

join us ... on a Holiday Coach tour of the Great Ocean Road Adventure

11 days / 10 nights ... with *Mary and Brian*
We pick you up and return you home



Tour Departs: Saturday 20 - Tuesday 30 October 2018

Tour Highlights: Living Legends Farm Tour; Queen Victoria Markets; Geelong Highlights; National Wool Museum; Great Ocean Road - Anglesea and Aireys Inlet, Lorne; Apollo Bay Museum; Otway Ranges & Lavers Hill; Port Campbell National Park; Twelve Apostles; Loch Ard Gorge; Allansford Cheese World; Warrnambool Highlights; Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve; Flagstaff Hill; Port Fairy; Caroline Hills Winery;

Mount Gambier Highlights - Umpherston Sinkhole & Blue Lake; Mary McKillop Schoolhouse and Interpretive Centre; Bordertown; Pinnaroo Museum; Renmark Highlights; Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum; Rustons Rose Garden; Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery; Frank Harding Galleries; Mildura Visitor Centre; Shear Outback - The Australian Shearers' Hall of Fame; Robertson Pie Shop; Bishop's Lodge Historic House and Garden and much more!



Tour Inclusions:

- ✓ Pick up from your home, transport and return
(Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- ✓ Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- ✓ Fully cooked breakfasts
- ✓ 10 Three course Dinners with choices
- ✓ Lunch days 2,5,6,8 and 9
- ✓ 10 nights quality accommodation
- ✓ All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary
- ✓ Escorted tour

Tour Fee including GST:

Members	\$3425.00
	per person twin share
Non Members	\$3475.00
	per person twin share
Single Supplement	\$648.00

Minimum loading 20 passengers book and pay
by Tuesday 2 August 2018
Please note that the itinerary is
subject to change without notice

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"A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles" - Tim Cahill

Itinerary Great Ocean Road Tour

Day 1. Sat 20 Oct: Home - Wangaratta

Dinner

This morning after our morning pick ups, we begin our south bound journey to Wangaratta. We enjoy several comfort stops along the way for morning tea and lunch before arriving into Wangaratta this afternoon. Dinner tonight will be in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway

Day 2. Sun 21 Oct: Living Legends - Queen Victoria Markets - Geelong

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast we travel down to Greenvale to visit the Living Legends “The International Home of Rest for Champion Horses”. After a cuppa from the coach we have the opportunity to enter the horse paddock areas and pat the Living Legends After our tour we continue into Melbourne to explore the Queen Victoria Markets, the largest open air marketplace in the Southern Hemisphere. Later this afternoon we check into our accommodation and enjoy dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight: Best Western Admiralty Motor Inn, Geelong

Day 3. Mon 22 Oct: Geelong - Great Ocean Road - Apollo Bay Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we are joined by a local guide for a Highlights tour of Geelong, followed by a visit to the National Wool Museum. Here, we discover the past, present and future of the Australian Wool Industry. Around this area, we can see some of the old bluestone buildings classified by The National Trust, keeping residents and visitors always mindful of the city’s heritage. After enjoying morning tea at the Museum, we begin one of the world’s most famous drives as we drive along the Great Ocean Road.

We travel down through Anglesea and Aireys Inlet to the very popular hamlet of Lorne where we enjoy a break to stroll the shops of the tourist hamlet and purchase lunch. We then continue onto Apollo Bay and enjoy a visit to the Apollo Bay Museum which is housed in the buildings from which the undersea cable connected Tasmania with the mainland. It includes displays of relics from some of the shipwrecks and ships that were essentially the primary means of access before the Great Ocean Road and of the life of what was an extremely isolated community. The museum has a very extensive range of histories of the people who created and sustained this remote township. This afternoon we check in to our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight: Apollo Bay Motel

Day 4. Tues 23 Oct: Warrnambool Breakfast,

Lunch & Dinner

This morning we wind our way through the slopes of the Otway Ranges and Lavers Hill. To the west of the Ranges, the Great Ocean Road re-joins the coast and runs the full



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length of Port Campbell National Park. This stretch of road on either side of Port Campbell is the most exciting part of the Great Ocean Road. It is here we find the Twelve Apostles – huge pillars, which loom out of the surf, carved over time by the fury of the ocean. Optional Scenic Helicopter Flights are available. We stop at Loch Ard Gorge, the site of a tragic shipwreck in 1878 when 50 or more people on board lost their lives as the iron-hulled clipper Loch Ard came to grief against the rocks. We continue into Port Campbell and enjoy lunch in a local cafe before travelling on to London Bridge or what is left after a dramatic collapse in 1990, as part of this famous landmark disappeared into the sea. Other formations along this stretch of coast are the Crown of Thorns and the beautiful Bay of Islands. This afternoon we visit Allansford Cheese World for a delicious afternoon tea of freshly baked scones jam & cream along with cheese tasting and sales of locally made cheese, wine, honey and gourmet jams. After arriving in Warrnambool, we check into our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight: Downtown Motel, Warrnambool

Day 5. Wed 24 Oct: Warrnambool Breakfast,

Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, we are joined by our Warrnambool guide and enjoy the highlights of Warrnambool. From Flagstaff Hill we begin our tour which takes in Whalers Inn, Lady Bay, Middle Island, Thunder Point Coastal Reserve, Wollaston Bridge, Cannon Hill and Granny's Grave. We enjoy a cuppa from the coach before visiting Flagstaff Hill. Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village is a maritime museum and outdoor village with Australia's richest shipwreck collection, all contained in an 1870's village located on a state heritage listed overlooking Lady Bay. The village provide a glimpse into the maritime lifestyles and trades of the 1870's era, the peak of Australia's maritime heritage. After our guided tour of the Village and lunch in the Stella Maris Tearooms. After lunch, we make our way to Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve, which was formed at least 30,000 years ago when a hot rising basaltic magma came into contact with the subterranean water table. The violent explosion that followed created the funnel-shaped crater (later filled by a lake) and the islands seen today. We enjoy a guided tour where we traverse volcanic wetlands and intermingle with Australian native animals while coming across abundant birdlife and seasonal reptiles in their natural habitat. Later we return to our accommodation to relax before dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Downtown Motel, Warrnambool

Day 6. Thurs 25 Oct: Warrnambool - Mount Gambier Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we travel across to the historic little seaside hamlet of Port Fairy, and meet up with our tour guide at the Tourist Information Centre. We then enjoy a tour of Port Fairy hearing of its whaling history, shipbuilding and of Captain James Wishart. We also see Griffith's Island, The Lighthouse and the Mutton-Bird Rookeries. After our tour, we have some time to relax and enjoy morning tea before continuing on to Mount Gambier. We call in at Caroline Hills Winery, purchased by Terry and Helen Strickland in 1975, the 62 acre property contained a dairy and a ruined weatherboard cottage. In wasn't until 1988



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that the Stricklands began growing vines, starting with the Cabernet Sauvignon. We enjoy a light lunch on arrival, followed by a guided tour of the gardens and a wine tasting. After lunch and our guided tour, we are joined by our local guide and enjoy a guided tour which takes in the history of Mount Gambier's volcanic past, its lakes, gardens and underground waterways. We take a wander around the terraced gardens of Umpherston Sinkhole and drive around the rim of the crater of the famous Blue Lake. We pass the spot where Adam Lindsay Gordon jumped his horse over the cliff edge of the lake. Our drive takes us down into the Valley Lakes Crater taking in its breathtaking scenery. After our highlights tour we make our way to our accommodation for check in and dinner.

Overnight: Commodore on the Park, Mount Gambier

Day 7. Fri 26 Oct: Mount Gambier - Renmark

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast this morning we travel north to Penola with our first stop at the restored Mary McKillop Schoolhouse and Interpretive Centre for a tour and a look at the memorabilia of both Sister Mary McKillop and Father Tenison Woods. We continue on to Bordertown where we enjoy a stop to purchase lunch. After lunch, we head through Ngarkat to Pinnaroo stopping at the Pinnaroo Museum which provides information on local attractions and the centre has excellent displays relating to the history of the district. The displays include Farm Machinery, Cereal Grain Collection, Farm and Household Memorabilia, and Letterpress Printing Machinery including working displays. After leaving the museum we continue into Renmark checking into our accommodation before enjoying dinner in the restaurant.

Overnight: Renmark Resort

Day 8. Sat 27 Oct: Renmark Breakfast,

Lunch & Dinner

This morning we are joined by a local guide for a highlights tour of Renmark and the surrounds, followed by a visit to the Olivewood Historic Homestead and Museum for a guided tour of the original house, built from Native Pine logs using the drop slot system. It housed Charles Chaffey and his family. We also see the museum which was originally the olive oil processing rooms but now displays a huge collection of about 3000 black and white photographs illustrating the early life in Renmark's and surrounding districts. After our tour and morning tea we visit Rustons Rose Garden. The garden is a rose lovers paradise with more than 50,000 rose bushes of nearly 4,000 varieties, making the collection one of the largest, most diverse and important in the world. Grown outdoors in the warm, dry climate of South Australia's Riverland region, Ruston's have managed to retain the magnificent and distinctive scents in their roses, so often lost when they are grown indoors. After a light lunch and guided tour of the gardens, we make our way to Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery. Purchased as a sheep and wheat station in 1988, Wilkadene is now an established Brewery offering guided tours and tastings of their beer and ciders. This afternoon we return to our accommodation for dinner in the motel restaurant.

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Day 9. Sun 28 Oct: Renmark - Mildura - Hay Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we visit the Frank Harding Collection, two galleries featuring Frank Hardings own paintings and illustrations. Frank served as a Policeman in several South Australia towns for 19 years, after he resigned he built a gallery and studio in Renmark and held numerous one-man exhibitions throughout Australia, as well as in England and the USA. The first gallery features a 3,000 square metre ceiling mural of Bushrangers and their exploits, many paintings showing the diversity of Frank's ability and a large collection of Australian memorabilia.

The second gallery houses the unique "They Flew for the King" collection of aircraft paintings. Each painting depicts an actual event and has been authenticated and signed by the Pilots. After our visit to the Gallery, we depart for Mildura, enjoying a light lunch at the Mildura Visitor Information Centre. We then make our way to Hay, stopping via Balranald for a comfort stop. Upon arrival into Hay we check in to our accommodation and enjoy dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Bishop Lodge Motor Inn, Hay

Day 10. Mon 29 Oct: Shears Outback - Wagga Wagga Breakfast & Dinner

We enjoy a leisurely breakfast this morning before departing for the Shear Outback, The Australian Shearers' Hall of Fame. We experience the living and working conditions of the hardworking men and women who shaped the industry and learn about the shearing history and future technologies in the museum.

We enjoy a self-guided tour of the Museum, as well as a chance to purchase morning tea and experience the Shearing Demonstration during our visit. For lunch at own cost we stop by the Robertsons Hot Bread Kitchen and this afternoon visit the Bishop's Lodge Historic House and Heritage Rose Garden. Bishop's Lodge is an 1888 iron house designed by architect John Sulman and the Bishop of the Riverina to combat the region's extreme climate. The building is surrounded by a historic garden, which contains a remarkable collection of heritage roses, many of which are unique to the garden. We enjoy a guided tour of the garden before making our way into Wagga to check into our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight: Mercure, Wagga Wagga

Day 11. Tues 30 Oct: Wagga - Home Breakfast

This morning we begin our journey home, with several comfort stops along the way, including a chance to purchase lunch in Goulburn, we arrive home this afternoon for drop offs after a wonderful eleven day tour along the Great Ocean Road and South Australia with Holiday Coach Tours.



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