

STUARTS COACHES

Presents a

7 Day Melbourne International Flower Show Tour

Day 1: (DL): NOWRA TO ALBURY: Tuesday 20 March 2018

Welcome to our 7 day coach tour to the **2018 Melbourne International Flower Show**. After a leisurely start to the day departing Nowra at 8.00am we sit back and enjoy the facilities aboard our **Stuarts Touring Coach** as we travel via Goulburn and Holbrook to Albury for our overnight stop. (*Lunch en route and dinner in motel*)

Siesta Resort Motel, Albury - 02 6025 4555

Day 2 (BD): HEADING TO MELBOURNE: Wednesday 21 March 2018

After breakfast we continue south along the Hume Freeway to Melbourne stopping along the way to purchase lunch. On arrival in Melbourne our coach will transfer us to the **Melbourne Star Observation Wheel** where we will experience spectacular views over the city and beyond. There is no better vantage point to see the entire city than in a spacious, air-conditioned cabin giving access to 360 degree views. The cabin is big enough to walk around so we don't miss a thing. Back on solid ground we have some free time to take a look around the **Harbourtown** shops. We make a time to meet up and head to our accommodation with time to freshen up before our evening out. This evening we are in for a special treat as we enjoy dinner on Melbourne's famous **Colonial Tramcar Restaurant**. The Colonial Tramcar Restaurant offers diners an enjoyable perspective of Melbourne's leafy boulevards and best attractions. This glossy, burgundy restaurant on wheels is the first travelling tramcar restaurant in the world and ensures a delightful innovative approach to dining. As we cruise the scenic streets of Melbourne, we enjoy fine cuisine and the best of Australian wines. The atmosphere is cosy, the service friendly and the decor as inviting as the colonial period these trams reflect. Dining aboard the **Colonial Tramcar Restaurant** is not only a culinary delight, but also a trip into a little piece of Victoria's history. (*Breakfast in the hotel, lunch own arrangements and cost, dinner on the Colonial Tram Car*)

Melbourne Parkview Hotel - 03 9529 8888

Day 3 (BLD): Exploring Melbourne: Thursday 22 March 2018

After breakfast we meet our local guide to explore **Melbourne** . a city of four million people. Independent researchers say it's one of the best places in the world to live. And one of the best places on earth to visit! The city centre is located at the top of Port Phillip Bay - one of the world's great natural harbours. Melbourne really is a grand place. Within the parks and gardens around the city centre are many gracious buildings such as **Government House**, the **Old Treasury Building** and the **Exhibition Building**, built for the Great Exhibition of 1880. Our first stop is at the **Fitzroy Gardens** in East Melbourne. These gardens, designed in 1857 by Latrobe Bateman, were created using the Union Jack as a pattern. After our city tour we head to Southbank and the spectacular **Eureka Skydeck**. The awe inspiring views from the highest viewing platform in the Southern Hemisphere are at Melbourne's iconic Eureka Tower, currently the world's tallest residential building. Two dedicated lifts propel us to Level 88 in under 40 seconds! You could take in the view from behind glass or if you are daring simply step on to the terrace and expose yourself to the outside elements. Our lunch is a very special **High Tea at The Hotel Windsor**. They have been serving traditional

afternoon tea since 1883. We have plenty of time to enjoy the freshly baked scones with jam and cream, exquisite pastries and finger sandwiches and a glass of sparkling wine.
(Breakfast and dinner in the hotel, lunch High Tea Hotel Windsor)

Day 4 (BLD): The Dandenongs and the Puffing Billy: Friday 23 March 2018

From Melbourne this morning we drive into the heart of the **Dandenong Ranges**. We stop at the lovely **Cloudehill Garden and Nursery**. Within Cloudehill there are various segments of gardens including the Maple Court; below this lies the Green Theatre, which is reminiscent of old Italian gardens. The stage is overshadowed by a tapestry wall of green and copper beech perfectly placed to aid acoustics. In summer, this area is used for twilight musical recitals. The Old Rose Walk is to one side of this last area, and leads to the Peony Pavilion. The formal garden areas are surrounded by woodlands of Beech, Maple, Rhododendron and Magnolia. These magnificent trees, imported from Japan and Europe, date to earliest days of the original Woolrich Nursery and are now of historic importance. After our garden exploration we will be hungry and we will need to be, because lunch today will be something special. **The Cuckoo Restaurant** at Olinda, designed in the Bavarian Chalet Style, is simply stunning with exceptional food, hospitality and entertainment. We are then off to our next appointment at nearby Belgrave for the 2.30pm **Puffing Billy Service** to McKenzie Creek. Belgrave has always been a railway town since a narrow gauge line was opened in 1900 to help the local farmers bring their goods to the markets in Melbourne. In 1962 the railway was restored and the now famous Puffing Billy provides a great introduction to the area. We head back to **Melbourne** late afternoon.

(Breakfast and dinner in the hotel, Lunch at the Cuckoo restaurant)

Day 5 (BD): MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW: Saturday 24 March 2018

Today is the day, we head to the **2018 International Flower and Garden Show**. This is a hallmark event for Victoria and is the most prestigious of its kind in Australia. Over 300 exhibits are on show representing horticulture, nurseries, landscape gardening, floristry and cut flowers, together with their associated products and services. The show will simply take your breath away with the work of Australia's leading floral designers creating exquisite feature displays. Most of the day is available for the Flower show late afternoon we return to the hotel to relax and freshen up before dinner. (Breakfast and dinner in hotel, lunch own arrangements and cost)

Day 6 (BD): MELBOURNE TO ALBURY: Sunday 25 March 2018

Before we depart Melbourne today we return to the **International Flower Show** where we have the morning here at leisure. Early afternoon we express through to Albury for our final night on tour. (Breakfast in Hotel, lunch at own expense and arrangements, dinner in hotel)

Quality Resort Siesta Albury - 02 6025 4555

Day 7 (BL): MELBOURNE TO HOME: Monday 26 March 2018

Sadly our touring has come to an end. After breakfast we prepare for the drive back to Nowra. We express home with stops along the way including morning tea and lunch. We arrive home late afternoon with many wonderful memories of our 7 day holiday with friends in Melbourne.
(Breakfast in Hotel, lunch en route)

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.

Deposits Due upon booking \$300 per person. Full payment due 1st February 2018

Booking Conditions

Accommodation is on a share room basis in Motels, Hotels and the like. Single Supplement will apply if no twin share is available. The accommodation named may be altered without notice. The right is reserved to amend or modify the itinerary at any time without notice for unpredictable weather or road conditions or for any other reason beyond our control.

Cancellation Fees: In the event of the cancellation of a tour the following fees apply;

- 60 days or more prior to departure, loss of deposit.
- Between 7 and 59 days prior to departure, 50% of tour price.
- Less than 7 days prior to departure, 100% of tour price.

Refunds: No refund will be made for any unused portion of the tour after departure.

Responsibilities: Please label luggage clearly. Stuarts Travel advises that the service it provides is for the booking and packaging of goods and services provided by other operators such as hotels, motels, and transportation companies. Passengers are advised to familiarize themselves with the terms and conditions on which these services are supplied. Accordingly, Stuarts Travel will not be responsible and will be excluded from any liability for any loss, damage, omission or acts being negligent or otherwise, committed by the operators of airlines, coach lines, rail travel, hotels / motels or attractions used in connection with the tour.

Passengers rotate in the Coach, giving every one forward and window seating. Min. No's do apply.

B – Breakfast L – Lunch D – Dinner Insurance is recommended

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