

# Marvellous Melbourne

22  
March 2010  
8 Days

## ~ Including Melbourne's International Flower Show

\$1699ppts  
\$538s/s

### Day 1: Newcastle—Wagga Wagga (LD)

This morning we will leave Newcastle, heading through Sydney, towards our accommodation at Wagga Wagga.  
Country Comfort Wagga Wagga 02 6921 6444

### Day 2: Wagga Wagga—Melbourne (BLD)

We will have morning tea and lunch en route, arriving in Melbourne mid afternoon with time at the **Queen Victoria Markets**. Our motel is ten minutes from the CBD on the tramline. Dinner tonight is on the world's first **Travelling Tramcar Restaurant**. A luxurious three course dinner with all drinks included (alcohol, tea and coffee) whilst touring Melbourne.  
Vibe Hotel Carlton 03 9380 9222 (5 nights)

### Day 3: Melbourne and the Dandenong's (BLD)

This morning we will head to the **Dandenong Ranges**. Our first stop will be the **Alfred Nicholas Gardens** and then the **George Tindale Gardens**, bought in 1958 with the original mountain ash trees. After lunch in Sherbrooke we will visit **Cloudehill Gardens**, on the site of the old Woolrich Pottery site, with its internationally inspired gardens. After a stop in Olinda we will visit the world acclaimed **Ricketts Sculpture Sanctuary**.



### Day 4: Melbourne Wholesale Markets, Rialto Tower, Free Afternoon (BD)

We will have an early start this morning to visit the **Melbourne Wholesale Markets** one of the only two wholesale markets in the world open to visitors. We visit the **National Flower Centre**, where Melbourne Florists buy from, and today, so may you! After breakfast a **local guide** shows us Melbourne, before we visit **Rialto Tower** (once the Southern Hemisphere's tallest building) for an eagle's view of the city. We return to our motel to enjoy a free afternoon rejoining the group for dinner.

### Day 5: Flower Show, Free Afternoon/Evening (B)

This morning we visit the **International Flower and Garden Show**, located in the magnificent **Carlton Gardens**, the most prestigious event of its kind in Australia.



Over 300 exhibits represent horticulture, nurseries, landscape gardening, floristry and cut flower products and services. Based at the **Royal Exhibition Centre**, you can see Flower Arranging Competitions and Workshops. Lunch is at own expense. You can visit the new \$300 million **Melbourne Museum (free for pensioners)** next door to the Royal Exhibition Centre, featuring collections on Australian Society, a Forest Gallery, Mind & Body Gallery, Banjilaka (Aboriginal Centre) and Phar Lap. **Tonight is Free** so you can experience some of the many vibrant night activities on offer in Melbourne. You can see one of the many shows playing, or visit the Crown Casino, eat out in Lygon Street, or go on a ghost tour at the Melbourne Gaol. Your crew can help you choose options, and transfers will be available to and from Crown Casino and Lygon Street at Specific Times.

### Day 6: Geelong: National Wool Museum or Ford Discovery Centre & Werribee Park Mansion, Victorian State Rose Garden (BD)

This morning we will travel to **Geelong** for morning tea before visiting either the **Ford Discovery Centre** or the **National Wool Museum**. Then free time to stroll along the foreshore, where you can enjoy lunch (at own expense) and photograph the unusual "**Bollards**". Then a visit to **Werribee Park**, a 60 room mansion and gardens built in 1877, one of Australia's great 19th Century properties and the adjacent **Victorian State Rose Garden** with its 4500 roses.



### Day 7: Yarra River Cruise—Wagga Wagga (BLD)

This morning we enjoy a relaxing **Cruise on the Yarra River**. Returning to Wagga Wagga with lunch on the way.  
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### Day 8: Wagga Wagga—Home (BL)

This morning we will leave Wagga Wagga and make our way home, with morning tea and lunch en route.