

# 9 Day | Great Ocean Road & Grampians Tour

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## SWEEPING VIEWS AND OCEAN MISTS

Revel in the stunning coastal scenery along the Great Ocean Road then discover the Grand & Rugged Mountain Ranges of the Grampians



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Set off to experience one of the world's most scenic coastal drives. Uncover inspiring landmarks, native wildlife and behold the pristine rainforests along the spectacular Great Ocean Road. Explore historic towns, rich maritime pastimes and stop at the famous **Twelve Apostles** witnessing the rugged splendour of these huge rock stacks that rise majestically from the Southern Ocean! .... Then .....

You can't miss **the Grampians**, a majestic mountain range and forest rising out of flat farmland in Victoria's west. The region's national parks are home to a huge array of native plants and animals, and a rich and continuing Aboriginal history.

**9 days - Twin/Double \$3295.00 p/p**  
**Single \$3846.00 p/p**  
**Deposit \$750.00**

### DAY 1: (D) BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE

Saturday 28 March 2020

We start our journey this morning travelling from the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane, picking up our guests along the way to Brisbane Airport where we will join our flight to Melbourne.

Touching down at Melbourne airport, we meet our coach captain and head to **Caroline Springs**. Here we settle in and ready ourselves for the wonderful holiday ahead, filled with maritime history, natural wonders, breathtaking coast views and majestic mountain ranges.

2 nights | Mercure Caroline Springs  
dinner at hotel

**DAY 2: (BLD) CAROLINE SPRINGS TO GEELONG****Sunday 29 March 2020**

**Werribee Park Mansion** has long been regarded as Victoria's finest rural homestead and we begin exploring with a pleasant stroll through the State Rose Garden featuring thousands of plants in the shape of a giant Tudor rose. Afterwards, wonder the many rooms on a self-guided tour of this very majestic Mansion, experiencing grandeur at its best! At the Geelong Boat house, situated right on the water, we find it to be the perfect place for lunch! Then, joined by a **guide** we are given a wonderful introduction to the colourful characters and historic events that have made Geelong what it is today. At the **National Wool Museum**, you'll get to know more about this wool city's history while listening to your **guide** as they transport you into a world of local industry, fibre and textiles. Now we head to our hotel.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch Geelong Boat House

**DAY 3: (BD) GEELONG TO SKENES CREEK****Monday 30 March 2020**

Passing through **Torquay**, we commence our breathtaking drive along the Great Ocean Road. Taking in the spectacular natural beauty of our surrounds we arrive at the popular coastal town of **Anglesea** for our morning break. Continuing to **Lorne**, we find a remarkable township built amongst forest, stretching right down to the water. Travel through Apollo Bay to Cape Otway. Steeped in history and surrounded by beauty, the **Cape Otway Lighthouse** is an unforgettable experience. In 1848 the lighthouse became the beacon of hope on a dangerous coastline and is one of the oldest lighthouses in Australia. We'll enjoy afternoon tea here with time to explore before heading to **Skenes Creek** for our overnight stay.

**1 night Skenes Creek Lodge** | 03 5237 6918

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and cost | afternoon tea at Cape Otway Lighthouse

**DAY 4: (BLD) SKENES CREEK TO WARRNAMBOOL****Tuesday 31 April 2020**

Winding our way up the slopes of the **Otway Ranges** this morning, we experience the spectacular **Otway Fly** – the longest and highest canopy walk of its kind in the world! There is a 300-meter flat walk from the carpark to the Visitors Centre, so wear some comfortable shoes. There are also a number of steps but there is some buggy style transportation if you need it – and the treetops view of the Otway's is an experience well worth the effort! At the end of our up-lifting walk, we'll enjoy lunch before touring the full length of the **Port Campbell National Park's** remarkable coastline. Tick off some of the must-see landmarks, such as the famous **Twelve Apostles** and **London Bridge** before arriving at your hotel in **Warrnambool** in time for dinner.

**2 nights | Mid City, Warrnambool**

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Otway Fly

**DAY 5: (BD) WARRNAMBOOL AND TOWER HILL STATE GAME RESERVE****Wednesday 1 April 2020**

A **local guide** will enlighten us to the inside stories of the town before a visit to the **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village**. A wonderful complex which authentically recreates the appearance, atmosphere and activities apparent in a small historical port. We enjoy lunch here before travelling to the **Tower Hill State Game Reserve**. Here you'll uncover a crater of an extinct volcano teeming with wildlife, including some very bold Emus! Observe the beauty of this reserve along a one-way scenic drive over the land bridge to the main body of land before returning to **Warrnambool**. You'll now have time to explore the town at your own leisure before rejoining for dinner at the hotel.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

**DAY 6: (BLD) WARRNAMBOOL TO THE GRAMPIANS****Thursday 2 April 2020**

Discovering the pretty village of **Port Fairy** this morning, we meet a **local guide**, who highlights the colonial character of the town. Continuing on, we arrive at the **Portland Cable Tram Depot** and enjoy lunch before travelling back to yesteryear. While aboard the lovingly restored and modified saloon cars, we track along Portland's spectacular foreshore, uncovering the unique characteristic of the town. Farewell Portland and relax into the afternoon as we travel to **the Grampians**.

**2 nights | Grampians Motel**

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at the Portland Cable Tram Depot

**DAY 7: (BLD) EXPLORING THE GRAMPIANS****Friday 3 April 2020**

At the award winning **Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre** you'll find the very best interpretation of the Grampians National Park, uncovering its exceptional environment and Aboriginal culture. Enjoying morning tea here, we explore the **Grampians National Park**. Witness some of best lookouts such as Reeds Lookout and McKenzie Falls – all easily accessible and all with sensational views! Meandering across to the western side of the Park, we enjoy lunch at the Wander Inn before looping back to discover the very Australian **Old Dadswell Town**. It will be bit of fun as we take a look at Madam X's Bordello, Mad Max's Garage and Robbie's Barber Shop before returning to Halls Gap.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | morning tea at Brambuk Bushfoods Cafe | lunch at Wander Inn

**DAY 8: (BD) GRAMPIANS TO CAROLINE SPRINGS****Saturday 4 April 2020**

Farewelling the natural beauty of the Grampians we head to historic gold mining town of Ballarat. Visit the **Gold Museum** we uncover a diverse range of collections from mining and military history through to costume and photography. Explore **Sovereign Hill**, where Australia's history comes to life! It's just like stepping back in time - from the hustle and bustle of Main Street where costumed ladies and gents parade their new-found wealth, to the excitement of the Red Hill Gully Diggings where you can pan for real gold. We relish in this infectious atmosphere until it is time to leave for Caroline Springs, completing our day.

**1 night | Mercure Caroline Springs**

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and cost

**DAY 9: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND****Sunday 5 April 2020**

Packing our bags one last time and head to Melbourne Airport for our flight home. Once comfortable in our seats we will no doubt begin reflecting on the special moments we have experienced together. From travelling along one of the best coastal drives in the world dotted with seaside villages to breathtaking natural lookouts with cultural links. On arrival at the Brisbane airport you will be met by our coach.

You'll now arrive home eager to share your many memories with friends and family..

Breakfast at hotel

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# Tour Inclusions

- 9 night's motel accommodation
- 9 cooked motel breakfasts
- 9 motel dinners
- 5 included lunches – see below
  - Werribee | Werribee Park Mansion entry to mansion incl. rose garden
  - Geelong | The Geelong Boat House - Lunch incl. tea and coffee
  - Geelong | Guided tour of Geelong
  - Geelong | National Wool Museum entry and guided tour
  - Otway Ranges | Otway Fly Tree Top Walk entry and BBQ lunch incl. tea and coffee
  - Warrnambool | Guided tour of Warrnambool
  - Warrnambool | Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum entry, tour, light lunch incl. tea and coffee
  - Port Fairy | Guided tour of Port Fairy
  - Portland | Portland Cable Tram Depot Museum tram ride and lunch
  - Grampians | Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre entry, welcome talk and video viewing
  - Grampians | Brambuk Bushfoods Café morning tea
  - Grampians | The Wander Inn light lunch incl. tea and coffee
  - Horsham | Old Dadswell Town visit
  - Ballarat | Sovereign Hill entry including gold museum

## Accommodation

Melbourne | Mercure Caroline Springs (3 nights)

Apollo Bay | Skenes Creek Lodge (1 Night)

Warrnambool | Mid City Warrnambool (2 nights)

Grampians | Grampians Motel (2 nights)

## Flights

- Return Brisbane to Melbourne flights are included
- Coach transfer from / return to Sunshine Coast

## Travel Insurance

*Please note that insurance is not included, however it is highly recommended*



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