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DISCOVERY TOUR OF

Country Victoria

A choice of two departures: 5 to 17 October 2022 and 15 to 27 March 2023



THE
Senior

Visiting Anglesea, Warrnambool,
the Grampians, Ballarat, Horsham,
Swan Hill, Bendigo, Echuca and Corowa

*Includes 5 scheduled train trips
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Includes
over **\$500**
per person value
in sightseeing tours,
entrances, transfers
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and gratuities

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The tour will be a great opportunity to experience many of country Victoria's most interesting and historic sites. We will enjoy wonderful sightseeing along the Great Ocean Road, explore the noble Grampians, admire the silo art in small Wimmera towns and relax as we cruise on the mighty Murray River. We will get to know the great gold rush rural cities - Ballarat and Bendigo - and be impressed with the best of Victoria's proud country towns - Warrambool, Horsham and Echuca. Great fun, interesting activities and good fellowship!



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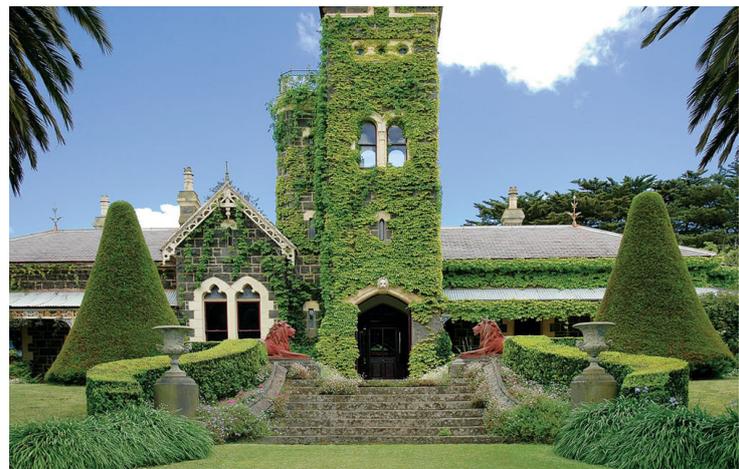
Itinerary

DAY 1 Anglesea

The tour group will meet at Melbourne's Spencer Street Station at 10.00am to join our private tour coach prior to departure for our first stop, Geelong. On arrival in Geelong we will enjoy a tour of the city and a leisurely stop for lunch and visits to the Geelong Art Gallery and the National Trust's The Heights heritage house. We then travel on to Torquay for a brief seaside stop and then through famous Bells Beach to Anglesea for an overnight stop. The tour group will enjoy a welcome dinner.

DAY 2 Warrnambool

After breakfast we travel along the Great Ocean Road for a morning stop in the resort town of Lorne. We then continue to Apollo Bay and Port Campbell with stops to view the famous Twelve Apostles and the London Arch. We continue on through the Great Otway National Park and the Beech Forest to Warrnambool, our base for the next two nights.



DAY 3 Warrnambool

After breakfast we visit the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village and then drive to nearby historic Port Fairy - there will be time to explore and lunch will be at leisure. The group will return to Warrnambool via the small town of Koroit, Tower Hill and Tower Hill Lake. The rest of the day will be at leisure.

DAY 4 Halls Gap

After breakfast we drive to Halls Gap, our base for a night in the centre of the impressive Victorian Grampians. A visit will be made to Narrapumelap, a historic western district house. After lunch the tour group will explore the main tourist sites and enjoy some of the walking trails.

DAY 5 Ballarat

After breakfast, we drive to Ararat to have a quick look at this important rural town before catching the 11.14am train to Ballarat, an important rural city founded on a rich gold deposit. On arrival at 12.20pm there will be time for lunch followed by a tour of the city and a visit to Ballarat's notable art gallery.

DAY 6 Ballarat

After breakfast we travel to Sovereign Hill where we will have free time to explore this interesting historic park. Lunch will be at leisure and there will be a visit to Ballarat's famous Botanical Gardens. There will be free time to explore the city.

DAY 7 Horsham

This morning we depart by train from Ballarat at 10.47am for Maryborough, arriving at 11.43am. We will enjoy lunch at leisure in Maryborough before joining our coach for the short drive to Horsham, capital of the Victorian Wimmera. We will tour the town and visit the Horsham Botanical Gardens and the Horsham Regional Art Gallery.

DAY 8 Swan Hill

After breakfast we join our tour coach for a drive north through a number of small towns that have become famous for their painted wheat silos. We will first of all view painted silos in Rupanyup, Minyup, Sheep Hills and more small towns as we head toward Swan Hill on the Murray River. Breaks will be made in Warracknabeal and Birchip. We will tour Swan Hill on arrival.

DAY 9 Bendigo

We will enjoy a morning visit to the famous Pioneer Settlement in Swan Hill. After lunch at leisure we travel to the Swan Hill railway station to join the 13.37pm train to Bendigo, arriving at 16.01pm. On arrival in Bendigo, another important rural city founded on gold, we will be met and transferred to our hotel.



DAY 10 Echuca

We will enjoy a morning tour of the sights of Bendigo city that will include a visit to the Central Deborah Gold Mine, the Bendigo Botanic Gardens and a ride on a Bendigo heritage tram. At 16.56pm we will catch the train to Echuca, and arrive in the historic port city of Echuca at 18.28 pm.

DAY 11 Echuca

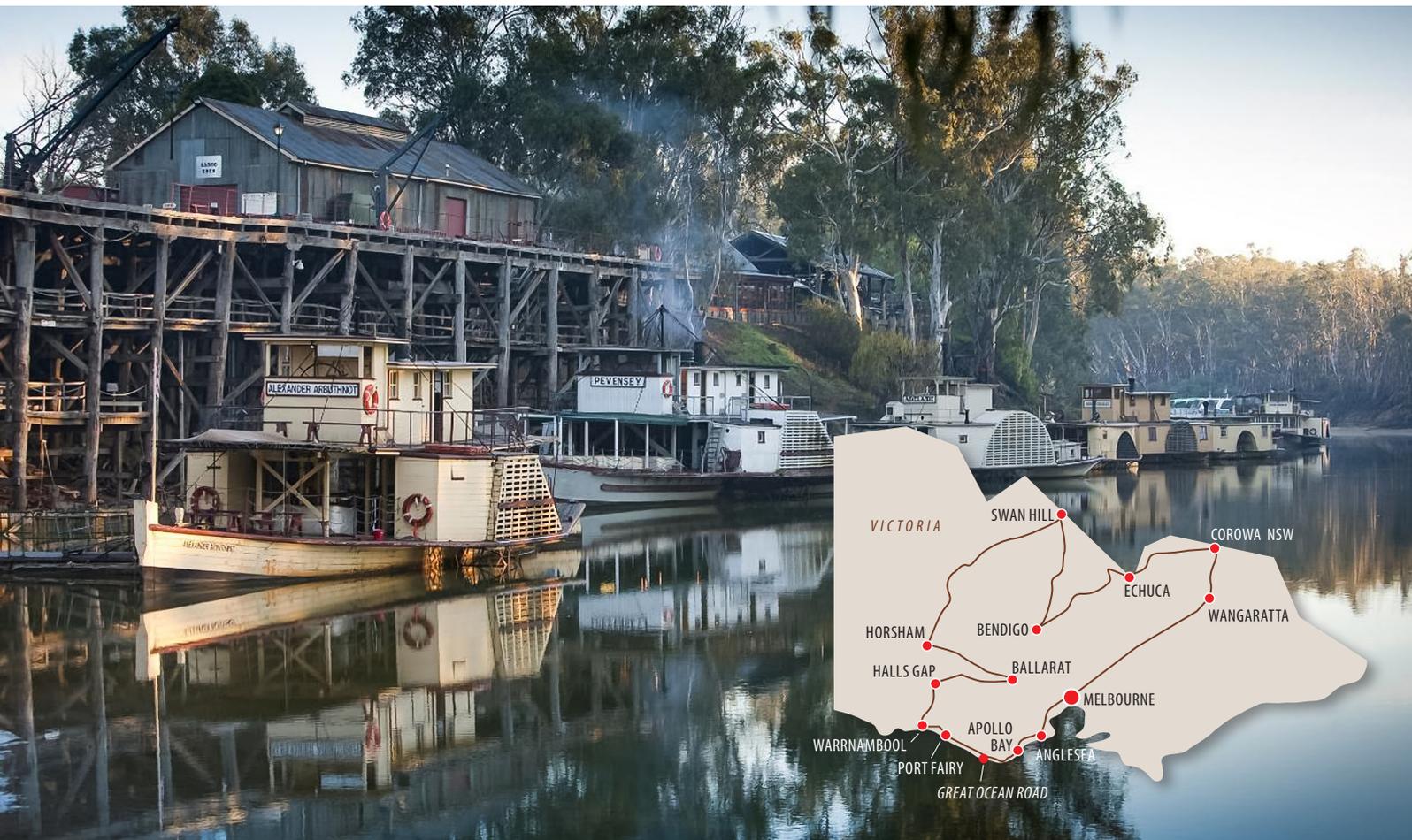
A full day to explore Echuca. We will enjoy time at the historic Port of Echuca, a visit to the gin distillery and lunch as we cruise the river on a paddle wheel steamer on the Murray River. There will be free time to explore the town.

DAY 12 Corowa

After breakfast we travel to Yarrawonga/Mulwala for a brief stop and then onto historic Corowa, in New South Wales, the cradle of Australia's federation. We cross the Murray River to Wahgunyah/Rutherglen in Victoria for a delightful progressive lunch in the vineyards close to the banks of the mighty river.

DAY 13 Return to Melbourne

After breakfast we visit the Corowa History Museum and the Whisky Factory for morning tea before travelling south to Wangaratta to join the 14.02pm train to Melbourne. We arrive at 16.40pm and the tour concludes.





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Deposit refundable up to
90 days before departure

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TOUR PRICE

The price per person, twin-share \$ 3,995
 Single supplement \$ 950

Included in the tour price:

- Accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4-star rated centrally located hotels/motels with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Breakfast daily, two dinners and a vineyard lunch.
- Sightseeing and general entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary.
- The services of a Travelrite International Tour Manager.

Not included in the price:

- Flights to join and depart from the tour in Melbourne. These will be quoted separately by Travelrite International.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Items of a personal nature.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately.

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.



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TOUR COSTS: The tour costs are based on general transport, entry, and accommodation costs. 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 price will be made within 60 days of departure from Australia.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A deposit of \$500 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. Cancellation over 90 days before departure will allow you to receive your deposit refunded. Cancellations 90 to 61 days before tour departs will result in a loss of deposit. Cancellation under 60 days before tour departs will result in a loss of all monies paid. Payment may be made by cheque or cash – a 1.5 percent administration fee will be charged on payments made by credit cards.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS AND CONDITIONS: The tour has been priced 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.

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