

PORT BUS *More Than a Journey*

MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

A colourful 9-day Melbourne garden escape

Tuesday 16 March 2027 – Tuesday 24 March 2027

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Tour Highlights

- Melbourne International Flower Show
- Puffing Billy & KaBloom Festival
- Rayner's Orchard & Alwyn Gardens
- Yarra Valley Chocolaterie & Rochford Wines
- Daylesford & Lavandula Farm
- Tramboat Cruise, Queen Victoria Market & MCG Tour
- 8 nights accommodation
- 8 breakfasts, 8 dinners and selected lunches

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DAY 1 (MTLD): PORT MACQUARIE TO GOULBURN

Tuesday 16 March 2027

Welcome aboard for the beginning of our colourful **Melbourne International Flower Show** adventure with Port Bus.

Once everyone is comfortably settled, we depart Port Macquarie early this morning and begin our journey south, with plenty to look forward to over the coming days. Our first stop is **Bulahdelah**, where we'll pause for a morning break and a chance to stretch the legs before continuing. From here, we make our way further south, travelling through changing scenery as we head beyond Sydney and into the Southern Tablelands.

This afternoon, we continue southwest towards **Goulburn**, one of Australia's historic inland cities and our overnight stop. On arrival, we check into our accommodation and have time to settle in and relax after our first day on the road. Tonight, we come together for a **welcome dinner at the hotel**, giving everyone the chance to enjoy a meal, get to know fellow travellers and look



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ahead to the wonderful gardens, attractions, flavours and experiences still to come on our Melbourne escape.

Lunch at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club | Dinner at hotel

Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 02 4822 5445 | 1 night

DAY 2 (BMTLD): GOULBURN TO MARYSVILLE

Wednesday 17 March 2027



After breakfast, we continue our journey south with a relaxing travel day ahead. Sit back and enjoy the changing scenery as we make our way through regional New South Wales and into Victoria, with plenty of time to chat with fellow travellers and watch the countryside roll by. One of today's highlights is our lunch stop at the historic **Kinross Woolshed Hotel**. Dating back to the early 1890s, the building began life as one of the busiest shearing sheds in the region and still carries plenty of rustic country character. It's a wonderful setting to enjoy lunch and appreciate a little of the area's pastoral history before we continue

our travels. This afternoon, we settle back aboard the coach and make our way through to **Marysville**, surrounded by the beautiful scenery of Victoria's north-east. On arrival, we check into **Peppers Marysville** for our overnight stay, with time to relax and freshen up before dinner. Tomorrow, the touring really begins as we head into the **Yarra Valley** for a colourful day of orchards, gardens, chocolate and wine.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch at Kinross Woolshed Hotel

Peppers Marysville | 1 night | 03 5957 7700



Day 3 (BLD) GARDENS GALORE

Thursday 18 March 2027



Following breakfast, we set off for a wonderful day exploring some of the **Yarra Valley's** most colourful and delicious attractions.

Our first stop is **Rayners Orchard**, where we join the **Orchard Fruit Adventure Tour**. Travelling around the farm with our guide, we'll learn about the many different fruit trees grown here, how they are cared for and what makes each variety unique. Of course, no orchard visit would be complete without a taste along the way, so there will be plenty of opportunities to sample some fresh seasonal produce.

Next, we make our way to the beautiful **Alwyn Gardens**. What began as a blackberry-infested paddock has been transformed into a stunning garden made up of six distinct areas, each with its own character and charm. Designed with comfort, shade and accessibility in mind, it's a lovely place to wander, admire the plantings and enjoy the peaceful surrounds. We'll also enjoy lunch in the café, surrounded by the magnificent **Autumn Blaze Maple trees**.



This afternoon, we indulge in something sweet with a visit to the **Yarra Valley**

Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery. We'll be welcomed with tastings, browse displays filled with premium chocolates and watch skilled chocolatiers at work creating their handcrafted treats. There will also be time to browse the shop and perhaps pick up a little something to enjoy later.

Our final stop for the day is **Rochford Wines**, beautifully positioned in the heart of the Yarra Valley. With sweeping views across the



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surrounding countryside and the Great Dividing Range, it's the perfect setting to slow down and enjoy a relaxed wine tasting.

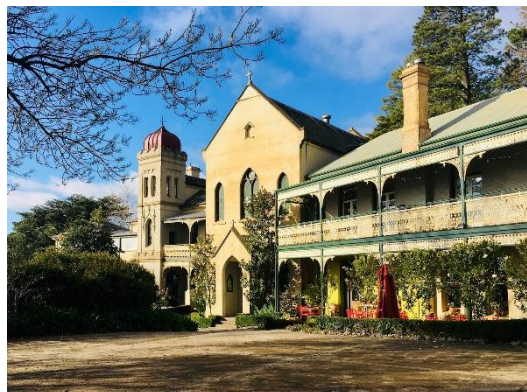
After a day filled with fruit, gardens, chocolate and wine, we continue to **Melbourne**, where we check into our accommodation and settle in for the next four nights.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Alowyn Gardens

Mercure Melbourne Southbank | 03 7046 1300 | 5 nights

Day 4 (BLD) DAYLESFORD

Friday 19 March 2027



Today we leave Melbourne behind for a beautiful day of art, history, gardens and country charm as we travel through to **Daylesford**. Our first stop is **The Convent Gallery**, spectacularly positioned on the crest of **Wombat Hill** with lovely views across the township and surrounding countryside. Once a country boarding school for girls, the historic building has been beautifully transformed into a unique centre for **art, history and culture**. During our visit, there will be time to explore the gallery spaces, museum and chapel, as well as admire the carefully maintained gardens that surround the property. From here, we continue to

Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm, where the atmosphere feels almost European. Historic stone buildings, a cobbled courtyard, beautiful gardens, lavender fields, a peaceful creek and rolling hills all combine to create a wonderfully relaxed setting. There will be time to wander through the grounds and browse **The Barn**, which stocks a lovely range of locally inspired products, including lavender goods, gifts and treats for the body and home. We then settle in for lunch and enjoy the peaceful country surrounds before beginning our journey back to Melbourne. Returning to the city later this afternoon, we can relax and reflect on a lovely day filled with heritage, gardens and the charm of regional Victoria.

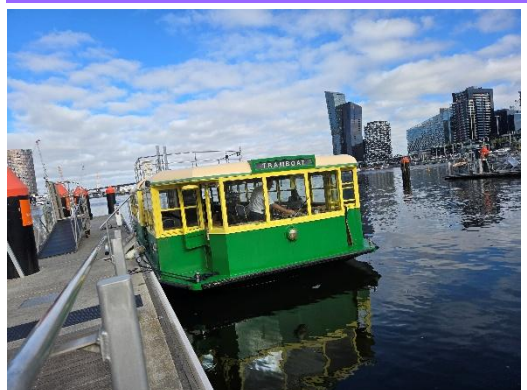
Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at Lavandula Farm

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Day 5 (BD) DISCOVERING MELBOURNE

Saturday 20 March 2027



Today we enjoy a wonderful mix of cruising, shopping and sporting history as we explore some of Melbourne's most iconic attractions. We begin the morning with something a little different aboard the **Tramboat** — a tram that travels on the water! Sit back and relax as we cruise through the developing **Docklands Precinct**, pass beneath the **Bolte Bridge** and make our way into the busy **Port of Melbourne**, where massive container ships and working docks give us a glimpse into one of Australia's most important ports. We continue past **Coode Island** and towards the **West Gate Bridge** before returning to

shore. Late morning, we make our way to the famous **Queen Victoria Market**, one of Melbourne's most loved landmarks and Australia's largest open-air market. Officially opened in 1878, the market has been serving locals and visitors for generations. There will be free time to wander the stalls, browse fresh produce, specialty goods and souvenirs, and purchase lunch at your own arrangements and cost. This afternoon, we turn our attention to Melbourne's sporting side with a visit to the legendary **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)**. We'll explore the **Australian Sports Museum**, where world-class exhibitions and sporting memorabilia



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celebrate some of the greatest moments and personalities in Australian sport. We then step inside the MCG itself for a guided tour, venturing behind the scenes and into areas normally reserved for players, officials and media. Walk through the inner sanctum, hear stories of famous matches and sporting legends, and experience the atmosphere of one of the world's most iconic sporting venues.

After a full and varied day, we return to the hotel with time to freshen up and relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost

Day 6 (BD) MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW Sunday 21 March 2027

Today is one of the true highlights of our tour as we spend the entire day at the spectacular **Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show**. Set within the magnificent **Royal Exhibition Building** and the surrounding **Carlton Gardens**, this prestigious event is a feast for the senses and a must-see for garden lovers, flower enthusiasts and anyone who appreciates beautiful design.

With more than 300 exhibits to explore, the show brings together the very best in **horticulture, landscaping, floristry, nurseries, garden design and cut flowers**. From grand feature gardens and creative floral installations to clever ideas for smaller spaces, there is inspiration around every corner. We'll have the whole day to wander at our own pace, admire the work of leading floral designers, browse garden products and displays, and soak up the colour, creativity and atmosphere of this much-loved event. Whether you're keen



to pick up gardening ideas, chat with exhibitors, enjoy the floral artistry or simply take plenty of photos, there will be no shortage of things to see.

With the beautiful Carlton Gardens providing the perfect backdrop, today is all about taking your time and enjoying the show in full. After a day surrounded by flowers, gardens and creativity, we return to the hotel later this afternoon to relax before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost

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

DAY 7 (BLD) PUFFING BILLY | THE DANDENONGS AND KABLOOM FESTIVAL Mon 22 March 27

This morning we head for the beautiful **Dandenong Ranges**, where one of Victoria's most iconic experiences awaits — a journey aboard the historic **Puffing Billy Railway**. Built in 1900 to serve the small communities scattered throughout the hills, Puffing Billy once carried passengers, timber, livestock, potatoes and plants through this rugged mountain country. Today, it offers a wonderfully nostalgic way to experience the region's



lush forests and fern-filled valleys. Our journey begins at

Belgrave, where we board the famous steam train and settle in for a scenic ride through the ranges. As Puffing Billy winds its way along the narrow-gauge line, we'll pass through towering mountain ash, dense bushland and picturesque countryside, with plenty of opportunities to enjoy the fresh mountain air and beautiful views. We finish our rail journey at the **Lakeside Visitor Centre**, where there is time to explore the displays and learn a little more about



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the history of the railway before continuing with our day. From here, we make our way to **Tesselaar Farm** for the spectacular **KaBloom Festival of Flowers**. This colourful celebration is a feast for the eyes, with sweeping fields of blooms creating a vibrant patchwork across the farm. There will be plenty of time to wander through the displays, enjoy the breathtaking views and capture some wonderful photographs. Our **Ultimate KaBloom Package** also includes a farm tractor ride and afternoon tea, giving us another way to enjoy the festival atmosphere and take in the sea of colour around us. After a fabulous day combining steam-train nostalgia, mountain scenery and spectacular floral displays, we return to Melbourne with plenty of beautiful memories — and no doubt a camera roll full of photos!

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Puffing Billy Cafe



Day 8 (BMTD) MELBOURNE TO GOULBURN

Tuesday 23 March 2027



We have an early start this morning as we farewell Melbourne and begin our journey north along the **Hume Highway**. Sit back and enjoy the changing scenery as we travel through regional Victoria, passing by **Benalla** and **Wangaratta** on our way towards the border. Our lunch stop is in **Albury**, where there will be time to stretch the legs, purchase lunch and enjoy a short break from the coach. Albury has long played an important role in travel between Melbourne and Sydney, particularly from **1883**, when passengers had to change trains here because Victoria and New South Wales operated on different

railway gauges.

This afternoon, we continue north through the countryside and make our way back to **Goulburn**, where we'll check into our accommodation for the final night of the tour. With most of our sightseeing now behind us, it's a chance to relax, enjoy dinner together and reflect on a wonderful journey filled with gardens, flowers, food, history and memorable experiences.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost

Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 02 4822 5445 | 1 night



Day 9 (BMTL) GOULBURN TO HOME

Wednesday 24 March 2027



What a wonderful tour we've had! After breakfast, we farewell **Goulburn** and begin the final journey home to Port Macquarie, with plenty of time to relax, chat and reflect on the many highlights of our Melbourne adventure. As we make our way north, we'll enjoy several comfort stops before arriving at **Ourimbah RSL** for our included lunch. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy one last meal together and reminisce about favourite moments from the tour. From the Melbourne International

Flower & Garden Show and KaBloom Festival to Puffing Billy, Daylesford, the Yarra Valley and everything in between, it has been a colourful and memorable few days. We continue home this afternoon, arriving back with full hearts, plenty of photos and a suitcase packed with special memories from another wonderful Port Bus adventure.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch at Ourimbah RSL



TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 8 night's hotel accommodation
- 8 cooked breakfasts
- 8 dinners
- 6 included lunches – see below

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Lunch at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club
- Lunch at Kinross Woolshed Hotel
- Fruit Adventure Tour at Rayner's Orchard, Yarra Valley
- Entry and lunch at Alowyn Gardens, Yarra Valley
- Visit Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery
- Wine tasting at Rochford Wines, Yarra Valley
- Entry and history tour at the Convent Gallery, Daylesford
- Visit, tour and lunch at Lavandula Lavender Farm, Daylesford
- Conductor's Favourite Cruise including morning tea with Melbourne Tramboat Cruises
- National Sports Museum and MCG Tour at Australian Sports Museum, Melbourne
- Entry to the Melbourne International Flower Show
- One Way Belgrave to Lakeside, Puffing Billy
- Lunch at Puffing Billy cafe
- Ultimate KaBloom Package - including Festival entry, Farm tractor ride, and afternoon tea at Tesselaars Tulip Farm
- Lunch at the Lisarow RSL Club - The Kitchen

ACCOMMODATION

- Mercure Goulburn (2 nights)
- Peppers Marysville (1 night)
- Mercure Melbourne Southbank (5 nights)

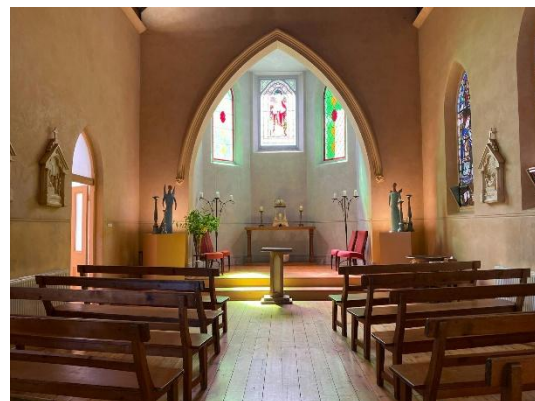
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- Tour price is based on a minimum of 30 paying passengers. If numbers fall below 30 paying passengers, this tour *may* need to be repriced.
- Price is valid for above tour dates only and includes GST.
- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.
- The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided, Port Bus reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions that may arise. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. Port Bus will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations, or those closures made at the venue's discretion.



PLEASE NOTE

- Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given:
 - 52 days or more—loss of deposit
 - 39-51 days: 50% of fare plus deposit
 - 40 days before and the Day of departure: 100% of the fare.

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