

unspoilt beaches, lakes gourmet waterfront villages.

**We are going on a Holiday Coach tour
of Gippsland - 7 Days / 6 Nights
... with Mary and Brian**



We pick you up and return you home



**Tour Departs: Sunday 14th - Saturday 20th May 2017
South West Gippsland discovery tour**

Tour the best of open space and solitude in Gippsland's unspoilt beaches, lakes and mountains, then enjoy the bustling gourmet waterfront villages.

The Gippsland Lakes form Australia's largest and most beautiful inland waterway. The tranquil Gippsland Lakes are a system of coastal lagoons separated from the Tasman Sea by the coastal dunes of the Ninety Mile Beach.



Gippsland, the eastern corner of Victoria, abounds with natural landscapes of unparalleled beauty, from distinct regional pockets that breaks up the journey with visits to quaint seaside villages, alpine towns and farming communities.



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Tour Inclusions:

- ✓ **Pick up from your home, transport and return**
(Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- ✓ **Luxury Coach Travel Seat belts & Restroom**
- ✓ **6 Nights Minimum Three Star Quality Motel Accommodation**
- ✓ **6 Three Course Dinners with Choices & All Fully Cooked Breakfasts**
- ✓ **Lunch 2, 3, 4 & 6.**
- ✓ **All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary**
- ✓ **Escorted tour**



Your Itinerary ... enjoy exploring Australia with friends

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

Day 1. Sun 14 May: Home - Wangaratta Dinner

This morning we pick you up from your home and begin our journey down to Wangaratta along the Hume Highway.

We enjoy several comfort stops along the way, including a visit to the Dog on the Tuckerbox to purchase lunch. We arrive into the City of Wangaratta in the afternoon to check-in to our accommodation for a brief rest before dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight: Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway



up close with unique Australian animals in a stunning bushland setting. Our visit gives us the opportunity to meet and hear from the ones that know the animals the best, the Keepers.

After our tour we enjoy lunch at the Sanctuary before departing and making our way to our accommodation in Coal Creek. Upon arrival we check-in and have a chance to relax before dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Coal Creek Motel,

Day 2. Mon 15 May: Healesville Sanctuary - Coal Creek Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we continue further south, enjoying a comfort stop before visiting the Healesville Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is one of Australia's most loved tourist attractions and the best place in Victoria to see and interact with Native Australian wildlife.

The Sanctuary is committed to fighting wildlife extinction and offers visitors the opportunity to come

Korumburra.

Day 3. Tues 16 May: Coal Creek - Wilson's Promontory Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After enjoying a leisurely breakfast we tour the Coal Creek Heritage Village. This delightful outdoor Museum illustrates the regions heritage between 1870 – 1920 telling the story through coal mining, timber, dairy farming industries and the settlement involved.

It is a working village with volunteers and traders activating the story. The village is set on forty acres of bushland valley, with just over fifty farm and town buildings. After a light lunch we travel down through Yanakie, the gateway to Wilson's Promontory.

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We enjoy several delightful lookouts providing a magnificent coastal view before arriving at Tidal River. We then enjoy one of the easy walks along the banks of the Tidal River along the raised boardwalk or along the Squeaky Beach Track or through the Lilly Pilly Gully. Walking maps with degrees of ease as to which the walks can be made are available from the Tidal River Centre. Later in the afternoon we arrive back at our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight: Coal Creek Motel, Korumburra

Day 4. Wed 17 May: Phillip Island BLD

After breakfast we make our way to Phillip Island where our first stop is the National Vietnam Veterans Museum which is nationally recognized and is dedicated to the preserving and displaying of photographs, memorabilia, vehicles and aircraft that accurately detail the history of Australian involvement in the Vietnam War from 1962 to 1972.

We then join Wildlife Coast Cruises for a scenic lunch cruise. We travel past the islands of Westernport and under the Phillip Island Bridge witnessing the majestic granite cliffs and caves of Cape Woolamai. We stop off at the San Remo Fishermans Co-op for the pelican feeding on the foreshore next to the San Remo Pier.

After our cruise we are joined by our local guide before enjoying a piece of Phillip Island at the Nobbies and Blowhole with views to Seal Rocks the largest fur seal colony in the Southern Hemisphere, this is followed by an informative town tour of Phillip Island.

Later in the day we witness the iconic Phillip Island Penguin Parade as these cute little birds return from the icy waters of Bass Strait to their burrows at the end of a hectic days fishing. Dinner is at the Phillip Island RSL Club before travelling back to Coal Creek to our motel for a good night's rest.

Overnight: Coal Creek Motel, Korumburra

Day 5. Thurs 18 May: Coal Creek - Morwell BD

Today we bid Coal Creek farewell as we depart for Morwell. We make our way up towards Morwell enjoying a very interesting visit at Gippsland Escargot and Café for a tour followed by morning-tea.

Our next stop for the day will be the Immigration Wall of Recognition which stands in the centre of the park. The focal point of the monument is a statue of a migrant, standing with his case which holds all he owns, his hand to his forehead. The hand shades the eyes from the strong Australian sun. The stance of the figure suggests an optimistic forward looking figure, eager to take up new



opportunities in this new land. In a semi-circle around the statue are seven walls of granite.

Four of these walls have bronze plaques on the north side of which there is a graphic display of the history of immigration into Gippsland using four themes - 'Departing / Arriving, Settling, Working, Achieving'. The remaining three walls facing north have the names of immigrant families who have lived and worked in Gippsland. After leaving the park we make our way into Morwell where we visit Power Works Centre for an informative talk on the Power centre and Look outs throughout the area.

We then board our coach with our experienced guide and take in the magnificent views and learn of the significance and history of the surrounding power stations. We stop at the Loy Yang Lookout for an insight into the Power Station and Brown Coal Industry. After our tour we make our way to our motel to check-in and rest before dinner.

Overnight: Century Inn Traralgon, Traralgon

Day 6. Fri 19 May: Traralgon - Cooma BLD

After breakfast this morning we head for Cooma. We enjoy a very interesting stop at the Winnindoo Robotic Dairy and Interpretive Centre, getting up close to the amazing robots that are run by computer and telephone to milk herds of dairy cows whenever they please. We enjoy a tour of the Dairy and adjacent interpretive centre, which explains the development of the dairy industry up to the present and offers insight into the future too.

Inside you'll even find a fully operational 1930s cow shed! After our tour we make our way to Bairnsdale for

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lunch at the RSL before continuing up to Cooma, enjoying several comfort stops along the way. This afternoon we arrive at our motel for check in and dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Sovereign Inn Cooma Motel, Cooma

Day 7. Sat 20 May: Cooma - Home Breakfast

This morning we bid our hosts farewell as we commence our journey home. We travel via the amazing National Arboretum in Canberra, where we experience one of the world's largest living collections of rare, endangered and significant trees. Winner of the World Architecture Festival for landscape, the National Arboretum surrounds visitors with panoramic views, stunning architecture and the natural beauty of trees and gardens from Australia and around the world.

We enjoy morning tea before our tour of the bonsai collection and guided bus tour of the National Arboretum. Later this afternoon we arrive back home to say farewell at your doorstep after a memorable time in the South West Gippsland and surrounds with Mary & Brian coach tours.

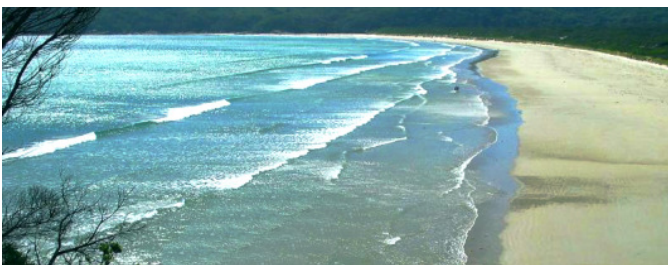


Tour Highlights:

Healesville Sanctuary; Coal Creek Heritage Village; Wilson's Promontory; Tidal River; National Vietnam Veterans Museum; Wild Coast Scenic Lunch Cruise; Pelican Feeding; Phillip Island Highlights Tour.



Nobbies Blowhole & Seal Rocks; Phillip Island Penguin Parade; Phillip Island RSL; Gippsland Escargot and Cafe; Immigration Wall of Recognition; Power Works Centre; Loy Yang Lookout; Winnindoo Robotic Dairy & Interpretive Centre; Bairnsdale RSL; Canberra National Arboretum plus more ...



Tour Fee including GST:

Members \$2174.00
per person twin share
Non Members \$2224.00
per person twin share
Single Supplement \$408.00

Minimum loading 20 passengers booked and paid **by Thursday 30th March 2017**
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Meet Mary and Brian ... they are renown for their wonderful holiday coach tours. You will feel confident and secure when touring with them, and benefit from their vast experience and knowledge of Australia and its deep history.

Mary and Brian have arranged and escorted many group tours all over Australia, touring, Swan Hill, Hunter Valley, Tasmania, Murray River. Bateman's Bay, Ballina ...

More importantly, you will appreciate their caring nature and friendly characters, which will ensure you a most enjoyable time ... a tour you will remember and make friendships that you will always cherish.

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