

Travelrite International invite you to join them on the 2025

# RAIL & COACH

— EXPLORATION OF —

# VICTORIA

16 to 28 May 2025

**Featuring two nights on the  
Grainlander steam train**

Visiting Melbourne, the Mallee  
region by steam train, Walhalla,  
Yarra Valley, Daylesford,  
Castlemaine, Maldon, Bendigo,  
Bright, Seymour, Puffing Billy

Includes  
over **\$2,000**  
per person value  
in rail journeys,  
sightseeing tours  
and entrances!



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### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Visit Victoria's High Country around Bright, Beechworth and Myrtleford
- Spend 2 nights on The Grainlander steam train to explore silo art
- Dine at De Bortoli Winery and ride the chartered Yarra Valley Railway
- Enjoy a workshop tour and dinner in a heritage rail carriage in Seymour
- Ride the historic Walhalla Goldfields Railway
- Travel through Daylesford's Spa Country on a diesel railcar

Embark on an unforgettable 13-day heritage rail tour of Victoria, where scenic landscapes and rich cultural experiences await. Start by travelling on the historic steam train, The Grainlander to the Mallee region to see spectacular silo art. We then return to Melbourne to enjoy a sumptuous lunch on the Q Train on the Bellarine Railway, before sampling fine food and wine in the Yarra Valley. More steam awaits on the Goldfields Railway from Castlemaine to Maldon, before experiencing a Vintage Talking Tram ride in Bendigo, autumn colours in the picturesque Bright and a ride on the legendary Puffing Billy. With guided excursions that tap into the state's natural wonders, this railway tour offers the perfect mix of adventure and relaxation.

### YOUR ITINERARY

#### DAY 1 Friday 16 May 2025

##### Melbourne – The Grainlander steam train

At 4pm, meet at the Savoy Hotel, Melbourne for a welcome meeting and dinner before boarding the 1960's era carriages on the Grainlander, a magnificently hauled historic steam locomotive. On board, enjoy welcome drinks in the Club Lounge to meet your fellow travellers and sit back and relax. \*Please note large suitcases can be stored at the Savoy Hotel from 10am and there's an optional tour available to the Newport Railway Workshops at 1pm. *Overnight:* The Grainlander steam train (D)

#### DAY 2 Saturday 17 May 2025

##### The Grainlander

Enjoy breakfast on board as your train pulls into Wycheproof in the heart of the Mallee region and travel onto Sea Lake – the end of the line. Enjoy viewing your first silo artwork at Sea Lake before driving to Lake Tyrrell – Victoria's Inland

Sea. Enjoy lunch on board the train and travel to Nullawil to see artist Sam Bates' work depicting the Kelpie sheep-dog Jimmy on a grain silo, before venturing to Roseberry, Brim and Sheep Hills to view yet more impressive silo art. Enjoy a delicious dinner at the Donald Hotel and return to the train for a restful sleep as the train remains stabled in Wycheproof. *Overnight:* The Grainlander steam train (B,L,D)

#### DAY 3 Sunday 18 May 2025

##### The Grainlander – Melbourne

Awake to a beautiful sunrise and enjoy breakfast in the dining car. Settle into a relaxing day of slow rail travel as the Mallee melts into the Ironbark Forest and undulating countryside of the Goldfields region. The Grainlander makes a short stop at the historic station in Maryborough to service the locomotive where you can get off and stretch your legs. Continue to Southern Cross Station, Melbourne where our train will arrive and terminate at 6pm. Transfer to the nearby Savoy Hotel for check

in before an evening at leisure. *Overnight:* Melbourne (B,L)

#### DAY 4 Monday 19 May 2025

##### Q Train – Melbourne

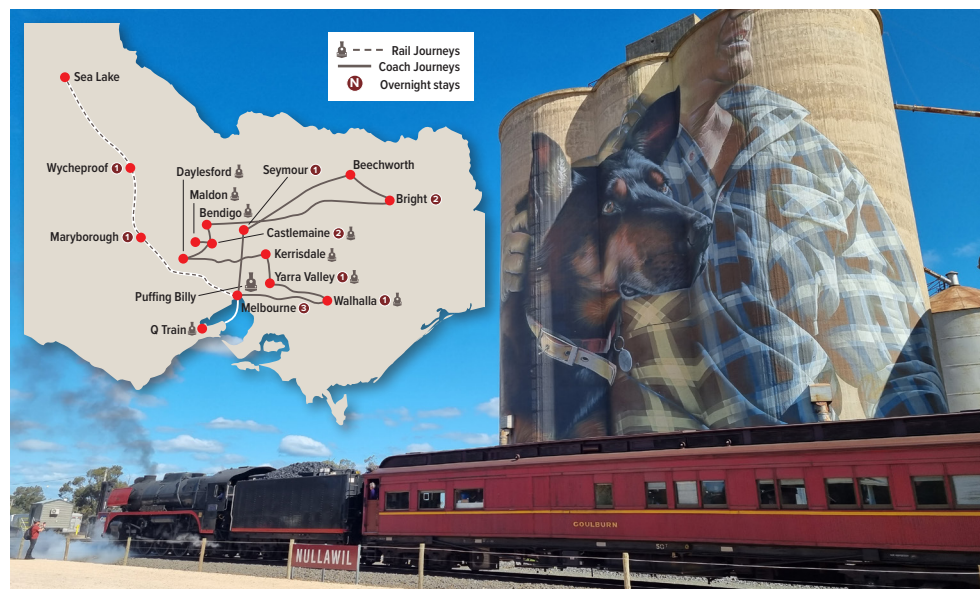
This morning, we take the ferry from Docklands across Port Phillip Bay to Portarlington before transferring to Drysdale for a ride on the Q Train – Australia's most exclusive rail-restaurant and an elegant throwback to the golden era of nostalgic train travel. Ride in lovingly restored carriages along the historic Bellarine Railway, while being treated to some of the region's best produce, wine, beer and cider at lunch. Return by ferry to Melbourne where the rest of your evening is free. *Overnight:* Melbourne (B,L)



#### DAY 5 Tuesday 20 May 2025

##### Walhalla

This morning, you'll board your coach and travel through scenic countryside to the sleepy town of Walhalla. Upon arrival, you'll enjoy lunch on the platform at the Walhalla Train Station before enjoying a ride on the privately chartered Walhalla Goldfields Railway. Return to the town to wander the historical heart of town. Enjoy dinner at your hotel in the company of their engaging owner and your group. *Overnight:* Walhalla (B,L,D)





## **DAY 6 Wednesday 21 May 2025**

### **Yarra Valley**

After breakfast, travel by coach through the scenic Yarra Valley to the award winning De Bortoli Wines Cellar Door and Restaurant for lunch and wine tasting. Travel to Healesville and board the privately chartered Yarra Valley Railway for a ride on a 1940s Walker Rail Motor. Travel through the countryside, returning to the heritage listed Healesville station for a railway workshop tour. Travel onto your winery hotel where the rest of your evening is free.

*Overnight:* Yarra Valley (B,L)



## **DAY 7 Thursday 22 May 2025**

### **Kerrisdale – Daylesford – Castlemaine**

This morning, we transfer by coach to the Kerrisdale Mountain Railway for a workshop tour with their wonderfully eccentric hosts followed by a ride on their narrow-gauge railway with fine views of the Goulburn Valley. Stop at Kilmore where you can enjoy lunch, and travel to the trendy town of Daylesford to ride on the privately chartered 1920s Diesel Electric Rail Motor. Explore Daylesford, before transferring to bustling Castlemaine, known for its arts scene, gold rush history, and fine food and wine. Check into your hotel and enjoy free time for dinner. *Overnight:* Castlemaine (B)



## **DAY 8 Friday 23 May 2025**

### **Maldon – Castlemaine**

This morning, explore Castlemaine before taking a ride on the Victorian Goldfields Railway to Maldon. On board, step back in time to an era of first-class elegance and decadence, enjoy the scenery from the heritage parlour car viewing platform, or perhaps purchase a drink from the bar. Enjoy free time for lunch in Maldon, notable for its 19th-century appearance, maintained since gold-rush days before returning on the railway to Castlemaine. Upon arrival, there's free time for dinner around the Theatre Royal or The Mill – a lively artisan precinct home to arty restaurants, breweries and wineries. *Overnight:* Castlemaine (B)

## **DAY 9 Saturday 24 May 2025**

### **Bendigo – Bright**

This morning, travel by coach to Bendigo and step aboard a Vintage Talking Tram and see the craftsmanship that has gone into restoring each vehicle, appreciating why Bendigo's trams are such an integral part of the city's identity. Explore the city, visiting the Central Deborah Goldmine and wander the historical centre.



There's free time to enjoy lunch at the 19th century Shamrock Hotel before transferring by coach to Bright. In May, Bright is renowned for its magnificent autumn display where large deciduous oaks, elms and poplars paint the town in shades of crimson and bright yellow.

*Overnight:* Bright (B)

## **DAY 10 Sunday 25 May 2025**

### **Myrtleford – Beechworth – Bright**

This morning, you'll tour the former Bright Railway Station, now a museum and enjoy a stroll around the scenic centre of Bright. Visit Myrtleford to see antiques and artisan crafts from Japan, Morocco and India at Red Ramia Trading and enjoy free time for lunch. Moving on, you'll tour the historic town of Beechworth, including the famous Beechworth Bakery where you can unwind with a cuppa. Arrive in Bright where your evening is free. Why not enjoy dinner in one of the town's stylish restaurants or tapas bars? *Overnight:* Bright (B)

## **DAY 11 Monday 26 May 2025**

### **Glenrowan – Silo Art Trail – Seymour**

After breakfast, transfer to Glenrowan where you will tour the Ned Kelly Museum and Homestead. Pause at the Goorambat Railway Hotel where you can enjoy lunch, before taking a road of discovery on the North

East Victoria Silo Art Trail, where you will experience art in a large scale on the silos at Goorambat, Devenish, and St James. Later, enjoy a tour of the Seymour Railway Heritage Centre to see their rollingstock, including royal and vice regal cars and enjoy dinner in their iconic Spirit of Progress dining car. *Overnight:* Seymour (B,D)

## **DAY 12 Tuesday 27 May 2025**

### **Puffing Billy – Melbourne**

This morning, travel to the outskirts of Melbourne for a ride on one of the most popular steam railways in the world, the legendary Puffing Billy. This heritage railway was one of the five narrow gauge lines of the Victorian Railways which opened at the beginning of the 20th century. Depart Belgrave in the late morning and travel through the magnificent Dandenong Ranges, before enjoying free time for lunch at Lakeside before returning by train to Belgrave. Travel by coach to Melbourne, check into your hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner together. *Overnight:* Melbourne (B,D)

## **DAY 13 Wednesday 28 May 2025**

### **Melbourne – Depart**

Our tour comes to an end this morning after breakfast and hotel check-out. (B).





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## Tour Price

Per person twin-share \$6,990  
Single supplement \$1,400

The 1950s built Standard Twin Cabin carriages are equipped with two comfortable bunk beds and a private ensuite which includes a shower and vanity (toilet facilities are located in adjacent carriages).

The 1950s built Premium Single Cabins are equipped with a single bed and a vanity (toilet and shower facilities are available at the end of each carriage).



## Included in the tour price:

- 10 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class and moderate first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- 2 nights and 3 days on the chartered Grainlander steam train.
- Meals: Breakfasts daily; five lunches, and five dinners.
- 11 heritage train and tram journeys and experiences.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Transport by first-class chartered coaches throughout.
- Tour management by Travelrite.

## Not included in the price:

- Return flights.
- Arrival and departure transfers.
- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls.
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B,L,D in the itinerary.



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## General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

**TOUR OPERATOR:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

**TOUR COSTS:** The tour costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 27 November 2024. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days of departure.

**DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS:** A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellations outside of 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit paid per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

**CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY:** Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to fit in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

**MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS:** The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

**REFUNDS:** The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

**BAGGAGE:** All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Travelrite International Pty Ltd. is the tour organiser. Travelrite International acts only as agents in making of arrangements with carriers, hoteliers and others for the tour. As a result we cannot accept liability for any act or omission whatsoever, whether negligent or otherwise of those carriers, hoteliers or other persons providing services in connection with the tour over whom we have no direct or exclusive control. We do not accept responsibility for any injury, damage, loss, delay, change of schedule or any other events which are beyond our direct control, such as, but not limited to, war, flood, fire, civil disturbance, acts of God, acts of government, or any other authorities, terrorism, accidents to or failure of machinery or equipment, or industrial action. The passage contract in use by the carriers concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation companies or firms and the purchasers of these tours and the passengers. Baggage is at own risk throughout the tour. The contract shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Victoria and any legal action must be undertaken in the State of Victoria.

**DELAYS AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS:** You engage Travelrite International to book this tour on your behalf and you acknowledge that Travelrite International acts as your agent for the purpose of making contracts between you and the various providers of accommodation, transportation and other services that comprise the tour. Travelrite International may without reference to you provide or make available to you, or may as your agent engage any third party to provide or make available to you, any good or service which Travelrite International reasonably believes is necessary for your benefit to maintain the tour itinerary, repatriate you or otherwise accommodate, transport or sustain you in circumstances in which the tour itinerary fails wholly or partly for any reason. You appoint Travelrite International your attorney for this purpose. You agree to pay

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**HOW TO BOOK:** Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and sending it with a non-refundable deposit of \$900 per person to:

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