



Melbourne Cup

Includes Great Seats at the Cup

**\$1439ppts
\$429s/s**

**30 October
2010
6 Days**

Day 1: Newcastle—Wagga Wagga (LD)

This morning we will leave Newcastle, heading through Tuggerah and Sydney towards our motel at Wagga Wagga.

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Day 2: Wagga Wagga—Melbourne (BLD)

Today we will continue our journey south to Melbourne, stopping for lunch along the way. Arriving in Melbourne just after lunch, with Christmas coming up, there will be a good opportunity to find a bargain at the huge seven acres of the **Queen Victoria Markets**. Then it's off to Melbourne's 2nd tallest building, the **Rialto Tower**. This will give us a 360 degree view of the city before checking into our motel a few tram stops from the city centre, in the heart of Melbourne's restaurant sector.

Vibe Hotel 03 9380 9222 (3 nights)

Day 3: Melbourne: Caulfield, Stables, Racing Museum, Crown Casino, Eureka Skydeck (B)

This morning we will have a guided tour of the **Caulfield Race Course**, including the Jockey's Room, Winner's Podium, the **Melbourne Racing Club** and **Peter Moody Stables**. We will visit Champions - the new **Australian Racing Museum in Federation Square**, before an opportunity to view Melbourne's annual Parade of the Champions in the CBD complete with horses, winning owners and trainers. We will have free time in the afternoon to shop or sightsee. Tonight we will enjoy dinner at **Crown Casino Complex** (at own expense - there is a great variety of restaurants) where we will be able to enjoy the light show, stroll along the banks of the Yarra or try your luck at the Casino. You will have time to explore **Level 88 of the Eureka Skydeck Building** near the Casino in your free time, and at own expense. The building is open until 10pm daily.

Day 4: The Melbourne Cup (BD)

After breakfast we will enjoy the great Australian Tradition of the **Carpark Party** at Flemington, cracking open some bubbly and nibbles before entering the racecourse. We have arranged reserved seats (**Open Lawn Stand**) and pre-paid entrance to the course and our seats are directly in front of the winning post, giving you an excellent view of all the action.

There is plenty to do during the day, including viewing **Fashions on the Field**, a magnificent display of high fashion, as well as some more colourful characters who don't make it into the competition! You may even see a celebrity or two! Walk through the **historic stands** to learn some of the history of this heritage track. Assess your horses in the **stables** amongst the **magnificent display of roses**. The rest of the day's activities and expenses are up to you! If you want to have a punt, you can use the **tote facilities** at various points around the course, or some of the more **traditional bookies**. The coach will be parked on the course, and will depart at 4.30pm. If you wish to stay on, there is a train station at the track, taxis and a Tram stop near the motel.



Day 5: Melbourne—Wagga Wagga (BLD)

A sleep in this morning before some time admiring Southbank on the Yarra. A **morning tea cruise** on the famous **Yarra River**, will allow the opportunity to see the river and reflect on the past week. Informative commentary will describe the city from the water. We will make our way to Wagga Wagga.

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Day 6: Wagga Wagga—Home (BL)

We will take the Hume Expressway back home, stopping for morning tea and lunch on the way.



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