, at their more modest single storey homestead, pioneer pastoralist Thomas Austin and wife Elizabeth set to work on building a property far more fitting for a Duke. This resulted in them building the lavish, 42 room bluestone Italianate mansion, Barwon Park. We are given a brief overview of this beautiful home before returning to Melbourne.



Mercure Caroline Springs | 03 8358 0555

Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at Coragulac House

Q Train

Day 4 - Thursday 27th March 2025 (BLD)

We make our way to Drysdale Railway Station to board **The Q Train**. Our incredible train **journey will take us to Queenscliff and back to Drysdale while treating us to an exceptional degustation of fresh local produce**, all cooked and prepared onboard in the well-appointed kitchen car. Every day, the Head Chef and their team carefully choose top quality ingredients from local ethical and sustainable producers. This way the menu always reflects the very best of what the region has to offer. So, expect fresh, delicious and seasonally changing menus. As the train whistle sounds, the journey begins as does our first course. Travelling along the beautiful **Bellarine Railway**, we are offered views of the rolling hills, olive groves and the bay. The Q Train will pause at **Suma Park Historic Homestead**, with a chance to stretch your legs before travelling alongside beautiful **Swan Bay** where our main course will be served. These protected wetlands are abundant with birdlife and provides a lovely backdrop to our meal. Upon return to Drysdale Railway Station, our coach will be waiting for us, and we return to our hotel after a very memorable day.

Mercure Caroline Springs | 03 8358 0555

Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch included





Melbourne Flower Show

Day 5 - Friday 28th March 2025 (BD)

Today is festival day! We head to the **International Flower and Garden Show**. This show is a hallmark event for Victoria and 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 the work of Australia's leading floral designers creating exquisite feature displays. We have plenty of time to spend here today before making a time to meet for our transfer back to our hotel.

Mercure Caroline Springs | 03 8358 0555

Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at own expense



Melbourne to Wangaratta

Day 6 - Saturday 29th March 2025 (BLD)

This morning, we visit **Woodlands Historic Park**, home to Woodlands Homestead and **Living Legends** racehorses. Woodlands Homestead is a unique and treasured heritage building that now houses an extensive art collection, historic artefacts and horse racing memorabilia. Living Legends is home to some of Australia's finest retired champion racehorses including Melbourne Cup winners, Might & Power (1997), Rogan Josh (1999) and Efficient (2007). We travel to the foothills of the stunning Strathbogie Ranges for a fantastic lunch at **Fowles Wine**. Using the finest local produce, we enjoy the incredible views and relaxed atmosphere. This afternoon we continue to **Wangaratta** for our final night on tour together.

Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway | 03 5721 8399

Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at Fowles Wine



Homeward Bound

Day 7 - Sunday 30th March 2025 (BL)

With our bags packed we begin our journey home, travelling through Albury and Holbrook before stopping for our lunch in Gundagai. Our afternoon is spent travelling home, returning from an incredible, unforgettable tour.

Breakfast at the hotel | Lunch at Gundagai District Services Club

Deposit payment is required within 7 days of a written confirmation of your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. Deposit for this tour is **\$400 per person**. Online Direct Debit transactions must include your Booking Reference noted on your Booking Confirmation.

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