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# Celebrate Christmas 2025 with Potter Travel on our Magical Melbourne Christmas Tour

Celebrate Christmas in style with Potter Travel on this delightful five-day escape, staying four nights at the elegant Crowne Plaza Melbourne. Enjoy a relaxed and festive itinerary that combines regional charm with Melbourne's cultural highlights.

Explore the beautiful Macedon Ranges, with visits to the enchanting Overwrought Garden & Gallery, the picturesque Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm, and the iconic Hanging Rock. In the heart of Melbourne, discover the treasures of the National Gallery of Victoria, stroll through the Melbourne Museum, and unwind on a scenic Yarra River Cruise.

Christmas Day is a true highlight – begin with a peaceful visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens, followed by a leisurely beachside drive through St Kilda and Brighton. Then, sit back and enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch shared with fellow travellers in a warm and festive setting.

Let Potter Travel take care of the details while you make wonderful holiday memories.

### **INCLUSIONS**

- Luxury Coach Travel
- 4 nights' hotel accommodation
- 4 hotel-cooked breakfasts
- 4 hotel two-course dinners
- 3 included lunches see below
- Lunch and tasting at Distilling Co in Corowa
- Guided tour of gallery and workshop, including morning tea at Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery
- Visit to Lavandula Lavender Farm
- Visit to Hanging Rock Discovery Centre
- Visit to the National Gallery of Victoria
- · Visit to Melbourne Museum
- Yarra River Cruise Parks and Gardens with Melbourne River Cruises
- Visit to Royal Botanic Gardens
- Visit to St Kilda
- Visit to Brighton
- Christmas buffet lunch at Crowne Plaza Melbourne
- Lunch at Soden's Hotel



## TOUR OVERVIEW

### CANBERRA TO MELBOURNE

Day 1 - Monday 22 December 2025 (LD)

#### Welcome to Our Melbourne Christmas Tour!

Sit back, relax, and enjoy the start of your festive getaway as we journey towards vibrant Melbourne. Along the way, we'll stop at the historic **Corowa Distilling Co.**, set inside a beautifully restored 1920s **Flour Mill**. Enjoy a delicious lunch and sample locally crafted whisky in a warm and welcoming atmosphere. After our visit, we continue on to Melbourne, where we'll settle in for four comfortable nights at the stylish Crowne Plaza — perfectly located for exploring all the city has to offer.

Crowne Plaza Melbourne | 4 Nights



Day 2 - Tuesday 23 December 2025 (BD)



Today we take a sightseeing drive to **Daylesford**, a former goldmining town in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. Here, we visit Overwrought Garden and Gallery, where we are welcomed by a staff member who will guide us through the process of artist David Dawson and his team as they transform raw Australian steel into stunning, rustic art pieces. See inside the workshops and packing shed, watch the welders transform designs, and learn about the site's history. Walk around the lovely gardens. Our next visit is to the beautiful Lavandula Farm. Although the lavender is not in peak season yet, this historic farm is a lovely place to visit, and the farm shop offers a range of handmade aromatherapy products for purchase. From here we continue through to the Macedon Ranges and its most famous landmark, Hanging Rock. Mount Diogenes, as it is known, is a rare volcanic formation and one of the best examples of a volcanic plug or mamelon in the world. We visit the Hanging Rock Discovery Centre, where the hands-on interpretive displays will help you discover the history and geology of the Rock.





Today we discover more of Melbourne with a visit to the **National Gallery of Victoria**. Home to a diverse range of international and local artists and exhibitions, it boasts the most significant art collection in the region, comprising over 70,000 works that span thousands of years and encompass a wealth of ideas, disciplines, and styles. Next, we visit the **Melbourne Museum**, where we'll be given a rich and surprising insight into life in Victoria. Showcasing intriguing permanent collections and brilliant temporary exhibitions, we'll gain insight into the natural environment, culture, and history through different perspectives. We have lunch in the onsite restaurant before enjoying a relaxing **cruise along the Yarra River**. Within moments of departing, we are cruising through Melbourne's picturesque gardens, parklands and some of our famous sporting arenas.



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# MERRY CHRISTMAS

Day 4 - Thursday 25 December 2025 (BLS)



Merry Christmas! We have the perfect start to the joys of Christmas Day with a leisurely breakfast, followed by a morning of sightseeing. We travel to the picturesque **Royal Botanic Gardens** for a self-guided tour. The impressive gardens feature an amazing and diverse plant collection including camellias, rainforest flora, succulents and roses. Next, we head to **St Kilda**, a trendy seaside suburb, renowned for its unique atmosphere and diversity. We have free time here to stroll the beach or wander the historic pier. Our touring continues at **Brighton**, where the 82 distinctive bathing boxes are a focal point of the beach. Built well over a century ago, the bathing boxes remain almost unchanged. Despite the artistic and colourful display, they all retain classic Victorian architectural features, such as timber framing, weatherboards, and corrugated iron.

We return to Melbourne to enjoy our traditional festive lunch. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure.



### HOMEWARD BOUND

Day 5 - Friday 26 December 2025 (BL)

Our fabulous Christmas tour has come to an end. We stop to stretch our legs and enjoy our lunch at Soden's Hotel before arriving home with wonderful memories of our time in Melbourne.

### **PICK UP TIMES**

7:10 am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan7:30 am Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange7:50 am Canberra Theatre Bus Stop8:00am Riggall Place, Lyneham





## BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS

A 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. The deposit for this tour is \$500 per person. Online Direct Debit transactions must include your **Booking Reference** noted on your **Booking Confirmation**.

Final payment is due by Thursday 23 October 2025. Online Direct Debit transactions must include your **Booking Reference** noted on your **Booking Confirmation**.

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- 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.
- 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
- A fee not greater than 5% of the booking value to compensate us for processing the cancellation and any associated refund.
- Cancellations received within 30 days of departure are 100% non-refundable.

Cancellation fees and charges will not exceed the 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 recovered the amounts from the third parties. We will make reasonable efforts to recover third-party payments; however, we make no guarantee that we will be able to recover them.

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Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

Not Included:

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