

BEST OF MELBOURNE AND VICTORIA
6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS



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DAY 1 MELBOURNE

After your arrival into Melbourne you will be met and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. Depending on your arrival time, you may have a chance to do a cruise on the Yarra River to see the city from a different angle.

Accommodation: Melbourne for 5 nights

DAY 2 MELBOURNE

This afternoon you will travel south-east, heading to Westernport Bay. The route will take you through many of Melbourne's affluent suburbs where you will see tree lined streets and beautiful homes, many built in the late 1800s. As the South Gippsland Highway approaches the landscape becomes more rural dotted with smaller townships and farming properties. First stop is Maru Koala & Animal Park for up close and personal encounters with koalas, kangaroos, Tasmanian Devils and much more!

You'll cross the only bridge that connects Phillip Island to the mainland. Home to the famous Penguin Parade, Phillip Island also features a stunning coastline with great surf conditions and a range of wildlife including the largest colony of fur seals in Australia. It is also the location of our Motorcycle Grand Prix track, so it's no wonder this island paradise attracts up to 3 million visitors each year.

Before reaching the Penguin Parade site you'll see the 'Nobbies', so named for its unique rock formations. Located at the western tip of the island, this area has high conservation significance due to its population of penguins and graceful sea birds. So you think the koalas are cute – just wait until you see the Little Penguins. After visiting the information center, you'll head down to Summerland Beach to witness penguin magic. As the sun sets, the wild Little Penguins emerge from the sea after a hard days fishing and waddle across the sand to their dune burrows. These Little Penguins are the smallest of the penguin species and Phillip Island is home to the largest colony in the world. It's easy to understand why this wonderful spectacle is one of Australia's most popular wildlife attractions.

DAY 3 MELBOURNE

Today is a day at leisure; you may wish to take in the many shops and restaurants the city has to offer.

DAY 4 MELBOURNE

An experience like no other, come explore the spectacular Great Ocean Road. Sit back and relax as you enjoy the wonders of this world-famous touring route. Stay on the lookout for some very special animals including whales, dolphins, echidnas and bandicoots and of course koalas and kangaroos along the way. Your camera will get a good workout along this exciting journey where we will stop for plenty of photo opportunities. Visit the striking Split Point Lighthouse which dates back to 1891 and offers breathtaking views over Bass Strait. Stop at the quaint seaside town of Apollo Bay and stroll along the magnificent beach and enjoy a bite to eat. Enjoy a stroll through pristine forests, before arriving at the star attraction of our day the spectacular Twelve Apostles, one of the most iconic natural formations in the world; as well as infamous Loch Ard Gorge, along the wild and unpredictable Shipwreck Coast before returning to Melbourne.

DAY 5 MELBOURNE

It's a total change of scenery today as you head into the Dandenong Ranges and Sherwood Forest with its colorful bird life, ride the restored Puffing Billing Steam Train and finally make your way to the Yarra Valley for a lunch stop at a local winery (own expense). After lunch, visit Healesville Sanctuary where your guide will escort you among Australia's unique birds and animals in a natural bush setting. (L)

DAY 6 MELBOURNE

Today is at leisure until your transfer to the Melbourne airport for your onward travel arrangements.

INCLUSIONS

- Accommodation for 5 nights in double occupancy
- Return airport transfers
- Visits as per itinerary
- 1 lunch

Not included: International/domestic flights and airport taxes • Gratuities to hotel personnel, guides and drivers
• Optional excursions • Beverages unless noted in the itinerary

Hotel Options or similar	
City	4*
Melbourne	Holiday Inn Melbourne On Flinders

Price in CAD\$, per person starting from, double occupancy	Land package
Daily Departures	4*
November 1st 2021 – 31 March 2022	1159
Single room supplement, or single passenger	On request
Note: Seasonal surcharges may apply	

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