

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

+ Kangaroo Island

TUESDAY 13TH - TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST

Day 1: Tuesday 13 August 2024

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Dubbo ~ Wagga Wagga ~ Albury ~ Wangaratta

Are you ready to explore Victoria's fascinating colonial past, with a great group of people? Board the luxury Langley's coach and travel south via the Newell and Olympic Highways. Pass into Victoria at Albury, to continue on to tonight's lovely accommodation at Wangaratta.

Day 2: Wednesday 14 August 2024

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Wangaratta ~ Geelong

This morning sees us travelling South through Melbourne and onto Geelong. Featuring a 19th-century carousel, plus a curved art deco boardwalk. Scattered along The Waterfront are the Baywalk Bollards, which are colourful sculptures showing the city's history. Tonight, our accommodation is in Geelong, and we enjoy dinner at our accommodation.

Day 3: Thursday 15 August 2024

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Geelong ~ Queenscliff ~ Apollo Bay

On Day 3, we depart Geelong and travel to the coastal town of Queenscliff, nestled on the Bellarine Peninsula. Queenscliff Harbour is the starting point for all sorts of seaborne adventure! Originally a fishing village, Queenscliff soon became an important cargo port, servicing steamships trading in Port Phillip Bay. It went on to hold an important military role, with Fort Queenscliff being built between 1879 and 1889, and operated as the command centre for a network of forts. This afternoon, we travel beneath the Memorial Arch at Eastern View that signifies the eastern end of the Great Ocean Road - a really special part of our tour. Follow the Great Ocean Road west through Lorne, Separation Creek and Kennet River to the final destination for the day and accommodation for the next 2 nights at Apollo Bay.



TOUR PRICE

\$7,500 per person twin share

\$8,900 single traveller

Deposit: \$500 per person required on booking

Final Payment: Monday 8th July 2024



Day 4: Friday 16 August 2024 BD
Apollo Bay ~ Cape Otway ~ Otway Treetop Adventure ~
Apollo Bay

This morning we travel to Cape Otway for a guided tour of the Lightstation precinct including the Aboriginal Talking Hut. Your guide will take you back to the Cape's fascinating Indigenous culture, sharing stories about the history, nearby shipwrecks, the secret World War 2 activity, and the engineering feats of the first telecommunications cable from the Mainland to Tasmania in the 19th Century. Continue on to the iconic Otway Fly Treetop Adventure to walk the 600 metre long, 25 metre high elevated walkway that provides unrivalled views of the unique beauty of the region's flora and fauna, from the rainforest floor up into the soaring heights of the treetops. Return to your accommodation for a chance to freshen up and unwind, before dinner at the motel.

Day 5: Saturday 17 August 2024 BD
Apollo Bay ~ 12 Apostles ~ Warrnambool

Today is your day to explore the many iconic locations of this world-famous coastal drive. Though they may be called the 12 Apostles, this name can be somewhat misleading as there are only 8 pillars left standing. Now is the time to see them, because unfortunately the Apostles and the nearby cliff faces are eroding at a rate of 2cm each year. If you take a closer look at the pillars, you will notice that they are made up of many different layers of limestone. It really is a rare insight into nature doing its thing! (Please let your friendly Langley's staff know at the time of booking if you wish to include the optional helicopter flight). Travel further along the majestic coast to London Bridge, which collapsed in 1990 leaving two people stranded on the newly formed island. Along the way take in The Sentinel, Two Mile Bay and Point Hesse. Continue exploring the remainder of the Great Ocean Road on your way to today's destination and accommodation for the next 2 nights at gorgeous Warrnambool.

Day 6: Sunday 18 August 2024 BD
Warrnambool ~ Flagstaff Hill ~ Sound & Light Show ~
Warrnambool

Today we visit Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village with Australia's richest shipwreck collection, all contained in an 1870's village located on a state heritage listed site overlooking Lady Bay. The afternoon is yours to spend as you wish! Take in the local artworks, explore the history and heritage or dine at the restaurants that pride themselves on high quality, locally produced ingredients. Tonight includes dinner before returning to Flagstaff Hill for the spectacular sound and light show. Step inside the village to experience dramatic stories of Australia's rich maritime history, told vividly through the multimillion dollar Sound and Light Show. Tales of the Shipwreck Coast takes you on a journey through the ages. From local aboriginal stories to the colourful whaling past then to events that gave the coastline a reputation that inspired fear and trepidation among mariners.

Day 7: Monday 19 August 2024 BD
Warrnambool ~ Port Fairy ~ Kingston

This morning, travel to Port Fairy, a charming fishing village at the end of the Great Ocean Road. The last destination on Victoria's famed Shipwreck Coast, Port Fairy boasts beautiful wide streets lined with 19th century cottages, great Norfolk pines and old stone churches. This afternoon we cross into South Australia and visit the spectacular Sunken Garden at Mt Gambier. Also known as Umpherston Sinkhole, it was once a typical limestone cave that was formed by corrosion of limestone rocks by seawater waves and the sinkhole was naturally created when the chambers roof collapsed. It was made into a garden by James Umpherston in 1886, and comes alive with hundreds of possums making their way to the garden to feed as the sun sets. We also make a visit to the Blue Lake, which occupies one of the craters of the maar volcano. Each November, as the water gets warmer, the lake dark blue colour changes to an intense deep turquoise.

After our visit to these spectacular places, we travel to our accommodation in Kingston. Nestled on the picturesque waters of Lacepede Bay and home to the famous "Larry the Lobster".

Day 8: Tuesday 20 August 2024 BD
Kingston ~ Wirrina Cove

We depart Kingston this morning and travel through an incredibly special part of our country, through The Coorong. Located at the end of the Murray River, where the river meets the Southern Ocean, it stretches around 200km. Recognised under the Ramsar Convention as a wetland of international importance, the areas wetlands provide habitat for many local species as well as for birds flying in from as far away as Alaska. Continuing on to Victor Harbor, famous for its horse drawn tram that cross the causeway to Granite Island, finally onto our accommodation at Wirrina Cove this evening.





Day 9: Wednesday 21 August 2024

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Wirrina Cove ~ Cape Jervis ~ Kangaroo Island

This morning we depart Wirrina Cove and travel to Cape Jervis, where we board the SeaLink Ferry to Kangaroo Island.

Highlights today include a drive to Frenchman's Rock and a visit to the historic Maritime & Folk Museum before enjoying a lovely lunch overlooking the ocean at 'The Penny' (the Penneshaw Hotel). After lunch, we continue onto Cape Willoughby, the site of the first lighthouse built in SA in 1852, for a tour of the Lighthouse and Weather Station. Our last visit for the day is to Clifford's Honey Farm, where their homemade honey ice-cream is always a favourite!

We then drive on to American River to settle into our accommodation. We enjoy dinner this evening with our group.

Day 10: Thursday 22 August 2024

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Kangaroo Island

After breakfast, we travel to famous Seal Bay to join our guide for a walk through a wild seal colony that is home to around 600 rare Australian Sea Lions. We then enjoy an amazing interactive, educational, and highly entertaining display at the 'Raptor Domain, Birds of Prey' Show. Our BBQ lunch today will be enjoyed at the Emu Ridge Café before we tour the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery where they manufacture 100% pure Australian Eucalyptus Oil. There will be time to browse their extensive range of eucalyptus products and gifts in the gift shop.

To complete the day, we visit the picturesque surroundings of the Bay of Shoals Winery, to learn about and taste some of their quality wines and admire the distant vistas of the North Cape. Tonight, we enjoy dinner with our group.

Day 11: Friday 23 August 2024

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Kangaroo Island

Following breakfast this morning, we make our way to the western end of the Island to Flinders Chase National Park. Travel through the natural rugged beauty of the park to spectacular Remarkable Rocks before heading to Cape du Couedic Lighthouse, built in 1906 and then visit the natural land bridge that is Admirals Arch where we will see Long-nosed Fur Seals.

Then we drive via Point Ellen and Vivonne Bay to witness spectacular views of the Southern Ocean before our lunch stop at Vivonne Bay Lodge Bistro. This afternoon you will have some free time to explore the main street of Kingscote or enjoy a walk along the esplanade, before we head back to American River to enjoy our last dinner on KI at the Hotel.

Day 12: Saturday 24 August 2024

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Kangaroo Island ~ Cape Jervis ~ Adelaide

After breakfast and check-out, we depart American River and visit KI Artworks then enjoy a scenic drive back to Dudley Peninsula. Here we will visit Rob's Shearing for an authentic Australian Sheep Farm experience. Then it's on to the picturesque False Cape Wines - the cellar door is nestled amongst gum trees and vineyards - keep an eye out for the wild turkeys! We return to Penneshaw to board the ferry across to Cape Jervis. Back on the Mainland, travel through the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula, arriving in Adelaide and our accommodation late afternoon, and with many great memories of our Kangaroo Island experience.

Dinner tonight will be at our accommodation.

Day 13: Sunday 25 August 2024

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Adelaide ~ Free Day

Today is yours for the taking. Do as you please, sit back and relax, or take on some more of the amazing attractions that Adelaide has to offer. We have also left tonight free for you to dine at one of Adelaide's amazing restaurants, or you could order some sneaky room service to your room and spend the evening vegging out.

Day 14: Monday 26 August 2024

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Adelaide

This morning after breakfast we enjoy a city sights tour of the city of churches, Adelaide. After our morning of sightseeing, we will stop in at Haigh's Chocolate for a tour, and some time for shopping. They have been making fine chocolates in Australia since 1915, and continue to source the best ingredients to make their award winning chocolates. This afternoon you have free time to explore a bit of Adelaide. We will see you back at our accommodation for dinner.

Day 15: Tuesday 27 August 2024

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Adelaide ~ Dubbo

This morning we head to Adelaide Airport and get ready to board our return flights to Dubbo. We hope you enjoyed your tour to spectacular Great Ocean Road and Kangaroo Island.