



9 Day Geelong & Great Ocean Road Tour
Sunday 15th to Monday 23rd March 2020
\$2,680 per person twin / double share
\$3,550 single room

Day 1: Sunday 15th March

We start our holiday departing from Coffs Harbour, travelling along the Pacific Highway picking up our fellow travellers from Port Macquarie, Laurieton, Taree, and Forster. We then travel towards Sydney and across to Goulburn where we will spend our first night. Dinner tonight will be at the motel in Goulburn.

Overnight: Mercure Goulburn

Morning tea and dinner included

Day 2: Monday 16th March

Today we travel the Hume Highway, with comfort and lunch stop along the way as we head towards Albury and then on to Geelong, our homeport.

We have a brief tour of Geelong's waterfront before arriving at our motel. Our accommodation tonight and our base for the next six nights is the Rydges hotel with dinner each night in the Licensed Restaurant.

Overnight: Rydges Geelong

Breakfast, morning tea and dinner included

Day 3: Tuesday 17th March

After a hearty breakfast we head for Melbourne, the State Capital where we see many gracious old buildings from the colonial era, including Government House, Parliament House and the Exhibition Buildings. We also see world famous venues such as the Melbourne Cricket Ground and Rod Laver Arena, as well as many beautiful parks and gardens. On the northern outskirts of the CBD are the Queen Victoria Market, where over 1,000 stalls sell handcrafts, clothing, leather goods, and fresh produce. Search for a bargain or enjoy a coffee and watch the buskers.

We then take a visit to the National Sports Museum located at the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground. Here we will find Australia's most comprehensive collection of sporting artefacts with exhibitions and interactive technology relating to the Olympic Games, Football, Cricket and many other sports.

From the MCG, we head to Southbank and the Crown Entertainment Complex. There are many cafes here, as well as a large food court for our lunch stop. We have time to explore the Casino, or simply wander through the shopping mall where many international designers have outlets.

Located near the Crown Casino is the Eureka Tower, the world's tallest residential building. Here we will witness the highest public vantage point in the Southern Hemisphere and through the floor to ceiling windows see the awe-inspiring views of Melbourne.

After a wonderful day, we head back to the motel in Geelong for dinner.

Overnight: Rydges Geelong

Breakfast and dinner included

Day 4: Wednesday 18th March

A highlight of our holiday is our journey along the Great Ocean Road, one of the great road journeys of the world. The road was built by returned servicemen and women from the Great War, to provide employment and to open up the many coastal towns along the way. We stop at the memorial archway, which commemorates the official start of the road, before going on to Lorne, a beautiful seaside village, which sits between the Otway Ranges and the ocean. We have some time here for a morning tea stop and a wander around the shops before continuing on.

There are spectacular views along the way, and we may even catch a glimpse of koalas at Grey River. Lunch is at Apollo Bay. We then turn inland and travel through the Otway Ranges, past fern gullies and huge rainforests.

We re-join the coastline when we reach the famous Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge, the scene of a tragic shipwreck where only two people survived. After a brief stop at Port Campbell, we turn inland again, driving through dairy country and passing through Colac on our way home to Geelong for drinks and dinner in Rydges Licensed Restaurant.

Overnight: Rydges Geelong

Breakfast, morning tea and dinner included

Day 5: Thursday 19th March

Departing our motel, we travel to Queenscliff, a historic town at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. We enjoy a tour of the town before boarding the vehicular ferry to cross the bay to Sorrento on the Mornington Peninsula. A brief tour of Sorrento and Portsea shows us many historic homes, as well as the site of Victoria's first settlement, which was abandoned in 1803.

Afterwards we weave our way across the Mornington Peninsula, stopping at Hastings for lunch, on our way to Phillip Island. We enjoy a short tour of the island including the Motorcycle Grand Prix track and the spectacular rocky outcrops of the Nobbies and Seal Rocks, before an early dinner in Cowes.

After dinner we travel to the Penguin Reserve to see the spectacular Penguin Parade. Every day at dusk, the fairy penguins waddle ashore, and cross the beach in small groups, before heading up into their burrows in the sand dunes. This is a unique and fascinating spectacle, which you will long remember. After the Parade, we travel back to Geelong via Melbourne, ablaze with light by night.

Overnight: Rydges Geelong

Breakfast and dinner included

Day 6: Friday 20th March

After a hearty breakfast we head off to visit the Mansion at Werribee Park. In 1877 Scottish squatters Thomas and Andrew Chirnside recreated their Old World in the centre of their huge pastoral empire. The brothers built the mansion known today as Werribee Park, one of Australia's great 19th century properties, which comes alive as staff in period costume carry on the daily chores of the era. We can explore the 60 room Italianate mansion unsurpassed in elegance and grandeur, set amid 130 hectares of bushland fronting the Werribee River. In the grounds of Werribee Mansion, we are able to enjoy Victoria's State Rose Garden, which displays over 5,500 roses stunningly manicured to perfection.

We then return for lunch and a sight-seeing tour of Geelong; which history shows has been one of the great wool cities of the world. We will tour around Geelong, where we can see many of the historic bluestone buildings, classified by the National Trust, keeping visitors and residents always mindful of the city's rich heritage.

We visit Geelong's beautiful waterfront, with its historic carousel and Eastern Beach swimming enclosures. Watch out for the famous Bollards, which dot the foreshore, representing famous people and events in Geelong's history. We have some free time here to explore Geelong before we head back to the motel for Dinner.

Overnight: Rydges Geelong

Breakfast and dinner included

Day 7: Saturday 21st March

Today we travel to beautiful Ballarat, arriving in time for morning tea. We travel to Lake Wendouree where the outstanding Botanic Gardens lie. Exceptional statuary, the Avenue of Prime Ministers, and world class floral displays make this a place to linger. Every street in this city reveals notable historic houses, contrasting with charming cottages spilling over with flowers and the majestic trees are stunning.

We then head to the excitement of the Goldfields for a visit to Sovereign Hill where Australia's history comes alive! Imagine going back over a century to Victoria's gold-rush days and reliving the history and excitement of the era. The streets are bustling with people dressed in costume of the period, the Diggings are alive with miners panning for real gold – you too may even be lucky enough to pan a gold nugget yourself. You can take a ride through the streets of the old town in a horse-drawn carriage, where there are shops, hotels, schools, a theatre, crafts, steam driven machinery and lots more.

We head back to the motel for some free time before dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight: Rydges Geelong

Breakfast, morning tea and dinner included

Day 8: Sunday 22nd March

It is now time to depart Geelong as we bid farewell to the Rydges Hotel & staff. We will be heading along the Hume Highway towards Albury and then on to Goulburn for the night. Dinner tonight will be in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Mercure Goulburn

Breakfast, morning tea and dinner included

Day 9: Monday 23rd March

On our last day of our marvellous holiday we enjoy another hearty breakfast before departing Goulburn. We will be travelling towards Sydney and back to through Foster, Taree, Laurieton, Port Macquarie and Coffs Harbour.

We hope that you have enjoyed your holiday and have lots of wonderful memories to take home with you.

Breakfast and lunch included

For bookings or further information
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Tour Highlights

- MCG Tour
- Eureka Tower
- Phillip Island
- Werribee Manor
- Wool Museum
- Sovereign Hill

Price Includes

- Return luxury coach travel
- Accommodation as per itinerary
- Meals as per itinerary
- All admission / attraction fees

**\$2,680 per person
Twin / Double Share**

**\$3,550 per person
Single Room**

Tour payments:

*Non-refundable deposit of \$550 per person required seven days after a booking is made

*Final payment will be required by no later than Thursday 30th January 2020

Cancellation Charges:

45 Days or more \$550.00 per person

30-44 days 20% of fare

14-29 days 50% of fare

6-13 days 75% of fare

Note: Less than 6 days there is no refund

Travel Insurance is strongly recommended

We advise passengers to take out travel insurance to cover for any unforeseen circumstance which may arise.

Departure Details

Coffs Harbour Coach Terminal

Port Macquarie Highway Service Centre

Additional pick up's available on request.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions e.g. churches, wineries etc.

We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather.