

**7 Day Melbourne Getaway including Phillip Island & the Dandenong Ranges,
Departs Monday 4th March to Sunday 10th March 2019**

Local Home Pick Up/Drop Off Guaranteed*

The above tour includes:

- Luxury Coach Travel
- Home pick up/drop off*
- Fully Escorted helloworld Laurieton
- Return economy airfares Ex Port Macquarie via Sydney to Melbourne
- Full Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Lunches & Morning tea as per Itinerary B - Breakfast, D - Dinner, L - Lunch, M/T - Morning Tea
- 6 Nights Ensuite Accommodation
- 4 Star Quality Batman's Hill on Collins located in the heart of Melbourne CBD**
- Tramboat Morning tea cruise
- Entry to Artvo Gallery



- Melbourne Star Observation wheel Ride
- Visit to Australian Centre for the Moving Image
- Guided tour of MCG including lunch & entry to the National Sports Museum
- Dinner on the Colonial Tramcar
- One way journey on Puffing Billing
- Lunch at the Cuckoo Restaurant
- Lunch at Phillip Island Vietnam Veterans Museum
- Entry to the Nobbies Centre & Antarctic Journey
- Phillip Island Penguin Parade
- Queen Victoria Markets
- Tour Old Melbourne Gaol
- Buffet Dinner at Crown Casino



- ✓ Home Pick up/Drop off*
- ✓ Fully Escorted by helloworld LAURIETON
- ✓ Meals & Touring as per itinerary
- ✓ Unpack only once
- ✓ Highlights MCG Tour, Colonial Tramcar Dinner, Phillip Island, Dandenong Ranges

\$2499-00 per person twin share
\$549-00 Single Supplement

****Single Supplement Rooms are limited book early****



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Exclusions:

- Items of a personal nature (e.g. room service, phone calls, drinks, additional meals, etc)
- Travel insurance is not included & is recommended.

Cancellation fees:

- Deposit non-refundable to 04DEC18
- 05DEC18 to 10MAR18 - 100% non-refundable

PAYMENT:

A non refundable deposit of \$1250.00 per person is required to confirm booking within 7 days. Final payment will fall due no later than the 5th December, 2018. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended as cancellation fees apply.

CONDITIONS: helloworld Laurieton:

- Minimum group numbers apply to operate tour.
- Seat Rotation is operated on all Coach Tours. *Home Pick subject to local area.
- Advises price is effective for the dates specified but maybe subject to change without notice. Printed FEB 2018
- Cancellation Fees apply to all bookings. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Ask helloworld LAURIETON for a policy that best suits your requirements
- Reserves the right to vary the itinerary in anyway at anytime deemed necessary
- Accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings & suggests that suitable insurance be effected for protection of the same
- Accepts no responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport/touring companies used as part of the tour.



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Day 1 - Monday 4th March, 2019 (D) - Home to Melbourne

Welcome to our **7 Day Melbourne Tour**. From Laurieton we transfer to the airport for our flight via Sydney to Melbourne. On arrival in Melbourne we are met by our local coach operator and transfer to our hotel in the CBD. After we have settled into our rooms, we can have some free time to explore the shops and cafes at nearby **Spencer Outlet Centre**. Dinner will be in the hotel dining room and we can get to know our fellow travellers on the tour. **Quality Batman's Hill on Collins – 03 9614 6344**

Day 2 - Tuesday 5th March, 2019 (B,M/T,D) - Melbourne

After breakfast we transfer to the **Docklands** and board the **Melbourne Tramboat** for a 2 hour cruise. We'll travel through the developing Docklands precinct, under the Bolte Bridge and into the Port of Melbourne where we see the large container ships loading their wares. Tidal dependant, we may also head upriver to the city whilst enjoying our **morning tea**. Returning to the Docklands there are plenty of options to purchase lunch, (*passengers own expense*) before our afternoon visit to **ArtVo** - the illusionary art complex. While having entire galleries dedicated to immersive art is a relatively modern phenomenon, the incorporation of visual illusions into art pieces has been happening for hundreds of years. Trompe-l'oeil, meaning 'trick of the eye' in French, is a visual art technique that tricks the eye by creating an optical illusion. Hundreds of years since this discovery of 'illusion art' and people remain intrigued by it. Whilst in the Docklands we step aboard the **Melbourne Star Observation Wheel**, where we will experience spectacular views over the city and beyond. There is no better vantage point to see the entire city from, than in a spacious, air-conditioned cabin giving access to 360 degree views. The cabin is big enough to walk around so we don't miss a thing.

Day 3 - Wednesday 6th March, 2019 (B,L,D)

This morning we set off to explore marvellous Melbourne – it really is a grand place! Within the parks and gardens around the city centre are many gracious buildings such as the **Old Treasury Building**; the **Exhibition Building**, built for the Great Exhibition of 1880 and **The Shrine of Remembrance**. This morning we visit the **Australian Centre for the Moving Image** at Federation Square. The first centre of its kind in the world, the Australian Centre for the Moving Image (ACMI) celebrates, explores and promotes the cultural and creative richness of the moving image in all its forms – film, television and digital culture. We spend time looking through the collection and displays, then we are off to **The Melbourne Cricket Ground** where we enjoy a **light lunch**, followed by a guided tour. Built in 1853 and known colloquially as the "G", we take the opportunity to relive great sporting memories through a comprehensive tour of this marvellous stadium. The MCG also houses the **National Sports Museum**, home to Australia's finest collection of sporting heritage. Mid-afternoon we return to our hotel with some free time to relax. Dinner tonight is aboard Melbourne's famous **Colonial Tramcar Restaurant**. The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant offers diners an enjoyable perspective of Melbourne's leafy boulevards and best attractions. This glossy, burgundy restaurant on wheels is the first travelling tramcar restaurant in the world and ensures a delightful innovative approach to dining. As we cruise the scenic streets of Melbourne, we will enjoy fine cuisine and the best of Australian wines. The atmosphere is cosy, the service friendly and the decor is as inviting as the colonial period these trams reflect - not only a culinary delight, but also a trip into a little piece of Victoria's history.

Day 4 - Thursday 7th March, 2019 (B,L,D) - Dandenong Ranges

This morning we head out through the Eastern Suburbs to the **Dandenong Ranges**. The Dandenongs, for over 100 years, have been an idyllic retreat for Melburnians wanting to take in the mountain air and escape the bustle of city life. Today, visitors from all over Australia, flock to the beautiful gardens and magnificent tall forests of the Dandenongs. At Belgrave we join the famous **Puffing Billy Steam Train** on a ride through to Emerald. Our coach will be waiting for us to transfer us through to our lunch venue - the **Cuckoo Restaurant**.

The Cuckoo Restaurant is located in Olinda along the Mount Dandenong Tourist Road. The charming building is designed in the Bavarian Chalet Style boasting staggered gabled roofs with scalloped edging and decorative window shutters. We enjoy lunch whilst relaxing with some great entertainment, then return to Melbourne this afternoon for dinner at the hotel.

Day 5 - Friday 8th March, 2019 (B,L,D) - Phillip Island

We have some free time this morning before departing on our days touring to **Phillip Island**. It's around 2 hours' drive to **Phillip Island** and we will have a brief lunch stop to stretch our legs along the way. Our first visit on the Island will be for lunch at the **The Vietnam Veterans Museum** which is dedicated to preserving and exhibiting memorabilia from Australia's longest war. The Museum currently has over 5000 artefacts, memorabilia and photographic material which are displayed either under glass or in walk-through areas which allow the visitor to fully appreciate what it was actually like to be "in country" and absorb the era which was Vietnam. We continue our touring today as we take a scenic drive along the Island, passing the **Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit** before arriving at the **Nobbies Centre**. This area offers spectacular coastal scenery as well as viewing the offshore seal colony at Seal Rocks. We take a virtual journey into the wonderful world of the **Southern Ocean and Antarctica** and engage with the many interactive and immersive experiences included through the new **Antarctic Journey**. We head into **Cowes** for dinner, and then we are off to the **Penguin Parade**, which is part of the **Phillip Island Nature Park**. The area is a reserve designed to protect and promote awareness of Little Penguin (previously called Fairy Penguins). At sunset, the penguins cross Summerland Beach to return to their sand-dune burrows. To see the Penguins come out of the surf in small groups and waddle up the beach is a unique and fascinating spectacle. On conclusion we reboard the coach and travel back to Melbourne.



Day 6 - Saturday 9th March, 2019 (B,D)

Following a relaxed breakfast and slightly later start to the day we are off to visit the **Queen Victoria Markets** – one of the city's unique attractions. This is Australia's largest market. It's a vast and vibrant centre of trade and commerce that was officially opened on 20 March 1878 and has served consumers needs for more than 120 years. Last year the Market had over 8.5 million visitors. Spread over 7 hectares, it is the largest open air Market in the southern hemisphere. Almost one thousand traders sell everything from exotic Australian fruit and vegetables and local and imported gourmet foods, meat, fish and poultry to hardware, manchester, clothing and authentic Australian artifacts and souvenirs. Next we are off to the **Old Melbourne Gaol**, which is not only Melbourne's oldest gaol but the one where infamous characters such as the infamous Bushranger Ned Kelly and gangster Squizzy Taylor spent time. This iconic landmark is quite an eerie experience as it is the site where 135 people, including Ned Kelly, were hanged. The prison was also a focus during some of Australia's most significant historical moments, including the Gold Rush and World War II. Our guide will have many stories to tell. Late afternoon we return to our hotel and freshen up before our final night dinner at the Crown Casino.

Day 7 - Sunday 10th March, 2019 (B) - Melbourne to Home

We complete our check-out formalities and meet our coach for the transfer to Melbourne airport. Our flight departs late morning and has us arriving home late afternoon following another wonderful tour with Helloworld Laurieton.

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