# **CREAT OCEAN ROAD & KANCAROO ISLAND** WITH MELBOURNE & ADELAIDE 22 OCTOBER - O3 NOVEMBER 2025

We travel along one of Victoria's most scenic drives, the Great Ocean Road with the iconic 12 Apostles and little villages like the fishing village of Port Fairy. Our tour is a lovely blend of rugged, beautiful scenery: cliffs, ocean, sea life, seals, koalas, Kangaroo Island and country towns, and the exciting city life of Melbourne and Adelaide.

DAYS

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12 Nights

Iconic Road Journey with stunning scenery, Kangaroo Island, Melbourne, Adelaide, private cave concert and shows **GROUP SIZE** 

35 Travellers MEALS

All Breakfasts 7 Lunches 8 Dinners MOBILITY

Moderate Tour



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## SPECIAL FEATURES:

• Undertake one of the most famous road trips in the world, through picturesque parts of Australia on this 13-day tour, including the natural beauty of the 12 Apostles, rugged cliffs, bird life, seals and explore the little villages like Port Fairy.

• Music provided by our hosts including a beautiful private concert in the Naracoorte Caves. Here, the music will bounce off the cave walls - a very special, once in a lifetime event plus a show in Melbourne and 2 other music concerts along the way.

• 12 nights' accommodation in 4 and 5-star hotels (and 1 motel) - Adelaide (3 nights), Kangaroo Island (2 nights), Victor Harbor (1 night), Mt Gambier (1 night), Warrnambool (1 night), Lorne (1 night), Melbourne (3 nights).

• 2 nights on Kangaroo Island - we taste the local produce, discover native wildlife - kangaroos, koalas, sea lions and fabulous bird life - plus explore the rugged beauty of this unspoiled island off the coast of South Australia.

• This tour is a lovely blend of discovering both sides of Australia, its beautiful coastline and wildlife, coupled with sophisticated dining, city life and musical entertainment in two great cities, Adelaide and Melbourne.



COASTAL BIRD LIFE

## OUR HOSTS:



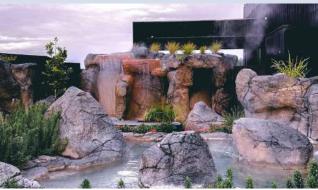
# PLACES WE STAY

- **The Playford MGallery by Sofitel, Adelaide (3 nights)** is a 5-star boutique hotel in the heart of Adelaide on vibrant North Terrace.
- Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge, Kangaroo Island (2 nights) is situated overlooking the calm waters of Eastern Cove in scenic American River and offers a warm friendly welcome and award-winning restaurant showcasing local produce.



THE PLAYFORD MGALLERY BY SOFITEL

- **McCracken Country Club, Victor Harbor (1 night)** is a 4.5-star hotel offering luxurious accommodation, an 18-hole golf course, and panoramic views across the Hindmarsh Valley from most rooms. It is located on the magnificent Fleurieu Peninsula.
- The Presidential Accommodation and Suites, Mt Gambier (1 night) is a family owned motel, located just 5 minutes' drive from Blue Lake & CBD and features a restaurant, cocktail bar & modern fitness centre.
- Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, Warrnambool (1 night) is a 4-star hotel, located on Warrnambool's spectacular foreshore and offers exceptional accommodation, award-winning Hot Springs Sanctuary, Day Spa and Hospitality.
- Mantra Lorne Hotel (1 night) is the only beachfront property in Lorne, on the Great Ocean Road. Built around the oldest guesthouse in Victoria, Mantra Lorne is situated on 12 acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.
- Langham Hotel, Melbourne (3 nights) is a 5-star hotel, situated on the banks of the Yarra River and features an indoor swimming pool with views across the city. The elegant interior includes a grand marble staircase, cascading fountains and magnificent chandeliers and it has one of the best breakfasts in the world!



DEEP BLUE HOTEL & HOT SPRINGS



MANTRA LORNE HOTEL



LANGHAM HOTEL MELBOURNE



ADELAIDE CITY



YOUR FUN AND VIBRANT HOSTS



BAROSSA VALLEY

### TRIP ITINERARY

Experience the Exceptional:

#### WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER 2025 (D)

#### The Playford Hotel, Adelaide (3 nights)

Often called the city of churches, Adelaide is known for its scenic national parks brimming with wildlife and is a gateway to the Murray River. The stunning Adelaide Hills and Barossa Valley boasts a vibrant wine district filled with great vineyards and restaurants.

#### **Highlights Include:**

• This morning we fly from Auckland to Adelaide.

• City tour of Adelaide on arrival, including a drive around this vibrant city, the North Terrace, Adelaide Botanic Gardens and Botanic Park, the modern Adelaide Oval precinct for a glimpse of the Donald Bradman statue and the historical St Peter's Cathedral.

• Tonight we enjoy our welcome gala event with music from our artists: *What a Wonderful World!* 

#### THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER 2025 (B, L) HAHNDORF

#### **Highlights Include:**

• Tour to the Adelaide Hills and to the cute town of Hahndorf, known for its original German style architecture with time to shop and enjoy lunch.

• Afternoon and evening to enjoy shopping or free time.

#### FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025 (B, L) DAY TOUR TO BAROSSA VALLEY

#### **Highlights Include:**

- Today we are off to the beautiful Barossa Valley, home to the winemaking region of South Australia.
- Visit Maggie Beer's famous Farm Shop & Cafe for a cooking class and shopping.
- Enjoy lunch at a vineyard plus some wine tasting.





KANGAROO ISLAND



WINE TASTING



A WONDERFUL GROUP EXPERIENCE

#### SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2025 (B, L, D) FLEURIEU PENINSULA - MCLAREN VALE -KANGAROO ISLAND

Mercure Kangaroo Island Lodge, Kangaroo Island (2 nights)

#### **Highlights Include:**

- Travel south down the Fleurieu Peninsula into the McLaren Vale wine region.
- Enjoy a chocolate tasting at Bracegirdle's House of Fine Chocolates and lunch at a premium vineyard.

• In the afternoon, travel to Cape Jervis and board the ferry for the 45-minute crossing to Australia's second largest island, Kangaroo Island.

#### SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER 2025 (B, L, D) KANGAROO ISLAND

Kangaroo Island is a pristine wilderness that offers protection to a substantial population of Australian native animals and abounds in natural beauty.

#### **Highlights Include:**

- Tour of Seal Bay, home of the third largest sea lion colony in Australia.
- Visit Birds of Prey at the Raptor Domain. Meet an array of birds including Jedda, the wedge-tailed eagle.
- Visit the Flinders Chase National Park with its "Remarkable Rocks" and "Admirals Arch".

#### MONDAY 27 OCTOBER 2025 (B, L, D)

## McCracken Country Club, Victor Harbor (1 night)

#### **Highlights Include:**

- Tour of the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Oil Distillery.
- Travel to the eastern side of the island with spectacular views from Cape Willoughby Conservation Park.
- Lunch and wine tasting at an award-winning winery.





THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD



SEAL BAY SEALS



KANGAROO ISLAND LANDSCAPE

#### TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2025 (B, D) VICTOR HARBOR - STRATHALBYN -NARACOORTE

#### The Presidential Accommodation and Suites, Mt Gambier (1 night)

#### Highlights Include:

- Travel through Goolwa to Strathalbyn where you can explore the many antique shops.
- Enjoy the beautiful scenery as we travel through regional South Australia en route to Naracoorte. The Naracoorte Caves are South Australia's only World Heritage site, officially recognised in 1994 for the important fossils found at the site.

• This afternoon we have the special privilege of performing in the caves. We immerse ourselves in the perfect acoustics of this natural wonder during our private concert.

#### • WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER 2025 (B, D) WARRNAMBOOL

## Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, Warrnambool (1 night)

#### Highlights Include:

- Explore the Umpherston Sink Hole gardens, featuring beautiful overhanging vines.
- Visit the famous Blue Lake, situated in one of three extinct volcanic craters.
- Cross the state border into Victoria and into the beautiful fishing village of Port Fairy.
- This evening we enjoy a fabulous sound and laser show in the historic Flagstaff Hill Precinct depicting the story of the ill-fated sailing ship "Loch Ard".

#### • THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER 2025 (B, L) GREAT OCEAN RD - LORNE

#### Mantra, Lorne (1 night)

#### **Highlights Include:**

- We begin our journey along one of Australia's most spectacular scenic drives, the Great Ocean Road.
- There are plenty of stops along the way to photograph the natural wonders including the Bay of Islands, the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge.
- From the coast we head inland over the Otway Ranges. We enjoy a birds-eye view of the beautiful temperate rainforest from the Otway Fly.



STUNNING CLIFFSIDE SCENERY



MELBOURNE CITY SKYLINE



YARRA CHOCOLATE FACTORY

#### FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025 (B, D) TORQUAY - GEELONG - MELBOURNE

#### Langham Hotel (3 nights)

#### **Highlights Include:**

• Continuing along the Great Ocean Road, we pass through the beautiful coastal towns of Anglesea and Torquay.

• We arrive in Melbourne and enjoy a short city orientation tour.

• Pre-show dinner this evening and then a show included in Melbourne. (Final show confirmed when 2025 schedule is out).

#### SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2025 (B, L) PUFFING BILLY - DANDENONG RANGES -YARRA VALLEY

#### **Highlights Include:**

• Tour to the beautiful Yarra Valley, famous for its food and wines.

• Board the century old Puffing Billy Steam Train and travel through the Dandenong Ranges with lush fern gullies brushing past and Mountain Ash trees towering overhead.

• Enjoy a tasting at the Yarra Chocolate Factory plus wine tasting and lunch at a local winery.

#### SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2025 (B, D)

#### **Highlights Include:**

• Today is a free day to enjoy shopping or meeting friends. You may like to take the free tram around Melbourne's central city.

• Final night gala concert with our fabulous escorts with music: *Celtic Celebration*.

#### MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2025 (B)

Home today after this absolutely lovely tour of beautiful scenery, wonderful music and great experiences.

#### **THIS TRIP INCLUDES:**

• Return economy airfares with Air New Zealand Auckland - Adelaide// Melbourne - Auckland with Air New Zealand including taxes.

• 12 nights' accommodation in 4 and 5-star hotels (and 1 motel) - Adelaide (3 nights), Kangaroo Island (2 nights), Victor Harbor (1 night), Mt Gambier (1 night), Warrnambool (1 night), Lorne (1 night), Melbourne (3 nights).

• Incredible sights and sites, including Kangaroo Island with its sea lion colonies, abundant wildlife, and scenery.

• Drive the Great Ocean Rd and experience its wonders, including Bay of Islands, the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and the Otway ranges.

• Special music events including private cave concert at Naracoorte Caves, 2 soiree concerts with dinner, the fabulous sound and laser show in the historic Flagstaff Hill precinct and a show in Melbourne (to be advised).

• Numerous tours and inclusions - tours of Adelaide and Melbourne, Barossa Valley, Yarra Valley, Puffing Billy, Umpherston Sink Hole Gardens and tours of Naracoorte Caves, Blue Lake and Hahndorf.

• All tours and entrances as listed in itinerary, including all taxes, tips, porterage.

- All breakfasts, 7 lunches, 8 dinners are included.
- Hosted by Alex Milligan, Marian Burns and Paul Carnegie-Jones.

#### **MODERATE TOUR**

This trip has a little more walking than an easy tour. It is a moderate tour for one of the following reasons - you may need to walk with ease for up to one hour at a slow pace or be able to climb stairs or be able to get on and off boats, trains and buses. This trip will not suit those on walkers and a moderate level of mobility is required.

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

• All itinerary details are subject to change, but changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.

• Initial & Second deposits are fully refundable up until final balance due date, minus an administration fee of up to \$500 plus any non-recoverable costs.

- All monies are non-refundable at final balance due date. This becomes an insurance claim.
- Bank transfer payments incur no surcharge. Credit card payments incur surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit & booking form.

• All travellers must obtain comprehensive travel insurance for international travel and insurance for domestic travel is recommended.

• Please refer to our terms and conditions on booking form.



## \$9750 PER PERSON TWIN SHARE SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADD \$2620

Initial Deposit on booking: \$1000 Second Deposit due: 23 APR 25 \$2000 Final Balance due: 04 JUL 25

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