

VICTORIA

Australia's 'Golden State' Victoria has some of the country's best National Parks. The Grampians have some wonderful hiking trails, and the Great Ocean Road has been voted one of the best coastal drives in the world. Melbourne provides perfect base to visit the wineries of the Yarra Valley or the wildlife at Wilson's Promontory.

TOP EXPERIENCES

Drive or tour the Great Ocean Road, one of the world's most spectacular coastlines.

Head to Phillip Island to see the parade of penguins as they cross the beaches at dusk and head home.

Let kangaroos and koalas be your companions as you hike around the Grampians, one of the best National Parks in Australia.

FACT FILE

Climate: Victoria enjoys a warm temperature climate with seasons opposite to those of the UK. Spring starts in September, Summer in December, Autumn in March and Winter in June.

Driving Times: Melbourne to Adelaide - 9 hours & 30 minutes. Melbourne to Mornington Peninsula - 1 hour & 30 minutes. Melbourne to Apollo Bay - 2 hours & 30 minutes

GMT: + 10 hours



Ballooning Over the Yarra Valley



MELBOURNE

Melbourne is renowned for being one of the world's most liveable cities, and relishes its reputation as Australia's most stylish and cosmopolitan centre. The city offers its visitors chic boutiques, trendy eateries and cutting edge culture, yet maintains the links to its historical past with some of Australia's best museums, parklands and 19th century Goldrush buildings. Ride the tramcar around the city – or head to nearby St Kilda to chill on the beach. Famous for its love of all things sporty, the city is home to numerous international events – so there is always something going on!

> MELBOURNE ESSENTIALS

4 Day Package from £515 per adult



Spend four days exploring Melbourne with the Austravel essentials package, which includes an exhilarating hot air balloon trip and Phillip Island penguin parade.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options
Please note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include three nights accommodation, return airport transfers and two days touring. Supplements apply over special events and prices may vary with availability.

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BALLOONING OVER THE YARRA VALLEY WITH CHAMPAGNE BREAKFAST

The Yarra Valley is one of Victoria's most spectacular wine regions.

Meet your pilot just before sunrise for a short briefing before being transported to the launch site, where you can choose to help prepare for your flight, or stand back and capture this amazing experience on camera. Climb aboard and float gently along the corridors of grape vines and over the Yarra River with breathtaking views of the mountains. Once landed enjoy a champagne breakfast! Alternatively, opt for an early morning sunrise flight over Melbourne city itself – please ask your Travel Designer for details.

FROM £207 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: You will be required to join your pilot one hour before sunrise (please reconfirm 24 hours before your flight). Duration of tour is 4 hours with a one hour flight.



Neighbours Afternoon Tour

PHILLIP ISLAND PENGUIN PARADE

This memorable experience takes you to Phillip Island to visit the Koala Conservation Centre, walk amongst the treetops and see a protected koala colony.

Enjoy spectacular views over the Mornington Peninsula, before arriving at the beach in time to view the Little Penguins make their way ashore at dusk, waddling across the beach and up to their nests amongst the dunes. You will have access to the less populated boardwalks, allowing a close encounter with these entertaining birds.

FROM £150 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs daily.



Phillip Island Penguin Parade

Melbourne



COLONIAL TRAMCAR

A delightful approach to dining.

This restaurant on wheels enables you to enjoy fine cuisine whilst cruising the scenic streets of Melbourne. Departing from the centre of the city, choose from a lunch or dinner option, all with a fantastic array of Australian cuisine.

LUNCH FROM £61 PER ADULT

DINNER FROM £57 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information

NEIGHBOURS AFTERNOON TOUR

Head to Ramsay Street - tucked away in Melbourne's lovely suburbia.

Take photos of the famous houses, drive past the studios, and if you're lucky you may even get to see some filming! Make sure you get a photo with one of the favourite Neighbours actors (past or present) and grab an autograph.

The professional guides will provide gossip, laughs and on-board entertainment.

FROM £35 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs Mon - Fri and lasts approx 3 hours.



Great Ocean Road with Heli Flight

GREAT OCEAN ROAD WITH HELI FLIGHT

Travel from Melbourne through the township of Kennet River before lunch in Apollo Bay with photo stops along the way.

Then it's on to the famous Port Campbell National Park and the majestic monoliths of the Twelve Apostles, before boarding your helicopter for a new perspective on this rugged coastline's most famous landmarks. Enjoy dinner on the way back to Melbourne after a day you won't forget.

FROM £132 PER ADULT

Please visit our website for more information: Tour departs daily at 8am with hotel pick ups from 7am. Tour duration is 13 hours in total.

For the best views of Melbourne,
head up Eureka Sky Deck –
you can see for miles!



WHERE TO STAY IN MELBOURNE

Choose from accommodation in the heart of Melbourne, close to the main shopping precinct and famous laneways. Alternatively you can stay on the banks of the Yarra River where you will find gourmet eateries, chic bars and the extravagance of the Crown Entertainment complex.

For those exploring the surrounding region we have also included some of Victoria's best properties.



**Quality Hotel
Batmans Hill**

★★★★★

This hotel is centrally located close to all the main attractions that Melbourne has to offer.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £48 PER ADULT



**Travelodge
Southbank**

★★★★☆

Easy walking distance to restaurants, cafés, great shopping, art galleries and the Crown Casino.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £35 PER ADULT



**Mantra On The
Park**

★★★★☆

Consisting of one and two bedroom apartments, all rooms offer private balconies with spectacular views across the skyline.

FREE BREAKFAST - Selected dates

FROM £72 PER ADULT

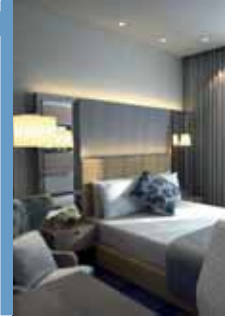


**Rendezvous Grand
Hotel Melbourne**

★★★★☆

Overlooking the Yarra River in the heart of the city, the hotel features 340 stylish guest rooms.

FROM £68 PER ADULT



**Radisson on
Flagstaff Gardens**

★★★★★

Tastefully decorated guest rooms offer stylish, modern accommodation which boasts scenic views across the gardens and Melbourne's Docklands.

FROM £58 PER ADULT



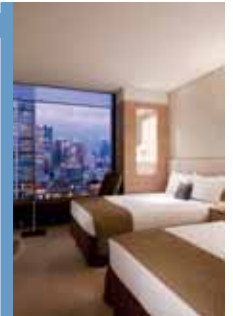
Crown Promenade

★★★★☆

Located in Melbourne's vibrant South Bank entertainment precinct, this is a modern hotel with spacious accommodation and fantastic views over the city.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £80 PER ADULT



Crown Metropol

★★★★★

Just a short walk from the vibrant Southbank district, this luxury design-led contemporary hotel is home to Gordon Ramsay's exclusive maze restaurant.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £95 PER ADULT



**Bear Gully
Cottages**

★★★★★

With spectacular ocean views and the beach just a 5 minute stroll from your cottage door, all cottages boast large covered decks, spacious living areas and fully fitted kitchens.

FROM £94 PER ADULT



Glen Isla

★★★★★

This small luxury B&B style retreat offers the very finest surroundings in a beachside location. Only a 100 metres stroll to a pristine sandy beach where penguins and fur seals are easily spotted.

FROM £104 PER ADULT



**Oscars Waterfront
Port Fairy**

★★★★★

This magnificent two-storey establishment features six individually decorated king-size rooms, and one suite, all with generous ensuites and stunning views.

FROM £93 PER ADULT



**Captains at the
Bay**

★★★★☆

Just a stroll away from the Apollo Bay beach and restaurants. With smart, contemporary interiors, and splashes of luxury, Captains is a good base from which to explore the area.

FROM £89 PER ADULT



**Walhalla's Star
Hotel**

★★★★☆

Located in the heart of Walhalla Historic Township just 2 hours from Melbourne in the Victorian Alps, Walhalla's Star Hotel provides luxury boutique accommodation.

FROM £70 PER ADULT



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GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Voted one of the best coastal drives in the world, the Great Ocean Road is undoubtedly one of Australia's most popular and scenic driving routes. Jaw dropping scenery makes for a thrilling 240km drive along the Southern coastline.



Twelve Apostles, Great Ocean Road

Melbourne to Adelaide

5 Day Self Drive
from £387 per adult



DAY 1: MELBOURNE – LORNE OR APOLLO BAY

Depart Melbourne and travel to Torquay, Australia's surf capital where the Great Ocean Road begins its journey westward. Continue to Lorne, one of Victoria's most attractive resort towns.



DAY 2: APOLLO BAY OR LORNE – PORT FAIRY

Continue along the Great Ocean Road to the majestic Twelve Apostles. Other attractions include London Bridge, the Bay of Martyrs and Massacre Bay. Journey to Port Fairy for the evening.

DAY 3: PORT FAIRY – ROBE

Travel to the Grampians, one of Victoria's largest and most accessible national parks, home to Koori rock art and striking rock formations. Continue to the rugged, windswept coastal town of Robe. Take a walk on one of the secluded beaches where you may even get to spot fairy penguins.

DAY 4: ROBE – BAROSSA

Head towards the Barossa Valley, home to over 50 vineyards. If you want to take part in some serious wine tasting why not book a private tour and savour the flavour of South Australia.

DAY 5: BAROSSA – ADELAIDE

Why not take to the skies this morning on a hot air balloon ride before heading back to Adelaide.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options

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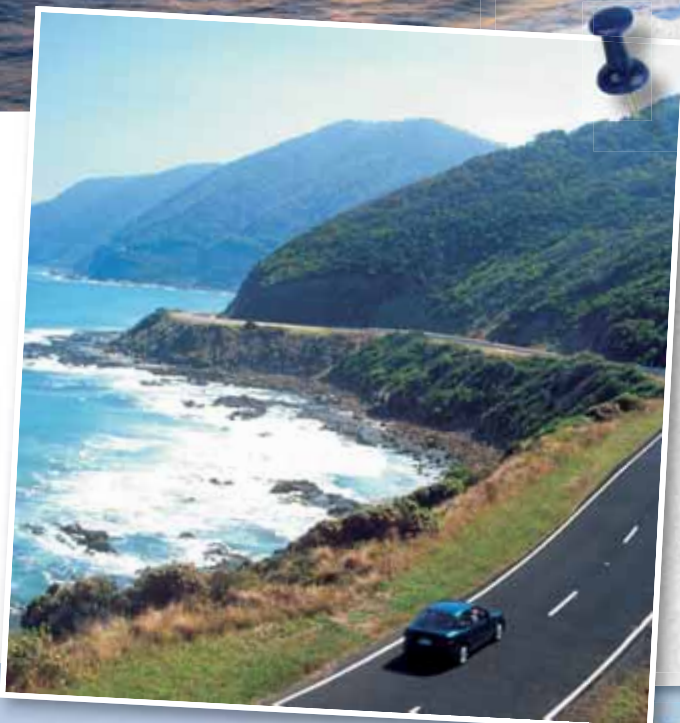
Barossa Vineyards



Day Tour

GREAT OCEAN ROAD HELI FLIGHT

Take a scenic flight from Port Campbell over the spectacular views of Sentinel Rock, Bakers Oven, Loch Ard Gorge and the famous Twelve Apostles. The perfect addition to any self drive adventure along the Great Ocean Road!
FROM £67 PER ADULT



Great Ocean Road Wildlife Tour

3 Day Escorted Tour
from £724 per adult



See the Great Ocean Road from an alternative perspective. This 3 day guided tour takes in the highlights of the trail and includes 2 nights accommodation in B&Bs. Search for Koalas in the wild at You Yangs Park, explore the rainforests of the Otway National Park, and see the spectacular sea stacks of the Twelve Apostles.

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Great Ocean Road Overnight Tour - National Treasures



2 Day Escorted Tour from £395 per adult

If you're limited for time why not take a guided overnight tour which will let you see all the highlights of this stunning coastline in just 2 days, with an expert guide at the helm.

DAY 1: Head out from Melbourne and past the famous surf at Bells Beach, stop at the seaside resort of Lorne for a lunch break, before continuing to Great Otway National Park to take a 1km guided walk through a cool temperate rainforest gully. Check in for the evening at your private self contained villas set high on a hill overlooking the Southern Ocean at Apollo Bay.

DAY 2: Start with breakfast at the 'locals favourite' Bay Leaf Café. Today's journey starts with travelling through the Otway ranges and onto Castle Cove overlooking the Aire River valley, before on to the Twelve Apostles - icons of Australia's natural beauty. Take in London Bridge, Bay of Islands, Bay of Martyrs and Boat Bay before our journey turns inland and travels through open farmland towards Melbourne arriving around 6pm. (NAT3)

Please Note: Tour departs Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from Melbourne at 8.30am.

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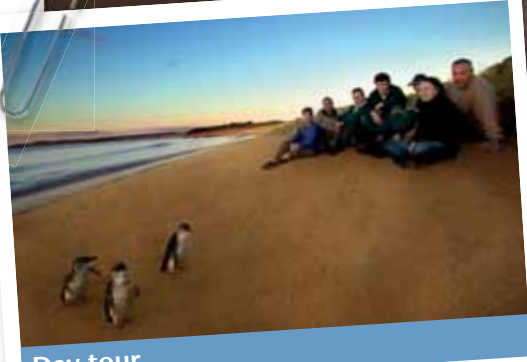
London Bridge



Day tour

SEAL WATCHING CRUISE, PHILLIP ISLAND

A spectacular two hour cruise from Cowes which allows you to get close to one of Australia's largest fur seal colonies on the aptly named Seal Rock.
FROM £46 PER ADULT



Day tour

3 PARK PASS ULTIMATE PENGUINS, KOALAS AND CHURCHILL ISLAND

Make the most of your day on Phillip Island with the added extra of flexible timings. The pass includes entrance to the Koala Conservation centre, Churchill Island Heritage Farm, and an upgrade to the Ultimate Penguin Tour with private beach viewing.
FROM £63 PER ADULT

Discover Victoria



4 Day Self Drive from £333 per adult

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DAY 1: MELBOURNE – YARRA VALLEY

Leaving Melbourne, travel via the eastern suburbs towards the Yarra Valley, recognised as one of the world's greatest wine growing areas. Numerous wineries offer cellar door tastings, and the restaurants serve up delicious, locally produced gourmet food.

DAY 2: YARRA VALLEY – PHILLIP ISLAND

This morning drive south east to San Remo, arriving to watch the pelican feeding at noon. Continue on over the bridge, and on to Phillip Island, home to Australia's famous Little Penguins. This evening watch the 'Penguin Parade' as the birds waddle up the beach to roost in the dunes as the sun sets.

DAY 3: PHILLIP ISLAND – MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Departing Phillip Island head west around the bay along the Bass Highway and South Gippsland into the heart of the Mornington Peninsula. Make time to stop at stylish Sorrento to browse the antique shops and galleries. This afternoon offers free time to explore the Peninsula, with attractions such as Cape Schanck Lighthouse and many boutique vineyards.

DAY 4: MORNINGTON PENINSULA - MELBOURNE

Today leave the Mornington Peninsula behind and make the return journey back to Melbourne along the Nepean Highway.

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> PHILLIP ISLAND HELICOPTERS

See Phillip Island from a different perspective! The full island tour is 25 minutes long, and offers unprecedented views of the Moto GP track, amazing surf beaches and the penguin viewing areas from above, but a shorter 15 minute option is also available.

FULL ISLAND SCENIC HELI TOUR FROM £128 PER ADULT

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Great Ocean Road & The Grampians



AVIS

5 Day Self Drive
from £415 per adult

DAY 1: MELBOURNE – APOLLO BAY

From Melbourne, journey along the Surfcoast Highway to Torquay, Australia's surf capital, and the start of the spectacular Great Ocean Road. Continue to beautiful Lorne and Apollo Bay where you'll stay tonight, a short drive from Otway National Park.

DAY 2: APOLLO BAY – PORT FAIRY

Head inland into the rugged Shipwreck Coast region, returning to the coast at Princetown where the Port Campbell National Park begins to unfold with spectacular natural features, including the renowned Twelve Apostles. Drive onwards to Warrnambool, Tower Hill and Port Fairy.

DAY 3: PORT FAIRY – HALLS GAP

Journey north, through rich rural regions, to the Grampians National Park. The road from Dunkeld takes you on a spectacular journey of waterfalls, valleys and wildlife, across the ranges to Cavendish and on to Halls Gap.

DAY 4: HALLS GAP – BALLARAT

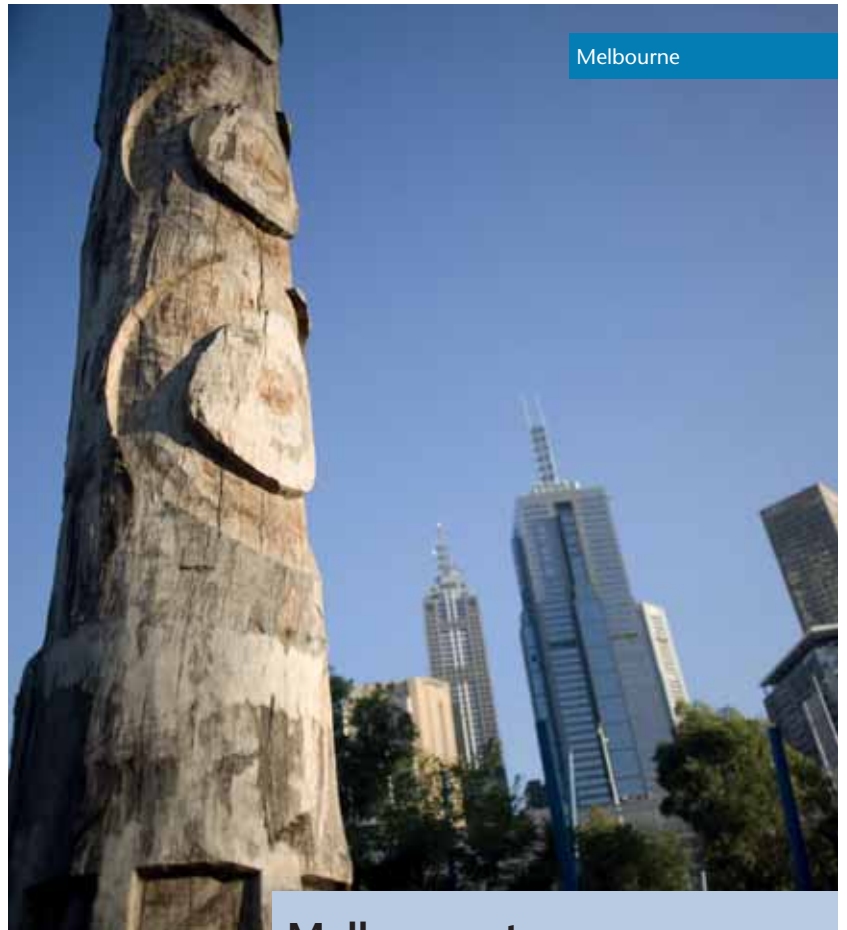
Travel to Ballarat and Sovereign Hill where you'll revisit the 1850s gold rush. Discover historic towns of the Goldfields region, wineries, Daylesford and Hepburn Springs.

DAY 5: BALLARAT – MELBOURNE

Leave Ballarat and follow the Western Freeway back to Melbourne.

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Melbourne

Melbourne to Sydney Coastal



7 Day Self Drive from £630 per adult **AVIS**

DAY 1: MELBOURNE - PHILLIP ISLAND

Leave the modern sophistication of Melbourne and take the short journey to Phillip Island. Make sure you visit the Penguins on parade.

DAY 2: PHILLIP ISLAND - WILSONS PROMONTORY

Take in fantastic views of Victoria's southern coast, perhaps stopping off at Bunurong Marine and Coastal Park at Cape Paterson, before arriving at the green forests and rocky rivers at Wilson's Promontory.

DAY 3: WILSONS PROMONTORY - LAKES ENTRANCE

Drive through the Victorian bushland including Holey Plains State Park, to the unique area of Lakes Entrance – why not take a cruise or sail around Australia's largest inland waterway.

DAY 4: LAKES ENTRANCE – GIPSY POINT

Leave Lakes Entrance and head north to Gipsy Point, a haven for local wildlife – spot sea eagles by the coast as you stroll Lyrebird Walk. Make sure to wander to Bastion Point to see whales and dolphins.

DAY 5: GIPSY POINT - TILBA TILBA

Cross the border into New South Wales and stop at the city of Merimbula. Follow the Princes Highway, and along the amazing Sapphire Coast, before arriving in Tilba Tilba.

DAY 6: TILBA TILBA - JERVIS BAY

Continue north to Narooma, known for its unspoilt beaches, lakes and fishing. Stay the night in Jervis Bay making sure you leave time to view the marine life with either a dolphin or whale watch cruise.

DAY 7: JERVIS BAY - SYDNEY

Follow the Grand Pacific Drive and past outstanding coastal scenery as you head north and arrive into Sydney.

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Port Fairy

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