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Great Ocean Road & the Grampians

SMALL GROUP ESCORTED TOUR – ROUND-TRIP FROM MELBOURNE

EST. 1989

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Your tour starts in Melbourne and takes you through sweeping volcanic plains to the first stop on the itinerary – Geelong. Here you'll have time to explore before moving on to Torquay and the start of the Great Ocean Road.

What's Included?

2 nights of accommodation as shown or similar, on a twin-share room-only basis unless otherwise stated

Meals as shown

Hotel pick-up & drop-off

Please Note

Tours depart on a Tuesday from Melbourne.



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Day 1 Great Ocean Road

Your tour starts in Melbourne and takes you through sweeping volcanic plains to Geelong. You'll have time to explore before moving on to Torquay and the start of the Great Ocean Road. Plenty of breaks are made for photographs including Bells Beach as well as a scenic point for morning tea. There's also lots of opportunity to try and spot the native wildlife including the eastern grey kangaroos. The Great Ocean Road is regarded as one of the finest coastal drives in the world and as you travel the scenic route, which hugs tight to the cliffs you'll see exactly why. Your guide will regale you with tales of how the road acquired its name as you continue on to Lorne.

After lunch the route takes in many beautiful spots including Kennett River, where you'll hopefully see koalas and colourful birds in their natural habitat. Travelling through Apollo Bay, continue into the Great Otway National Park. Enjoy a guided walk through a cool, temperate rainforest gully to see the world's tallest flowering plants and prehistoric trees. Accommodation this evening is Beacon Point Ocean Villas, set high on a hill with panoramic views of the Southern Ocean.

Your Accommodation: Beacon Point Ocean Villas

Meal(s) Included: Dinner

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Day two begins with breakfast at the Bay Leaf Café, a favourite with the locals, setting you up for the morning exploration of the Shipwreck Coast. Travelling through the Otway Ranges your first stop is Castle Cove, overlooking the Aire River Valley. Your guide will introduce you to the rich Aboriginal heritage as well as the pre-historic past of the region.

The 12 Apostles are an iconic sight on this coast and you should arrive as the morning sunlight hits the stacks, visiting in the morning also means the light is perfect for photos and the area much less crowded. Hear how the stacks were created, then take a meander along the boardwalks or head for the skies on a scenic helicopter flight along the coast (own expense). You then travel to Loch Ard Gorge, site of one of Australia's most infamous ship wrecks in the 19th century. The small fishing village of Port Campbell is your stop for lunch before exploring the coastline west of the village, which includes the limestone formations of London Bridge, Bay of Islands, Bay of Martyrs and Boat Bay. From here continue on to Warrnambool and Port Fairy, with a stop at Tower Hill Game Reserve where you might spot koalas, kangaroos and emu living wild in an extinct, volcanic crater.

The route then turns inland to the mountains of the Grampians National Park, and your overnight accommodation at the award-winning Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld.

Your Accommodation: Royal Mail Hotel

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast & Dinner

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Day 3 Grampians

Your final day is spent immersed in the splendour of the Grampians. It begins with a scenic drive along the Wonderland and Mt Willam Ranges to Halls Gap, which sits in the heart of the Grampians National Park.

Enjoy some gentle walks at Boroka Lookout, Reid's Lookout and McKenzie Falls plus a visit to the Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre and the rock art site 'Bunjil's Shelter'. The journey back to Melbourne takes you through the gold mining town of Ballarat, rich with its colourful and vibrant history.

Meal(s) Included: Breakfast

Please Note: Details are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice. Accommodation is subject to availability, and similar hotels may be substituted.

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