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Please note: Passenger baggage to be a maximum of 15kg. per person

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Melbourne Flower Show and the GREAT OCEAN ROAD



**11 days
Sunday 27—Wednesday 6
April 2022**

PORT MACQUARIE TRAVEL

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Holiday Coast Tours

Present

A South Coast Discovery Tour - Autumn 2022

An 11 Day Tour

Featuring

The South Coast of New South Wales

Lakes Entrance

Walhalla

Melbourne International Flower Show

Geelong

Torquay and the Great Ocean Road

Bendigo & Echuca on the Murray

Goulburn



**MELBOURNE
INTERNATIONAL
FLOWER AND
GARDEN SHOW**

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

Air conditioned coach travel

10 night's motel accommodation

10 cooked motel breakfasts

10 motel two course dinners

8 included lunches – see below

Lunch at Central Coast Leagues Club

Cruise and fish and chip lunch onboard Merinda Cruises, Batemans Bay

Packed lunch (day 3)

Entry to Operation Bunker

Guided tour of Lakes Entrance

Wine tasting and lunch at Wyanga Park Winery

Cruise from Wyanga Park Winery to Lakes Entrance

Entry to St Mary's Church (Church of Murals)

Lunch at Walhalla Star Hotel

One way train from Walhalla to Thomson River

Entry to Melbourne International Flower Show

Entry to Werribee Park Mansion

Entry to National Wool Museum

Ride on Vintage Talking Tram

Lunch at Hotel Shamrock

Lunch at Wagga Wagga RSL Club

Guided tour and tasting at Junee Liquorice & Chocolate Factory

Lunch at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club - The Kitchen

Itinerary Details

Day 11 (BL): Goulburn to Port Macquarie (Wednesday 6 April, 2022)

What a tour we have had! We travel back to the North Coast stopping in **Ourimbah** for lunch. We continue our journey home, arriving late afternoon from a wonderful tour featuring the South Coast and iconic Great Ocean Road. *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast in the motel/Club lunch in Ourimbah)*

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, inclement weather etc.

COST: \$3300.00 per person
(based on twin/double share accommodation)
Single Supplement: \$850.00

A deposit of 00000 per person is required upon booking with the final payment being 10 February 2022

Please advise correct spelling of your name (as per identification) and any dietary requirements upon booking

Day 1 (LD): South to Kiama (Sunday 27 March, 2022)

We depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 8.00am. Packed and ready for a great autumn tour, we join the **Holiday Coast Coach** and head south on our way to **Kiama**. With plenty of breaks along the way we arrive late afternoon for our first overnight stop at the stylish 4.5 star South Coast Resort – Sebel Harbourside – overlooking Kiama Harbour. *(Meal inclusions: Club lunch/Welcome dinner)*

Sebel Harbourside Hotel Kiama – 1 night (PH: 02 4230 7550)

Day 2 (BLD): Nowra – Batemans Bay – Merimbula (Monday 28 March, 2022)

First stop this morning is the famous “**Blowhole**” which can spurt water up to 60 metres high when there is a good swell running. This is a great opportunity for our group photograph! We join the **MV Merinda** for a cruise on the picturesque Clyde River in **Batemans Bay** including a delicious fish and chip lunch. Travelling via **Narooma** we arrive into **Merimbula** for our overnight stay. *(Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the Motel, lunch onboard cruise)*

Comfort Inn Merimbula – 1 night (02 6495 3077)

Day 3 (BLD): Merimbula to Mallacoota (Tuesday 29 March, 2022)

Today we venture further south into Victoria making our way towards the **Mallacoota Inlet**. We leave the Highway at Genoa and travel into this most delightful retreat on the East Gippsland Coast, surrounded by the Croajingolong National Park. **The Mallacoota Inlet** was formed by the drowning of the valley of the

Genoa River when the sea level rose as the ice melted at the close of the last ice age. It has been estimated that 25,000 years ago the sea level was 140 metres below its present level. Today we take in some of the local sights including a visit to **Operation Bunker**, a World War II RAAF operations bunker that has been restored by the Mallacoota RSL. It is of considerable significance in Victoria's military history and was the headquarters of the RAAF coastal intelligence activity in the region as well as an important link in the chain of defence installations along the south east of Australia. Afterwards we enjoy a picnic lunch in this beautiful area before heading to **Lakes Entrance**. *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Picnic lunch)*

Bellevue on the Lakes, Lakes Entrance – 2 nights (03 5155 3055)



Day 4 (BLD): Lakes Entrance (Wednesday 30 March, 2022)

Our local guide will meet us this morning and introduce us to the town. Mid-morning, we head to the **Wyanga Park Winery**. On arrival, why not try some of the excellent wine this mild, maritime

little about the history of the Goldfields. We enjoy lunch before making our way north to the historic riverport of **Echuca**. We have arranged a short cruise on the Murray before checking into our overnight accommodation. *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Light lunch)*

Mercure Port of Echuca – 1 night (03 5666) 5482

Day 10 (BLD): Echuca to Goulburn (Tuesday 5 April, 2022)

We travel through south central New South Wales this morning with our first stop at **Conargo** - a little town which is quite famous for its pub! It's particularly popular when nearby Deniliquin hosts the annual Ute Muster! Ute enthusiasts enjoy the remote location of the Conargo Pub and often decorate their vehicles with "Conargo Pub" bumper stickers.

Next stop is **Jerilderie** and then onto **Wagga Wagga** for lunch. 'Wagga' as it is known is a town of fine buildings, tree-lined streets, parks and gardens - surrounded by farms dedicated to wheat-growing, dairying, mixed farming and fat lambs. After a Club Lunch we continue to **Junee**. A feature of the town is the splendid Railway Station which is a reminder of the important regional role that Junee played in the "hey day" of the Steam Train Era. We stop in at the **Junee Liquorice & Chocolate Factory** which is located in the old Junee Flour Mill. Here they manufacture organic liquorice, one of only three certified organic liquorice manufacturers in the world. We will see the liquorice being made and perhaps even get a tasting with our afternoon tea. We then push through to **Goulburn** for our final night on tour. *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Club Lunch in Wagga)*

Mercure Goulburn – 1 night (02 4822 5445)

One, the road extends more than 300 kilometres along some of the best coastal scenery this country has to offer. We travel through the coastal town of **Anglesea** to **Lorne**, the first place to be declared an area of Special Significance and Natural Beauty by the Victorian Government. This popular Victorian seaside village, located on Loutitt Bay and overlooked by the Otway Hills, has a spectacular approach. We stop here for morning coffee before continuing onto **Apollo Bay**, where the road leaves the coast and winds through the slopes of the **Otway Ranges and Otway National Park**. To the west of the Otway Ranges the Great Ocean Road re-joins the coast and runs the full length of the **Port Campbell National Park**. Here there is the chance to see the **Twelve Apostles** - huge pillars which loom out of the surf, carved over time by the fury of the ocean. We continue onto **Warrnambool**, a beautiful seaside city on the shores of Lady Bay. More than 100 ships and boats were wrecked within 80 kilometres from Warrnambool, hence the current name for the area - **The Shipwreck Coast**. *(Meal Inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel)*

Mid City Warrnambool – 1 night (03 5562 3866

Day 9 (BLD) To Echuca via Bendigo (Monday 4 April, 2022)

We begin the trip home this morning. We travel through to **Bendigo** for our morning stop. Its hard to miss the cathedral! It is the only English Gothic Cathedral in Australia. The foundations consist of granite from Harcourt, near Bendigo. The walls are of sandstone, from the Geelong region and the dressings and carvings are of limestone from Waurin Ponds and Mt Gambier. The floor is Calacutta Vagli Extra Marble from Italy. The walls of the sanctuary are Sicilian Pearl Marble, with Verdi Tinos surrounding the main altar which is of Dromana Granite. On arrival we board the '**Talking Tram**' for an interesting ride through the main areas of Bendigo to see some of the other stunning buildings, such as the **Shamrock Hotel** and to learn a

climate helps to produce and enjoy the eye-catching exhibition of native art that decorates the winery walls. Wyanga Park Winery is the oldest vineyard in East Gippsland. After a pleasant lunch we take a short cruise back to town. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure. *(Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Winery lunch)*

Day 5 (BLD): Bairnsdale – Walhalla – Melbourne (Thursday 31 March, 2022)

Nearby **Bairnsdale** is an idyllic garden town with many reminders of the booming gold rush days. Some of Bairnsdale's architecture is also of interest. The most striking building in the town is the Court House in Nicholson St which was opened in 1894. It is recognized as one of Victoria's finest examples of late 19th century architecture and is considered of some significance to the development of an Australian style. We also visit St Mary's Catholic Church to see the murals on the ceilings and walls of the church, which are quite stunning! Next stop is **Walhalla**, the oldest of Gippsland's Gold Towns. We have time to take a stroll along the main street before lunch. We then board the **Walhalla Goldfields Railway** to experience the train's journey along the spectacular Stringer's Creek Gorge. We head downhill through Happy Creek criss-crossing over Stringers Creek on large trestle bridges, finally crossing the historic Thomson River Bridge. We meet the coach at Thomson and travel to Rawson Village. Rawson is a scenic mountain township, tucked away in the foothills of the Great Dividing Range. The town was built on farmland to accommodate the workforce building the Thomson River Dam. The dam was completed in 1983 and is now the largest earth and rock fill dam in the Southern Hemisphere. The dam provides breathtaking views and we'll stop here before making our way into Melbourne. Our accommodation for the next two nights is in inner **Carlton** – close to the city centre. On arrival we check in and relax or take a walk to nearby **Lygon**

Street. (Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Light lunch)

Best Western Plus Travel Inn Hotel, Carlton – 2 nights (03 93477922)

Day 6 (BD): Melbourne's International Flower Show (Friday 1 April, 2022)

Today is festival day! After breakfast we head off to the **International Flower and Garden Show** (full program details to be confirmed). The show features the best landscape and floral talent that Australia has to offer, alongside an extensive array of garden retail products. The Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, staged within the world heritage listed **Royal Exhibition Building** and surrounding **Carlton Gardens**, is a celebration of Australian lifestyle and our great outdoors. We have plenty of time to explore here today before meeting the coach at a designated time to be transferred back to our motel *(Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel)*

Day 7 (BD): Werribee & Geelong (Saturday 2 April, 2022)

This morning we cross the **West Gate Bridge** and travel into Werribee— an outer suburb of Melbourne, just 32kms south west of the CBD. There are some stunning things to see and do in Werribee. This morning we have arranged to visit **Werribee Park Mansion & Gardens**. In 1877 Scottish squatters Thomas and Andrew Chernside realised their dream of recreating the world they had left behind. In the centre of their huge pastoral empire, they built the mansion known today as Werribee Park. Set over 130 hectares of bushland fronting the Werribee River, Werribee Park stands today as one of Australia's great 19th century properties. Today we see living history as staff in period

costume, go about the daily life of last century. We can explore the 60 room Italianate mansion unsurpassed in elegance and grandeur. In addition, take the time to visit the **Victoria State Rose Garden** - home to 4500 roses from more than 100 different species. The Rose Garden was designed to complement the majestic, historic gardens which surround the Mansion. Next stop is **Geelong** where we have time to purchase lunch before visiting the **National Wool Museum**. Housed in a beautifully restored 1872 bluestone wools store, the museum is Australia's largest comprehensive museum of wool, showcasing the regions wool story from the sheep's back to the clothes rack. *(Meal inclusions: Breakfast & dinner in the motel)*

Rydges Geelong – 1 night (03 5223 6200)



Day 8 (BD): The Great Ocean Road (Sunday 3 April, 2022)

It is one of the best coastal drives in the world. Stretching from Bells Beach near Torquay, through to just east of Warrnambool, the **Great Ocean Road** is famous for its breathtaking coastal views. Built to honour the servicemen and women of World War