

Victoria's Hidden Gems

7 DAYS

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HIGHLIGHTS



DISCOVER

Delve into eclectic Daylesford, with its antique shops, bazaars and cottage industries, and Torquay – mecca for Australian surf culture.



EXPLORE

Uncover Melbourne's laneways and arcades with a local guide, then drive the famously scenic Great Ocean Road.



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Enjoy a taste of farm life at Green Olive Farm, then gain an insight into the traditional people of Gariwerd, the Djab Wurrung and Jardwidjari.



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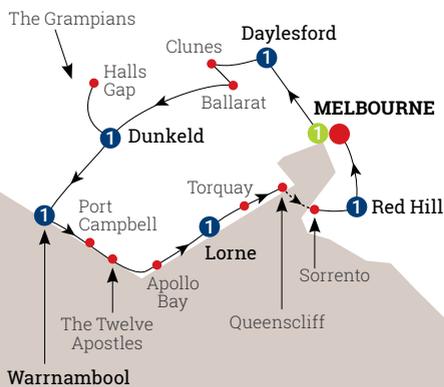
Indulge in wine tasting at the Jack Rabbit Vineyard, then enjoy an exclusive dining experience at the Royal Mail Hotel.

● START

● END

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops



CHOOSE THIS TRIP IF YOU'D LOVE TO:

- Indulge in a farm-to-fork dinner at Jackalope Hotel
- Unwind at the historic Hepburn Bathhouse and Spa
- Experience a 'Welcome to Country' ceremony at Halls Gap
- Drive the famous coastal Great Ocean Road

1 Welcome to Melbourne

On arrival in Melbourne spend time on your own to relax or explore the surroundings. This evening meet your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception before departing your hotel for a magical evening experiencing Melbourne Star Flight followed by dinner at Berth restaurant situated on Victoria Harbour. **Hotel: Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. DW**

2 Melbourne – Daylesford

After a leisurely breakfast at the Sofitel's 35th floor restaurant overlooking the city, you'll enjoy this cosmopolitan city taking in its premier sights. Explore the vibrant laneways and arcades as you wander the streets of Melbourne with your knowledgeable local guide. Relax and enjoy morning tea at one of the local Melbourne cafés. Visit Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm for morning tea. See their manicured vegetable, herb, lavender and friendly farm animals. We head for the eclectic spa town of Daylesford, then relax in the healing waters of the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa. Tonight enjoy dinner in the award-winning restaurant, The Argus. **Hotel: Peppers Mineral Springs. B DW**

3 Daylesford – Dunkeld

After breakfast, why not see all that Daylesford has to offer before leaving to visit the family-owned and operated Creswick Woollen Mills, the only remaining coloured woollen spinning mill of its kind in Australia, for an exclusive guided tour. Continue a little way down the road to the historic town of Clunes. Step back in time and wander along the main street where you're free to grab a spot of lunch in one of its cafés.

En route to Dunkeld visit the Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka in Ballarat, where the original Stockade flag is housed, to gain insights into the birth of Australian democracy. We'll check in to the Royal Mail Hotel at the base of the Grampian Mountains, and indulge in a exclusive dinner experience at the hotel, made with fresh local ingredients and available produce growing in the extensive kitchen garden. **Hotel: Royal Mail. B DW**

4 Dunkeld – Warrnambool

After breakfast, you're invited to join the ground's gardener for a guided walk through the hotel's kitchen garden.

We'll head to the top of the Grampians today at Halls Gap for a 'Welcome to Country' ceremony by the local Indigenous people at the Brambuk Cultural Centre. The traditional people of Gariwerd, the Djab Wurrung and Jardwidjari, will teach you how to throw a boomerang.

Admire the views over the Grampians Mountain Range before heading to the coastal town of Warrnambool. Tonight it's a Local Dining Experience and Stage Show at Flagstaff Hill, where you'll learn about the region's maritime history. **Hotel: Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs. B DE**

5 Warrnambool – Lorne

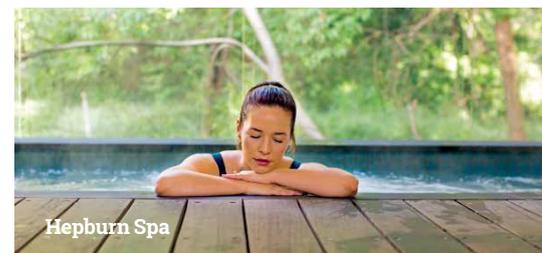
Enjoy a leisurely morning, preparing for one of the world's most scenic coastal drives later today. Golden beaches stretch endlessly along the route. Wind through lush forests and stop to admire highlights including the Bay of Islands, London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles. Stretch your legs this afternoon in Apollo Bay before arriving in picturesque Lorne late afternoon. **Hotel: Cumberland Lorne. B**

6 Lorne – Mornington Peninsula

The last leg of the Great Ocean Road brings us to the surf capital of Torquay, where you'll learn about Australia's beloved surf culture before continuing to the Bellarine Peninsula. Indulge in an exclusive Local Dining Experience lunch and wine tasting at the award-winning Jack Rabbit Vineyard. Board a ferry to Queenscliff to Green Olive farm, for a taste of farm life with a local guide. Later head to your accommodation where you will enjoy dinner at the award-winning Jackalope Hotel. **Hotel: Jackalope. B DE DW**

7 Mornington – Farewell from Melbourne

The aroma of coffee beans beckon as you head back to Melbourne after breakfast. As this Inspiring Journey nears its end, venture into the hallowed grounds of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Later, enjoy a Celebration Lunch with newfound friends. For now, all that's left to say is a fond farewell till next time. **B CL**



Hepburn Spa



The Twelve Apostles