

# Kangaroo Island, Great Ocean Road & the Limestone Coast

28 August  
7 September  
5 November  
2010  
14 Days

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New  
Tour!



**Light & Sound Show at Sovereign Hill  
& Explore the Historical Village  
Tour of Ballarat  
Bendigo Talking Tram  
Great Ocean Road  
Warrnambool Sound & Light  
Show "Shipwrecked" at  
Maritime Village  
Mt Gambier Blue Lake &  
Umpherston Cave  
3 Nights Kangaroo Island  
NZ & Australian Fur Seals**

**Seal Bay Conservation Park  
Flinders Chase National Park  
Remarkable Rocks & Admirals Arch  
Honey Farm & Eucalyptus Distillery  
Island Pure Sheep Dairy  
Little Penguins  
Hahndorf  
Coonawarra Wine Tasting  
Victor Harbor  
Fleurieu Peninsula  
Mary McKillop at Penola  
Naracoorte Caves & Fossils  
Bendigo Chinese Museum  
Morning Tea Cruise on the  
Murray at Echuca**

## Day 1: Home—Wagga Wagga (LD)

We will depart Thornton, picking up in Newcastle, Tuggerah, Hornsby and Strathfield then head along the Hume Highway past Goulburn and Gundagai to Wagga Wagga.

Country Comfort Wagga Wagga 02 6921 6444

## Day 2: Wagga Wagga—Ballarat (BLD)

Heading through to Shepparton, the centre of the Goulburn Valley fruit area. We will have lunch at the beautiful heritage gold mining city of **Bendigo** before joining the **Talking Tram** for a tour and a visit to the Tram Museum. We will head through the spa district of Daylesford to Ballarat.

Bell Tower Inn 03 5334 1600 (2 nights)

## Day 3: Prime Ministers' Avenue, Sovereign Hill (BD)

After a **town tour of Ballarat**, we will visit the **Prime Ministers' Avenue** before some free time in Ballarat, to explore its wide heritage streets. We spend the afternoon at **Sovereign Hill Village** and the Gold Museum, to pan for gold, watch wood turners at work, see gold being poured at our leisure. Dinner tonight will be at **Sovereign Hill's Napier's Hotel**, before the spectacular **Light and Sound Show "Blood on the Southern Cross"**, depicting events of the Eureka Stockade in 1854.

## Day 4: Ballarat—Apollo Bay, Great Ocean Road (BLD)

Continuing south we travel to **Geelong**, where we will have morning tea and time to photograph the **unusual bollards** along the Esplanade. We make our way along the coast through Torquay, scene of the Bell's Surf Classic, and join the **Great Ocean Road** which hugs the coastline. We will stop for lunch at **Lorne** before making our way to **Apollo Bay** for a look around before checking into our motel across the road from the beach.  
Skene's Creek Lodge 03 5237 6918



## Day 5: Apollo Bay—Warrnambool—Otway Fly, 12 Apostles, Warrnambool's Light & Sound show (BLD)

Today we head inland to visit the **Otway Fly**, a unique 600 metre walk through the treetops of native eucalypts in Victoria's rugged forest region. We enjoy lunch at Princeton as we start to hug the coastline of the Great Southern Ocean, the scene of many shipwrecks. Our first visit will be 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 cliff line and ferociousness of the sea. We will visit the **Arch**, the **remains of the London Bridge** and the **Bay of Islands**. Bring your camera as there will be lots of opportunities to record this rugged coastline today. Tonight we will visit Warrnambool's Sound & Light Show "Shipwrecked", the story of the Loch Ard Wreck.

Gateway Motor Inn 03 5562 8622



### Day 6: Warrnambool—Mount Gambier (BLD)

We will visit the **Flagstaff Maritime Village** with shops, ship building and museum housing the



beautiful **Loch Ard Peacock**. We will visit the gardens of the Fletcher Jones Factory before lunch at Port Fairy. We arrive in **Mount Gambier** and drive around the **Blue Lake** and visit the beautiful **Umpherston Sinkhole** then go to our motel.

[Comfort Inn Silver Birch 08 8725 5122](#)



### Day 7: Mount Gambier—Kingscote, Kangaroo Island (BL)

We will follow the coast line through Millicent to Kingston SE, the home of Larry, the Big Lobster. We will then continue travelling the Coorong, an area made famous by the the pelican "Mr Percival" from Storm Boy. The **Coorong** is an inland Sea separated by a narrow strip of land from the Southern Ocean Rugged dunes, coastal vegetation and over 400 bird species are found in this area. At Tailern Bend, we will **cross the Murray River** and head south to the Fleurieu Peninsula. We will travel to **Victor Harbor** for some sightseeing, then to Cape Jervis, where we board the ferry for the 40 minute trip to Kangaroo Island. We arrive at our motel at **Kingscote** at about 8pm after dinner at own expense on the ferry.

[Ozone Seafront Hotel—Kingscote 08 8553 2011 \(3 nights\)](#)

### Day 8: Kangaroo Island Scenery (BLD)

Our first visit will be to **Seal Bay Conservation Park**, home to a colony of hundreds of rare Australian Sea Lions who rest and nurse their young or ride the waves to the beach. We will continue to **Flinders Chase National Park**, considered by many to be South Australia's most significant Park. The lack of introduced predators has allowed the wildlife and flora to remain in their natural state. We will visit **Couedic Lighthouse** (1909), towering over the treacherous coastline. We will stop at Admiral's Arch and Remarkable Rocks, sculptured by the wind and sea, a playground for New Zealand Fur Seals and Australian Sea Lions. Today we will have had a full circuit of the island. Tonight we will have a tour of the Fairy Penguins in their natural surroundings along the beach, close to our hotel.



### Day 9: A Taste of Kangaroo Island (BLD)

This morning we will tour the historical sites, including **South Australia's first settlement, now marked by a very old mulberry tree**, and South Australia's first boat building project at **American River**, our morning tea stop. We will taste Kangaroo Island's produce: at the **Honey Farm**, we will see the unique pure bred Ligurian Bees renowned for their gentle nature and golden colour; the **Eucalyptus Distillery**, the only commercial distillery still operating in South Australia with the oil used as a solvent, cleaner, disinfectant and insect repellent; and the **Island Pure 300 Sheep Dairy**. The cheeses and yoghurts that are made here are world class.

### Day 10: Kingscote—Hahndorf (BLD)

We will catch the morning ferry to Cape Jervis with time to explore the **Fleurieu Peninsula**. We will have lunch at **McLaren Vale**, the centre of this prosperous wine growing area and spend the afternoon at the **German town of Hahndorf**. Tonight we will be staying in the heart of Hahndorf at the town's newest motel, just behind the main street.

[Hahndorf Inn Motor Lodge 08 8388 1000](#)

### Day 11 Hahndorf—Coonawarra (BLD)

Taking the Duke's Highway, we stop at **Naracoorte Caves** for a **Guided Tour of Naracoorte Cave, Alexandra Cave and the Wonambi Fossil Centre**. The caves are very accessible. After lunch, we will visit the **Mary McKillop Interpretive Centre, in Penola**. The centre has a lot of interest due to the impending announcement of Australia's first Saint. We will finish the day with an opportunity to taste some of the **famous Coonawarra reds**.

[Chardonnay Lodge 08 8736 3309](#)



### Day 12: Coonawarra—Bendigo (BLD)

Skirting around the edge of the Grampians, stopping along the way for morning tea. We enjoy lunch in the Midlands, before arriving in Bendigo, where we will experience the exotic Chinese heritage which is now an integral part of the culture of this beautiful city. We visit the **Chinese Museum** which is home to the second longest Chinese dragon in the world as well as many artefacts from the Chinese aristocracy.

[Comfort Inn Colonial Golden Square 03 5447 0122](#)

### Day 13: Bendigo—Wagga Wagga (BLD)

We experience a **morning tea cruise on the Mighty Murray at Echuca**. We head north through **Deniliquin**, the ute town and then after lunch arrive in Wagga Wagga for our final tour night.

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### Day 14: Wagga Wagga—Home (BL)

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