

# Marvellous Melbourne

28  
March  
2011  
8 Days

## ~ Including Melbourne's International Flower Show

\$1699ppts  
\$418s/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 **75** 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.