

11 Day High Country Spring Touring & Marvellous Melbourne



The High Country is one of Victoria's most precious jewels. It offers rugged mountains, magnificent snowfields, quaint country towns, picturesque wineries, powerful rivers and a rich history that dates back to the mid 1800's. From our base in Albury venture every day in a new direction. Experience quaint Yackandandah, historic Beechworth and the breath-taking Corryong region. In Melbourne enjoy some marvellous sightseeing. We invite you to join us on this very special holiday!



per flight

Prices relate to airfare & taxes from/to Eastern Seaboard major terminals only. Flights to/from other major airports are available but may incur an additional fee. Passengers are welcome to delay their flight home or fly in early but may incur an additional fee due to flight price fluctuation. Extra accommodation expenses will apply. For earlier flights or if delaying flight home passengers will need to arrange their own transport home to/from the airport.

COACH/FLY

Departs: 2nd November 2021

Fitness Level: M - Moderate

DAY 1 HERVEY BAY – ARMIDALE D

Tuesday, 2nd November: With Wide Bay passengers on board make our way to Brisbane picking up passengers enroute. Interstate, Brisbane and Gold Coast passengers join in Brisbane City (location to be advised). Travel through the beautiful Scenic Rim over Cunningham's Gap to Warwick where we pause for lunch. Continue south along the New England Highway to the Celtic-flavour of Glen Innes. Here we stop to explore the Australian Standing Stones, a national monument to Celtic people, past and present. At Armidale settle into our overnight accommodation. Stay All Seasons Motel Armidale.

DAY 2 ARMIDALE – DUBBO BMD

Wednesday, 3rd November: Our first stop today is at Chaffey Dam, unique for its distinctive brick-red rock wall made of semi-precious stone and its unusual morning glory spillway. This type of spillway is basically a giant cement funnel. Rather than spilling over the dam, high waters spill into the funnel. On to the quaint and pretty village of Nundle surrounded by undulating hills, beautiful trees and parks. At the Nundle Woollen Mill enjoy a fascinating tour of one of the last spinning mills still operating in Australia. Free time is allowed in Nundle for you to purchase lunch and explore this delightful village. Continue to Dubbo. Stay Golden West Motor Inn.

DAY 3 DUBBO – GUNDAGAI BMLD

Thursday, 4th November: Continue south along the Newell Highway to Forbes for morning tea, then onto Young for lunch at Poppa's Fudge and Jam Factory. For the sweet toothed there is a huge range of delicate chocolates and tempting lollies as well as their well-known freshly made fudge. At Cootamundra, the birth place of Sir Donald Bradman, take a walk along the Captains Walk featuring 42 bronze sculptures of Australian Test Cricket Captains, including Unaarrimim, the leading Aboriginal player in the first Australian cricket team to tour England. After a photo stop at Bradman's Cottage, continue to Gundagai where we stop at the 'Dog on the Tuckerbox'. Next, a visit to Rusconi's Marble Masterpiece. Taking 28 years to build, the masterpiece was started in 1910 and finished in 1938. It is made entirely of NSW marble, in all, 20 different kinds. The masterpiece is a magnificent example of meticulous accuracy. We take a moment to visit the Dad, Dave, Mum & Mable statues before arriving at our motel. Stay Comfort Inn Sovereign.

DAY 4 GUNDAGAI – ALBURY BMLD

Friday, 5th November: Farewelling Gundagai, we're off to Wodonga for a delicious morning tea provided by your crew before arriving in Yarrawonga to board the MV Paradise Queen for a delightful lunch cruise on Lake Mulwala. Reboarding your coach, enjoy a scenic drive through Collendina and Gooramadda to Albury. Four night stay Quality Resort Siesta.

DAY 5 HIGH COUNTRY TOURING BMLD

Saturday, 6th November: Travel along the Murray arm of the Hume Weir to the small township of Granya for morning tea at the Granya Pioneer Museum. Time to explore the exhibits, featuring the history of the Bungil and Thologolong Stations and the birthplace of the Murray Grey cattle. On to the township of Tintalra, nestled beneath the Snowy Mountains on the

Victorian banks of the Murray River. The historic **Tintalra Store and Tea Rooms** is a top spot to enjoy lunch. Built of natural materials available in the area at the time (such as River Red Gum and Stringy Bark) the store is a living history taking visitors back in time. Dinkum Aussie tucker is served on enamel plates in the licensed dining room where you will be entertained with Bush Poetry and Bush Music. On to Corryong to visit the Man from Snowy River Museum. Next, travel west along the Murray Valley Highway stopping at the Lawrence Alpine Lookout for a spectacular view of the Snowy Mountains before returning to base in Albury after a wonderful day in the High Country.

DAY 6 GOLDFIELDS EXPLORING BD

Sunday, 7th November: Today, discover quaint old towns and learn a little goldfields history. Tour to the National Trust town of Yackandandah, surely one of the prettiest towns in Victoria. Visit the **Schmidt's Strawberry Winery** set amidst acres of lush strawberry fields, this winery is unique in Australia. Taste the strawberry wines and perhaps purchase some delicious fresh strawberries. A little further on we reach the old goldfields town of Beechworth. Visit the Beechworth Gaol for a guided tour before some free time to purchase lunch. After lunch, visit the **Beechworth Historic Precinct** which includes the old Courthouse where we participate in a re-enactment of Ned Kelly's trial, the Burke Museum, Powder Magazine and the Telegraph Station. After a full day of exploring return to our accommodation.

DAY 7 KIEWA VALLEY & MILAWA GOURMET REGION BLD

Monday, 8th November: Capture some of the magic of the Kiewa Valley during our pleasant morning tour through Dederang and Tawonga. Time for a quick stop at the township of Mt Beauty, then up and over the mountain pass. Time to admire the view from Mt Bogong Lookout before our descent into Bright. Free time in the main street to purchase morning tea and explore. Reboarding the coach head along the Great Alpine Road to Eurobin for lunch at the Red Stag Deer Farm. This afternoon we look forward to sampling some gourmet delights as we head to Milawa. Our first stop is to Brown Brothers Winery for a leisurely tasting of their range of wines, then on to Milawa Mustard to sample their finest mustards and condiments. Finish our day with a visit to Milawa Cheese Factory for a cheese tasting before returning to Albury.

DAY 8 ALBURY – MELBOURNE BMD

Tuesday, 9th November: Farewelling Albury, follow the Hume Highway to Glenrowan where we visit the Glenrowan Railway Station, a key site in the infamous Last Stand of the Kelly Gang. Enjoy morning tea at the **Benalla Rose Garden** followed by a sightseeing drive to view the amazing wall art. Continue to Seymour for lunch (own expense), arriving in Melbourne mid-afternoon. Three night stay Oaks Melbourne on Collins.

DAY 9 YARRA RIVER CRUISE BMLD

Wednesday, 10th November: Enjoy some free time this morning at Queen Victoria Markets before heading to Docklands to board the world's first floating tram for a delightful lunch cruise on the Yarra River. On return, reboard our coach for a visit to the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance. The Royal Botanic Gardens are one of Melbourne's most glorious attractions. Sprawling beside the Yarra River, the beautifully designed gardens feature a global selection of plantings and specifically endemic Australian flora. Within the gardens is the Shrine of Remembrance, a memorial to the sacrifice of our servicemen and women.

DAY 10 MELBOURNE FREE DAY BD

Thursday, 11th November: Today is a free day to enjoy the City of Melbourne.

DAY 11 MELBOURNE – HOME B

Friday, 12th November: Farewell to passengers leaving the tour today. Arrangements have been made for transfer to Tullamarine Airport for your return flights to Brisbane. A free day for passengers continuing on tour.

Adult: \$4179 pp

Pensioner: \$4158 pp

Past Passenger: \$4146 pp

Single Supplement: \$1050 pp

Final Payment Due: 18th September 2021

Terms & Conditions

DEPOSIT: Unless otherwise stated, a deposit of \$250 per person is payable within seven days of booking. A deposit of \$500 is required for Early Bird discount. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure unless otherwise advised.

CANCELLATIONS: The following amount will be deducted from your fare according to notice given plus any non-refundable tickets or airfares. No refund is payable once your tour has commenced. **Please note: If booking through a travel agent please check the agent's cancellation policy as extra charges may apply. Cancellation fee is per person.**

Days Notice	45 or more	44 - 30	29 - 15	14 or less
% of fare	\$50 admin fee (plus any non-refundable costs)	Loss of Deposit (plus any non-refundable costs)	50%	100%

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We STRONGLY ADVISE passengers to take out travel insurance cover for health, baggage and personal effects, loss of monies through cancellation, additional expenses incurred through illness and early departure from a tour.

LUGGAGE LIMITS: Luggage space is limited onboard our coaches. Each passenger is entitled to take one suitcase, the size of which is not to exceed H60cm x L25cm x W40cm, the weight limit is 20 kilos (44lbs). Personal items should be carried in a travel bag.



CLOTHING: Pack a wash 'n' wear wardrobe of casual, comfortable clothing with some warmer clothes for evenings. Include a jacket, walking shoes, hat, swimsuit, towel, light raincoat, torch and a special outfit.

PASSENGER SEATING: A compulsory seat rotation policy is employed and there are no exceptions to this policy. While Down Under Coach Tours makes every effort to accommodate the special requirements of our passengers in fairness to other travellers, we request that all travellers participate in the seat rotation.

DAILY ROUTINE: Breakfast is usually 7.00am. Generally your coach will be ready to leave at 7.45am. You will have many opportunities to stop for photographs during the course of the day. Depending on the day's activities you will arrive at your accommodation at 4.30pm to 5.00pm. Dinner is usually 6.00pm to 6.30pm allowing time for a rest and to freshen up before dinner.

MEDICAL & DIETARY: All our tours have a 'Fitness Level' rating. Passengers accept that it is their responsibility to ensure that their health is in a state which allows them to enjoy the tours and successfully complete activities that the tour offers. We require all passengers to complete our Booking Form truthfully and 100% accurately with regard to their medical/physical condition. *It is essential for you to address any medical conditions/dietary requirements with us at the time of booking.*

SPECIAL NEEDS: A reasonable level of physical and mental health and fitness is required on all of our tours. We recommend that you visit your doctor to confirm that you are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Persons with limited mobility or those unable to adequately care for themselves are required to be accompanied by a carer. In particular, hostesses, tour guides, coach captains, and your fellow passengers will not act as assistants or carers in these circumstances. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to refuse to carry passengers requiring assistance who are not accompanied by a carer.

A DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE

A door to door service is offered to residents in the following areas:

HERVEY BAY: 5km radius of GPO

MARYBOROUGH: 5 km radius of GPO

GYMPIE: 5 km radius of GPO

SUNSHINE COAST TO BRISBANE: 10 km from designated pick-up point.

Sunshine Coast to Brisbane Designated Pick-Up Points: Eumundi, Cooroy, Nambour, Forest Glen, Palmview, Caboolture, Burpengary.

BRISBANE & IPSWICH: 30 km radius of GPO or 10 km from a designated pick up point.

Brisbane & Ipswich Region Designated Pick Up Point: Mango Hill, Chermside, Roma Street Transit Centre, Ipswich, Blacksoil.

A one way door to door service is offered to residents who are within 11km - 20km of a designated pick-up point as specified above.

FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGNATED PICK-UP POINTS OR MORE DETAILS PLEASE ENQUIRE.

The door to door service applies to tours of six days duration or more. Passengers requiring overnight accommodation to join or depart a tour, accommodation is an additional cost.

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR: No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

FLIGHTS: For an unbelievable FLY \$99 each way airfare you can join a Down Under Coach tour from all capital cities on the eastern sea board. Flights from other capital cities may incur an additional fee. To qualify simply pay for your FLY \$99 air fare with your tour deposit, within seven days of booking. FLY \$99 air fares are subject to availability. A door to door service is offered for residents who reside in the Metropolitan Taxi areas of capital cities and selected major cities. For enroute joining arrangements see your Tour Consultant or contact Down Under Coach Tours. Please note: FLY \$99 are available on specific tours only, look for the symbol.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY: The conditions and terms of liability on which these tours operate are detailed as follows:

- Down Under Coach Tours finalises all arrangements for these tours upon the express condition that they cannot accept responsibility or liability for any delays, accidents, injury or damage caused by the airlines, rail, express coaches or any other service the company acts as agents on behalf of or arising out of the provision of, or failure to provide these services.
- Down Under Coach Tours have used information supplied to it by the providers of relevant tours and accommodation houses and have endeavoured to ensure the information contained is correct at the time of printing. Down Under Coach Tours can accept no responsibility for inaccuracy or mis-descriptions.
- Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coach at any time for any reason. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to change or amend the tour itinerary should the occasion warrant and if it becomes necessary, due to adverse weather/road conditions or unforeseen circumstances. The coach crew retain the right to alter the itinerary in a manner which will benefit all concerned.
- Down Under Coach Tours provide a Tour Leader subject to a minimum loading of 20 passengers. If the tour takes place with fewer than 20 passengers, the Coach Captain may take on both roles.
- Departures are subject to minimum number. In the event that a tour is cancelled by Down Under Tours due to low numbers, you will be notified prior to the final payment due date and any deposits paid will be refunded in full.
- Down Under Coach Tours maintains strict standards of safety and reliability of vehicles at all times, however, in rare cases mechanical failure may occur. Passengers are assured that every effort is made to minimise any small inconvenience experienced, while we utilise the large network of repair facilities Australia wide.
- Down Under Coach Tours can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used in the tour and cannot be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions.
- Down Under Coach Tours will endeavour to contact clients in the event of industrial action affecting air, rail or other tour related transportation. However if contact is not made passengers should phone the free call number listed below to finalise alternative arrangements.
- Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to vary the advertised or printed price to cover any significant increases in airfare, rail fare, fuel price or other tour related costs.
- Down Under Coach Tours accepts no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partners allocated for single passengers willing to share accommodation. If a passenger regards the rooming partner to be unsuitable every effort will be made to arrange single accommodation for the duration of the tour with the additional costs being paid by the passenger.
- Down Under Coach Tours takes all reasonable steps to ensure an enjoyable holiday experience and cannot accept liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experienced by the passengers.

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