



MELBOURNE FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

with Val Henry

5 Days / 4 Nights



TRADE TRAVEL
Group Travel Specialists

Tour Departs Wednesday 27 March - Sunday 31 March 2019

Tour Cost: \$1799.00 per person Twin Share (\$380.00 single supplement) Minimum 20 Passengers

Tour Price is Valid for Travel March 2019. Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.



The Itinerary

Day 1. Wed 27 Mar: Brisbane - Melbourne

Dinner

This morning we **arrive at the Brisbane Domestic Airport** for our onward **flight to Melbourne**. On arrival we meet our local coach captain and board our luxury coach for transfers into Southgate. We have time to purchase a late lunch/snack before boarding our **Yarra River Highlights Cruise at "Berth 5"**. This informative cruise takes us through Melbourne's picturesque gardens, parklands and some of our famous sporting arenas. After our cruise we transfer out of the city to our accommodation for check in and short rest before enjoying dinner in the hotel's restaurant.

Overnight: Mercure Melbourne Caroline Springs 03 8358 0555

Day 2. Thurs 28 Mar: Melbourne - Dandenongs - Melbourne

Breakfast & Dinner

After our delicious breakfast we depart for the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges. On arrival in **Belgrave** we board **the famous Puffing Billy** for our **10.30am rail journey** on Australia's oldest surviving preserved steam railway. Puffing Billy which was built to serve at the turn of the century is a historic steam train still running regularly in the mountain district. After disembarking in **Lakeside at 11.30am** we travel by coach to **the quaint village of Sassafras**. We have free time to purchase lunch and explore the specialty shops including the Two Tea Leaves shops for the largest range of teas and teapots in and around Melbourne. We then continue across Mount Dandenong to **Coombe - The Melba Estate** where we enjoy **afternoon tea and a guided tour** of the gardens. The gardens contain rare plants and beautiful old world trees, including an English oak rumored to be over 180 years old. Later in the afternoon we travel back across the Metro Ring Road to our accommodation for a short rest before dinner.

Overnight: Mercure Melbourne Caroline Springs 03 8358 0555

Day 3. Fri 29 Mar: Melbourne Flower Show

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we make our way into **the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show** which is held at the **Royal Exhibition Building & Carlton Gardens**. Australia's top landscape designers are responsible for the breathtaking "Show Gardens" and as a result of their stunning designs could be crowned the Gold, Silver or Bronze winner for the top Exhibition Garden. **The Royal Exhibition Building** turns into the **Great Hall of Flowers** for the 5 days of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, a glorious and vibrant exhibition from Victoria's leading florists and floral designers.



Accredited Agent



Victoria: PO Box 1137 Mildura VIC 3502 | Queensland: PO Box 1715 Noosaville BC QLD 4566

Freecall: 1800 034 439 | Fax: 03 5022 7993 | E-mail: groups@tradetravel.com

Website: www.tradetravel.com.au | ABN: 91 061 591 375

Day 3 Continued:

Everybody loves a great flower market, the sights and sounds, the people, the atmosphere and the visual beauty of being amongst beautiful flowers and foliage. A dazzling array! The show also comes alive with roving entertainment throughout the Carlton Gardens and the Royal Exhibition Building. An open exhibition and sale of garden sculptures, organised by the Association of Sculptors of Victoria, will also take place in the Carlton Gardens in the Central Boulevard. These and much more provide the perfect day for garden lovers Australia wide. Tonight we enjoy a delicious dinner in our hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Mercure Melbourne Caroline Springs 03 8358 0555

Day 4. Sat 30 Mar: Melbourne Free Day

Breakfast & Dinner

After a delicious breakfast in our hotel's restaurant, we have the day to spend at our leisure. With coach transfers into the city, you may wish to return to the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show, indulge in a little retail therapy in Bourke Street, catch the free city tram to the nearby Factory Outlets or perhaps visit any number of the local tourist attractions including the Victoria Markets, National Gallery of Victoria, Sealife Aquarium or Federation Square. This evening we re-join and enjoy dinner at a local restaurant in Caroline Springs.

Overnight: Mercure Melbourne Caroline Springs 03 8358 0555

Day 5. Sun 31 Mar: Melbourne - Geelong - Brisbane

Breakfast & Lunch

This morning after breakfast and with bags packed we check out before making our way down to the **magnificent Geelong Waterfront** where we have a chance to purchase some morning tea and take in the stunning views on offer. We continue to **Bells Beach** giving us spectacular views from the glorious cliff-face. While there isn't much 'beach' at Bells Beach it is a truly amazing spot to watch local surfers out in the water. Next we visit **Torquay** for a delicious lunch at a local cafe. After lunch we travel past Barwon Heads to **Queenscliff** to view the new harbour development, the gateway to Port Philip and beyond. Later this afternoon we transfer to the Melbourne Domestic Airport for our flight back up to Brisbane after a wonderful few days visiting some of Melbourne's iconic locations and surrounding areas with the Donald Simpson Centre.

The Tour Price Includes:

- Return economy flights Brisbane to Melbourne
- Luxury coach travel
- 4 Nights quality hotel accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (9 Meals)
- All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary

Tour Highlights: Yarra River Highlights Cruise; Puffing Billy; Tourist Village of Sassafras; Coombe - The Melba Estate; Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show; Geelong Waterfront; Bells Beach; Torquay; Queenscliff plus much more

PAYMENT DETAILS:

DEPOSIT: \$200.00 per person to be paid together with completed booking form by **Monday 19 November 2018**

FINAL PAYMENT to be paid on or before **Friday 18 January 2019**

For Information Contact: Val Henry
PH: 07 3821 1089 / 0411 821 169

For Bookings Contact: Gloria at Trade Travel
PH: 1800 034 439 Email: gloria@tradetravel.com



Accredited Agent



Victoria: PO Box 1137 Mildura VIC 3502 | Queensland: PO Box 1715 Noosaville BC QLD 4566

Freecall: 1800 034 439 | Fax: 03 5022 7993 | E-mail: groups@tradetravel.com

Website: www.tradetravel.com.au | ABN: 91 061 591 375