



A JOURNEY THROUGH TIMELESS LANDSCAPES AND DREAMTIME STORIES

Welcome to our December Summertime edition of Travel Talk. Thank you all for your positive comments on our new look newsletter and itineraries, we love the new look too!

Our featured tour is an **18 Day Red Centre-Uluru and Kings Canyon Tour**. Spend 2 nights en-route in **Coober Pedy**, stopping at **Woomera**, the testing site of long-range missiles and rockets. 2 nights at **Voyages Sails in the Desert** at **Yulara** where you enjoy the **Sounds of Silence experience** at **Uluru** and stay 2 nights at the magical **Kings Canyon Resort** where you venture to the **Light Towers** in **Kings Canyon**. See page 2 for further details.

The **7 Day Melbourne Flower Show and Q Train Tour** departing on **24 March 2025** was very popular and had filled quickly. We have now **secured additional rooms**, if you are interested, please call the office and secure your booking on this great tour.

Are you interested in visiting the **Cook Islands**? Located in the magical **South Pacific**, halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii, this unspoilt paradise boasts an idyllic climate with pearly beaches, clear lagoons and lush green foliage. We are taking **expressions of interest** and with enough interest we can get started on preparing an itinerary for 2026.

Our office closes over the Christmas and New Year period from Thursday 19 December and will reopen on Monday 6 January 2025. We wish our members a Merry Christmas and safe and Happy New Year.

the Potter Travel Team x

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Event - Morning Tea

Join us for Morning Tea on **Wednesday 22 January 2025** at The Hotel Kurrajong Canberra, 8 National Circuit, Barton.

- RSVP by Mon 6 January by calling 02 6297 8585.
- All gold coins collected on entry will be donated to the Cancer Council.
- Coach transfers available from Woden and Lyneham. Please advise when booking.
- We would like to take this opportunity to run you through some of the latest most exciting tours in the Potter Travel calendar.

EXCEPTIONAL TOURS



5 Night Sensational Singapore - Sunday 11 May 2025

Singapore is a tropical island in Southeast Asia, off the southern tip of the Malay Peninsula. A global metropolis, a City in Nature, a rich tapestry of cultures, Singapore is a city with many facets. Learn about the past, present and future of this modern city with our 6 day tour.

Visit the **National Orchid Garden**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, which is a testament to Singapore's love for flora. Discover over 1,000 species of orchids, including Singapore's national flower, the Vanda Miss Joaquim.

Experience an up-close encounter with orangutans at **The Singapore Zoo** over breakfast. High Tea at **Raffles Hotel** is an experience that blends colonial charm with refined indulgence. Overlooking lush gardens, the high tea service at Raffles is a feast for the senses. Award winning, **Gardens by the Bay**, is a futuristic botanical garden spanning 101 hectares. Return flights from Canberra are with Singapore Airlines. **Option to upgrade to Premium Economy Air on overnight flight.**

\$7225 pp Twin/Double Share - \$8800 Sole Occupancy



18 Day Red Centre, Uluru and Kings Canyon - Friday 1 August 2025

A journey through timeless landscapes and dreamtime stories. Our 18-day coach tour will see native wildlife, ancient Aboriginal culture and the unbelievable changing colours of the outback. Upon arrival in **Uluru**, you enjoy an evening out to **Sunset Strip** for an experience of a lifetime to watch the changing colours of this magnificent sandstone monolith as the sun sets. Uluru puts on a remarkable light show as it changes from red to orange to lilac in a matter of minutes. The next day you experience the first glimpse of the morning and some brilliant photo opportunities at the **Sunrise Viewing Area**. End your day with the **Sounds of Silence experience** starting with canapes and chilled sparkling wine, upon a dune top overlooking the **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park**. As darkness falls, listen to the sound of a didgeridoo and join your table of fellow travellers for an unforgettable dining experience of a bush tucker inspired buffet incorporating native ingredients.



Let the resident star gazer show you the Southern Cross, the signs of the zodiac, the Milky Way, as well as planets and galaxies that are visible due to the exceptional clarity of the atmosphere.

Kings Canyon, featuring 100 metre high sandstone walls, palm filled crevices and views that stretch across the desert. Spend time at **Kings Creek Station** before enjoying the gentle **Kings Creek Walk** that follows a trail between the two **soaring canyon walls**. In the evening you venture to the **Light Towers**, an immersive sound and light installation by acclaimed British artist **Bruce Munro**. Wander through the 69 two metre towers made up of 216 glass bottles per tower that change colour in response to an enchanting soundscape by **composer Orlando Gough**, taking you on a captivating and immersive auditory and visual journey.

\$12,220 pp Twin/Double Share - \$14,770 Sole Occupancy

DAY TOURS



Charlotte Pass

Thursday 30 January 2025

Named after Charlotte Adams, the first woman to climb **Mt Kosciuszko**, is **Charlotte Pass Village**. Spend a day in the **Kosciuszko National Park** with a visit to the **Snowy Region Visitor Centre** in Jindabyne our first stop. Enjoy lunch at the **Stillwell Hotel**. We visit **Gaden Trout Hatchery** this afternoon on our way home.

\$170 pp Members
\$190 pp Non Members



Luncheon At the Trots

Tuesday 18 February 2025

Today we travel to **Menangle Park** where we enjoy lunch at the **Miracle Mile Restaurant** and a guided tour of the **Harness Racing Museum**. With a racebook in hand and exclusive facilities for those over 55 that enjoy a punt, an exciting day will be had!

\$220 pp Members
\$240 pp Non Members



Delicious Delights

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Cooma Cottage, situated in Yass, was home to famous explorer **Hamilton Hume**. Enjoy morning tea here as we soak up the stories of pioneering life with views of paddocks across the Valley. We then travel to **Murrumbateman** to enjoy lunch at **Four Winds Vineyard** then a delightful afternoon tea is at the **Murrumbateman Chocolate Co**.

\$165 pp Members
\$185 pp Non Members



MJ the Musical

Wednesday 12 March 2025

Michael Jackson is one of the greatest entertainers of all time. With a rare look into the creative mind and spirit that catapulted Michael into legendary status. **MJ the Musical**, a Tony Award®-winning production that centres around the making of his **1992 Dangerous World Tour**. This musical goes beyond the moves and signature sound of the star.

\$265 pp Members
\$285 pp Non Members



Legends of Ireland

Sunday 16 March 2025

We travel to Mittagong where **Celtic Beat** take you on a journey to the homeland of Ireland where **Irish eyes are smiling**. Featuring music from The Corrs, Foster & Allen, The Furey's, U2 and more. Covering 100 years of Irish music and humour with performers **Peter Byrne** and **Eileen McCann** and a **five-piece band**. **Happy St. Patricks Day!**

\$235 pp Members
\$255 pp Non Members



Heritage Rail Experience

Saturday 22 March 2025

Attention all you train buffs! Enjoy a Saturday drive as we travel to **Thirlmere** where we enjoy morning tea on arrival at the **NSW Rail Museum**. All aboard for a **40 minute steam train ride**. We enjoy lunch at at the Rail Museum with free time before returning home after an enjoyable day out.

\$245 pp Members
\$265 pp Non Members

DAY TOURS



Bundanoon is Brigadoon Saturday 5 April 2025

Join us for this annual event in the **Southern Highlands** that has evolved from its 1978 origins into a cornerstone tradition. **Bundanoon is Brigadoon** continues to flourish. Events during the day include Heavy Weight Distance Stone Putt & Hammer Throw, **Scottish Highland Dancing** and many pipe bands perform throughout the day.

\$155 pp Members
\$175 pp Non Members



Annie the Musical Wednesday 9 April 2025 Wednesday 21 May 2025 Wednesday 11 June 2025

The beloved tale of **Annie** has been capturing the hearts of theatregoers for generations. It's one of the most awarded musicals of all time. With its iconic score, featuring classics like **'It's the Hard-Knock Life'**, **'Tomorrow'** and **'Easy Street'**, Annie is truly a timeless masterpiece.

\$210 pp Members
\$230 pp Non Members



Falling Leaf Festival Saturday 26 April 2025

The Falling Leaf Festival is a celebration of everything **Tumut and surrounds** has to offer at this magical time of year. Delicious food and drinks, **market stalls**, live theatre, **roving entertainment** and much more; the Festival is the perfect way to celebrate Autumn in the foothills of the **Snowy Mountains**.

\$150 pp Members
\$170 pp Non Members



Mothers Day High Tea Thursday 8 May 2025



Celebrating all Mums, Mimi's & Gma's! Enjoy a **Traditional High Tea** followed by a stroll through the main street for some **Boutique Shopping** in the picturesque town of **Picton**. Includes Sandwiches, Hot Canapes, Macaroons & Tarts, Scones with Jam & Cream, Bottomless Tea Pots and Barista made Coffee.

\$225 pp Members
\$245 pp Non Members



Torvill & Dean: Last Dance Tour Sunday 22 June 2025

After three decades, legends of the ice, **Torvill & Dean** are set to make their long-awaited return to Australia for a **final farewell tour**. Don't miss the **world's most famous skating superstars** in action - 50 years since they formed their incredible skating partnership. This Arena Spectacular is at **Qudos Bank Arena**, Sydney Olympic Park.

\$490 per person



Book of Mormon Sunday 27 July 2025

The New York Times calls it **'the best musical of this century.'** This outrageous musical comedy follows the misadventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent on a mission to a place that's about as far from Salt Lake City as you can get - **The Book of Mormon** has truly become an international sensation.

\$350 pp Members
\$370 pp Non Members

EXTENDED TOURS



5 Days

Christmas in the Victorian High Country Sunday 22 December 2024

Spend 5 days over Christmas in **Wangaratta** where city sophistication meets good old country hospitality. Enjoy local produce, beautiful scenery and explore quaint towns, with many silo's to spot along the way! Join us for a relaxing Christmas break.

\$1895 pp Twin/Double Share
\$2350 Sole Occupancy



5 Days

Bookings Closing Soon

Elvis Festival Wednesday 8 January 2025

Dust off your blue suede shoes and get ready to 'Rock n Roll' - Join us for our tour to the 32nd **Elvis Festival**, with more than 200 events across five fabulous fun filled days. Also visit **Orange Mountain Wines** and the **Henry Parkes Centre** on this fabulous 5 day tour.

\$1750 pp Twin/Double Share
\$2270 Sole Occupancy



3 Days

Shoalhaven Getaway Tuesday 4 February 2025

Escape the Canberra heatwave and enjoy a **coastal breeze**, on a short 3 day getaway to relax and unwind with aquamarine waters as we visit enchanting towns of **Berry** and **Kiama**. All meals are included in this tour. Staying 2 nights at the Springs Shoalhaven, Nowra.

\$1260 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1470 Sole Occupancy



8 Days

Great Ocean Road Monday 10 February 2025

Tick the **Great Ocean Road** off your bucket list as we travel along the rugged Southern Ocean and **Shipwreck Coast**. This 8 day tour is one of the best drives in Australia as you traverse the seaside cliffs and meander through the rainforest into beautiful seaside towns.

\$2795 pp Twin/Double Share
\$3445 Sole Occupancy



3 Days

Zig Zag Railway Thursday 27 February 2025

This 3 day tour where you soak up heritage and scenery of Australia's historic rail adventure. Experience the magic of the steam train and the beautiful **Blue Mountains**. Enjoy a relaxing ride on the nostalgic and **impressive steam locomotive** as it hauls you over the **Great Lithgow Zig Zag**.

\$1290 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1490 Sole Occupancy



8 Days

Norfolk Island Wednesday 5 March 2025

8 Days in paradise with wandering cows and plenty of history and culture at every turn. This March departure date is fully booked. We are in the process of confirming an October 2025 date. If you are interested in travelling to **Norfolk Island in October 2025**, please call the office and put your name on the Expression of Interest list.

EXTENDED TOURS



Riverboat Postman
Monday 10 March 2025

Cruise the **Hawkesbury River** aboard the last **Riverboat Postman**. View the magnificent scenery as we deliver mail to the isolated settlements dotted along the waterways. On this 3 day tour be captivated by anecdotes of river life and experience, a tradition that still continues to this day and beyond.

\$1220 pp Twin/Double Share
 \$1426 Sole Occupancy



3 Day Mystery Tour
Tuesday 1 April 2025

It's no April Fool's joke that we embark on this 3 day **mystery tour** on April Fools Day. Adventure will be in abundance as you don't know where you are going until you get there! Your crew are under strict instructions not to tell you where you are going but will they?

\$1375 pp Twin/Double Share
 \$1575 Sole Occupancy



Guys & Dolls
Saturday 5 April 2025

There is nowhere better to experience this tale of romance and comedic mayhem, than **Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour**. Enjoy a delightful **High Tea at Vacluse House** and a visit of **Me Mel Island (Goat Island)** where you walk in the footsteps of Australia's early convicts. Don't miss out on this 2 day tour.

\$1650 pp Twin/Double Share
 \$1810 Sole Occupancy



Lord Howe Island
Tuesday 8 April 2025

Leave the pace and technology of modern life behind for 7 days while you immerse yourself in the spectacular surrounds of UNESCO World Heritage listed **Lord Howe Island**. Virtually untouched, discover this island paradise with incredible wildlife and beautiful landscapes.

\$5795 pp Double \$5999 pp Twin
 \$6795 Sole Occupancy



Griffith Easter Tour
Friday 18 April 2025

Join the celebrations of the **Griffith Easter Party!** This annual event brings entertainment, activities, wine and food. Step back in time to enjoy steam engines, farm machinery and vintage cars. Visits include **De Bortoli Wines, Rosewood Park Garden** and **Junee Roundhouse Railway Museum**.

\$1990 pp Twin/Double Share
 \$2290 Sole Occupancy



Australian Celtic Festival
Wednesday 30 April 2025

Join us in **Glen Innes** as we celebrate the **Australian Celtic Festival**. This annual festival is a colourful celebration of all things Celtic and attracts clans, cultural groups, dancers and performers from **all around the world**. In this its 33rd year, they highlight nations of Brittany, Cornwall and Wales.

\$2945 pp Twin/Double Share
 \$3510 Sole Occupancy

EXTENDED TOURS



7 Days

Broken Hill Tour Monday 19 May 2025

Join us for 7 days as we uncover stories of resilience, dedication and artistic brilliance that have shaped Broken Hill's identity. Visit **Silver City Mint and Art Centre**, where a masterpiece awaits you. Pay homage to the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**, a vital lifeline for those residing in the bush. View the magnificent **Living Desert Sculptures**, a once in a lifetime experience.

\$2895 pp Twin/Double Share
\$3385 Sole Occupancy



3 Days

Vivid Sydney Lights Tuesday 3 June 2025

See Sydney in a new light over 2 nights. Celebrate the inspiring works of light, artists and brilliant minds. Discover the illuminating installations and 3D projections that transform Sydney's architecture. Enjoy a delicious **dinner and fabulous cruise on Sydney Harbour** during sunset and beyond, when the lights illuminate the harbour.

\$1395 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1715 Sole Occupancy

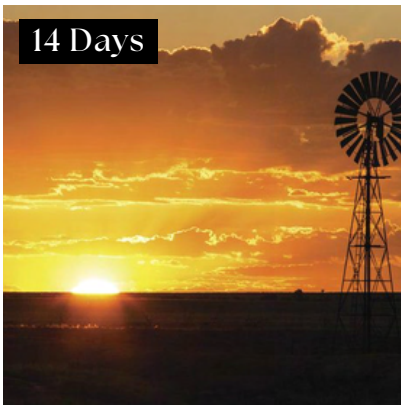


9 Days

Sunshine Coast Tuesday 17 June 2025

Experience the diversity and natural beauty of the Sunshine Coast as pristine beaches sit alongside lush subtropical rainforest. Spend 9 days away, finding hidden market treasures, cruise the iconic **Noosa Everglades** and ride the historic **Gympie Railway** and visit the famous **Eumundi Markets**.

\$4695 pp Twin/Double Share
\$5485 Sole Occupancy



14 Days

Outback Queensland Tuesday 8 July 2025

Be mesmerised by the endless landscapes that trace along the outback horizon as we journey into the **Queensland Outback**. Spend 14 days uncovering strong pioneering history, fossil rich lands and the industrious communities of the remarkable outback! Call the office for a detailed itinerary.

\$7975 pp Twin/Double Share
\$9230 Sole Occupancy



7 Days

Capricorn Coast Friday 25 July 2025

Base yourself in **Rockhampton** for 6 nights, with historic streetscapes, a booming beef industry and extraordinary nature. Spend your days exploring laid back towns, preserved heritage and marvel at the incredible underwater playground of **Great Keppel Island**.

\$5960 pp Twin/Double Share
\$6590 Sole Occupancy



3 Days

3 Days / 2 Musicals / 1 City ... Wednesday 20 August 2025

Grab your girlfriends for a wonderful 2 nights in Sydney - Enjoy a Matinee show, **MJ The Musical** and the next day a **Sydney Harbour Cruise** and **Book of Mormon** evening performance. Enjoy lunch on the last day at **Gledswood Homestead and Winery**.

\$1820 pp Twin/Double Share
\$2230 Sole Occupancy

EXTENDED TOURS



8 Day Kangaroo Island & Adelaide Tour

Saturday 13 September 2025

Create lasting memories of extraordinary wildlife encounters and natural experiences that will be cherished for a lifetime. Travel by coach to Echuca and Berri before staying 3 nights on **Kangaroo Island**, home to native wildlife like **sea lions, koalas** and diverse **bird species**. **Flinders Chase National Park** boasts stunning coastal vistas including the inspiring **Admirals Arch** and where you can observe a colony of **New Zealand Fur Seals** in their natural habitat. Visit the **Adelaide Botanical Gardens** and **Haigh's Chocolate Factory** before your flight home.

This tour can be combined with the Flinders Ranges & Lake Eyre Tour below

\$5545 pp Twin/Double Share

\$6335 Sole Occupancy



11 Day Flinders Ranges & Lake Eyre Tour

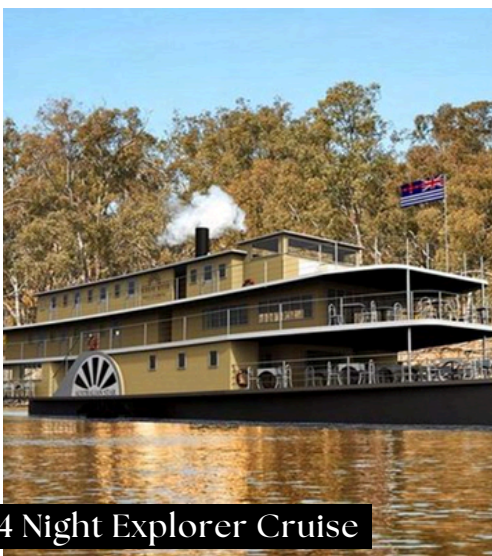
Monday 22 September 2025

Embark on an unforgettable trip to the **South Australian Outback**. Discover the **Flinders Ranges** known for some of the most dramatic and beautiful **landscapes** in the country and historic **Marree**, also known as the gateway to **spectacular Lake Eyre**. Fly from Canberra to Adelaide with 2 nights at **Wilpena Pound**. Included is an **incredible scenic flight** to look at the spectacular **Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre** and view the **Marree Man**. Stay 2 nights at the **Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary**, with its geological history reaching back two-billion years showing its towering **granite peaks** and magnificent **gorges**. Coach home via Port Augusta, Mildura and Griffith.

This tour can be combined with the Kangaroo Island & Adelaide Tour above

\$7895 pp Twin/Double Share

\$8945 Sole Occupancy



4 Night Explorer Cruise

7 Days PS Australian Star on the Murray River

Sunday 28 September 2025

Set sail on **Australia's first luxury paddlesteamer**, the **PS Australian Star**. The only **wood-fired, five-star, accommodated paddlesteamer in the world**, launching in mid-2025, locally built in Mildura. Cruise the Victorian waters of the **mighty Murray River** and embark on a captivating **4 night adventure**, a voyage designed to unlock the secrets of Australia's **picturesque waterways**. Step into a world of **refined elegance** as you board the Australian Star. Indulge in the comfort of thoughtfully appointed cabins ensuring a peaceful retreat after each day's exploration. Savour a culinary odyssey with exquisite meals that showcase the diversity of local flavours. This itinerary is crafted to provide a perfect balance of relaxation and discovery. Nights in Albury and Leeton pre and post cruise included.

\$7575 pp Twin/Double Share

\$10,680 Sole Occupancy

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