

A photograph of the Melbourne skyline at dusk, featuring several tall skyscrapers with illuminated windows and a bridge over a river in the foreground. The sky is a deep blue, and the city lights are beginning to glow.

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TOUR ITINERARY

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DAY 1

Destination	Melbourne 🚗 Apollo Bay
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Melbourne and travel southwest through Geelong and Torquay, the surfing capital of Australia. Continue along the famous The Great Ocean Road to Apollo Bay, with its wide crescent shaped sandy beach, rolling green Otway hills and laid back lifestyle.

Approx 185 km

DAY 2

Destination	Apollo Bay 🚗 Port Fairy
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Apollo Bay and continue along the Great Ocean Road. Along this stretch you will see the 12 Apostles, London Bridge, The Bay of Island and Loch Ard Gorge. Continue along to the unique fishing village of Port Fairy and take a historic walk through the streets to see the charming fully restored cottages, grand public buildings and a number of historic churches and a lighthouse still preserved from last century.

Approx 190 km

DAY 3

Destination	Port Fairy 🚗 Halls Gap
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Port Fairy and travel to the Grampians National Park and Halls Gap. It is home to the biggest collection of Koori rock art in the state, and is well known for its wildflowers, striking rock formations, 200 species of bird life, panoramic lookouts and well maintained network of 50 walking tracks. Bliss!

Approx 260 km

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DAY 4

Destination	Grampians National Park
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Today is at leisure for you to explore The Grampians National Park. Known for its sandstone mountains, wildflowers and wildlife including echidnas and wallabies. The Grampians is known as an outdoor lovers paradise, criss crossed with trails. Trails lead to waterfalls like towering MacKenzie Falls and lookouts such as the Balconies, with views of the Victoria Range.

Suggested activities: Head to Reeds Lookout. From the summit of Reeds Lookout you will enjoy stunning views over the entire Victoria Valley, Victoria Range, Serra Range, Lake Wartook and the Mt Difficult Range.

DAY 5

Destination	Halls Gap 🚗 Ballarat
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

Depart Halls Gap and continue onto the goldmining town of Ballarat. Ballarat has enjoyed a rich and prosperous heritage thanks to the Gold Rush which began in 1851. Step back in time to Ballarat's gold mining days at Sovereign Hill which is a recreated gold township of the 1850s. The Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka is situated close to the site of the 1854 Eureka Stockade Rebellion which is a must see for history enthusiasts.

Approx 145 km

DAY 6

Destination	Ballarat 🚗 Melbourne
Meals included	
Accommodation	N/A

As Melbourne is only a short drive away, you may like to take your time to further explore the Ballarat region before returning to Melbourne.

Melbourne is a reflection of them all – a financial centre, a haven for theatre and fine arts, a culinary mecca, a multi-cultural gathering place, and a crazed sports capital. Altogether, the city's nineteenth century nickname seems highly

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appropriate – “Marvellous Melbourne”.

Approx 115 km

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Inclusions

WHATS INCLUDED

- Deluxe documentation pack including a online digital itinerary app with detailed day-to-day itinerary to take the guess work out of your road trip
- 5 nights accommodation in the selected hotel standard of your choice
- Explore The Grampians National Park, known for its sandstone mountains, wildflowers and wildlife including echidnas and wallabies
- Discover Australia's famous Great Ocean Road and visit the 12 Apostles, London Bridge, The Bay of Island and Loch Ard Gorge

Fine Print

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$100 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$139 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

Booking On Request:

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
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OPTIONAL TOURS

Not available

EXCLUSIONS

Airfares
Car Hire
Personal Expenses
Travel Insurance
Optional activities
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary or optional

HOTEL LIST

Standard package (included):
Apollo Bay Comfort Inn the International or similar
Port Fairy Ashmont Motor Inn & Apartments or similar
Halls Gap D'Altons Resort or similar
Ballarat Quality Inn & Suites The Menzies or similar

Superior package:
Apollo Bay Captain's at the Bay or similar
Port Fairy Oscars Waterfront Boutique Hotel or similar
Halls Gap DULC Halls Gap Holiday Cabins or similar
Ballarat Provincial Hotel or similar

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Due to COVID there may be disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

Single Supplement

A single supplement is available on all nights of this trip from an extra \$599 subject to availability.

Triple Share

Not available.

Children

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

Tour Documentation

Final documentation will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

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