



Melbourne Cup at Flemington



Melbourne at night

Let's celebrate!

10 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

MELBOURNE CUP CELLAR-BRATION

Food and wine trail leading to the Melbourne Cup

PHYSICAL RATING

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TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Luxury 'Gold Class' coach travel ex Brisbane
- Abbey of the Roses tour
- Specialty medley of mains lunch with paired wines
- 1 night Armidale
- Big Golden Guitar in Tamworth
- Darley Thoroughbred Stud guided tour
- 2 nights Hunter Valley
- Hunter Valley Gardens entry and guided train tour
- Progressive lunch including wine tasting session
- Bradman Museum
- 1 night Bowral
- Big Merino Goulburn
- Dog on the Tuckerbox
- Captain Moonlite's grave
- 1 night Albury
- Ned Kelly country in Glenrowan
- 4 nights Melbourne
- Puffing Billy steam train ride
- Bavarian restaurant lunch and entertainment
- Melbourne Cup race day at Flemington, inside track in the Home Straight Enclosure with 5 course meal, beverage package, private garden area, live band, elevated track viewing platform, facebook and private betting facilities
- Living Legends entry and guided tour
- ArtVo immersive photo gallery
- One way economy class flight from Melbourne to Brisbane, Sydney or Adelaide
- 26 meals

DAY 1 Tuesday 27 October (MT,L,D)



Board our luxury 'Gold Class' coach at **Brisbane Transit Centre** where we make our way through the **Lockyer Valley** to **Warwick**, stopping at the **Abbey of the Roses** for a **guided tour** and morning tea. Continuing south, we arrive for lunch at the **Queensland College of Wine Tourism** for a medley of mains matched to wines. Our afternoon takes us through **Glen Innes** to **Armidale**. **1 Night Stay: Cotswold Gardens, Armidale ★★★★★**

DAY 2 Wednesday 28 October



Departing **Armidale** this morning, we travel via a short stop at the **Big Golden Guitar** in **Tamworth**. Standing prominently on the New England Highway on the southern approach, the iconic Golden Guitar is a striking tribute to Tamworth's country music reputation. We then continue on to **Scone**, breaking here for lunch before making our way to the **Darley Thoroughbred Stud** near **Denman**. Here we spend time with a local guide, Craig Benjamin, who has exclusive rights to conduct tours of some of the most prestigious racing studs in the area. Enjoy an insider's tour of the thoroughbred racing industry and an interesting introduction to the equine industry. After our stud tour, we make our way to the **Hunter Valley**.

2 Night Stay: Mercure Hunter Valley ★★★★★

***Please note: These rooms are accessed by stairs.*

DAY 3 Thursday 29 October (B,L,D)



A leisurely start to the day before we head to the magnificent **Hunter Valley Gardens** for a guided train tour with commentary through parts of the 25 hectares of International Garden. Continuing our **food and wine trail** today, we set the scene for a progressive lunch where our main course is enjoyed at **The Cellar Restaurant**. We then spend the afternoon grazing and sipping on the area's **finest wine**, visiting a **local winery** for a **tasting** and **cheese platter**. We finish our day treating our palates with a sweet treat at a **local artisan chocolate shop** before returning to the hotel.

DAY 4 Friday 30 October (B,L,D)



We leave behind the Hunter region today and make our way to the Pacific Motorway, breaking for lunch in **Gosford**. After lunch, we travel through Sydney's western suburbs and head up into the **Southern Highlands**, arriving in **Bowral**. We visit the **Bradman Museum**, an interactive display dedicated to cricket.

1 Night Stay: Gibraltar Hotel Bowral ★★★★★

DAY 5 Saturday 31 October



Departing the **Southern Highlands**, we arrive in **Goulburn** where we stop for a cuppa and visit the iconic **Big Merino**. Joining the Hume Highway again, we track further inland, stopping for a photo opportunity at the **Dog on the Tuckerbox**, and a short visit to **Captain Moonlite's Grave** in the **North Gundagai Cemetery**, before breaking for lunch in **Gundagai**. After lunch we spend some time in town before making our way through to **Albury**.

1 night Stay: Best Western Plus Hovell Tree Inn ★★★★★

DAY 6 Sunday 1 November



This morning we travel to the township of **Glenrowan**, which is the site of the final siege and capture of **Ned Kelly** and his gang in 1880. We spend time in town discovering their story, which is preserved in the local attractions, museums and historic walks. After a cuppa we continue our journey, arriving in **Euroa** for lunch. This afternoon we arrive in **Melbourne**. Take time this afternoon to hop on-board the free tourist City Circle Tram to discover Melbourne, take a walk along **Southbank** or just relax and unwind in the hotel.

4 Night Stay: Crowne Plaza Melbourne ★★★★★

DAY 7 Monday 2 November (B,L,D)



Today we head into the **Dandenong Ranges**, travelling through the lush and picturesque low mountain ranges east of the city. We arrive in **Belgrave** and board **Puffing Billy**, travelling to **Lakeside Station**. Enjoy the grandeur and charm of our hour long steam train journey, crossing three historic bridges including the **Monbulk Creek Trestle Bridge** and chugging through temperate rainforest, dense fern foliage and wide-open fields. After disembarking the train, we board the coach and travel to the **Bavarian Cuckoo Restaurant**, nestled in the **Dandenong Ranges**, for lunch. This traditional Bavarian chalet-style restaurant offers a German smorgasbord, yodelling and folk dancing.

DAY 8 Tuesday 3 November



Melbourne Cup Day, the race that stops the nation! Don your fancy hats, dresses, suits and ties in readiness for cup fever. Today, we celebrate in true style and elegance that will no doubt be the envy of all other race-goers. Arriving at **Flemington Racecourse** mid-morning on our private 'Gold Class' coach, we spend the day in the inside track **Home Straight Enclosure**, featuring private betting facilities with bookmaker, race book, 5 course meal and beverage package. The marquee also features a live band, outdoor private garden area and elevated track viewing platform. This promises to be a very special day to remember. ***Please note: This Melbourne Cup package is subject to availability.*

DAY 9 Wednesday 4 November



A leisurely start to today before we visit **Living Legends**, the international home of rest for champion horses. This farm is home to many past **Melbourne Cup winners** such as **Might and Power** and **Rogan Josh**, and was established to bring retired champion racehorses back to the public. Our **guided tour** tells the story of past champions as we visit them in the paddocks before taking a wander through the gardens and historic homestead. Take a free afternoon when we arrive back in Melbourne. **Melbourne** is a creative, exciting, ever-changing city with extraordinary surprises to be discovered in every basement, rooftop and laneway. This evening we meet in the hotel for finale drinks and dinner. ***Lunch is at own expense today.*

DEPARTURE DATE 2020

27 October

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$4800
Sole Use \$5995

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$1500pp required within 14 days of making booking to secure your reservation.

N.B. This package is subject to a fuel levy without notice for air and coach components.

Flights are arranged to suit the tour as a group in advance, therefore we cannot book individual preferences or guarantee direct flights.

BRISBANE PRE TOUR EXTENDER AVAILABLE
Refer to the inside back cover for this option

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast MT = Morning Tea L = Lunch
AT = Afternoon Tea D = Two Course Dinner

DAY 10 Thursday 5 November (B)

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure this morning. Check-out is at 10am, when we depart the hotel and make our way to **Artvo Immersive Gallery**. This 'trick art' gallery is the first of its kind in Australia where you are encouraged to **touch and interact** with the **artworks**, photographing yourself in them. You can become part of over 100 3D artworks, placing you in the midst of scenes, locations and famous paintings. After our time here, we make our way to the airport for our respective flights home.

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PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

This tour carries a strict fitness level. Please carefully read the Terms & Conditions on Page 3