

# Welcome to Victoria



Welcome to Victoria, a state of varied contrasts and home to the stunning stretch of coastline known as the Great Ocean Road. It is also home to the sporting capital of Australia, Melbourne, which plays host throughout the year to numerous world-class sporting events such as the Formula 1, Grand Prix, Australian Open Tennis Championship and the famous Melbourne Cup, the 'race that stops a nation'. In Southeast Victoria is the beautiful Mornington Peninsula surrounded by rolling hills, bays and beaches. Animal lovers, make sure you visit the Phillip Island Nature Park, to see penguins, seals, koalas and birds. Within easy reach of Melbourne is the beautiful Yarra Valley wine region, and relaxation lovers, look no further than the heavenly Daylesford spa region.

## Food and Wine

Victoria is the destination for gastronomic delights and is home to some of Australia's most innovative chefs. Melbourne offers a brilliant selection of restaurants, cafes, bistros and bars. Victoria's climate offers the perfect conditions for over 460 wineries in 22 distinct wine regions making Victoria one of the world's great wine destinations. Imaginative chefs and local food producers love to showcase the regional produce.

## Culture

Melbourne is regarded as the cultural capital of Australia. With one of the highest densities of commercial art galleries anywhere in the world, here is the largest museum in the southern hemisphere, with the largest collection of Australian art on permanent display. Melbourne also has an extensive calendar of year-round events celebrating its cultural strengths through film, dance, theatre, comedy, music and visual arts.

## Spa and Pampering

In Melbourne and regional Victoria, there are plenty of opportunities for visitors to indulge in relaxation therapies to calm the stresses of life away. In Melbourne city, most of the chic hotels offer luxury spa and wellbeing centres. Victoria's Spa Country has the largest concentration of 100% natural mineral springs in Australia. The Yarra Valley offers relaxation in the wineries, with many retreats to choose from.

## Special Events

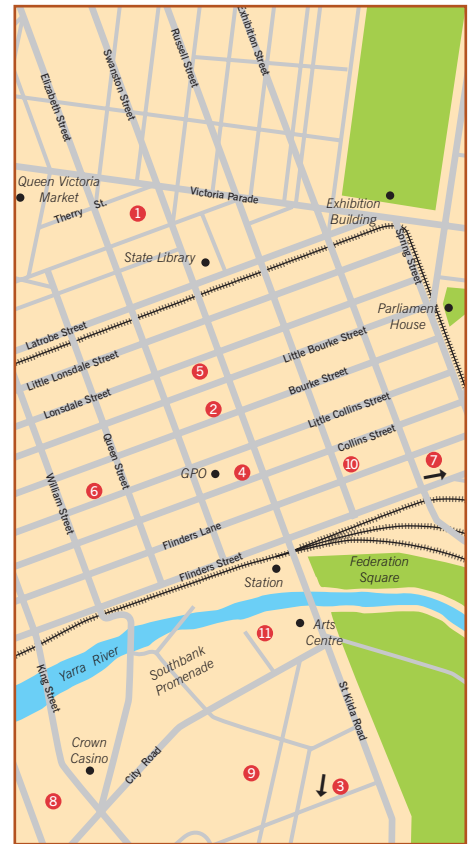
Victorians have a passion for the arts, culture, food, wine, sports and the outdoors. There's a multitude of events that celebrate these and some of the most well known are detailed below. During these times supplements and minimum night stays may apply.

- Australian Tennis Open** – mid-late Jan 2007 & 2008
- Australian Grand Prix** – mid-late Mar 2007 & 2008
- AFL 'Aussie Rules' Football Grand Final** – 29 Sep 2007
- Spring Racing Carnival** – late Oct - early Nov 2007



# Melbourne

Melbourne, voted one of the world's most livable cities has something to offer everyone. It is known as the arts, sport, food, wine, fashion and culture capital, offering any number of multi-cultural culinary delights in its fascinating city centre and surrounding suburbs. With glorious tree-lined avenues and shopping boulevards, arts and cultural centres, bustling markets, old-fashioned trams and outdoor cafés, Melbourne lives up to its lively, diverse, cosmopolitan seaside reputation. A few minute drive from the city, discover South Yarra, an area of endless cafes and chic designer shops, or take the tram to lively St Kilda Beach, for some 'fun-in-the-sun'.



## Penguins, Koalas & Wildlife



Small Group

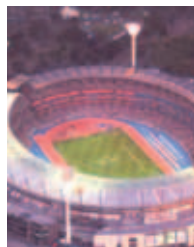
Tour PKW – 8-9 hrs  
This fascinating tour to Phillip Island allows you to walk amongst the treetops at the Koala Conservation Centre and through the nature reserve bushland. You'll also visit a boutique winery and the Churchill Island historic farm. Later, see the penguins come ashore at dusk on a secluded



beach from their ocean feeding grounds. Boardwalks enable you to get close to the penguins as they waddle home to their burrows and you will be issued with night vision equipment for a unique and intimate look at these fantastic creatures. Your tour is made all the more pleasurable by a full briefing from a Park Ranger and interpretation throughout.

Price from £102 per person, including afternoon tea, dinner and transfers

## Sports Lover's Tour & Ramsay Street



Tour SLUN – 8.5 hrs  
Visit the venues that play host to some of Australia's favourite sporting events. Explore the coaches' box, media centres and exclusive member areas. Smell the liniment in the change rooms and walk on the hallowed turf. Visit Flemington, home of the Melbourne Cup – the race that stops the nation. Drive around Albert Park, on

the Melbourne Grand Prix Circuit and choose between a guided tour to either the MCG (Melbourne Cricket Ground) or the Rod Laver Tennis Stadium. Enjoy lunch overlooking Telstra Dome Arena, where England won the rugby World Cup. Then enter the world of Neighbours with the ultimate Neighbours Tour. See the famous Ramsay Street, reminisce on those great moments and meet a Neighbours star. Your guides will provide you with plenty of gossip, laughs and on-board entertainment. Your tour includes a Neighbours' autograph and souvenir.

Prices from £58 per person including transfers (ex Melbourne)

## Great Ocean Road Adventure



Tour M4 – 13 hrs  
Enjoy one of the world's great coastal drives with dramatic scenery, striking contrasts and magnificent vistas around every corner. Admire views of Melbourne and Port Phillip Bay from the West Gate Bridge. See Lorne, Torquay and some of Victoria's magnificent surf beaches, including famous Bells



Beach. Travel through the Otway Ranges and enjoy the Otway Tree Top walk, a 600-metre-long, 25-metre-high elevated tree top walk above the forest floor (summer only). Discover the legends of 'The Shipwreck Coast' at Port Campbell National Park and tour the spectacular Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge. Enjoy a traditional Aussie billy tea while taking in the views.

Price from £52 per person

## Phillip Island & Penguins at Dusk



Small Group

Tour M10 – 9-10 hrs  
Visit Warrook Farm, a working cattle property, and feed kangaroos. At Phillip Island visit the Koala Conservation Centre and View Australia's largest seal population. At dusk, enjoy the 'little penguin parade'.  
Price from £47 per person



## Great Ocean Road & Shipwrecks



Small Group

Tour SWC – 10 hrs  
Today view the sights of the Great Ocean Road and visit the Shipwreck Coast, where you will hear tales of the heroes and ships that have floundered on the coastline.  
Price from £107 per person, incl. lunch



## Best of Melbourne & Dinner



Small Group

Tour M2CT – 7.5 hrs  
Enjoy a lunchtime Yarra River cruise, then the sights of Melbourne, including Queen Victoria Market, Old Melbourne Gaol and Fitzroy Gardens. Then board a Colonial Tramcar for an unforgettable dining experience.  
Price from £70 per person



## Essential Melbourne

3 Nights from £222



Lorne, Great Ocean Road

### Day 1: Arrive Melbourne

On arrival in Melbourne transfer by shuttle to your chosen hotel for your 3-night stay.

Standard: *Mercure Hotel Welcome*

Superior: *Grand Mercure on Swanston*

Deluxe: *Grand Hyatt, Melbourne*

### Day 2: City Sights & Colonial Tramcar Dinner

Today is a showcase of Melbourne's charms. Starting at midday, enjoy a scenic cruise on the Yarra River followed by a tour of the city. Afterwards, the Grand Prix site at Albert Park; Port Melbourne by the sea; the bustling Queen Victoria Market; and Fitzroy Gardens, where Captain Cook's Cottage is located, are just a few of the Melbourne highlights you'll encounter. The beautiful Dandenong Ranges with towering forests, deep gullies and the sound of the kookaburras are next before you return to Melbourne and board the 1927 Colonial Tramcar for an unforgettable dining experience as you trundle around the city as the sun sets. **(D)**

### Day 3: Great Ocean Road Adventure

An early start this morning for your journey on a postcard-filled day along one of the world's most dramatic and breathtaking ocean front highways. You'll start by travelling through the towns of Torquay, Anglesea and Lorne and past the surfing Mecca of Bell's Beach. Over the past three centuries, this coast has claimed many a shipwreck and boasts impressive, endless beaches, rugged cliffs, sleepy seaside villages and enormous natural sandstone monoliths which reach skywards and have been racked by wind and sand erosion. With magnificent vistas such as the sandstone Twelve Apostles monoliths, Loch Ard Gorge, the Island Arch and London Bridge, make sure you pack your camera!

### Day 4: Depart Melbourne

Transfer from your hotel by shuttle to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Prices Include

- 3 nights accommodation
- Return transfers
- Touring and meals as shown (D = Dinner)



St Kilda Beach

### Essential Melbourne Prices

Prices per person, in £'s from

Mercure Hotel Welcome	Twin	Single	Grand Hyatt Melbourne	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	222	308	01Jan07-31Mar07	299	461
01Apr07-31Mar08	238	325	01Apr07-30Sep07	313	473
Grand Mercure on Swanston	Twin	Single	01Oct07-31Mar08	331	510
01Jan07-31Mar07	259	382			
01Apr07-31Mar08	272	392			

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over Christmas, New Year & special events.

## Melbourne in Style

3 Nights from £525



### Day 1: Arrive Melbourne

This tour is ideal for those who love the finer things in life – especially when on holiday! On arrival, a limousine will be waiting to take you to the Langham Hotel, Melbourne for your 3-night stay. Sister property to the Langham Hotel in London, the hotel enjoys an enviable location on the banks of the famous Yarra River, amid a variety of al fresco cafés, lively restaurants, bars and boutiques. The property is superbly located; just a short stroll away is the much acclaimed Federation Square, the Arts Centre and Botanical Gardens.

### Day 2: The Great Ocean Road

Enjoy a full day's touring in the luxury of a 4WD vehicle with your private Aussie guide and a small group of like-minded travellers. You'll head out into the western plains of Victoria, through Geelong and the picturesque waterfront overlooking Corio Bay, and cross rich sheep and dairy farmland to the cool temperate rainforests of the Otway Ranges National Park. Travel along the Great Ocean Road

with plenty of time to take in extensive views of the Twelve Apostles, London Bridge and the shipwreck site of Loch Ard Gorge. A beautiful al fresco lunch is provided, and you'll stop at the historic fishing village of Port Campbell before returning to your hotel. **(BL)**

### Day 3: Yarra Valley Sunrise Balloon Trip

The Yarra Valley is one of Victoria's most spectacular winery regions. Let the breeze usher you along the corridors of grape vines and over the Yarra River as you take in the breathtaking views from your hot air balloon. There is a Champagne breakfast once back on firm ground. Later your chauffeur will collect you for a four-hour private sightseeing tour of this 'cultural capital of Australia'. Travel through the glorious tree-lined streets, take a stroll in the Botanic Gardens, visit the bustling Queen Victoria market, marvel at the historic 'Exhibition Buildings', and visit the beach front of St Kilda before your return. **(B)**



Langham Hotel Restaurant

### Day 4: Depart Melbourne

Bid a fond farewell to Melbourne today. A limousine will be waiting to take you to the airport for your onward flight.

#### Prices Include

- 3 nights accommodation incl. breakfast
- Return transfers by private limousine
- Touring and meals as shown (B = Breakfast, L = Lunch)

### Melbourne in Style Prices

Prices per person, in £'s from

Langham Hotel Melbourne			Deluxe Corner Room	Twin	Single
Classic Room	Twin	Single	01Jan07-31Mar07	579	923
01Jan07-31Mar07	525	815	01Apr07-31Mar08	589	950
01Apr07-31Mar08	536	845			

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# Melbourne



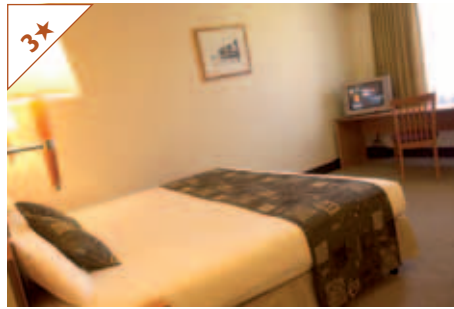
## Hotel Ibis Melbourne

At the north end of the city, conveniently located close to the cosmopolitan Queen Victoria Markets, a short walk to the city's shops and trams. The hotel features a bistro and bar, which is an ideal place for a drink after a hard day's shopping and exploring in Melbourne. The Ibis offer comfortable rooms at an affordable price.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • lounge bar • gym • Internet • laundry

**Rooms** 250 rooms • TV • air-con • tea & coffee • kitchenette (apartments only)

**Offers** Free daily breakfast when staying a min of 3 nights - Apr-Aug07  
• Free bottle of wine for honeymooners



## Mercure Hotel Welcome

Located in the heart of Melbourne's best shopping and entertainment precincts. Close to all of Melbourne's historic theatres, restaurants and major sporting venues. Friendly service and quality accommodation at an affordable price. Just a short stroll away is Lygon Street to satisfy the Italian and seafood dining enthusiasts.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • cafe • business centre/Internet

**Rooms** 330 guestrooms • mini-bar • TV • Internet • air-con • tea & coffee

**Offers** Free daily breakfast when staying a min of 5 nights - Jan-Mar07 & when staying a min of 3 nights Apr-Sep07



## Saville Park Suites

Situated in the CBD, Saville Park Suites Melbourne is only minutes from some of the best shopping, restaurants and theatres Melbourne has to offer. Offering a choice of one and two bedroom apartments the hotel also offers two penthouse apartments, a restaurant, indoor heated pool and sauna. The large private balconies offer fantastic views of the Melbourne city skyline and the beautiful Carlton Gardens.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • cafe • Internet • pool • sauna • laundry • parking

**Rooms** 142 one & two bedroom apartments • mini-bar • TV • Internet • CD player • air-con • tea & coffee • room service • balcony • kitchenette • laundry

**Offers** Stay 4 nights pay 3 - Apr-Aug07  
• Free bottle of wine for honeymooners

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from			
Standard Room	Twin	Single	
01Jan07-31Mar07	27	53	
01Apr07-31Mar08	27	55	

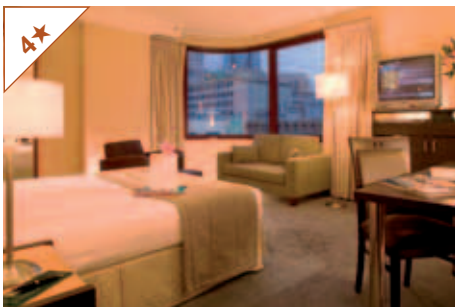
Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Standard Room	Twin	Single	Superior Room	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	29	58	01Jan07-31Mar07	34	68
01Apr07-31Mar08	29	58	01Apr07-31Mar08	34	68

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from				
1 Bed Superior	Twin	Single	2 Bed Superior	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	44	88	01Jan07-31Mar07	121†
01Apr07-31Mar08	46	93	01Apr07-31Mar08	122†

† Prices are per apartment. Supplements & minimum stays apply over special events.



## Grand Mercure Hotel on Swanston

Conveniently located in the heart of Melbourne on the historic and popular Swanston Street. Recently refurbished, providing modern and spacious accommodation designed especially for your comfort and serenity. Relax and unwind as the dedicated guest services team deliver personalised, attentive and generous service. The central location gives you access to all that Melbourne and her surrounds have to offer.

**Facilities** restaurants • bar • cafe • business centre/Internet • gym • indoor heated pool • valet parking

**Rooms** 200 guestrooms • mini-bar • TV • Internet • DVD player • air-con • tea & coffee • room service

**Offers** Free room upgrade to Deluxe Suite when staying a min of 3 nights Jan-Mar07  
• Free daily breakfast when staying a min of 4 nights Apr07-Mar08

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Standard Room	Twin	Single	Deluxe Suite	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	41	82	01Jan07-31Mar07	52	103
01Apr07-31Mar08	40	80	01Apr07-31Mar08	51	101

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.



## Novotel St. Kilda, Melbourne

Overlooking Port Phillip Bay, Novotel St Kilda is Melbourne's only beach front hotel. Set amongst the palm trees of the Esplanade it offers a combination of beach and city life, situated 100 metres from St Kilda Beach with its numerous cafés and a short tram ride from the city centre. St Kilda is a perfect alternative to city based accommodation and will have you immersed in Melbourne in no time.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • cafe • business centre/Internet • gym • outdoor pool • laundry

**Rooms** 209 guestrooms • mini-bar • TV • Internet • air-con • tea & coffee • room service

**Offers** Free daily breakfast when staying a min of 3 nights Apr-Sep

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Standard Room	Twin	Single	Standard Bayview	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	36	72	01Jan07-31Mar07	41	82
01Apr07-30Sep07	35	70	01Apr07-30Sep07	40	80
01Oct07-31Mar08	37	74	01Oct07-31Mar08	42	84

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.



Crown Tower, Melbourne



## The Marque Hotel

In the heart of vibrant Fitzroy Street amid the lively cafés, bars and restaurants that this area of Melbourne is renowned, The Marque sets a new benchmark in quality design. The famous Melbourne trams pass right outside the hotel entrance, offering immediate access to the city, sightseeing activities, sporting events, theatres and shopping districts and, within a few minutes' walk you can be strolling along the beach front.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • café • gym • Internet • parking

**Rooms** 80 stylish guestrooms • mini-bar • TV • Internet • air-con • tea & coffee • 24hr room service

**Offers** Stay 5 nights pay 4 02Apr-27Sep  
• Free bottle of wine for honeymooners



Deluxe Room

## Hotel Lindrum Melbourne

Overlooking the new nine-hectare Birrarung Marr Parklands and Federation Square, the Hotel Lindrum offers you a taste of international style in the heart of Melbourne's fashion district. Of course, there's more to do than just shop – some of Melbourne's best restaurants, theatres and sporting arenas are all just minutes away by tram. Seriously stylish rooms and suites are hidden behind a National Trust listed façade and many surprises await.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • lounge • Internet • laundry • parking

**Rooms** 59 guestrooms • mini-bar • TV • Internet • DVD/CD player • air-con • tea & coffee • 24hr room service

**Offers** Stay min 3 nights & get a free upgrade to a Superior Room - 1Apr-27Sep07 & 30Sep-31Oct07.



## The Sebel Suites Melbourne

Set among tree-lined Collins Street, this elegant refurbished 19th-century landmark, and new adjoining property, are a mark of Renaissance Revival architecture with superior facilities. Formerly the Bank of Australasia, the building was originally constructed in 1875, and has been carefully restored to its former glory. This fine boutique hotel is ideally positioned for your Melbourne exploration.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • lounge • business centre/Internet • gym • laundry

**Rooms** 115 studio & one & two bedroom suites • mini-bar • TV • Internet • DVD/CD player • air-con • tea & coffee • 24hr room service • 24hr reception

**Offers** Free daily breakfast when staying a min of 3 nights jan-Jul, Dec-Jan08 excl. New Year & special events

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Deluxe Room	Twin	Single	Superior Spa Room	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	31	63	01Jan07-31Mar07	35	70
01Apr07-31Mar08	32	65	01Apr07-31Mar08	36	73

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.

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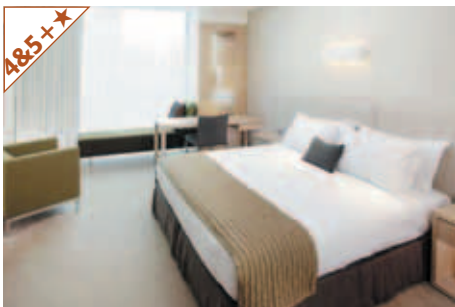
Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Standard Room	Twin	Single	Superior Room	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	48	97	01Jan07-31Mar07	57	115
01Apr07-31Mar08	50	101	01Apr07-31Mar08	59	118

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Studio Suite	Twin	Single	1 Bed Suite	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	51	102	01Jan07-31Mar07	62	124
01Apr07-31Mar08	51	102	01Apr07-31Mar08	60	120

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.



Crown Promenade

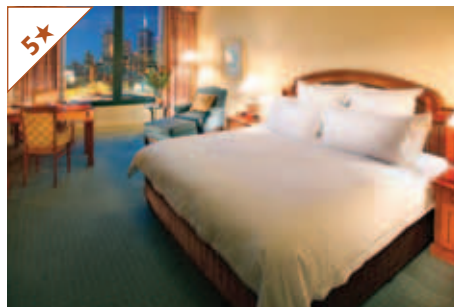
## Crown Promenade & Crown Towers

Both hotels are modern and stylish. Crown Promenade offers spacious guestrooms, stunning city or bay rooms and a multitude of leisure and entertainment options. For the ultimate indulgence, Crown Towers is lavishly appointed and offers large, opulently decorated suites.

**Facilities** over 40 restaurants & bars • sundeck • business centre/Internet • fitness centre • indoor heated pool • tennis • health club/sauna/spa • hair & beauty • boutique • kid's club (Crown Towers only) laundry

**Rooms** 482 guestrooms, suites & villas (towers) • 465 guestrooms, studios & suites (promenade) • mini-bar • TV • Internet • CD (towers only) • air-con • tea & coffee • 24hr room service • kitchenette (Towers villas only)

**Offers** Free room upgrade at Crown Promenade when staying a min of 3 nights Apr07-Mar08



## Langham Hotel Melbourne

Sister to the famous Langham Hotel in London, this 5-star deluxe hotel has undoubtedly Melbourne's most enviable location on the banks of the famous Yarra River, and has an established reputation as one of Melbourne's finest hotels. Langham Hotel Melbourne is situated amid a variety of al fresco cafés, lively restaurants, bars and boutiques, yet still a short stroll from Federation Square, the Arts Centre and the Botanical Gardens.

**Facilities** restaurants • bars • lounge bar • business centre/Internet • gym • pool • hair & beauty • spa • 24hr reception & concierge

**Rooms** 387 guestrooms & suites • mini-bar • TV • Internet • air-con • tea & coffee • 24hr room service

**Offers** Free daily breakfast when staying a min of 3 nights • Free bottle of wine for honeymooners



## Grand Hyatt Melbourne

Grand Hyatt Melbourne is located at the top end of prestigious Collins Street in the heart of Melbourne's shopping, theatre and restaurant district. It is within walking distance of Victorian Arts Centre, Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre, Melbourne Aquarium, and Melbourne Cricket Ground.

**Facilities** restaurant • bar • café • lounge • business centre/Internet • gym • pool • tennis • bicycles • health spa • hair & beauty • shop

**Rooms** 547 guestrooms & suites • mini-bar • satellite TV with in-house movies • Internet • CD player • air-con • tea & coffee • 24hr room service • kitchenette (Diplomatics Suite only)

**Offers** Free room upgrade to a Club Room including breakfast, refreshments, evening drinks & canapes when staying a min of 4 nights  
• Free bottle of wine for honeymooners Apr07-Mar08

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Crown Promenade	Twin	Single	Crown Towers	Twin	Single
Standard Room	49	98	Deluxe Room	74	148
01Jan07-31Mar07	49	98	01Jan07-31Mar08	74	148
01Apr07-31Mar08	51	102			

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Classic Room	Twin	Single	City/River View Room	Twin	Single
01Jan07-31Mar07	60	120	01Jan07-31Mar07	69	138
01Apr07-31Mar08	65	129	01Apr07-31Mar08	73	147

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.

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Prices per person per night, room only, in £ from					
Grand Room	Twin	Single			
01Jan07-31Mar07	54	109			
01Apr07-30Sep07	54	107			
01Oct07-31Mar08	60	119			

Supplements & minimum night stays apply over special events.

## Daylesford Spa Escape



The Lake House

Tempting visitors with its natural mineral spas and springs, Daylesford is Australia's leading spa capital. This two-day a small group tour gives you a wonderful taste of the region is also known for its excellent dining and arts and crafts.

Visit Mount Macedon, famous for its grand mansions, and Hanging Rock winery where you'll learn about the mystery surrounding the fabled disappearance of Miranda some 100 years ago. Travel through lush bushland and farmland to Convent Gallery, where you can browse among works by some of the finest artists, sculptors, jewellers and glass blowers.

Arrive at the beautiful Lake House, where you will spend the night. The afternoon is at leisure or if you take the two-hour spa option, you'll be dropped at Peppers Springs Spa House before being transferred to the hotel later. The following day is at leisure for you to explore the town before returning to Melbourne late afternoon.

*Prices from £157 per person including 1 night accommodation at the Lake House; lunch on the first day & breakfast on day 2; return coach transfers from Melbourne & sightseeing (Tour MRI1H). Spa access option from additional £15 per person.*

## Puffing Billy, Yarra Valley & Wildlife



Tour M15L – 7.5 hrs  
Ride the historic Puffing Billy, a fully restored narrow gauge rail steam train, through the spectacular Dandenong Ranges. Travel through the lush forests of Sherbrooke, filled with giant ferns, amid the distinctive calls of native Australian animals, before sampling traditional Australian billy tea and



lamington cakes. Visit the beautiful Yarra Valley and enjoy a succulent spit roast (vegetarian option available) and sip delicious local wine at Fergusson's Winery. Then stroll through Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary, Australia's premier wildlife and nature haven set in natural bushland – see kangaroos, emus, koalas and the notorious Tasmanian Devil. While here you can enjoy the 'Eagles Fly' demonstration of birds of prey and also visit the Sanctuary's renowned nocturnal house, home to the shy platypus.  
*Prices from £59 per person incl. lunch*

## Yarra Valley Wine Experience



Tour YV – 7.5 hrs  
Enjoy top wines and magnificent scenery while exploring one of Australia's principle wine regions. Your expert guide will pass on tasting tips while showing you four of the regions' best vineyards. Lunch and wine tastings included.  
*Price from £41 per person*

## Yarra Valley Wine Experience



Discover the beauty of the Yarra Valley, Victoria's best known grape growing region, on this 2-day small group tour. You will visit a combination of small and large wineries, including Fergusson, De Bortoli Winery and the famous Domaine Chandon, where you will tour the winery and enjoy a glass of their sparkling wine.

Experience the tranquility of Healesville Sanctuary and wander through the beautiful bushland as you find yourself closer than you ever thought possible to

Australia's amazing wildlife. We guarantee that you will have a memorable trip as you uncork that special red, share around the bubbly and chill the mellow Chardonnay!

*Prices from £164 per person including 1 night accommodation at the Yarra Glen Grand, lunch on both days, return coach transfers from Melbourne and sightseeing as shown. (Tour VWT04)*

## City & Yarra Ballooning



Tour TRO2 City Balloon Flight – 3-4 hrs  
Tour TRO1 Yarra Valley Flight – 4-5 hrs  
See the sights of the Melbourne in the most stunning, yet tranquil, way possible - in a hot air balloon. You can choose to either float gently over Melbourne city and surrounds or drift over the scenic hills of the Yarra Valley. You will be

collected just before dawn and taken to your launch site before taking off to watch the sunrise. When flying over Melbourne look out for sights such as the Melbourne Cricket Ground or Flemington, home of the Melbourne Cup, while if floating over the Yarra keep your eyes peeled for Australian wildlife as well as the many fine homes in the area. Your flight lasts for approximately one hour. Please note: your flight itinerary may be changed or cancelled subject to weather conditions.

*Price from £150 per person incl. transfers - City Flight  
Price from £127 per person incl. transfers - Yarra Flight*

## Macedon Ranges & Daylesford Spa Country



Tour MRI SR – 9 hrs  
The quaint village of Daylesford is fast becoming Australia's leading spa town. Visit Hanging Rock Reserve and enjoy some wine tasting at Hanging Rock Winery. In the afternoon visit Peppers Springs Spa House for two hours of pampering.  
*Price from £90 per person*

## The Great Ocean Road Self-Drive

5 Days from Melbourne to Adelaide from £222



### Day 1: Melbourne – Lorne (287km/179miles)

On leaving Melbourne, there is a choice of routes to take you to Geelong. The first option is to travel south west from Melbourne on Highway 1 directly to Geelong. The second is to travel via Ballarat. This historical town was alive in the gold rush days of the 1850s. From Ballarat travel south on the Midland Highway to Geelong, the largest provincial city in Victoria. From Geelong travel to Torquay, the start of the Great Ocean Road, and recognised as the surfing capital of Australia. After Torquay follow the coast road through Anglesea to the picturesque town of Lorne.

*Standard: Comfort Inn Lorneview Apartments*

*Superior: The Cumberland Resort Lorne*

*Boutique: Captain's at the Bay (incl. breakfast)*

### Day 2: Lorne – Port Fairy (239km/148miles)

Depart Lorne this morning and travel along the fabulous Great Ocean Road to Port Campbell. The scenic coastline from Lorne to Apollo Bay has been described as one of the most beautiful and breathtaking drives in the world. See the amazing rock formations of the Twelve Apostles; huge stone pillars sticking out of the surf, carved over time by the ways of the sea. Travelling on past Port Campbell you will see London Bridge - the broken arch! Continuing, the 'Shipwreck Coast' begins, from Port Campbell and Warrnambool and on to Port Fairy, a quaint fishing village

## Yarra Valley Experience Self-Drive

3 Days Melbourne to Melbourne from £124

### Day 1: Melbourne – Yarra Valley (52km/33miles)

Leaving Melbourne, the best route to the Yarra Valley is via the Eastern Freeway through the city's eastern suburbs. The Yarra Valley is home to Victoria's earliest vineyards and recognised as one of the world's great wine growing regions. Numerous wineries offer cellar door tastings and sales and have restaurants serving gourmet food and wine. For a different view of the countryside, take to the skies in a hot-air balloon, before gently descending into a vineyard to enjoy a breakfast of sparkling wine (own expense). Get close to Australian wildlife at Healesville Sanctuary, home to dingos, kangaroos, wombats and the elusive platypus. On this self-drive tour you will stay in the same accommodation for 2 nights.

*Standard: Quality Yarra Glen Grand*

*Boutique: Chateau Yering Historic House (incl. breakfast)*

(Check-in is prior to 6pm on boutique option. For later arrival please call ahead)

*Standard: Comfort Inn Port Fairy*

*Superior: Hearn's Cottage Suites*

*Boutique: Oscar's Waterfront Hotel (incl. breakfast)*

### Day 3: Port Fairy – Robe (239km/189miles), (or 534km/334miles via The Grampians)

Again there is a choice of routes, the shorter route will take you via Portland along the coast directly to Mount Gambier, and then on to Robe, via Millicent. The longer route will mean a very early start. Travel via Penhurst to Dunkeld, and then from Dunkeld a scenic drive will take you through the Grampians National Park and onto Halls Gap.

Highlights within the Grampians include Mt. Victoria Lookout, McKenzie Falls and Reids Lookout. From here, return to Dunkeld, and then onto Mt. Gambier and Robe.

*Standard: Melaleuca Motel & Apartments (Standard Room)*

*Superior: Robe Lifestyle Properties, Honeyfield House*

*Boutique: Robe Lifestyle Properties, Honeyfield House*

### Day 4: Robe – Barossa Valley (356km/222miles)

After breakfast (included in superior and boutique options) continue onto Kingston and travel towards Adelaide, travelling along the Coorong National Park, skirting Lake Albert and Lake Alexandria. Travel to the towns of Tailem Bend and Murray Bridge. Travel through Mannum, Mt. Pleasant and Angaston; Mannum is one of the oldest towns

### Day 2: Yarra Valley

Today is at your leisure to explore the Yarra Valley and the Dandenong Ranges. The region boasts some of the most scenic touring routes in Victoria. The Dandenong Ranges are home to some of Melbourne's greatest gardens. One of the most impressive floral creations, The National Rhododendron Gardens near Olinda, is host to thousands of rhododendrons, azaleas and daffodils, and has panoramic views of the Yarra Valley.

### Day 3: Yarra Valley – Melbourne (52km/33miles)

Today you leave the Yarra Valley and head back to Melbourne. You do, however, have the whole day to see parts of the beautiful Yarra Valley that you may not have seen during your previous two days here. Your car is hired until tomorrow morning, so make sure you make the most of your time here before returning the car to the rental depot by the same time it was collected on day 1 to avoid additional charges.



located on the Murray River and has an historic and lively past. The Barossa Valley is one of Australia's most famous wine producing areas. It is a warm and intimate place of charming old towns, with vineyards spreading across undulating hills in well-tended, precise rows.

*Standard: Barossa Weintal, Deluxe Room*

*Superior: Novotel Barossa Valley, Studio*

*Boutique: Peppers The Louise, Vineyard Suite*

### Day 5: Barossa Valley – Adelaide (67km/42miles)

There is plenty of time to explore the Barossa Valley. The Barossa produces brandy, dry and sweet table wines, and fortified styles of wine. Some of the most famous wineries of the Barossa are Yalumba, Orlando, Penfolds and Seppelts. Some wineries are still run by members of the same families that established them last century. This afternoon travel south through Gawler to Adelaide, the capital of South Australia, known as the 'City of Churches'. Your car hire has been booked until tomorrow and should be dropped off at the depot prior to the time it was picked up on day 1 to avoid additional charges.

### Self-Drive Tour Prices

Price per person twin share in £'s from	Great Ocean Road		
	MO1ABS	MO1AET	MO1AEQ
Tour Code	Standard	Superior	Boutique
Accommodation Grade	B - Compact	E - Full Size	E - Full Size
01Jan07-31Mar07	222	323	375
01Apr07-31Mar08	228	321	377

For price inclusions/exclusions see self-drives intro page. Prices for single rooms & for three or four adults sharing a car available on request. Supplements apply on the Superior tour 21Nov & 20Feb & Boutique tour 31Mar-30Apr, 30Sep-18Dec & 29Dec-31Mar, no departures on certain dates, details on request.



### Self-Drive Tour Prices

Price per person twin share in £'s from	Yarra Valley Experience	
	MO2ABS	MO2AEQ
Tour Code	Standard	Boutique
Accommodation Grade	B - Compact	E - Full Size
01Jan07-31Mar07	124	205
01Apr07-31Mar08	127	199

For price inclusions/exclusions see self-drives intro page. Prices for single rooms & for three or four adults sharing a car available on request.

# Great Ocean Road

## Great Southern Touring Route Self-Drive

### 5 Days Melbourne to Melbourne from £232



Apollo Bay

#### Day 1: Melbourne – Lorne (287km/179miles)

Collect your car this morning and travel south west from Melbourne on Highway 1 to Geelong, the largest provincial city in Victoria. From here travel onto Torquay, the start of the Great Ocean Road. Torquay is recognised as the surfing capital of Australia, being home to such famous beaches as Jan Juc and Bells Beach. From Torquay follow the coast road through Anglesea to Lorne.

*Standard: Comfort Inn Lorneview Apartments*

*Superior: Claerwen Retreat, Suite (incl. breakfast)*

#### Day 2: Lorne – Port Fairy (239km/148miles)

Depart Lorne this morning and travel along the fabulous Great Ocean Road to Port Campbell. The scenic coastline from Lorne to Apollo Bay has been described as one of the most beautiful and breathtaking drives in the world. The road does leave the coast to wind through the ferny slopes of Cape Otway. When the road meets the coast again you will see some amazing rock formations including the Twelve Apostles. Continue on to Port Campbell where you will see London Bridge and then through Warrnambool. Port Fairy, a quaint fishing village is where you will spend the night.



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*Standard: Comfort Inn Port Fairy*

*Superior: Hearn's Cottage Suites*

#### Day 3: Port Fairy to Halls Gap (157km/98miles)

Travel north via Penhurst to Dunkeld, just south of The Grampians. From here a scenic drive will take you through The Grampians National Park; highlights include Mt. Victoria lookout and McKenzie Falls. The Grampians offer some of the best bush-walking, mountain biking, rock climbing and abseiling in Australia.

*Standard: Colonial Motor Inn (Standard)*

*Superior: D'Alton's Retreat*

#### Day 4: Halls Gap to Ballarat (140km/87miles)

Just out of Halls Gap is Stawell, home of the Stawell Gift, the richest foot race in Australia. In the surrounding areas, you'll find some fabulous wineries. Other towns on the way include Ararat and Beaufort. Ballarat is Victoria's largest inland city, famous for being the site of the world's largest deposit of alluvial gold. Visit Sovereign Hill, an exact recreation of what life was like in the town during the gold rush and the nightly show, 'Blood on the Southern Cross'. Entrance to the show is included (excl. Sunday).



*Standard: Comfort Inn Park View*

*Superior: Sovereign Park*

#### Day 5: Ballarat to Melbourne (116km/72miles)

Before leaving Ballarat, a visit to The Ballarat Wildlife Park will bring you back into the present with a close encounter with native fauna. From Ballarat travel via Bacchus Marsh on the return journey into Melbourne. Your hire car has been booked until tomorrow and should be dropped off at the depot prior to the time it was picked up on day 1 to avoid additional charges.

### Self-Drive Tour Prices

Price per person twin share in £'s from	Great Southern Touring Route	
	M04ABS	M04AET
Tour Code	M04ABS	M04AET
Accommodation Grade	Standard	Superior
Car Grade	B - Compact	E - Full Size
01Jan07-31Mar07	232	284
01Apr07-31Mar08	240	274

For price inclusions/exclusions see self-drives intro page. Prices for single rooms & for three or four adults sharing a car available on request. Supplements apply on the Superior tour 01-30Apr & 01Oct-31Mar, details on request.

## 5 Days Great Ocean Road & Melbourne

### 5 Days from £425

Tour H3



Great Ocean Road

**Departures:** Daily

#### Day 1: Melbourne

You will be welcomed on arrival in Melbourne and transferred to your chosen hotel. Today, enjoy a free day in Melbourne, known as 'the Garden City', to discover its delights at your leisure.

*Standard: Mercure Hotel Welcome*

*Deluxe: Hotel Sofitel*

#### Day 2: Great Ocean Road, Lorne

The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's famous coastal drives. Today you will travel to Geelong and then on towards the beachside resort of Lorne. Follow the coastal road, skirting dramatic cliffs rising from pounding surf. Tonight enjoy an overnight stay at the popular little seaside town of Apollo Bay.

*Standard: Apollo Bay Comfort Inn*

*Superior: Cumberland Resort Lorne*

#### Day 3: Great Ocean Road, Twelve Apostles Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge, Melbourne

Continue along the Great Ocean Road and take in the natural beauty of this rugged coastline. Travel through hinterland forests before rejoining the coast. See the mighty power of the ocean, visit the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge, and the remains of London Bridge before returning to your Melbourne accommodation for 2 nights. **(B)**

*Standard: Mercure Hotel Welcome*

*Deluxe: Hotel Sofitel*

#### Day 4: City Sight and Gardens Tour

Join the morning tour of the city, including bustling Queen Victoria Market, the iron-laced terrace houses of Carlton and St Paul's Cathedral. Visit the beautiful Royal Botanic Gardens and Fitzroy Gardens. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore this vibrant, multi-cultural city that is passionate about the arts, sport, food and wine.



London Bridge

#### Day 5: Depart Melbourne

Morning is at leisure before your transfer to Melbourne Airport.

*Surcharges may apply during Melbourne special events periods, full details are available on application.*

### Prices Include

- 4 nights accommodation as shown
- Touring and meals as shown (B = breakfast)

### Tour Prices

Price per person, in £'s from	Twin	Single
H3 Standard Tour		
01Jan07-31Mar07	425	590
01Apr07-31Mar08	450	620
H3 Deluxe Tour		
01Jan07-31Mar07	500	730
01Apr07-31Mar08	520	715