





PAINTED SILOS & GRAMPIANS

TUESDAY 4 - TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2025

 8 Days

 Victoria

Last date to book
01/09/2025



\$3990 pp Twin/Double
\$4580 Sole Occupancy

Brushstrokes & Bushland: The Grampians and Silo Trail

Explore the natural beauty, majestic waterfalls and awe-inspiring panoramas of the **Grampians National Park**, discover homesteads with fascinating stories and stunning gardens, marvel at the imagination and audacity of the **Silo Art Trail**. Our touring continues with the state-of-the-art **Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre** which showcases the world's most extensive and oldest aquaculture system. Join us on a remarkable tour to Western Victoria.

PICK UP TIMES

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

INCLUSIONS

- 7 nights motel accommodation
- 7 motel cooked breakfasts
- 7 motel two course dinners
- 8 included lunches
- Melbourne Cup Luncheon
- Entry and lunch at Woods Farming & Heritage Museum
- Entry to The Stick Shed
- Entry, guided tour and morning tea at J Ward Museum
- Entry to Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre
- Lunch at Ararat RSL Club
- Entry and guided tour at Stawell Gift Hall of Fame
- Lunch at The Wander Inn
- Entry, guided tour and lunch at Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre
- Entry to Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum
- Entry, history tour and lunch at The Convent Gallery
- Entry, talk and morning tea at National Museum of Australian Pottery
- Lunch at Gundagai District Services Club

TOUR OVERVIEW

CANBERRA - ALBURY

Day 1 - (LD) - Tuesday 4th November 2025



Welcome to our 8-day tour of Victoria uncovering incredible silo art, The Grampians and local attractions. We have a travel day ahead, so sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery. We stop along the way in the picturesque town of Jugiong for Morning tea. We continue to Albury, where a special Melbourne Cup luncheon has been arranged for you to sit back and enjoy the buzz of the race that stops the nation before heading to our first night's accommodation nearby.

Quality Resort Siesta, Albury | 1 Night

ALBURY - HORSHAM

Day 2 - (BLD) - Wednesday 5th November 2025



Silos are drawing crowds to small country towns in Victoria, so today we are off to do some silo spotting of our own on the North East Art Trail. **The GrainCorp Silos art project at Katamatite**, painted by Tim Bowtell in July 2023, holds significant importance to the Lions Club and the entire community. The left silo portrays indigenous figures camped along the Boosey Creek, and a Scar Tree runs down the centre, connecting the two silos. The design also features local plants and rare wildflowers. The top right showcases the first passenger train engine that serviced Katamatite in its early settlement days. The bottom of both silos features a depiction of horses pulling a scoop to create irrigation channels, which played a crucial role in opening up the region to farming. We continue to the small town of **Tungamah**, where the silo features much loved Australian wildlife including the iconic Kookaburra, pink and grey Galah and sulphur crested Cockatoo. Not far from here is our next silo, **St James**. Artist Tim Bowtell, depicts a mural of St George Coles, the founder of Coles supermarkets who was a local to the St James township. In **Devenish**, see Cam Scale's artwork representing the changing role of women in the military – a First World War nurse and a modern-day combat medic. We enjoy lunch in **Goorambat** before visiting our last silo a Barking Owl, which is critically endangered. Here we also visit 'Sophia' representing the female aspect of the Holy Trinity on the wall inside the Uniting Church. From here our afternoon drive takes us to Bendigo for our overnight stay.

Quality Lakeside Hotel, Bendigo | 1 Night

BENDIGO TO HORSHAM

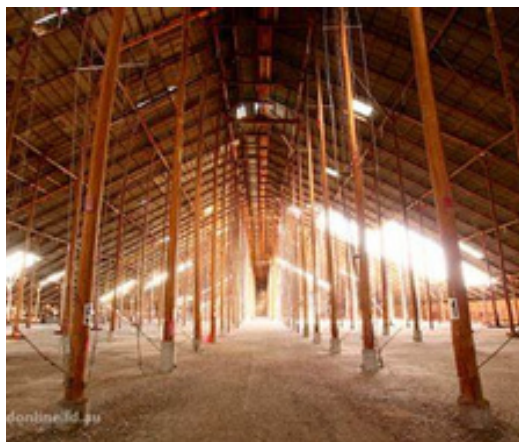
Day 3 - (BLD) - Thursday 6th November 2025



Today we embark on part of Australia's largest outdoor gallery, the Wimmera Mallee Silo Art Trail where we'll be amazed by a series of large-scale mural portraits painted onto Silos. Our first silo today in **Sheep Hills** was painted by Melbourne based artist Matt Adnate. The indigenous themed mural represents the passing of knowledge from generation to generation.

BENDIGO TO HORSHAM Continued

Day 3 - (BLD) - Thursday 6th November 2025



We travel to **Rupanyup** where the artwork, created by SMUG, depicts the surrounding farmland landscape, featuring elements of agriculture, bird life and the future. This is the second mural to be painted on this silo. The original artwork, painted by Julia Volchkova was first displayed in 2017 but faded after years of exposure to the elements and a new mural was re-commissioned, which we see here today. We step away from the silos and into some local history as we visit **Woods Farming and Heritage Museum**. So much more than tractors, there is an extensive collection of farm equipment, tools and household items that will take us back in time. After lunch here we travel to **Murtoa** for a fascinating visit to **The Stick Shed**. It is the only remaining emergency grain store built during World War Two and is an enduring testament to Australian bush ingenuity and a symbol of the growth and strength of the Australian wheat industry. Here we also see another one of SMUG's creations at the **Murtoa Silo** before travelling to **Horsham**. Unpack and relax as this will be our home for the next three nights. *Best Westlander Motor Inn, Horsham | 3 Nights*



ARARAT & STAWELL

Day 4 - (BLD) Friday 7 November 2025



This morning we visit the **Horsham Silo Art**, sharing the story of Yanggendyinanyuk, a key Wimmera figure. Then it's on to **Ararat**, the only Australian town founded by Chinese miners, where we tour the eerie **J Ward** and hear tales from its time as a gaol and asylum. We also explore the **Gum San Heritage Centre**, highlighting the struggles of Chinese miners on their journey to the goldfields. After lunch we drive to Stawell. The history and romance of the **Stawell Gift** is entrenched in Australian folklore. The Gift is Australia's oldest and richest short distance stunning race, ensuring its status as an icon of Australian Sport. We are not able to be part of the actual race today but will experience the atmosphere on our visit to the Stawell Gift Hall of Fame. After an interesting day we return to Horsham.



GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK

Day 5 - (BLD) - Saturday 8 November 2025

This morning, we explore **The Grampians National Park**. Witness some of the best lookouts such as **Boroka Lookout** and **Reeds Lookout** – both with sensational views. Next, visit **Mackenzie Falls**, the most iconic and spectacular waterfall in the National Park. See the beauty and power of the Falls from a variety of lookouts and walks that cater to a range of abilities. Enjoy your packed lunch before returning to Horsham.

TOUR OVERVIEW



HORSHAM TO HAMILTON

Day 6 - (BLD) - Sunday 9th November 2025

We farewell our wonderful Horsham hosts and journey south to **Budj Bim**. There we find the **Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre**, a state-of-the-art facility designed to showcase one of the world's most extensive and oldest aquaculture systems. Here we take a guided tour of the surrounding wetlands, look at the kooyang (eel) holding tank including an overview of their habitat and lifecycle and hear how the local Gunditjmara people have sustained life here for tens of thousands of years. Heading to nearby **Hamilton**, we visit the **Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum** which tells the story of a very determined Reginald Ansett who built his empire from a passenger service between Hamilton and Ballarat (road) and Hamilton and Melbourne (air) in the 1930s. We then check into our accommodation and enjoy dinner in the onsite restaurant

Comfort Inn Botanical, Hamilton | 1 Night

HAMILTON TO WANGARATTA

Day 7 - (BLD) - Monday 10 November 2025

Travelling through **Daylesford** we stop to explore the beautifully manicured gardens and take in the magnificent trees of **Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens**. Nestled on the crest of the gardens is The Convent Gallery, boasting views of the countryside and township below. This historic country boarding school for girls has now transformed into a haven for art, history and culture. The gallery beckons with its gallery spaces, museum and chapel, all enveloped by meticulously groomed gardens. After lunch we continue through Seymour and Benalla before stopping in **Wangaratta** for our final night on tour together.

Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway - 1 Night

HOMEWARD BOUND

Day 8 - (BL) - Tuesday 11 November 2025

With our bags packed full of memories we begin our journey home. Travelling through to **Holbrook** we stop at the **National Museum of Australian Pottery**. Representing the struggle, courage and determination of the earlier potters, we'll be inspired by the collection of elegantly decorated water jugs, beautiful plates and colourful cheese covers. View the rare examples made by convict, Jonathon Leak, whose few surviving pieces are the earliest pottery produced in Australia. After morning tea and some time to wander the displays, we continue to **Gundagai** where we stop for **lunch at the local club**. The remainder of the afternoon is spent on the coach as we arrive home from a fantastic tour late afternoon.

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