



GENERALTRAVELAUSTRALIA

**AUSTRALIAN ITINERARY
DOLD WORLD JOURNEYS**

OCTOBER 2017

Sunday 22

ARRIVE MELBOURNE

8.40pm Arrive Melbourne on NZ 729
36 Passengers + 1 Tour Escort - Mr Alex Dold

Please proceed through customs and immigration to the arrivals hall where you will be met by your local guide who will assist with your private transfer to your hotel

Melbourne is a heart of Australia's classic south. The city has compelling appeal in its gardens, its history, its character and its charm. Inhabited by cultures from across the globe, Melbourne has a fascination in the mix of its cosmopolitan peoples who give generously and share passionately in the richness of this most dynamic and vibrant city. Trams criss-crossing the city offer a leisurely way to appreciate the splendid streetscape. Melbournians' flavour for the arts, and their fanaticism for sport, is celebrated year round.

Accommodation: Travelodge Southbank
9 Riverside Quay, Southbank. VIC. 3006
Phone: +61 3 8698 9600

Monday 23

MELBOURNE (B; L)

From
6.30am Buffet breakfast is served on the ground floor restaurant at your hotel.

9.30am Meet your Tour Guide for a private coach tour of Melbourne city and surrounds.

This morning tour will include St Paul's Cathedral, Chinatown, the Princess Theatre, Town Hall, Parliament House, Fitzroy Gardens including a visit to Cook's Cottage, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Shrine of Remembrance, National Tennis Centre (where the Australian Open is played), trendy Kilda, Port Melbourne and the Royal Botanic Gardens.

12.30pm The tour will stop at the Colonial Tramcar Restaurant Tram stop to join the Tramcar lunch departing at 1.00pm.

3.00pm Upon conclusion of your lunch it is approximately 20 minutes stroll back to your hotel or you may wish to explore the city on your way.

Tuesday 24

MELBOURNE (B; D)

N.B. Mr & Mrs Ikeda will arrive this morning their room has been pre-registered for early check in. They will join the afternoon Penguins tour, please arrange a time to collect them from the hotel.

From

6.30am Buffet breakfast is served on the ground floor restaurant at your hotel.

8.45am Meet your Tour Guide for a private coach transfer to the Queen Victoria Market.

9.30am Led by a your local market guide, you'll spend two hours discovering the very best foods on offer learn fascinating history and uncover some of the specialities you can buy. With a diverse assortment of foods available, taste a range of produce from Australian meat and seafood to local cheese and handmade chocolate. And when you're all shopped out, sit back and relax with your complimentary coffee!

11.30am On conclusion of your tour you will have some time to explore and have lunch (own expense).

12.30pm Meet your tour Tour Guide for your excursion by private coach to Phillip Island including a visit to the Koala Centre.

Please collect Mr & Mrs Ikede at the hotel.

Now total 38 Passengers + 1 Tour Escort

4.30pm Arrive at Harry's Restaurant in Cowes for a 3 Course Dinner.

5.30pm Depart and travel to Nobbies stroll along the boardwalk and enjoy spectacular views along Phillip Island's rugged south coast and photo opportunity.

6.30pm Continue onto the Penguin Parade Visitors Centre with time to explore the interactive displays and discover more about Phillip Island's little penguins, before heading to the beach to watch the parade.

7.45pm The Penguin Parade is Australia's most popular wildlife attraction and home to the one of the largest Little Penguin colonies in the world. The Little Penguin is the world's smallest penguin and the Penguin Parade is the best place to experience this natural phenomenon.

From the Penguins Plus viewing area watch the wild little penguins emerging from the sea and waddle across the beach to their sand dune burrows.

9.00pm Re-join your coach for your return to Melbourne.

10.30-11.00pm Arrive at the hotel.

Wednesday 25**FLY MELBOURNE TO CANBERRA & FLY TO SYDNEY (B;L)**

- 5.00am Place your luggage outside your room for collection by the hotel porters.
- N.B. Due to your early departure please collect boxed breakfast from the Hotel Reception Desk prior to your departure.*
- 6.00am Meet your Tour Guide for private transfer to Melbourne Airport for your flight to Canberra.
- 8.30am Depart on flight Melbourne/Canberra VA259
- Canberra is Australia's capital city and a unique Australian city with an entirely planned urban landscape. 300 kilometres south west of Sydney, the site was chosen as Australia's capital in 1908 as a compromise between the two largest Australian cities, Sydney and Melbourne. It's the nation's political heart and home to some of Australia's best historical and cultural institutions.*
- Unlike most cities which have been developed organically overtime, Canberra's unique inner-city layout was built from a holistic design. Throughout the inner-city you'll notice a pattern of geometric motifs such as circles and hexagons, the work of American architect Walter Burley Griffin who won an international competition to design the city.*
- Canberra was officially named with a ceremony on 12 March 1913. A variety of original and quirky names were suggested for the city including Paradise, Shakespeare and Boomerang City. However the name of Canberra was eventually settled upon. It is derived from an Aboriginal word thought to mean 'meeting place'.*
- The city is home to Australia's Parliament, High Court and a number of diplomatic embassies and consulates as well as the Lodge, the official residence of Australia's Prime Minister.*
- 9.35am Upon arrival to Canberra meet your coach driver and commence a city orientation tour of the Nation's Capital.
- 12.30pm Head out to the Cold Creek Station, where you will get a taste of life in the Aussie bush. Enjoy a tasty BBQ, watch Australian Kelpie dogs work merino sheep, see the famous sheep shearers at work and listen to an informative talk about wool classing and the effects of overseas markets on the Australian wool industry.
- 2.00pm After lunch continue your tour. Pass the National Library, Black Mountain Tower, the High Court of Australia and the impressive Diplomatic Embassies. While touring around Lake Burley Griffin, see the Captain Cook Fountain and the famous Carillon.
- 3.30pm Explore Parliament House on a private guided tour you see both chambers of Parliament (on non-sitting days), Marble Foyer, Great Hall (subject to availability), Members' Hall and highlights of the Parliament House Art Collection.
- 4.30pm Rejoin your coach for transfer to Canberra Airport for your flight to Sydney.
- 7.05pm Depart on flight Canberra/Sydney VA669
- 8.05pm Arrive Sydney

Proceed to the baggage carousel where you will be met by your local Tour Guide who will assist with your private transfer to your hotel

Sydney is a thriving harbourside metropolis populated by over five million people and is Australia's best known city. It was the first site of European settlement on the Australian continent – one vastly different from today's cosmopolitan showcase. The city's most famous landmarks include The Harbour Bridge, The Opera House and the Centrepont Tower.

With the harbour as the Sydney's heart, the city proper is bounded by water to the north and west and fringed to the east by the extensive green parklands of the Botanical Gardens and the Domain. Sydney is an exciting and interesting city to experience.

Accommodation: **Travelodge Wynyard, Sydney**
7-9 York Street, Sydney. NSW 2000
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Thursday 26

SYDNEY (B;L)

- From 6.30am Buffet breakfast will be served in the Citrus Grove Restaurant located on the ground floor at your hotel.
- 8.30am Meet your Tour Guide and join your private coach for a half day city tour of Sydney followed by an afternoon cruise on Sydney Harbour.
- Commence with a tour of the Rocks Area and city along Macquarie Street and travel to the world famous Bondi Beach.
- 10.30-11.30am Interactive Bondi Surfing/Surf Club Tour, History of Bondi presentation, Surfing/Lifesaving demonstration. Photo opportunity with Bondi lifesaver & rescue board.
- 12.00noon We will stop for lunch at the North Bondi Returned Serviceman's Club.
- 1.00pm After lunch transfer to Jetty No 6, at Circular Quay.
- 1.45pm Check in for your afternoon Captain Cook Harbour Story Cruise departing at 2.15pm.
- 4.00pm After the cruise make you own way back to the hotel or explore the Rocks area or the city.

Friday 27

SYDNEY (B)

- 7.00am Meet your Tour Guide and join your private transfer to Taronga Park Zoo.
- 7.30am On arrival a casual breakfast at the Zoo Café
- 8.30-9.30am Join an expert zoo guide for a tour of the Australian animal displays.
- 11.00am Reboard your coach for a private transfer to Mrs. Macquarie's Chair for a photo stop and then transfer to Circular Quay for lunch (own expense).
- 1.00pm Meet your Tour Guide and walk to The Sydney Opera House.

1.45pm A guided tour and discover the stories, history and magic of Sydney Opera House with an incredible guided tour taking you underneath the world famous sails.
After the tour you are free to explore the area on your own.

Saturday 28

DEPART SYDNEY (B)

5.00am Place your luggage outside your room for collection by the hotel porters.

N.B. Due to your early departure please collect boxed breakfast from the Hotel Reception Desk prior to your departure.

6.00am Meet your Tour Guide for private transfer to Melbourne Airport for your flight to Canberra.

9.15am Depart on flight Sydney/Christchurch NZ884

We hope you have had a most enjoyable and memorable holiday in Australia!!!