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MELBOURNE FLOWER SHOW & GOLDFIELDS OF VICTORIA

Day 1 – Sydney to Melbourne

Our tour begins with a flight from Sydney to Melbourne, where we are welcomed and transferred into the heart of this vibrant city. We enjoy a relaxing one-hour Ports and Docklands cruise along the Yarra River, offering a fascinating perspective of Melbourne's historic waterfront, modern skyline and bustling harbour precinct. Following lunch on Southbank, we discover some of Melbourne's best-known sights on a tour on board the coach, before spending time browsing the famous Queen Victoria Market. Late this afternoon we settle into our accommodation before gathering together for dinner.

Overnight: Best Western Carlton

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Dandenong Ranges & Yarra Valley Gardens

After breakfast we journey into the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, where towering mountain ash forests and colourful gardens provide a wonderful day of exploration. We begin at the award-winning Chelsea Australian Garden, showcasing the beauty and diversity of native Australian plants in a stunning landscaped setting. A guided tour through the magnificent Cloudehill Garden follows, where spectacular seasonal displays and beautifully designed garden rooms await. This afternoon we travel into the Yarra Valley to enjoy a relaxed lunch accompanied by a wine tasting at Rochford Wines before returning to Melbourne for dinner.

Overnight: Best Western Carlton

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3 – Melbourne's Markets, Foodie Discoveries & Sporting Legends

After breakfast, we make our way to the famous Prahran Market to join an exclusive Foodie Tour with renowned Melbourne food writer Dani Valent. As we explore one of Melbourne's oldest and most celebrated food markets, we meet passionate artisan producers, hear the stories behind their products and enjoy a selection of delicious gourmet tastings, offering a true taste of Melbourne's vibrant food culture. We then continue to picturesque St Kilda, where there is free time to enjoy lunch at leisure and soak up the relaxed atmosphere along the waterfront. This afternoon, we visit the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground for a guided tour before exploring the fascinating Australian Sports Museum, celebrating Australia's rich sporting heritage. This evening, we enjoy dinner on vibrant Lygon Street, Melbourne's renowned Italian dining precinct.

Overnight: Best Western Carlton

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 4 – Melbourne International Flower Show & Ballarat

This morning we visit the spectacular **Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show**, Australia's premier horticultural event. Spend several hours admiring breathtaking floral displays, inspiring show gardens, creative landscape designs and hundreds of gardening exhibitors. There is ample time to browse at your own pace and enjoy lunch at leisure within the showgrounds. Mid-afternoon we farewell Melbourne and travel to Ballarat, where we check into our accommodation before gathering together for dinner this evening.

Overnight: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, Ballarat

Meals Included: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 5 – Ballarat Heritage, Sovereign Hill & Lambley Garden

Following breakfast we begin the day with a guided coach tour of Ballarat, discovering the city's fascinating gold rush history, grand Victorian architecture and many of its most significant landmarks. We then step back in time at the award-winning Sovereign Hill, where the recreated 1850s township brings Ballarat's exciting past to life.

After enjoying a picnic lunch in the beautiful Ballarat Botanical Gardens, we travel to the stunning Lambley Garden and Nursery. Renowned for its English-inspired design, colourful perennial borders and magnificent rose collections, it is considered one of Victoria's finest private gardens. On our return to Ballarat, there may be time for those interested to visit the Art Gallery of Ballarat before we gather together for dinner this evening.

Overnight: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, Ballarat

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6 – Bendigo Goldfields

Today we discover the rich heritage of Bendigo, one of Australia's greatest gold rush cities. We begin with the famous Talking Tram Tour, offering an informative introduction to Bendigo's impressive Victorian streetscapes and historic landmarks. We then visit the Central Deborah Gold Mine Interpretive Centre, where fascinating displays reveal the city's prosperous mining past. Following a picnic lunch in the beautiful Bendigo Botanic Gardens, we continue to the historic Bendigo Pottery, Australia's oldest working pottery, where we learn about its long tradition of craftsmanship before returning to Ballarat for our final evening.

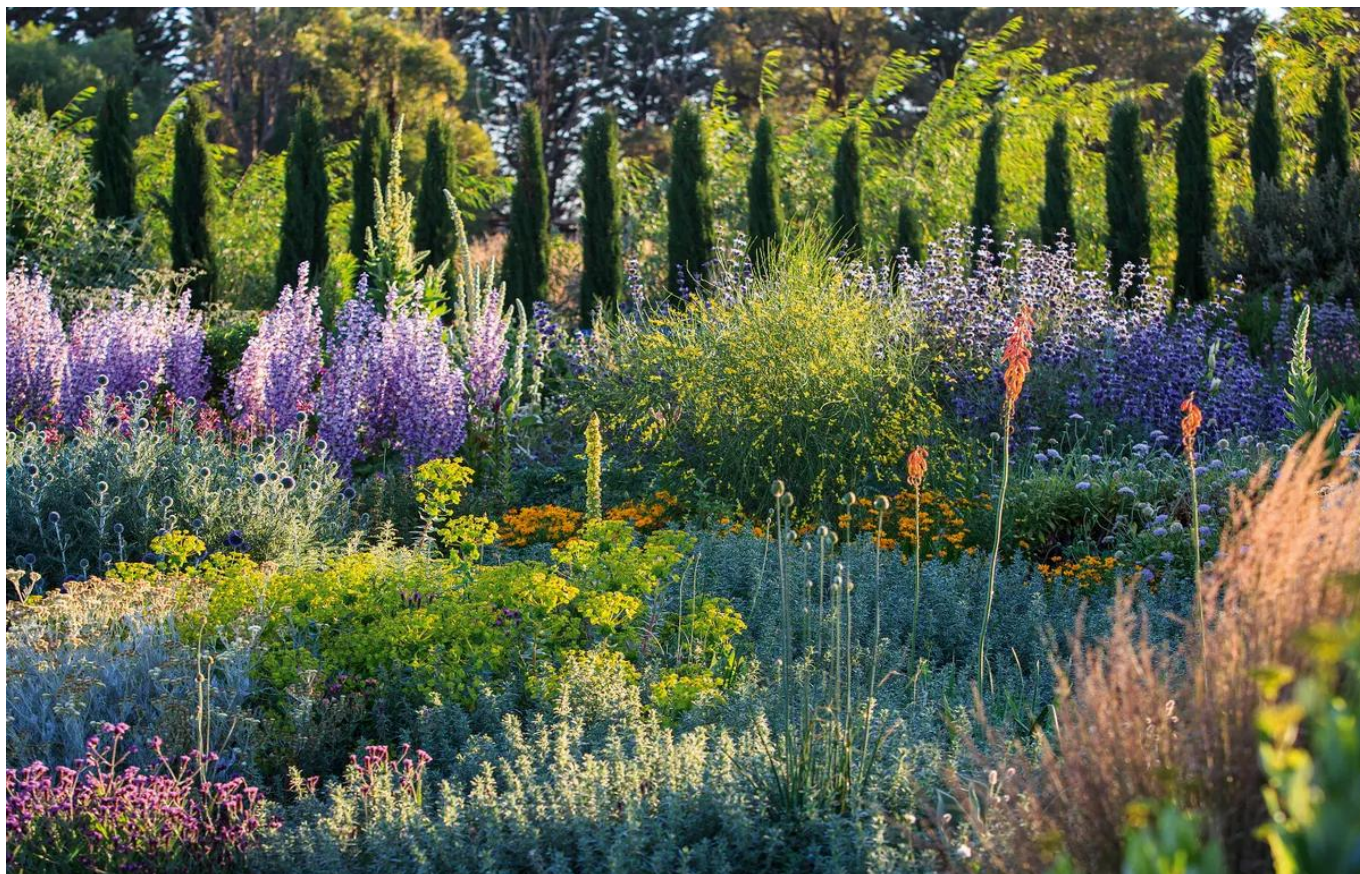
Overnight: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, Ballarat

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7 – Creswick, Daylesford & Home

Following breakfast we farewell Ballarat and travel to nearby Creswick Woollen Mills, where a guided tour introduces us to the fascinating journey of natural fibres from fleece to finished garments. There is time to browse the extensive shop and meet the resident alpacas before we continue to the charming spa town of Daylesford. We enjoy lunch at the historic Convent Gallery and have time to explore its galleries, gardens and unique collections before travelling to Melbourne Airport for our flight home to Sydney, bringing our wonderful tour to a close.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch



Pricing

Cost per person based on 30 passengers: \$3,795.00

Single supplement: \$720.00

This includes flights, all experiences, meals, accommodation, and luxury coach travel as listed in the day-by-day itinerary.