

8 days | MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW



Smell the freshly cut grass and bursting blooms that scent the Melbourne air once again for the annual International Flower and Garden Show.

Tuesday 24 March 2026 – Tuesday 31 March 2026

DAY 1 (D): PORT MACQUARIE TO GOULBURN

Tuesday 24 March 2026

Welcome to our 8-day Melbourne tour featuring the Melbourne International Flower show. Depart early this morning as we make our way south with a morning stop at **Bulahdelah**. We call into Westfield Tuggerah just in case you forgot something and to grab a bite to eat. Our travels this afternoon take us further southwest of Sydney to **Goulburn**. A welcome dinner awaits us in the hotel.

Morning tea from the | Lunch at own cost | Dinner at hotel
Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 02 4822 5445 | 1 night



DAY 2 (BLD): GOULBURN TO MARYSVILLE

Wednesday 25 March 2026



Today is a travel day however we do make a stop and the enjoyable **Ettamogah Pub** for lunch. The building's origins date back to the early 1890's when it was one of the busiest shearing sheds of its time. This afternoon sit back and relax as we express through to **Marysville** for our overnight accommodation.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | morning tea from the | Lunch at Kinross Woolshed Hotel



Peppers Marysville | 1 night | 03 5957 7700

Day 3 (BLD) GARDENS GALORE

Thursday 26 March 2026



Following breakfast, we head to **Rayners Orchard** where we join the Orchard Fruit Adventure Tour around the farm with a guide explaining the characteristic of the trees and their fruit including a tasting. Next, it's onto **Alowyn Gardens** which started life as a blackberry infested paddock. Designed with shade and comfort in mind, it's been developed into six distinct areas and for those who love a beautiful garden, it will bring enjoyment as well as an educational experience. We dine in the café amongst the Autumn Blaze Maple trees. Our afternoon visit is to the **Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery**. We'll be welcomed with chocolate tastings, displays of thousands of



Day 3 (BLD) GARDENS GALORE

continued

Thursday 26 March 2026



premium chocolates and European Chocolatiers at work handcrafting their creations. Our final venue is the family owned, **Rochford Wines**. Situated in one of the most stunning regions in Australia, with breathtaking panoramic views of the Great Dividing Ranges we relax over a delightful tasting. What a lovely way to finish our day before heading to Melbourne where we can check in for the next 4 nights.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | morning tea from the coach | lunch at Alowyn Gardens
Vibe Melbourne Docklands | 03 8578 0000 | 4 nights

Day 4 (BD) DISCOVERING MELBOURNE

Friday 27 March 2026

Have you ever been on a tram that travels on the water? Well, that is how we spend the morning on the **Tramboat** for a relaxing morning cruise. We see the developing Docklands Precinct, under the Bolte Bridge into the mighty Port of Melbourne where large container ships load their wares. We cruise past the infamous Coode Island to the Westgate Bridge before returning to shore.



Late morning we head into the famous **Queen Victoria Markets** – Australia's largest **open-air market**. This is 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. We have some free time to purchase lunch before our afternoon tour. Known as the sporting capital of Australia, there is no better place to explore than at the famous

Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). Located here is the **National Sports Museum** which presents world-class exhibitions and sporting artefacts. Explore the inner sanctum of the MCG, walk on the hallowed arena and experience where legends play. After a lovely day we return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost



Day 5 (BLD) DAYLESFORD

Saturday 28 March 2026



Travelling through to Daylesford we stop at **The Convent Gallery**, nestled on the crest of Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens boasting views of the countryside and township below. This historic country boarding school for girls has now been transformed into a haven for art, history and culture. The gallery beckons with its gallery spaces, museum and chapel, all enveloped by meticulously groomed gardens. Next, we arrive at **Lavandula Farm**, giving us a little taste of Europe. Stone farmhouse buildings cluster around a cobbled courtyard, surrounded by

beautiful garden, lavender fields, the creek and distant hills. We will have a chance to browse The Barn which stocks a range of products good for the body and soul, before lunch. Returning to Melbourne late afternoon after a fabulous day.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch at Lavandula Farm



Day 6 (BD) MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

Sunday 29 March 2026



Today is festival day! We head to the **International Flower and Garden Show** on the tram. Staged within the world heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and surrounding Carlton Gardens, this prestigious show is a "must see" event! Over 300 exhibits are "on show" representing horticulture, nurseries, landscape, gardening, floristry and cut flowers together with their associated products and services. The show will simply take your breath away with work from Australia's leading floral designers, creating

Day 6 (BD) MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW continued Sunday 29 March 2026

exquisite feature displays. We have all day here today to explore and take in the beauty of the show.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost.

Festival program has not yet been released; events are subject to program

Day 7 (BD) MELBOURNE TO GOULBURN

Monday 30 March 2026

We have an early start this morning as we make our way along the Hume Highway, passing by Benalla and Wangaratta to arrive in **Albury** where we stop to purchase lunch and stretch our legs. In 1883, Albury became a 'change over station' for passengers between Melbourne and Sydney due to the different rail gauge used in Victoria and NSW. This afternoon sit back and relax as we head to Goulburn for our final night on tour.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | morning tea from the coach | lunch own arrangements and cost

Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 02 4822 5445 | 1 night



Port Bus 2025 Group

Day 8 (BL) GOULBURN TO HOME

Tuesday 31 March 2026

What a tour we've had! Making tracks for Port Macquarie, with several stops along the way and **lunch** at the **Ourimbah RSL** before arriving home with a suitcase full of special memories.

Breakfast at hotel | morning tea from the | lunch at Ourimbah RSL

Tour Inclusions

- 7 night's hotel accommodation
- 7 cooked breakfasts
- 6 morning teas from the coach
- 7 dinners
- 4 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at Ettamogah Pub
- Fruit Adventure Tour at Rayner's Orchard, Yarra Valley
- Entry and lunch at Alowyn Gardens, Yarra Valley
- Visit Yarra Valley Chocolatery and Ice Creamery
- Wine tasting at Rochford Wines, Yarra Valley
- Conductor's Favourite Cruise including morning tea with Melbourne Tramboat Cruises
- National Sports Museum and MCG Tour at Australian Sports Museum, Melbourne
- 3-hour lunch dining experience on The Q Train, Bellarine Peninsula
- Entry to the Melbourne International Flower Show
- Lunch at the Lisarow RSL Club - The Kitchen



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42 days or more—loss of deposit

29-41 days: 50% of fare plus deposit

30 days before and the Day of departure: 100% of the fare.

In the case of concert or sporting tours, where admission tickets are purchased in advance, a minimum cancellation fee equivalent to the cost of admission ticket fees will apply.

Some accommodation requires prepayment, and refunds will be subject to their conditions.