

# Taste of SA & Victoria

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*This Exclusive Food and Wine Experience  
will be hosted by our special guests  
John and Margaret Clarke.*

*John, an ABC presenter, has been conducting food and wine  
tours to France with Margaret for many years, and they will bring a  
wealth of entertaining anecdotes and knowledge to this tour.*

**9 October  
2010  
9 Days**



## **Day 1: Home—Adelaide: Penfolds McGill Estate Degustation Dinner including Premium Wines (D)**

We depart the Hunter making our way to Sydney for our flight from Sydney to Adelaide. After lunch on the plane, we check in to our hotel and **enjoy a tour of Adelaide**. Tonight we enjoy a magnificent **five-course Degustation Menu** at **Penfolds Magill Estate Restaurant**, an award winning, fine dining venue where the history, philosophy and spirit of Penfolds comes alive. We will enjoy a **walking tour** through the historic winery, including the **Vintage Cellar** (still in use today making wine the traditional way), and the **Underground Maturation Cellars**. Following this, the Wine Education team will lead you on a **tutored tasting of up to four Penfolds Premium Wines**. In the restaurant enjoy our **Degustation Menu**. **A premium wine package is included with your meal**, but upgrade to super premium wines for \$80 each. **Rendezvous Allegre Hotel Adelaide 08 8115 8888 (3 nights)**

## **Day 2: Adelaide—Farmers Markets, National Wine Centre Tastings & Cheese Platter, Free Night (BL)**

This morning we go to the **Adelaide Showground Farmers Markets**, famous for its South Australian local produce. The markets also conduct a number of cooking lessons during the morning with tastings of the dishes prepared, a good opportunity to ask the experts as they prepare the meal. For those looking for fresh raisins, currents and nuts etc for Christmas cakes, get them here! A picnic lunch amongst the roses in the botanic gardens before our visit to the **National Wine Centre for an Ultra Premium Wine Tasting with a Cheese Platter** to accompany. **Tonight is free to explore the city's night life**, with our hotel close to many different styles of restaurants.

## **Day 3: Barossa Valley: Maggie Beer, Wineries (BL)**

We make our way into the **Barossa Valley**, with our own **private cooking demonstration** at **Maggie Beer's Farm**. Our lesson will take place in the same kitchen that was used for the filming of the *Cook & the Chef*, a lovely morning with tasting of dishes and later photo opportunities. There will be demonstrations of how to use the Verjus that Maggie's farm is renowned for, and we will enjoy a **picnic basket for lunch with home made pate and glass of wine on the verandah**. Just outside of Angaston is the **Yalumba Winery** one of the original wineries in this part of the valley, established in 1849, we will have a **tour and wine tasting** to follow. We stop at Mengler's Hill Lookout and take in the view of the valley. At this time of the year the vines are all fully leafed. **Chateau Tanunda** is our next winery and we can enjoy some bargain buys and **quality wines for tasting**. We have an afternoon stop at Tanunda perhaps enjoying a German style pastry from one of the bakeries before making our way back to our Hotel. If you can possibly eat anything for dinner, try the restaurant at our hotel

## **Day 4: Adelaide—McLaren Vale: Chocolate, Wine (BLD)**

We start with a **tour of the Haigh's Chocolate Factory**, to learn about the unique qualities of this distinctly Australian chocolate for a tiny taste and perhaps purchase! We make our way south to Reynella and visit **Hardy's Reynella** for a **tour of the old Chateau before wine tasting** from the Hardy's Portfolio. Lunch will be a **signature tasting plate at award winning d'Arrys Verandah Restaurant and winery**, with spectacular views of the valley. Finally we visit **Wirra Wirra Estate** before checking into our McLaren Vale Motel for dinner at the restaurant offering an extensive wine and beer list. **McLaren Vale Motel and Apartments 08 8323 8265**

## **Day 5: McLaren Vale, Limestone Coast—Coonawarra (BLD)**

This morning we enjoy morning tea on Lake Albert, at the mouth of the mighty Murray River, continuing along the Coorong. We enjoy **lunch by the sea at the Kingston Fisherman's Co-op**. We visit **Cape Jaffa Lighthouse**, which was relocated from the sea to the middle of town. Our first winery for the afternoon will be at **Cape Jaffa Winery, Australia's premier certified biodynamic wine producer**. We make our way to **Coonawarra**. **Chardonnay Lodge 08 8736 3309 (2 nights)**

## **Day 6: Coonawarra—Premium Cellar Doors (BD)**

This morning a chance for breaky in bed, as we enjoy light breakfast provisions in our room. Today is a highlight of our tour, with time to enjoy and experience the beautiful Coonawarra Wines, particularly the Shiraz, which grows so well in the testa rossa soils to be found in the region. We will enjoy tastings at the premier cellar doors of the **Coonawarra district**, including **Wynn's, Redman's, Bowen Estate, and Katnook Estate**. Lunch today is at your own expense and can be had whilst tasting at Poplars winery conveniently located across the road from the motel.

## **Day 7: Coonawarra—Melbourne (BLD)**

After a light breakfast in our room, we make our way Melbourne through the old gold town of Ballarat, skirting the southern end of the Grampians before checking into our accommodation. Tonight we will have dinner on **Victoria's Tramcar Dining Experience** including a 3 course dinner with all your beverages included as you travel along on a nostalgic tram tour of Melbourne. **Melbourne Oaks Apartments on Collins 1300 786 603 (2 nights)**

## **Day 8: Free Day in Melbourne (B)**

Today is a **free day in Melbourne**. Perhaps visit the new Eureka Skydeck 88 for views over Melbourne. Or visit the Melbourne CBD, or do a shopping tour of the Melbourne Warehouses (please ask for details). There are many attractions open today, or you can just wander around the city. Dinner tonight is at own expense, either at our hotel, or take advantage of one of the many dining experiences available in Melbourne, from Lygon Street to Florentinos, or more. Even go to a show. We can help with making arrangements for optional activities.

## **Day 9: Melbourne—Yarra Valley Wineries— Newcastle or Sydney (BL)**

We start this morning with a visit to the **Queen Victoria Markets** before venturing to the **Yarra Valley** to explore the region. Our first winery will be **Helens Hill**, with lunch and champagne tasting at **Domaine Chandon, Tarrawarra Estate** and finishing at **Yerring Station**, Victoria's first vineyard established in 1838. From here it is back to the new **Docklands** area for an afternoon stop before going to the airport, remembering any wine or souvenirs purchased can be left on the coach and collected from our Thornton depot in a few days time.

**HURRY!!! MAXIMUM 30 GUESTS**

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