

King Island & the shipwreck coast

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12 Nov
2010
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12 Days



Our Unique Highlights Include:

- ☑ 32 Quality Meals
- ☑ Bendigo
- ☑ Apollo Bay
- ☑ Otway Fly
- ☑ Great Ocean Road
- ☑ Sound & Light Show at Flagstaff Hill
- ☑ Warrnambool
- ☑ Portland
- ☑ 3 nights and touring on King Island
- ☑ Lakes Entrance

Includes Flights

Day 1: Home—Wagga Wagga (LD)

This morning we will leave the Hunter heading through Tuggerah, Hornsby & Strathfield. We will have lunch near Goulburn before heading through Gundagai to Wagga Wagga.

Country Comfort Wagga Wagga 02 6921 6444

Day 2: Wagga Wagga—Bendigo (BLD)

We will have a stop at Jerilderie before we cross the Murray River at Tocumwal. See Shepparton's famous coloured cows, and bag a bargain from the **SPC Cannery** and have lunch before continuing on to Bendigo for a visit to the **Chinese Museum** which highlights the significant role the Chinese played in the development of Bendigo. A tour of the city centre will show the considerable wealth that gold discoveries brought to the area.

Comfort Inn Colonial Golden Square 03 5447 0122



Day 3: Bendigo—Apollo Bay (BLD)

We will head through Daylesford to Ballarat, for morning tea, another town made wealthy by gold. We will pass through Geelong to the Bellarine Peninsula where we will have a tour of **Fort Queenscliff** (built in 1880 to defend the new colony). After lunch of traditional fish and chips we will follow the coastline through Torquay to Bells Beach, famous for the Surf Classic held at Easter. Once we leave Lorne we will follow the spectacular **Great Ocean Road**, built during the Depression and one of Australia's most scenic roads. Many lookouts will allow us to appreciate the difficulty involved in the road's construction and the rugged coastline where many ships have been wrecked. Tonight we are staying opposite the beach, out of Apollo Bay.

Skene's Creek Lodge 03 5237 6918



Day 4: Apollo Bay—Warrnambool (BLD)

We will have a look at Apollo Bay before we head inland to visit the new **Otway Fly**, a 600 metre walk through the treetops of native eucalypts. A golf buggy will be available for those who need help getting to the Fly from the main entrance. After lunch we will hug the coastline of the **Great Southern Ocean**, the scene of many shipwrecks. Our first visit will be to the **Twelve Apostles**, where a scenic helicopter flight is available (own expense). **Loch Ard Gorge**, named from the ship wrecked at this spot, will show us the rugged cliffline and ferocity of the sea. After a stop at Port Campbell we will visit **the Arch, London Bridge**, and the pretty **Bay of Islands**. We will make our way into Warrnambool for our accommodation.

Gateway Motor Inn 03 5562 8622 (2 nights)



Day 5: Warrnambool—Portland (BLD)

This morning we will head west towards Portland, Western Victoria's deep water port. We will drive out to **Cape Bridgewater**, overlooking the Southern Ocean to photograph their unusual **Petrified Forests, and Blowholes**. In Portland we will board a local Tram Car for a town tour followed by lunch in the Museum.

This afternoon we will visit the **Portland Maritime Discovery Centre** where we will learn of the many ill fated sea journeys on this dangerous coastline. You will be surprised by the prosperity and sophistication of the town and harbour facilities. We will return to Warrnambool via the pretty heritage fishing town of Port Fairy. After dinner we will visit Warrnambool Maritime Museum for their spectacular **laser show "Shipwrecked"**.



Day 6: Warrnambool—Laverton (BLD)

Today we will explore Warrnambool where we will visit **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum** where the beautiful **Loch Ard Peacock** is on display. We will learn of the numerous shipwrecks that occurred on this beautiful but treacherous coastline. We will head inland, stopping for lunch at Colac before we reach Geelong. Time this afternoon to wander amongst and photograph their unusual bollards.

Club Laverton 03 9369 1811

Day 7: Laverton—King Island (BD)

This morning we will visit the **Victorian State Rose Garden** before arriving at the Airport for our flight on a 36 seater plane to King Island. On arrival we will be taken on a tour of the main township of Currie before making our way to our accommodation. This afternoon we will have a **guided tour** of Naracoopa, Sea Elephant Bay and the mining town, Grassy. After dinner we will **see the penguins**.

Boomerang by the Sea King Island 03 6462 1288 (3 nights)

Take the option of joining our tour to King Island by flying from Tasmania!



Day 8: King Island (BLD)

Today we will travel to the north of the island. We will visit **Whistler Point** for a walk on the beach which overlooks Christmas and New Year Islands. We will have a visit to **Yellow Rock Lookout** which will give us a view of Yellow Rock River and Phoques Bay.

We will then travel to the tallest lighthouse in the Southern Hemisphere—**Cape Wickham**, where we will hear tales of shipwrecks and enjoy a picnic lunch. After lunch we will visit **Penny's Lagoon**, one of three suspended lagoons in the world. We will travel to the beautiful Martha Lavinia Beach, before enjoying a **cheese tasting at the King Island Dairy**.



Day 9: King Island (BLD)

Today we will visit the south of the island where Australia's greatest Maritime Disaster, the **Cataraqui Shipwreck** happened. We will have morning tea before continuing on to the **Calcified Forest** for a walk and a picnic lunch. We will visit the rugged coastline of Seal Rocks and Surprise Bay for a beach walk. We will return to our motel through Pear Shape and Lymwood areas.



Day 10: King Island—Traralgon (BD)

This morning we will visit the **Kelp Factory** and learn about the many uses of kelp and its history. We will head to British Admiral Beach and then on to the site of the Netherby Shipwreck. We will have lunch in Currie before returning to the airport for our flight back to Melbourne and then travel on the Princes Highway to Traralgon in the Latrobe Valley.

Comfort Inn Traralgon 03 5174 7277

Day 11: Traralgon—Bermagui (BLD)

Our first stop today will be the holiday town of Lakes Entrance. Following this we will make our way into the mountains via Orbost before lunch at Cann River. After lunch we will cut through to the NSW Border and on to Bega, with an afternoon stop before continuing onto the Deep Sea Sport Fishing town of Bermagui, made famous by American author Zane Grey, when he was patron of their Sport Fishing Association in 1936 and 1937. Tonight we will have our meal in one of the local restaurants.

Bermagui Motor Inn 02 6493 4311

Day 12: Bermagui—Home (BL)

Following the coast line, we will continue our journey north through Bateman's Bay, Nowra and Berry to the new sea bridge at Stanwell Park. We will drop off at Strathfield and Hornsby, Tuggerah and the Hunter.

NB: There will be a maximum of 32 passengers on this tour, due to the flights, so hurry!