

# YARRA VALLEY AND THE DANDENONG RANGES

12 – 18 MAY 2019

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Less than an hour from Melbourne, the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges are the perfect destination to savour delicious food & wine and take in the beautiful scenery. Enjoy this unpack once getaway in a truly wonderful region of Australia!

## INCLUSIONS

- ✦ Return economy airfares from Brisbane
- ✦ 6 nights accommodation staying at Oscars on the Yarra Valley
- ✦ All touring in private air-conditioned coach
- ✦ All sightseeing, activities and entrance fees as specified
- ✦ Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Unpack once
- ✦ Alowyn Gardens
- ✦ Sky High
- ✦ Puffing Billy lunch experience
- ✦ Dame Nellie Melba's garden walk
- ✦ Mornington Beach Huts
- ✦ Sorrento
- ✦ Arthurs Seat
- ✦ Mont de Lancey Homestead
- ✦ Queen Victoria Markets
- ✦ Colonial Tramcar farewell lunch

Cost **\$2809** per person twin share  
Single Supplement **\$398**.

Non-refundable deposit of \$500 due at time of booking.

Progress payment of \$1000 due on/before 22 November 2018. Final balance due on/before 6 March 2019.

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### DAY 1 Sunday 12 May

### BRISBANE - MELBOURNE



This morning you will make your way to the Brisbane Domestic Airport, where you will meet your fellow travellers for our morning flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival in Melbourne, we will be met at the airport by our Coach Captain for our journey to the Yarra Valley. We will enjoy lunch at **De Bortoli Estate Winery** followed by a wine tasting. We will arrive at our hotel in Warburton this afternoon with time to relax before dinner in-house.

**Hotel: Best Western Oscar's on the Yarra (6 nights)**

### DAY 2 Monday 13 May

### DANDENONG RANGES



Today we travel to the beautiful Dandenongs to visit some of the wonderful gardens. **Cloudehill Gardens** has a maze of stone walls and jewel like garden rooms set within woodlands of magnificent and historic cool climate trees. Garden Art is also displayed throughout. Our tour guide will tell us all about the history and inspiration behind Cloudehill. Then we will visit **William Ricketts Sanctuary** a place of beauty and tranquility with mystical sculptures hidden among the ferns. In the 1930's William Ricketts purchased and lived on the land creating his sculptures until he was into his 90's. Lunch will be at **Grants on Sherbrooke** followed by a visit to the amazing **Alowyn Gardens**, then returning to our accommodation this afternoon with dinner in-house this evening.

### DAY 3 Tuesday 14 May

### SKY HIGH/PUFFING BILLY



Our day begins with a stop at Sky High to enjoy the views from uppermost reaches of the Dandenong Ranges out across the Mornington Peninsula towards the sweep of Port Phillip Bay and Melbourne's fringes. We will make our way to Belgrave through the villages of Olinda and Sassafras to browse through the unique and quirky shops selling everything from teddy bears to tea. We will arrive in Belgrave to enjoy a very special lunch experience onboard **Puffing Billy** - Australia's oldest and one of the finest preserved steam railways in the world. The journey will take up from Belgrave through the beautiful forests and gullies of the Dandenong Ranges on the original mountain track to Gembrook. Enjoy dinner in-house this evening.

### DAY 4 Wednesday 15 May

### CHEESE, WINE & CHOCOLATE



Today we enjoy a day exploring the Yarra Valley and all its famous delicious tasty treats. Once the Australian home of world famous opera singer **Dame Nellie Melba** and now that of award winning, estate grown **Coombe Farm Wines**. It is here that we will enjoy wine tasting and embark on Melba's Garden Walk, to experience seven acres of gardens, landscaped over 100 years ago, all the while enjoying morning tea. You will also be given an overview of the properties history, grape varieties grown and the type of wine they produce. Lunch today will be at the **Yarra Valley Chocolaterie** where we will also have the chance to observe the chocolatiers create their delicious offerings and perhaps a taste? This afternoon we will enjoy a guided tour of **Rayners Fruit Orchard**. The boutique fruit orchards grow over 350 varieties of fruit which they sell locally whilst also producing jams, chutneys, bottled fruit amongst other delicious treats. We will be finishing the day at Yarra Valley Tea Company where we will observe the tea blending process and have the chance to create our very own special tea! Dinner tonight will be enjoyed in-house at our hotel.

### DAY 5 Thursday 16 May

### MORNINGTON PENINSULA



After breakfast, we make the journey to the beautiful Mornington Peninsula where we will stop to visit the famous colourful **Mornington Beach Huts** followed by a quick browse on the high street. Following the shore road down towards our lunch destination of **Portsea** where on a clear day you can almost see across **Port Phillip Bay** towards Queenscliff. We will have some time to explore the antique shops of Sorrento before stopping at Arthurs Seat the highest viewpoint on the Peninsula for the breathtaking views. Returning back to Warburton and our hotel for dinner this evening.

### DAY 6 Friday 17 May

### MONT DE LANCEY



After breakfast today, take a trip back in time during our visit to **Mont de Lancey** for our guided tour of this Early Settlement Homestead. Built in the 1880's by Henry Sebire, the solid brick house and gardens have been lovingly restored. Take time to browse through the gift shop which has a wide range of homemade jams, pickles and hand-crafted items. We then visit **Warrantina Lavender Farm** to enjoy the seasonal exhibition and a delicious lunch. Returning to Warburton for a browse in the local village shops before returning to our hotel for dinner.

### DAY 7 Saturday 18 May

### MELBOURNE - BRISBANE



Sadly, this is our last day in the beautiful Yarra Valley. After breakfast, we will journey into Melbourne for a city sightseeing tour on our coach, including some time at the famous **Queen Victoria Markets**. Our farewell lunch will be on board the beautiful **Colonial Tram Car**, where we will enjoy 3 delicious courses. Afterwards we make our way to Melbourne Airport for our flight back to Brisbane. On arrival into Brisbane, we part ways as we travel home.

Key: Breakfast Morning Tea Lunch Dinner

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