

day one great ocean road

(lunch and dinner)

The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most spectacular journeys, an amazing road that winds its way beside long sandy beaches, towering tree covered cliffs and sculptured limestone formations created by the relentless pounding waves of the Southern Ocean.

Further west, located at the foot of the Otway Range, we reach the old fishing and logging town of Apollo Bay, a perfect location for lunch and a walk along the beautiful surf beach.

In the early afternoon see magnificent Mountain Ashes (a variety of giant eucalyptus trees native to the region that can grow in excess of 100 metres or 300 feet in height). At Maits Rest, we take the 600-metre long walk along the forest floor under the canopy of ancient tree ferns, the type of terrain where dinosaurs once roamed.

Late afternoon travel along the coast to the Port Campbell National Park. This section of coastline is known as the 'Shipwreck Coast' where during the period of the mid-late 1800s, dozens of ships tragically met their doom.

Spectacular formations such as the Twelve Apostles, The Grotto and Bay of Islands, are all located here, carved from the mainland cliffs over thousands of years by powerful towering seas. In the centre of this coastal wonderland is the hamlet of Port Campbell, tucked in a small sheltered cove, a perfect haven for our first overnight stop, and still early enough to explore the area at leisure.

Overnight... Port Campbell —
Waves / Southern Ocean Villas

day two grampians national park

(breakfast, lunch and dinner)

Gariwerd is the Aboriginal name for the Grampians National Park. The 414,000 acre park is as rich in its variety of fauna and flora, as it is in its cultural significance with 80% of the Aboriginal rock art sites listed in Victoria is located in the Grampians. According to archaeological evidence, Aborigines have been living in the area for at least 10,000 years, and they continue a strong association with the area today, as we will discover when we visit Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre.

Lakes, waterfalls, spectacular lookouts and bounding wildlife are all part of our experiences today. Our overnight accommodation is ideally located providing a bush retreat and an opportunity to get close and personal with kangaroos, wallabies and all other native animals that inhabit this picturesque region.

Overnight... Western boundary of
Grampians National Park —
Meringa Springs

day three aboriginal rock art and pyrenees wine region

(breakfast, lunch and dinner)

A lazy start today allows free time to explore our bushland surroundings before we commence our travels. Find your own space and take a your time to meet some of the local native inhabitants.

Just a short drive away is one of the more significant Aboriginal rock art sites in the area, dating back more than a thousand years. From the top of the escarpment we have an overall view of the ranges and the vast plains to the dessert west.

Further to the north however is the Pyrenees region, one of Victoria's wine producing areas. With more than 16 cellar doors the Pyrenees is just bursting at the vines, so it's time to indulge and sample some of the best Australian wines whilst savouring delicious local produce. An a la carte lunch with a glass or two of wine is the best way to relax and look out over this tranquil vine covered valley.

The afternoon brings a casual pace an informal experience focused on the enjoyment wine and food as we travel to historic Ballarat for a glance at Victoria's golden past.

Tonight brings a visual extravaganza as you relive the events that lead to Australia's only civil revolt, through a fantastic laser light show known as 'Blood on the Southern Cross'.

Overnight... Ballarat Lodge

day four explore the living museum that is sovereign hill

(breakfast)

Experience a recreated 1850s goldfields township where real gold flows in the creek and history comes alive.

You can strike gold at Sovereign Hill by heading for the Red Hill Gully Creek, where costumed goldpanners are ready to give you a few tips. Each year \$AU 30,000 worth of REAL GOLD is placed in the creek, and everyone is welcomed to grab a gold pan and head for the Diggings, just as the miners did more than 150 years ago. Mid afternoon arrival in Melbourne sees tour's end.

Inclusions:

- complimentary pick up and return from central Melbourne hotel
- touring in modern air-conditioned vehicles
- experienced driver-guide
- wine sampling
- five star accomodation
- breakfast and dinner as indicated
- laser light show
- entry to Sovereign Hill





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Single rooms... Single rooms are available upon request and a supplement is payable at the time of booking (refer rate chart). In triple rooms, the third bed may be foldaway, sofa bed or rollaway.

Cancellation fees... Will be levied relative to the amount of notice given, 1-7 days 30%, day of departure 100%.

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