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Some accommodation require prepayment and refund will be subject to their own conditions.

Please note: Passenger baggage to be a maximum of 20kg. per person

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EASTER and THE STAWELL GIFT



9 days
Wednesday 13—Thursday 21
April 2022

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Easter at the Stawell Gift

The Powercor Stawell Gift has been held in since 1878, run annually with a very few exceptions and is one of the world's most famous and prestigious foot races. Run on grass, athletes are handicapped according to form and ability, and start off from varying marks accordingly. Runners race for glory and prize money with many more dollars working their way through the bookies ring. The main race is the Powercor Stawell Gift which is run over 120m up a slight gradient, and the final is traditionally held on Easter Monday.

Day 1—Port Macquarie to Goulburn Wednesday 13 April 2022 (D)

Welcome to our 9 day tour highlighting **The Stawell Gift**. This morning we depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 8.00am starting our journey south. We'll stop for a lunch break en-route, arriving into our overnight destination of Goulburn in time to freshen up for dinner.

Mercure Goulburn | Goulburn (PH: 02 4822 5445)
Dinner in hotel | lunch own expense

Day 2 : Goulburn to Albury Thursday 14 April 2022 (BLD)

Before departing Goulburn we take a look at the **Garroorigang Historic Home** by means of a tour. Filled with a rare collection of 150 years of colonial and Australian artefacts, the home's history and contents reflect its time as a teamsters Inn on the route to the goldfields, a private school for gentlemen's sons and today as a classic example of a private residence in the Victorian era. Back on the coach we take the trip to **Gundagai**, making a stop to see **Rusconis masterpiece**, a unique work of art with a fascinating story to tell and have lunch at **The District Services Club**.

Albury Manor House | Albury (PH: 02 6041 1777)
Breakfast and dinner at Hotel | lunch Services Club Gundagai

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Air conditioned coach travel
- 8 night's motel accommodation
- 8 cooked motel breakfasts
- 8 motel dinners
- 5 included lunches – see below
- Entry and tour at Garroorigang Historic Home
- Entry to see Rusconi's Masterpiece at Gundagai Info Centre
- Sandwich lunch at Olivers Real Food, Gundagai
- One hour ride on the Bendigo Vintage Talking Tram
- Lunch at the Bendigo Club
- Guided tour at Stawell Gift Hall of Fame
- Entry to Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre
- Picnic lunch day 5
- Tour and lunch at Cactus country and Café, Strathmerten
- Lunch at The Yarn Market, Molong

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather or any other reason outside our control.

COST: \$2430.00 per person
(based twin/double share accommodation)
Single supplement \$530.00

A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required upon booking with final payment being 1 March 2022



Day 3: Albury to Halls Gap Good Friday 15 April 2022 (BD)

We start our day's sightseeing travelling to **Bendigo**. One of the most popular things to do in Bendigo is a ride on the **vintage talking tram**. The craftsmanship that has gone into restoring these vehicles is inspiring to say the least. The commentary showcases why the trams are such an integral part of the city's identity. After our enlightening tour we have lunch at the **Bendigo Club** before arriving in **Halls Gap** which will be our base for the next four nights.

Country Plaza/ Halls Gap PH: (03) 53564344
Breakfast and dinner at Motel | lunch at Bendigo Club

Day 4 : Stawell and Ararat Saturday 16 April 2022 (BD)

Our first visit today is a must as we make our way to Stawell! We spend some time at the **Stawell Gift Hall of Fame**, which not only gives us insight into the race that has made the town recognized but also is a treasure trove of memorabilia dating back to 1878. Take a look at the multimedia clips and archives for fascinating facts like the long knickerbockers that runners wore in the late 1800'. It is surprising there was a second old man's race, after the first prize of a pig was given for the inaugural Gift! Find out the history of Cathy Freemans' participation in the race was. Ararat is not far away and definitely worth a visit. After a look around the town we stop at the **Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre** for a glimpse into Australia's history intersecting with Chinese culture. Ararat is the only city in Australia founded by Chinese so the customs and superstitions displayed at the centre recreate the influence of Chinese culture on the development of Australia. The afternoon has been left free to attend all the action on Ladies Day at Central Park back in Stawell, where off the track activities include the Fashions on the Field giving fashionistas a chance to showcase their latest autumn looks ahead of the running of the Men's and Women's Gift Semi Finals. We then make the short journey back to Halls Gap for our evening meal in the Hotel

Dinner in hotel | lunch own expense
Country Plaza Halls Gap

Day 5 : The Grampians Sunday 17 April 2022 (BLD)

Today will be spent exploring the remarkable **Grampians National Park**. Our first visit is to **Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre** to view the very best interpretation of the Grampians National Park, discovering its exceptional environment and Aboriginal culture. We make a stop at the **Lake Bellfield Lookout** to take in the scenic views then head out to the picturesque Wartook Valley and enjoy lunch in the majestic mudbrick building at the **Wander Inn**. Meandering our way back towards Halls Gap we spend the afternoon visiting several of the best lookouts in the northern part of the National Park –**Reeds Lookout, McKenzie Falls and Boroka Lookout** – all easily accessible and all with sensational views. The area is likened to a giant botanical garden, filled with one third of Victoria's fauna.

Breakfast and Dinner in Motel | picnic lunch included
Country Plaza / Halls Gap (PH: 03 5356 4344)



Day 6: The Stawell Gift Monday 18 April 2022 (BD)

Easter Monday is finals day for **The Stawell Gift**, the pinnacle in Australian professional running. With a full day of elite running leading into Australia's oldest and richest short distance running race. There's no bigger day as Central Park comes alive to celebrate this 140th running of the famous race. Food stalls are prevalent so we can make our own timetable of events to watch while picking up some goodies to eat. The day is free and easy.

Breakfast and Dinner in Motel | lunch own expense

Day 7: Hall Gap to Narrandera Tuesday 19 April 2022 (BLD)

Departing Halls Gap we make our way to **Strathmerton** for a visit to **Cactus Country**. We begin with a lovely lunch and may even get to try Cactus cake if we are lucky. Then, we close our eyes and imagine a desert landscape in Mexico or the Sahara and then open our eyes, to see the other side of the world in front of us! The garden is fascinating and so is the story of the garden and its owners. We are taken on a delightful walk surrounded by beautiful cacti and succulents leaving us astonished at how crazy mother-nature can be. There are some fantastic photo opportunities to be had before the rest of the afternoon is spent getting to our overnight accommodation in Narrandera.

Narrandera Club Motor Inn | Narrandera (PH: 02 6959 3123)
Breakfast and Dinner in Motel | lunch Cactus Country

Day 8: Narrandera to Mudgee Wednesday 20 April 2022 (BLD)

Leaving Narrandera right after breakfast gives us a chance to hop off the coach in **Molong** to visit the **Yarn Market Craft Cottage** for the opportunity to view artisan crafts and the famous tapestry handcrafted by the community's young and old. We are sure to be peckish during our visit so we stay for lunch before departing for our final overnight destination in Mudgee.

Comfort Inn Aden Hotel | Mudgee (PH: 02 6372 1122)
Breakfast and Dinner in Motel | lunch Yarn Market

Day 9 : Mudgee to Home Thursday 21 April 2022 (BL)

We wave goodbye to Mudgee, as we commence our journey home. With stops along the way, we arrive back where we started late afternoon.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch own expense