



**The Twelve Apostles**  
Discover this incredible stretch of pristine coastline and natural wonders, while visiting the communities and towns in between.

### Day 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 and see the city from a different perspective at a **Welcome Reception on the Melbourne Star Observation Wheel**, followed by dinner at Berth Restaurant on Victoria Harbour.

- Sofitel Melbourne on Collins
- Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Melbourne – Daylesford

After a leisurely breakfast at the Sofitel's 35th floor restaurant overlooking the city, you'll discover 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 a morning tea or coffee at one of the local Melbourne cafés. We depart the bustling city for the eclectic spa town of Daylesford, where you start to unwind in the outdoors at Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm. View their manicured vegetable, herb & lavender gardens while relaxing with afternoon tea. **Continue your relaxation therapy early this evening in the healing waters of the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa.** Later, join your



Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa

fellow travellers for dinner in the award-winning restaurant, The Argus.

- Peppers Mineral Springs Hotel
- Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 3: Daylesford – Clunes – Ballarat – 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 or the country pub. En route to Dunkeld visit the Eureka Centre 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 an exclusive dinner experience at the hotel, made with fresh local ingredients and available produce growing in the extensive kitchen garden.

- Royal Mail Hotel
- Breakfast, dinner with wine

### Day 4: Dunkeld – Halls Gap – 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 not only learn about the region's maritime history but will also experience it.

- Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs
- Breakfast, Local Dining Experience

### Day 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.

- Cumberland Lorne Resort
- Breakfast

### Day 6: Lorne – Torquay – 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 with wine at the award-winning Jack Rabbit Vineyard.** Board a ferry from Queenscliff to Sorrento and 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.

- Jackalope Hotel
- Breakfast, Local Dining Experience, dinner with wine



Australian National Surfing Museum

## Departures

Start	End	Start	End
2020		2022	
Nov 06	Nov 12	Feb 25	Mar 03
Dec 04	Dec 10	Mar 18	Mar 24
2021			
Jan 15	Jan 21		
Feb 26	Mar 04		
Mar 19	Mar 25		
Sep 10	Sep 16		
Oct 08	Oct 14		
Nov 05	Nov 11		
Dec 03	Dec 09		

Departures between 06/11/2020 & 19/03/2021 operate as per the 2020/21 brochure itinerary.  
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Single traveller must pay the single price.

## Inclusions

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 12+ Unforgettable experiences
- 13 included meals
- 6 Nights premium accommodation

## IJVIC: Melbourne Return

Flights are not included in holiday price.

Flight Information:

**Day 1** – flights to arrive prior to 2.00pm into Melbourne Airport

**Day 7** – flights to depart after 5.00pm (domestic) or 7.00pm (international) from Melbourne Airport

For ways to save, see page 70.

## Day 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 new-found friends. For now, all that's left to say is a fond farewell till next time.

- Breakfast, Celebration Lunch



Melbourne street art