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 OE Oceania Exclusive

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 OS Oceania Select

 CD Culinary Discovery

 GL Go Local

 Evening excursion

 Meal included

 ADA Accessible

 FW Food & Wine Trails

 WT Wellness Tour

## Rotorua (Tauranga), New Zealand

### TAU-001 A ROTORUA MAORI EXPERIENCE & THERMAL RESERV

Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 08:00 AM

Duration: 8.75 Hrs Price: \$359.00



#### OVERVIEW

Spend the day immersed in Rotorua's melting pot of Maori cultural character and breathtaking geothermal activity. It all begins with a 90-minute drive inland past sprawling kiwifruit orchards to Rotorua's Agrodome to watch champion rams parade on stage, highly-trained sheepdogs do their thing, and sheep having their woolly fleece clipped. A gondola ride up Mount Ngongotaha provides jaw-dropping views of Lake Rotorua and leads to the mountaintop restaurant where buffet lunch is accompanied by local Maori dancers performing traditional action songs, including the fierce "haka" chant and dance. Afterwards, visit Te Puia, where pools of boiling mud and hissing vents surround world-renowned Pohutu Geyser, which goes off regularly with height and drama. Your guide here, a Maori well-versed in the local lore and legends, will also lead you on a tour of Te Puia's Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, where masters and their apprentices selected from around the country keep the ancient skills and rich heritage of the Maori people alive through traditional carving, weaving and the making of flax skirts and patterned bodices. This institution has been underway since 1926, and witnessing these craftsmen at close hand remains a fascinating, privileged experience.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach from Tauranga pier to experience the powerful natural and cultural appeal of Rotorua.
- See vast kiwifruit groves, watch prize rams strut and sheep being shorn, ride a gondola to a mountaintop for lunch, and thrill to the performance of fierce Maori dancers.
- Marvel at the geothermal wonders of Te Puia, where the star 100-foot geyser is surrounded by pools of boiling mud pools and steam vents.
- Watch masters and their young apprentices at work at Te Puia's Maori Arts & Crafts Institute, dedicated to preserving the traditional skills of the culture.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

#### PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves approximately 3 hours of roundtrip driving time. The order of sites visited may vary.

### TAU-006 MAORI CULTURE HIGHLIGHTS

Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 08:00 AM

Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00



#### OVERVIEW

Experience traditional Maori life in the tribal village of Paparoa Marae, where you will listen to storytellers and watch crafts being made by hand. Following a traditional welcome, you will be graciously shown around the village, which steadfastly embraces its heritage. Most of the buildings are constructed with natural materials and adorned with intricate totem-like figures. The meetinghouse or marae is one of the more sacred buildings, and Maori storytellers often gather there to regale visitors with ancient legends. You will also have the opportunity to watch the villagers create handmade crafts, including items carved from indigenous totara trees. Carving is especially significant to the Maori as they knew nothing of writing until the 19th century and have always expressed themselves and

honored their culture through carved works of art. In time, tea will be served, after which you may drive to nearby Minden Lookout for a stunning view of the Bay of Plenty.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain an understanding of traditional Maori life in the tribal village of Paparoa Marae.
- Listen to Maori storytellers recount ancient legends in a sacred meetinghouse.
- Watch highly skilled carvers ply their craft by creating handicrafts.

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

#### PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2-hours of easy walking/standing over mostly flat surfaces. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability. Weather appropriate clothing; sun cap; sunglasses; a bottle of water from the ship; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

### TAU-GG1 LAKE ROTOITI, WILDLIFE & WATERWAYS

Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 08:00 AM

Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00



#### OVERVIEW

Kayak across serene Lake Rotoiti, a sheltered waterway with abundant wildlife and natural geothermal pools along its scenic shoreline. After a briefing on how to get the most out of the adventure, you will ease into a double kayak and paddle off. Lake Rotoiti is wonderfully picturesque, in part because a lowland forest borders much of it. Pohutukawa, known as the Christmas tree for its crimson flowers and greens, also grows there. You can expect to spot wildlife along the way, especially water birds such as black swans. Once you reach the mineral-rich Manupirua hot pools, you will have the opportunity to soak in the soothing waters. The springs are of varying temperatures, so you can surely find one to your liking. You will also paddle through a cave softly illuminated by glow worms. It is quite the natural phenomenon.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Kayak along the shores of Lake Rotoiti, a natural paradise with plenty of wildlife .
- Relax your muscles by soaking in the mineral-rich hot pools along the lake's coast .
- Paddle through a cave illuminated only by glow worms .

#### HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear a swimsuit under your clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

#### PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be at least 8 years of age. This tour includes a moderate amount of walking over paved and unpaved ground with surfaces which can be wet and uneven. It is not recommended for guest who use a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested. 2 person per kayak. Step on to kayak from shoreline. Guests will likely get wet in getting on and off kayak. Wildlife is not guaranteed.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

**TAU-005 TAURANGA HIGHLIGHTS**

**Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM, 12:00 PM**  
**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$99.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Settle in for a half-day orientation tour that visits key Tauranga sights. Driving into town from across Tauranga Harbor, you'll survey this fast-growing city on the Bay of Plenty. Abundant in natural attractions and supporting a high quality of life, Tauranga was founded by a group of 19th-century missionaries who left a behind a legacy of well-planned parks and gardens. You'll step back into one of their landmarks on a guided walking tour of Elms Mission House and its gardens shaded by venerable old oaks. Built in 1847 by Archdeacon Brown, this historic Georgian-styled home remained in the family until very recent times. A scenic drive around Tauranga brings you past Gate Pa, site of the last major battle between the British and Maori people back in 1864, while a stop up at the Minden Lookout promises outstanding panoramic views out over the city and bay waters. After, it's time for a scenic return drive by way of the Matapihi Peninsula.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a drive around Tauranga, whose natural attributes have made it one of New Zealand's fastest-growing cities.
- Tour the Elms Mission House and grounds, dating from 1847 and kept in its builder's extended family for some 150 years.
- Pass by wartime landmarks like Monmouth Redoubt and Gate Pa, and visit Minden Lookout for stunning views out across the Bay of Plenty.
- Drive back through the Matapihi Peninsula, sacred home to an extinct volcano known as The Mount.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes approximately 500 yards of walking over flat surfaces. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**TAU-008 THE ROTORUA EXPERIENCE**

**Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 6.50 Hrs Price: \$289.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Enjoy an immersive excursion into the historic spa region of Rotorua, where breathtaking geothermal activity and traditional Maori culture are among the chief draws. From the Tauranga pier, a scenic 90-minute spin inland past sprawling kiwifruit orchards leads to internationally renowned Te Puia and the Whakarewarewa Thermal Reserve. Foremost among the sights you'll encounter as you explore on foot here is Pohutu Geyser, a showy display of nature's raw force as it erupts with steam and superheated water, sometimes as high as 100 feet. You'll also see pools of boiling mud, silica terraces and hissing fissures – and visit Te Puia's Arts & Crafts Institute where young Maori apprentices are taught the ancient art of carving and weaving by masters of these crafts. Entering the sacred marae, you'll be presented with a Maori performance including the famous "haka" war dance, before making your way into the Wharekai dining hall for a hangi-inspired lunch, cooked in the traditional Maori method using hot rocks in an earthen oven. During your time at Te Puia, be sure to keep an eye out for the native kiwi bird. Handsome, furry and flightless, it's been New Zealand's national symbol since the First World War.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel across the NZ countryside by coach to visit a natural and cultural icon just outside Rotorua.
- Explore a steaming world of geothermal wonders at Te Puia, home to the famous Pohutu Geyser and more bubbling mud pools and hissing vents than you can count.
- See the traditional skills of the Maori culture being handed down from masters to their young apprentices at Te Puia's Maori Arts & Crafts Institute.
- Enter the sacred marae for an exciting performance by Maori dancers, then relax over a savory lunch cooked in "hangi" earth oven style.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear lightweight, comfortable clothing.
- Flat, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour requires a moderate amount of walking, including about a half mile of paved pathways and well-maintained tracks at Te Puia. Round trip drive time is approximately 3 hours. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

**TAU-GG2 SANCTUARY MOUNTAIN & SUSTAINABLE FARM**

**Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 5.50 Hrs Price: \$289.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Enjoy a behind-the-scenes tour of a working dairy farm before visiting New Zealand's largest mainland sanctuary, an oasis for indigenous flora and fauna. The Red Barn farm showcases what rural life was like in this region centuries ago. Days start early, and the work continues pretty much nonstop. Before sitting down to a hearty country-style lunch at the farm, you will watch a demonstration of traditional butter-churning. A drive across the volcanically formed Kaimai Mountains will bring you to Sanctuary Mountain Maungatautari. One of the world's longest pest-free fences surrounds the ancient forest that blankets the mountain to keep out invasive species. As you wander along the forest trails, the naturalist guide will point out indigenous species that may include endangered birds, tuatara reptiles and giant wetas, a type of massive insect whose name means "god of ugly things" in the Maori language. You may also climb a tower to observe animals living in the tree canopy.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Visit the working dairy farm Red Barn for a glimpse into rural life centuries ago .
- Enjoy a hearty farm-to-table lunch at the Red Barn .
- Walk through an ancient forest that a protective pest-free fence surrounds .
- Observe indigenous species of flora and fauna that thrive in the sanctuary forest .

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking over paved, uneven and flat surfaces for approximate 3.5 miles. There will be 110 steps to negotiate throughout the tour. It is not recommended for guest who use a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. Casual, weather-appropriate

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

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Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

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Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

clothing and comfortable, flat walking shoes are suggested.

**TAU-WT1 HELLS GATE MUD BATH RETREAT**

**Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$309.00**



OVERVIEW

Tour the steamy terrain of Hells Gate Geothermal Park, dine on lunch cooked in a superheated pool, and slip into a luxurious mud bath at the spa complex. It all starts with an immensely scenic drive inland to reach this place of healing and revitalization where native Maori have lived for centuries. An introductory tour acquaints you with the park's boiling mud baths, steaming fumaroles and incredibly hot waterfall. You'll learn about Hells Gate's cultural importance to its Maori owners and have the opportunity to feel different types of geothermal mud used to treat arthritis, rheumatism, burns – even to cook. In fact, your meal here will be cooked by steam pot in one of the hot pools, a unique alternative to the traditional Maori earth-oven method using heated rocks. The menu varies, but typically includes chicken, prawns, mussels, corn and a local sweet potato known as kumara. After nourishing your body, you'll nourish your skin as you ease into a mud bath at the Hells Gate spa. The heated, nutrient-rich mud has a silky-smooth texture that naturally exfoliates, detoxifies and polishes your skin. You'll emerge relaxed, glowing, and ready to show off your vigor back to the ship.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle in for a scenic coach drive inland from the pier to the historic spa region around Lake Rotorua.
- Tour Hells Gate Geothermal Park – some 50 acres of heated mud baths, steaming fumaroles and the Southern Hemisphere's hottest waterfall
- Get a hands-on intro to the forms of therapeutic geothermal mud used in this place of revitalization long revered by the Maori people.
- Dine on a healthy lunch cooked in a thermal pool, then head to the spa for a very satisfying mud bath.
- Step out of your session naturally detoxified, exfoliated and fabulously relaxed.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear spa-casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**TAU-002 HIGHLIGHTS OF TAURANGA & MAORI CULTURE**

**Date: Feb 25, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



OVERVIEW

Take an intimate cultural journey into Maori heritage at a local indigenous village and catch stunning views of the Bay of Plenty from Minden Lookout. From the pier, you'll travel through modern, booming Tauranga and the Bethlehem suburbs on your way to Ngati Ranginui Marae. Arriving at this Maori village, you'll be greeted by a gracious indigenous guide and escorted on a fascinating tour of this village well known for its hospitality. The tangata whenua, the local people, will help you feel at home as you explore their working settlement, where the ways of the Maori and early New Zealand settlers remain deeply tied to contemporary life. During your visit, you'll have an opportunity to view craft-making and cooking underway and to experience the Maoris' famous oral storytelling. Your

hosts will also treat you to a refreshing tea before you depart for the wider world. Arriving up at Minden Lookout, you'll find the perspective has gotten wide indeed. Expect to see across Tauranga, out into the Bay of Plenty, and, if conditions are favorable, even plumes of wispy smoke and steam rising from volcanic Whakaari, the White Island, offshore to the east.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel out into the countryside surrounding Tauranga to visit a local Maori village, known as a marae.
- Be welcomed by an indigenous guide as you begin an intimate tour of the village, meeting its hospitable residents and learning about their lives.
- Witness traditional craft-making and cooking underway, experience Maori's tradition of storytelling, and share tea with your hosts.
- Driven up to Minden Lookout, be swept away by exceptional views out across the Bay of Plenty – and perhaps out to Whakaari volcano, puffing away some 30 miles offshore.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is acceptable for guests with mobility concerns and for those who utilize collapsible wheelchairs. Ngati Ranginui Maori Marae could be substituted with another similar local Marae and the order of sights may be reversed. This tour operates with a driver/guide.

**Gisborne, New Zealand**

**GIS-001 GISBORNE ORIENTATION**

**Date: Feb 26, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM, 01:00 PM**  
**Duration: 1.50 Hrs Price: \$59.00**



OVERVIEW

Take an introductory drive through easy-going "Gizzy," where a surf beach and a bottle of locally-made wine are never far from hand. These shores are legendary for their beauty, as you will see driving along the coast and past where the great explorer, Captain James Cook, first landed and met the native Maori people in 1769. Traveling up to the top of Kaiti Hill, you'll be treated to glorious views of beach-lined Poverty Bay and of the white bluffs sitting across the turquoise water; that's Young Nick's Head, the first land sighted by Cook's crew and named for the young lad who spied it. As your coach hugs the shoreline, Wainui and Okitu appear, two showy surfing beaches known for their impressive rollers – and the photogenic sand dunes of Lysnar Reserve. A few miles further out, the scenery changes dramatically as you come into Gisborne's idyllic rural area. Enjoy the views as you drive along roads bordered by sweet-smelling orchards and award-winning vineyards, and see lush green fields dotted with fluffy sheep and quaint farmhouses. Back in the city, you'll spin down tree-lined Gladstone Road, where the city shops, dines and people-watches. Hop off here if you'd like to solo-explore.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an introductory coach tour of Gisborne, a laid-back East Cape town that knows how to enjoy life.
- Pass gnarly surfing beaches, impressive dunes, New Zealand's largest Maori meeting house, and Captain Cook's 1769 landing spot.
- Enjoy panoramic views of Poverty Bay, Young Nicks Head and your ship from atop Kaiti Hill.
- Travel outside the city to where the vineyards and orchards flourish, and contented sheep graze.
- Hop off for independent exploring along the café-lined Gladstone Road

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or stay aboard back to the pier.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is panoramic in nature and there are no stops. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them.

**GIS-005 TATAPOURI REEF WALK & STINGRAY FEEDING**

**Date: Feb 26, 2025 Time: 11:00 AM**

**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Do something you don't do every day: wade out onto a rock shelf to watch stingrays, fish and octopuses glide gracefully around the shallow reef. You'll be driven out from town along the scenic Pacific Coast Highway, past the surfing meccas of Wainui and Okitu Beach and on to where Tatapouri reef sits just off the shore. After an enlightening orientation and the donning of provided wading gear, you'll walk with your guide out to a rocky reef shelf where the waters usually teem with Down Under's most iconic marine life. Your guide will bring food to entice a visit from squadrons of gentle, magnificent short-tail stingrays and larger eagle rays to the water around you. These creatures mostly feed on local yellowtail kingfish, which in turn feed on jack-like trevally – silvery, blue-green, and highly sought after by fishermen due to their strong fight when on the line. With luck, you'll be able to witness this entire underwater menagerie from where you stand – along with other undersea residents that frequent the reef. Afterwards, enjoy some refreshments and hear stories about the Maori who were fishing these waters for trevally long before the first Europeans arrived.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach along the Pacific Coast Highway past premier-grade surf beaches to Tatapouri.
- Wearing supplied waders, take a guided walk out to a shallow shelf surrounded by clear water and reef.
- Watch in wonder as your guide uses food and fish-whispering to attract graceful rays, octopuses and other marine life to where you're standing.
- Observe these gentle creatures gliding in the shallows so close you could even touch them.
- Post-adventure, enjoy refreshments and hear stories about ancient Maori fishing tricks.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing that can get wet.
- Low-heeled shoes that can get wet and a second dry pair to change into are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Guests must be able to walk out to the reef shelf through water. The reef itself is rocky and there will be over 30 minutes spent on it, so all guests must be capable of standing for that length of time. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties. Waders with boots attached are provided for all participants; however, size 14 US is the largest available. The minimum age to participate is 5 years old and the local operator may restrict participation by those over 75. Reef activity is weather and tide dependent.

**GIS-002 GISBORNE CITY CYCLING TOUR**

**Date: Feb 26, 2025 Time: 11:30 AM**

**Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$199.00**



OVERVIEW

Take a seat for a leisurely two-wheeled spin through downtown Gisborne and out along a level cycling trail. Along the way, you'll encounter much the city's local color and many of its most significant sites – and even take out time for morning tea at a lovely Art Deco café. A town that knows how to appreciate life's pleasures, Gisborne – or “Gizzy,” as it is affectionately known, has a colorful backstory that revolves around the 1769 meeting of European explorer James Cook and the local Maori who had migrated to these shores hundreds of years earlier. Your guide will elaborate on that history and show you the spot where the meet-up happened, along with other landmarks that usually include an extraordinary post office clock tower, the rustic Tairawhiti Museum nestled in the trees, and the Taruheru River that winds lazily through the city. You'll also see plenty of “First to See the Light” signs; Gisborne is proud to be New Zealand's easternmost city and the world's first to greet the rising sun each new day. Your ride also carries you out of the city center and along part of a long stretch of beach that hugs the arc of Poverty Bay.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Follow your guide on a cycle through compact downtown Gisborne and out along a shoreside path.
- See the main sights and monuments, including the one marking where James Cook landed in 1769.
- Encounter the lovely river that winds through town, surfer-pleasing beaches that line the coast, and the boulevards where the city relaxes and shops.
- Stop mid-ride for a civilized morning tea break at an Art Deco café.
- Learn about how this town has the distinction of being “First to See the Light.”

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, closed-toe shoes are mandatory.
- Bring a hat, a bottle of water from the ship, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

The cycling is on flat terrain on cruiser-style, low-step touring cycles suitable for all age groups. Total route covers approximately 6.5 miles in approximately 2.5 hours. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility issues. Participants should be in good physical condition. The minimum age to participate is 10 years old.

**GIS-004 EASTWOODHILL ARBORETUM**

**Date: Feb 26, 2025 Time: 11:30 AM**

**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Experience an extraordinary collection of Northern Hemisphere trees in a surprising place: over 2,500 miles below the Equator outside Gisborne. Established in 1918 on over 300 acres of fertile North Island ground in the hills of Poverty Bay, Eastwoodhill is New Zealand's national arboretum – and home to a diverse collection of mature trees that is breathtakingly comprehensive. Hundreds of colorful maples, oaks, ironwoods and poplars as well as fragrant flowering trees – even a towering California redwood – flourish here. On the coach drive to the reserve, a docent from the Friends of the Eastwoodhill will provide background and context on the arboretum – including how modern more-restrictive international agricultural regulations would make it completely impossible to replicate this collection today. Luckily, it's already here for you to enjoy. And upon

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arrival, you can choose the manner of enjoying it that suits you best. Options include a 30-minute guided walking tour through the Homestead Garden, a broader-range guided tour in a 4WD vehicle, or the tried-and-true method of setting out on your own two feet with a detailed map and signage to guide you. Either way, you'll have about two hours here to satisfy your arboreal cravings.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic drive through the Gisborne hills to tour New Zealand's 100-year-old national arboretum.
- Explore parts of Eastwoodhill's extraordinary 325-acre collection by one of several methods.
- Follow a guide on a 30-minute narrated walk, take a guided tour by 4WD vehicle, or just go old-school and wander the paths with map in hand.
- See specimen maples, oaks, ironwoods and poplars too numerous to count.
- Depending on the season, many trees could be in bloom with delightful scents wafting through the air.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

While walking is required on this tour, it is primarily at guests' discretion; a moderate level of fitness is required for those who wish to walk independently. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. The 4X4 vehicles cannot accommodate wheelchair guests. Those with other mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The 4X4 vehicles are open-air and do not operate in the rain; these are only 4-passenger vehicles and there can be a significant wait-time for one.

**GIS-006 STEAM TRAIN TO MURIWAI**

**Date: Feb 26, 2025 Time: 11:30 AM**  
**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00**



OVERVIEW

Relive the golden age of steam rail travel on a scenic vintage train journey with a charming Maori cultural performance at the turnaround point. Built in 1897, "WA 165" was brought to Gisborne in 1911, faithfully working the north line until its 1942 retirement to a children's playground. Rediscovered and lovingly restored to original working condition, it runs again in all its Victorian glory. Stroll over from the pier, settle into an upholstered seat in a heritage carriage, and toast your good fortune with a complimentary glass of sparkling wine or juice as you watch the passing scenery in the style of travelers a century ago. Traversing the Poverty Bay Coastline, you'll pass the Captain Cook Statue and enjoy views across the bay to the famous Young Nick's Head bluffs. The ride to the rural Maori settlement of Muriwai takes about 40 minutes, and on arrival, you'll alight on a grass platform where you'll enjoy a heartwarming performance of traditional songs and dances, often performed with the help of local school children. With the train now turned around, you'll return to Gisborne.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience a roundtrip ride in early 20th-century style on a fully-restored heritage steam train.
- Seated in comfort, cross picturesque coastal terrain and fertile farmland en route to a rural settlement where Maori roots run deep.
- At Muriwai, enjoy an engaging performance of traditional songs and dance – often with the participation of local school children.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

There is limited required walking on this tour, but guests must be able to negotiate 3 steep steps to enter and exit the train cars, and the surfaces at Muriwai are natural and uneven. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Three of the train carriages are air-conditioned but the Heritage carriage is not. There are restrooms on the train.

**GIS-003 LEADING GISBORNE WINERIES**

**Date: Feb 26, 2025 Time: 01:30 PM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Taste the distinctive North Island terroir as you visit two leading Gisborne vineyards and sample their most characteristic wines. Blessed with a Mediterranean-style climate, fertile alluvial soil and low-altitude river plains, this area is fast becoming one of New Zealand's largest wine-producing regions – renowned especially for its chardonnays and gewürztraminers. On this tour, you'll have the delicious opportunity to find out what all the fuss is about. Traveling by coach from the pier, it's a short but picturesque drive out into the rolling, green hills of wine country. At Bushmere Estate, where the Egan family has been growing grapes for over 40 years, you'll sample their selections accompanied by a light antipasto platter. The tasting may include their elegant chardonnay redolent of nectarine and grapefruit, or an excellent gewürztraminer, known for its lychee flavor with a touch of honey and a lime/ginger finish. At Matawhero Wines, the offerings can be quite adventurous; founder Bill Irwin defied convention from the get-go in 1968, making wines of boutique standing and bringing acclaim to New Zealand's prowess in the process. At one point, absolutely everyone was drinking Matawhero's wines – even the Queen of England. You'll sample their varietals while nibbling on complimentary cheeses.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel out to Gisborne wine country and sample the wares at two prominent vineyards.
- At the family-run Bushmere Estate, taste wines of standout character created for generations.
- Visit the tasting room at Matawhero Wines, known for their inventive, renegade spirit – and a gewürztraminer fit for a Queen.
- Learn about the unique growing conditions that make this region heaven for chardonnay and gewürztraminer grapes.
- Nibble light antipasto and cheese accompaniments as you savor the terroir of Gisborne.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some easy to moderate walking/standing and there will be a few steps to negotiate as well as natural and gravel surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability.

## Napier, New Zealand

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

**NPE-001 CAPE KIDNAPPERS & GANNET SAFARI**

**Date: Feb 27, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00**



OVERVIEW

Board a safari vehicle for a scenic drive down the coast to observe thousands of breeding gannets and catch amazing views across Hawke's Bay. This unique excursion carries you out to a dramatic promontory where the 4,500-acre private farm known as Cape Kidnappers Station borders on the world's largest and most-accessible mainland nesting place for gannets. These handsome, quirky members of the booby family nest high on the sea cliffs and are famous for the ritualized recognition dance performed by mating partners who pair up for life. Skilled anglers, they swoop and dive for fish in the water below, preen on the rocks, and generally make themselves fascinating to watch – especially in these large numbers. To reach their remote domain, you'll be driven across the farm's river beds, rolling pastures, steep gullies and breathtaking inclines to within a few feet of the Cape Kidnappers sanctuary. Your guide will provide the background commentary on this habitat, and the gannets will provide the entertainment. From this cliff 328 feet up straight from the beach, you'll also see the entire rugged sweep of the Hawke's Bay coastline – all the way north to Mahia Peninsula. Afternoon tea will also be served.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel from the pier by safari vehicle to Cape Kidnappers Station, a vast private farm adjacent to a vast gannet sanctuary.
- Traverse farm terrain to the tip of a dramatic promontory, within feet of the 15,000-bird colony.
- Observe these acrobatic birds fishing, preening, and performing their famous recognition dance with their life-long mates.
- Enjoy complimentary tea, jaw-dropping views from a 328-foot sea cliff, and top Napier sights like Marine Parade and Tom Parker Fountain on the return drive.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

The sites on this tour are not wheelchair accessible and therefore, it is not offered to wheelchair guests. The order of sites may vary. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**NPE-002 ART DECO HIGHLIGHTS OF NAPIER**

**Date: Feb 27, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00**



OVERVIEW

Take a drive and walk through Napier's famously Art Deco districts and see the results of the city's remarkable 1931 rebuild. Art Deco was all the rage in the U.S. and Europe in 1931 when a severe earthquake struck here, leveling much of the town. With an entire metropolis to rebuild, Napier embraced this whimsically streamlined architectural style and went to work. Today, the heritage sections of the city feel like a 1930s-era film set – except real. You'll travel by coach to Ahuriri, the character-filled port district where Napier began, stopping by the landmark National Tobacco Company building for photos, and spin along the streets of Marewa, Napier's charming Art Deco residential neighborhood. A drive down Marine Parade, lined with rows of Norfolk Pines leads to the Art Deco Shop, where you'll learn more about Napier's history with a brief film presentation, then set off on a leisurely guided half-mile stroll through the official Art Deco Quarter. You'll marvel at its eclectic mix of period buildings in the Spanish Mission, Stripped Classical and, of course, streamlined Art

Deco styles – and step inside the old AMP Building and ASB Bank for interior inspections.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Sit back for a drive through several Napier neighborhoods that showcase its unique Art Deco heritage.
- Tour Ahuriri, the old wharf district, and stop for photos at the magnificently detailed 1932 National Tobacco Company building.
- Leave the coach behind for a while, as you take a leisurely guided walk in the central Art Deco District.
- Enjoy close-up views of Spanish Mission, Stripped Classical and streamline-Deco landmarks, with some interior visits included.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about an hour of walking and may not be suitable for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. The order of sites may vary. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**NPE-005 HAWKES BAY EXPRESS**

**Date: Feb 27, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM, 11:30 AM**

**Duration: 1.50 Hrs Price: \$109.00**



OVERVIEW

Take in the sights of downtown Napier from aboard a unique sightseeing train that travels through the streets rather than along rails. After a devastating earthquake and fire of 1931, Napier was completely rebuilt in the then-modern style that was sweeping the U.S. and Europe. The happy result is a city boasting the world's largest concentration of Art Deco buildings, most of them today restored to the peak of their period beauty. Riding through the streets on a modern road train styled like a vintage steam railroad, you'll pass a dazzling parade of stucco relief facades, ornamentation in geometric patterns, streamlined silhouettes and even some Maori symbols thrown in for a regional twist. Of the 164 Art Deco, Spanish Mission and Stripped Classical buildings constructed in Napier in the 1930s, some 140 of them still stand – creating a living time capsule of the Deco era. From the wide, comfortable seats of the Hawke's Bay Express, you can relax and see it all through the train's large windows. You'll also get a look at Bluff Hill, where the early settlers lived, and the old port village of Ahuriri, where their ships came in.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy an hour-long, slow-motion speed date with a beautiful Art Deco city you're bound to love.
- Travel through downtown Napier on a sightseeing train that rides the streets, not the rails.
- Sit back in romantic, old-fashioned comfort and see the city through modern big picture windows.
- Learn about the circumstances that led to the Napier's world-class collection of Art Deco landmarks.
- Catch the views from Bluff Hill and along the old Ahuriri wharf, as well.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

There is limited walking on this tour. Guests must negotiate a small step to enter and exit the train. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

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wheelchair, can make their way on and off the train and have a companion to assist them. However, foldable wheelchair may have to remain on the port during the tour. The train is not air-conditioned, but the windows open.

**NPE-006 NAPIER CITY DRIVE & AQUARIUM**

**Date: Feb 27, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 2.75 Hrs Price: \$109.00**



OVERVIEW

Drive past the marquee attractions of New Zealand's 'Art Deco City,' then explore its underwater world at the National Aquarium. Considered one of the most attractive cities in New Zealand, Napier was completely rebuilt after enduring a devastating 1931 earthquake and fire. The result is what you'll see on this leisurely drive: the world's largest concentration of stylish Art Deco buildings, most of which still stand in their streamlined, original condition. You'll also enjoy a spin along Marine Parade, the coastal road lined with symmetrical Norfolk Island pines that traces the gentle curve of Hawke's Bay and showcases beaches beloved by surfers and boaters alike. The Maori-inspired Pania of the Reef bronze and graceful Spirit of Napier monument and among the sights you'll see en route to your independent tour of the National Aquarium. Here you'll encounter every imaginable sort of marine life, including giant squid, living coral reefs, seahorses, eels and fish indigenous to New Zealand. Other tanks showcase penguins and marine oddities like the endangered pacu, a toothy Amazonian fish that feeds on fruits and berries. Even land animals like flightless kiwi birds and scaly tuatara lizards are among the attraction's attractions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a coach-driven tour of the Art Deco District of Napier, a living time capsule of the 1930s.
- Drive along Marine Parade, a Norfolk Pine-lined coastal boulevard whose scenery includes sunken gardens, iconic sculptures and the beaches of Hawke's Bay.
- Visit the National Aquarium of New Zealand, touring the diverse tanks and exhibits at your leisure.
- See everything from giant squids to tiny seahorses, penguins, fruit-eating fish and even kiwi birds.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear layered, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, a bottle of water from the ship, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is mainly at guests' discretion during the Aquarium stop. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

**NPE-003 HAWKES BAY WINE TRAIL**

**Date: Feb 27, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM**  
**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$209.00**



OVERVIEW

Second only to Marlborough on New Zealand's South Island, Hawke's Bay is one of New Zealand's leading wine producing regions. With more than 60 prominent wineries, the Hawke's Bay area is renowned for its Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot. Visit two of the top wineries of the region. At each winery, you will be treated to a tasting of some of their recent vintages with the opportunity to purchase the ones you

enjoyed afterwards. Enjoy a scenic drive through the Tuki Tuki Valley, with stunning views of Te Mata Peak before returning to the wharf.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel from the pier by coach into the beautiful winegrowing landscape of Hawke's Bay.
- Visit the iconic Mission Estate Winery and its Cellar Door tasting room for a sampling session and enjoy a tasting at another of the premier local vineyards.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

The order of sites may vary. The Mission Winery may be substituted with another winery of similar quality and ranking. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**Picton, New Zealand**

**PIC-001 ICONIC WINES OF THE MARLBOROUGH**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00**



OVERVIEW

Tour three award-winning vineyards in New Zealand's renowned Marlborough wine region and sip their signature vintages. Marlborough is a wine-lovers mecca, home to over 60 wineries and famous for its distinctive Sauvignon Blancs that reflect the region's unique climate and intricately layered alluvial soils. You'll head south from Picton, through the fertile Koromiko Valley and on to Blenheim and the wineries of the Wairau Valley. You'll visit three of them, tasting the wines at each to discover their characteristic Marlborough qualities along with the unique attributes each winemaker brings to their individual varietals. At Drylands Winery, your sampling may include a definitive Sauvignon Blanc, an extraordinary Dry Riesling or a zesty Pinot Noir. Allan Scott Winery is esteemed for its aromatic Sauvignon Blancs, Pinot Gris and Gewürztraminers; you'll learn about each wine's characteristics as you sample the vintages being poured this day. Hunters Wines, run by the semi-official 'First Lady of New Zealand Wine,' Jane Hunter, has become one of the country's best-known wineries. You'll likely sample a Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Merlot or Pinot Noir while here. Then treat your palate to the hand-crafted temptations of Makana Chocolate Factory on the drive back.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel into the anointed capital of New Zealand Sauvignon Blanc production, the Marlborough region.
- Visit three of the district's premier vineyards – Drylands, Allan Scott Winery and Hunter's Wines.
- Enjoy tastings at each winery, comparing and contrasting the range of offerings being poured.
- Stop in for a handmade treat at Makana Chocolate Factory; they even make Marlborough wine gelées.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2-1/2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking and standing. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and

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Moderate activity

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Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

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Evening excursion

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have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. In the event of scheduling conflicts, it may become necessary to substitute a winery with another of venue, including the Makana Chocolate Factory. The sequence of the tour may vary.

**PIC-002 MARLBOROUGH GOURMET WINE & FOOD**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**  
**Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$359.00**



**OVERVIEW**

It's all about wining and dining on this tasting excursion to three renowned Marlborough wineries, capped off with a delectable gourmet luncheon. The scenic half-hour drive from Picton to Blenheim, gateway city to the Marlborough wine-producing growing region, brings you into a beautiful patchwork-green landscape. Boasting uniquely layered alluvial terrain and a cool maritime climate, this 'Gourmet Province of New Zealand' is nirvana for growing grapes – and for tasting the wines made from them. You'll sample the vintages at Cloudy Bay, whose intensely fruity Sauvignon Blanc is its signature product but certainly not its only outstanding wine. At architecturally stunning Wither Hills, you'll taste some outstanding wines in an extremely scenic environment – perhaps including their elegant Pinot Noir showing bright cherry spice notes. Continuing on, you'll land at Brancott Estates, first winery to plant Sauvignon Blanc in Marlborough, first in the southern hemisphere with a Coquard Champagne press, and the world's first to install revolutionary grape tipper tanks. During your delightful and informative visit, you'll enjoy a tutored tasting of Brancott's Sauvignon Blanc, followed by a two-course luncheon. Few experiences have the potential to be this satisfying.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Travel into the Marlborough region, widely hailed as the 'Gourmet Province of New Zealand.'
- Enjoy exquisite tastings at three premier vineyards – Cloudy Bay, Wither Hills and Brancott Estates.
- Compare the range of offerings being poured, from aromatic Sauvignon Blancs to elegant Pinot Noirs.
- At Brancott, after a tutored tasting of their flagship varietal, savor a two-course gourmet luncheon.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes approximately 2-1/2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking or standing. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. In the event of scheduling conflicts, it may become necessary to substitute a given winery with another of similar quality. The sequence of the tour may vary.

**PIC-008 THE QUEEN CHARLOTTE TRACK & SCENIC CRUISE**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**  
**Duration: 3.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Experience the pure wonder of Queen Charlotte Sound up-close as you

hike along the pathway that tracks its shoreline, ferried there and back by motor launch. You'll board the Sounds Adventure at the pier, across the sound at a casual pace, all the better to admire the stunning scenery. Your destination is Mistletoe Bay – where you'll step ashore for a guided trek along an especially picturesque stretch of the 45-mile route known as the Queen Charlotte Track. You'll be walking over a clay soil bridle path originally traveled by the Maori, through relatively level terrain that rewards you for your effort with sensational scenery nearly every step of the way. Pass bushlands laden with palms, ferns and delicate flowering orchids. Peer up at some of the same towering rimu trees Captain Cook would have seen during his own visit to this sound in the 1770s. Spot agile gannets swooping into the water for fish, and listen of the fluting calls of the greenish bellbird or the highly intelligent tui, a bird that can imitate human speech. The flora and fauna are ever changing and always awe-inspiring. After about two hours, you'll be back on the launch, bound for Picton.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Step directly into the scenery surrounding Queen Charlotte Sound on a guided perimeter walk.
- Travel by motor launch across the sound to remote Mistletoe Bay, where you'll pick up the path.
- Trek through ancient forest and lush, ferny bushland along a track that dates back to pioneer times.
- Hear exotic bird calls as you gaze down on the sound's majestic sea-flooded valleys and hidden coves.
- With your guide leading the way, return to the launch for the scenic run back across to the pier.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking or hiking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of moderate walking over natural surfaces. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns.

**PIC-011 KAYAK QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUND**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 12:30 PM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$289.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Enjoy a sea-level perspective of Queen Charlotte Sound as you paddle its pristine waters, spotting seabirds and perhaps dolphins, penguins or fur seals. The adventure begins with a brief, immensely scenic drive through Whenuanui Bay Scenic Reserve, a natural wonderland that jets into Queen Charlotte Sound. At the other end is sheltered Ngakuta Bay, where you'll receive a safety briefing and kayaking orientation before paddling off in your two-person kayak. For the next three hours, you'll be immersed in epic beauty – and likely solitude – as you skirt the shore of this isolated corner of the sprawling Marlborough Sounds, a water network so extensive it constitutes one-fifth of New Zealand's entire coastline. Adopt an easy pace as you explore along unspoiled shores and secluded coves, keeping an eye peeled for the marine life that flourishes here. Possibilities include frolicking dolphins, fur seals basking in the sun, and little blue penguins – the world's smallest – who congregate on the surface in small groups, then dive to feed on fish and squid. Looking skyward, expect to see endangered king shags and fluttering shearwaters who fly low and fast with bursts of rapid wing beats. Time permitting, you'll paddle across to the wooded northern shore.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a drive across a scenic reserve area along Queen Charlotte

Minimal activity	Moderate activity	Oceania Exclusive	Beyond Blueprints	Go Green
Easy activity	Strenuous activity	Oceania Select	Culinary Discovery	Go Local
Evening excursion	Meal included	ADA Accessible	Food & Wine Trails	Wellness Tour

Sound to sheltered Ngakuta Bay.

- After a safety briefing and kayaking orientation, paddle into the bay and adjacent Grove Arm waters.
- Spend three hours immersed in beauty as you explore pristine shorelines and secluded coves.
- Spot abundant seabirds and marine wildlife that often includes dolphins, fur seals and diving penguins.
- If time permits, paddle across to the northern shore before returning to the pier.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing that can get wet.
- Flat, athletic shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, a bottle of water from the ship, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes 3 hours of easy-to-moderate paddling. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility issues. Participants should be in good physical condition. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed. Solo tour participants may have to share a kayak with another guest.

**PIC-005 GREEN-SHELL MUSSEL CRUISE**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 01:15 PM**

**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$339.00**



OVERVIEW

Sail a catamaran around the breathtaking waters that surround Havelock, the 'Green-Shell Mussel Capital of the World,' then taste these succulent mollusks for yourself. The coach ride from Picton along the road that leads west to tiny, seaside Havelock is itself an astoundingly scenic journey – passing lovely bays, secluded beaches and coastal plains and thick native forests. If that were all there was to this excursion, you'd probably be thrilled to have experienced it – but the drive is just a lovely prelude. Because once at Havelock Marina, you'll board the cat and sail out into an even more unbelievable landscape – that of the Marlborough Sounds, an interconnected network of green-mountain valleys filled with ice-blue sea water. As you cruise magical Pelorus Sound and Kenepuru Sound, you'll learn about the area's history, its hardy pioneer settlers and its thriving green-shell mussel industry. Once back on land, you'll visit a mussel farm where these elongated greenish delicacies are aqua-cultured on ropes suspended in a natural water environment. Sweet in flavor and tender in texture, they earn top marks from gourmands. Yours will be freshly steamed and paired with a glass of crisp Sauvignon Blanc, another signature Marlborough specialty. Yum yum, indeed.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Take a spectacular coach ride to an even more spectacular catamaran ride in the Marlborough Sounds.
- Departing from Havelock Marina, sail into Pelorus Sound and one of its major arms, Kenepuru Sound.
- Gaze in wonder at this network of river valleys swamped by the sea some 10,000 years ago.
- Back on land, visit a green-shell mussel farm where these unique New Zealand mollusks are raised.
- Enjoy a serving of them steamed to perfection and paired with an aromatic local Sauvignon Blanc.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately one hour of easy-to-moderate walking and standing. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in the tasting of alcoholic beverages. The sequence of the tour may vary.

**PIC-003 MARLBOROUGH MEMORIES**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 01:30 PM**

**Duration: 3.75 Hrs Price: \$139.00**



OVERVIEW

Savor the full appeal of the Marlborough region with visits to a historic aviation museum, an artisanal craft brewery and a chocolate factory. About 30 scenic minutes' coach drive from Picton, the Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre showcases one of the world's largest private collections of WWI aircraft and vintage aviation memorabilia. See everything from Chinese Nanchang trainers to the rare, bird-like Etrich Taube, a Curtis MF Flying Boat, an agile Fokker like the Red Baron flew, and the only Caproni Ca 22 parasol monoplane in existence. This unrivaled collection that also includes historic artifacts and personal belongings from flying heroes. Not far away is Moa Brewery, where you can enjoy a flight of a different sort: of beers and ciders. Produced using zesty New Zealand hops, other local ingredients, and labor-intensive traditional brew techniques, their range is a delicious labor of love. So are the sweet temptations waiting for you at Makana Confections, one of the country's foremost producers of hand-crafted truffles, macadamia bark, Marlborough wine gelées and even some sugar-free treats. You'll love every bite of this visit.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach into the Marlborough region, where historic and gourmet landmarks are on the agenda.
- Tour a fascinating, world-class collection of WWI-era aircraft at Omaka Aviation Heritage Centre.
- See extremely rare planes and memorabilia, the personal collection of film director Sir Peter Jackson.
- Visit Moa Brewery, crafting award-winning beers from premium NZ hops and heritage methods.
- Stop in at Makana Confections, home of dangerously tempting handmade chocolates and other sweet treats.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy-to-moderate walking and standing. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests, and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Guests must be at least 21 years of age to participate in tastings of alcoholic beverages. The sequence of the tour may vary.

**PIC-009 PICTON WATERFRONT WALK**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 01:30 PM**

**Duration: 1.50 Hrs Price: \$69.00**



OVERVIEW

Take a scenic walk along Picton's waterfront as your local guide provides color on the city's cultural, natural and architectural landmarks. You'll shuttle from the pier to the heart of town and the white-arched War Memorial dedicated to locals lost in the battles of World War I. Strolling the waterfront from here, you'll learn about Picton's whaling history and its

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ongoing efforts to protect these magnificent mammals. A walk around the marina’s jumble of private yachts and commercial fishing vessels puts a spotlight on how intertwined this community is with the sea. Crossing a picturesque pedestrian bridge and ascending to a lookout point, enjoy spectacular views out into Queen Charlotte Sound – part of a vast network of ancient river valleys now covered by ocean water. Separated by steeply forested peaks, these Marlborough Sounds collectively comprise a fifth of the entire New Zealand coastline. Arriving at the crafts market and the walk’s end, enjoy a complimentary coffee, tea or a uniquely Kiwi treat – a scoop of vanilla ice cream with lumps of honeycomb toffee known as a hokey pokey. Afterwards, explore Picton further at your leisure or shuttle back to the pier.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Enjoy a relaxed Picton walk, taking in natural beauty, waterfront landmarks and historical commentary.
- Ascend to a lookout point for fabulous views of Queen Charlotte Sound, a river valley flooded with sea water 10,000 years ago.
- Walk the bustling city marina and see a craft market where talented artisans display their creations.
- Sip a complimentary coffee or tea, or slurp a cool, gooey Kiwi ice cream treat known as a hokey pokey.
- Stay in town for exploring on your own or return straightaway to the pier via complimentary shuttle.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Weather-appropriate clothing is advised.
- Wear flat, sturdy walking or athletic shoes; regular street shoes are not suitable.
- Bring a hat, a bottle of water from the ship, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy-to-moderate walking and standing that includes a short but steep incline to reach the lookout. The remainder of the walk includes some lesser inclines. Participants should be in good physical condition, and the tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with walking difficulties.

**PIC-006 QUEEN CHARLOTTE SOUNDS ROUND THE BAYS**

**Date: Feb 28, 2025 Time: 01:45 PM**  
**Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Cruise pristine Queen Charlotte Sound by catamaran, surrounded by beauty as you explore the rugged shoreline. Like the other sounds that combine to form the Marlborough Sounds network, Queen Charlotte was formed when deep river valleys filled with seawater at the end of the last ice age. The result is a meandering wonderland of azure separated by steep green hills and laced with alluring bays and coves. A few scattered settlements dot the otherwise-wild coastline, most of them so isolated they can only be reached by boat. In fact, this landscape hasn’t changed much at all since James Cook sheltered here during his exploratory voyages in the 1770s. And that’s the true beauty of it. Your own exploratory voyage begins right from the pier, aboard a comfortable catamaran designed for sightseeing on these typically calm waters. Rounding the bays, you’ll be treated to panoramic views bound to capture your imagination as few other places can. Along the way, you’ll loiter in Double Cove a while to feed the locals – who usually include hungry herring, mullet and cod. Don’t be surprised to see king shag cormorants swooping in to feast too; they’re highly skilled anglers.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Be immersed in natural beauty on a catamaran cruise around Queen

Charlotte Sound.

- Gaze in wonder at this network of river valleys swamped by the sea some 10,000 years ago.
- Round a rugged shoreline little changed from when Captain Cook sheltered here in the 1770s.
- In a quiet cove, spend time feeding grateful herring, mullet and cod – and watch cormorants swoop in for their share.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

What this tour includes is mostly seated with very limited walking. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina and ability to enter/exit the catamaran with limited assistance. Wildlife sightings, while likely, are not guaranteed.

**Christchurch (Lyttelton), New Zealand**

**CHC-001 HIGH COUNTRY EXPLORER**

**Date: Mar 01, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 8.00 Hrs Price: \$409.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Treat your inner adventurer to an exhilarating multi-transport survey of the Southern Alps high country by coach, 4x4 touring vehicle and jet boat. It all starts sedately enough, as you head out by motorcoach into the fertile earthen patchwork of the Canterbury Plains – where the island grows its wheat and grazes its cattle. But don’t get too comfortable; the scenery changes dramatically as you reach Rubicon Station on the banks of the spectacular Waimakariri river gorge and make the switch into rugged 4x4 touring mode. Piloted with skill around Rubicon and Mt Torlesse Station, bouncing heartily across a spectacular landscape framed by jagged Southern Alp peaks and gorges, you’re bound to fill your camera with Facebook-likeable shots. A well-deserved stop for lunch provides a break from the action, but it won’t last. Soon enough, you’ll shift back into thrill gear as you board a lightning-fast jet boat capable of 360-degree spins and strap in for a ride up the steep-walled Waimakariri River gorge to Stair Case Viaduct. After that little jaunt, the coach drive back to Lyttelton will feel like slow motion.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Experience adventure without exhaustion on a thrilling, multi-vehicle tour of the Southern Alps.
- Travel by coach across the fertile Canterbury Plains to Rubicon Station and a switch into 4x4 mode.
- Buckle up for a rollicking drive through rugged high country terrain framed by mountains and gorges.
- Hold onto your hat again later as you zoom up the majestic Waimakariri river gorge on a jet boat nimble enough to make 360-degree spins.
- Enjoy lunch at midday and return back to port with spectacular photos and memories.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing including a water-resistant jacket.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

While this tour includes limited walking, it is geared toward the more adventurous traveler. The tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

or those with mobility concerns. This tour cannot operate when the Waimakariri River is flooded; if an issue, you will be notified by 7 a.m. on the day of the tour.

**CHC-003 JOURNEY INTO MIDDLE EARTH**

**Date: Mar 01, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 9.00 Hrs Price: \$349.00**



**OVERVIEW**

Journey to a stunning and recognizable Lord of the Rings filming location in New Zealand's Southern Alps, then enjoy a central Christchurch orientation drive. Departing Lyttelton by panoramic coach, you'll travel through the patchwork green farmland of the Canterbury Plains, stopping in a country town for morning tea. Heading inland into the heart of the Alps, you'll pause for a photo opp at Lake Clearwater, where the views across the lake to the mountain range that forms the South Island's backbone are outstanding on a clear day. But that's before you encounter this tour's true showstopper vista – the terrain at remote and beautiful Mt Potts High Country Station. The moment you set eyes on this location you'll understand why it was chosen as the setting of Edoras in the epic Lord of the Rings trilogy. Even if you're not a Tolkien aficionado, you'll be taken breathless by the unspoiled beauty of this landscape of rugged mountain ranges, sparkling lakes, blue rivers and brisk alpine air. After free time to explore and photograph this magical place, you'll relax over a rustic lunch before heading for Christchurch city and an orientation drive covering its must-see sights.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Settle back for a panoramic coach drive across the Canterbury Plains and into the Southern Alps.
- Enjoy morning tea in a country town and stop at a stunning alpine lake for photos and awe.
- Visit Mt Potts High Country Station, a setting magical enough to double for mythical Edoras in the Lord of the Rings films.
- Enjoy free time to explore this astounding place on earth, even pose for photos with replica swords.
- Lunch in Mt Somers Village and enjoy a Christchurch orientation drive that covers its top sights.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes a moderate amount of walking mainly at the guest's discretion. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**CHC-006 CHRISTCHURCH TOWN & COUNTRY**

**Date: Mar 01, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



**OVERVIEW**

On this panoramic voyage, you'll circle volcanic harbors and lakes, cross the Canterbury countryside, visit a working sheep farm, and see the sights of urban Christchurch. It all begins with a spin around Lyttelton Harbor – the massive caldera of an ancient volcano – then winds past idyllic Governors Bay on the Banks Peninsula before entering the lush patchwork landscape of Canterbury Plains, where white sheep dot the green hills. New Zealand is famed for its sheep farms and at Manderley Farm, you'll

get the chance to tour one up-close. After a warm greeting and morning tea, farm hands will lead you to a demonstration at the shearing shed and a lively performance by the operation's most dedicated herders – its talented sheepdogs. Marvel at their talents and agility as they gather a flock from nearby hills, bringing the sheep down to their master and responding to whistled commands from great distances away. Your return journey traces the shore of vast Lake Ellesmere en route to Christchurch for an orientation drive through areas damaged by the 2011 earthquake as you see how the city is rebuilding and restoring some of its most iconic heritage buildings.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend a fascinating half-day experiencing the sights of both town and country by panoramic coach.
- See harbors, lakes and lagoons formed by prehistoric volcanos and cross idyllic green pasturelands.
- Visit a working sheep farm, meet the farm hands and watch champion New Zealand sheepdogs herding the flock by whistled command.
- Take a drive through central Christchurch and learn about its recovery from the 2011 earthquake.
- Return via a historic mountain tunnel that reigned as New Zealand's longest for over 50 years.

**HELPFUL HINTS**

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

**PLEASE NOTE**

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of easy-to-moderate walking and standing, with some natural surfaces to negotiate at the farm. Due to accessibility challenges at the farm, the tour is not recommended for wheelchair guests.

**CHC-007 DISCOVER CHRISTCHURCH**

**Date: Mar 01, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$179.00**



**OVERVIEW**

This survey tour of Christchurch and its surrounds has it all – must-see central city sights, informative commentary, garden and beach walks, and spectacular views from the Port Hills. Your Kiwi guide will bring the stories of the "Garden City" vividly to life – from its 1850 founding to the devastating back-to-back earthquakes of 2010 and 2011 and the impressive rebuild that's been underway since. Drive by everything from the Arts Centre's cluster of reviving Gothic Revival buildings to the site of Re:Start, a temporary retail mall assembled from cargo containers, and the magnificent ruins of Christchurch Cathedral, finally to be rebuilt. Stretch your legs on a meander through stunning Mona Vale Gardens along the Avon River, and journey out to quaint, seaside Sumner village for a stroll along the beach and impressive views of the sea and Southern Alps in the far distance. This sea-level perspective, however, is just a preamble to what's waiting for you at the Sign of the Takahe, a Tudor-style manor house high in the Port Hills. Named for a flightless New Zealand bird, this venue offers true eagle-eye views of the city, mountains and ocean.

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- See all the Christchurch must-sees as you tour the city and its outskirts by panoramic coach.
- Visit areas damaged by the 2001-11 earthquakes and see how the exciting recovery still underway.
- Pass landmarks like the Arts Center and Christchurch Cathedral, and take a stroll among rhododendrons and azaleas at Mona Vale Gardens.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour



• Travel to a quaint seaside village for a walk along the beach, and up into the hills above Christchurch for sensational city, sea and mountain views.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking, mainly at the guest's discretion during the stops. It is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**CHC-005 LYTTELTON DISCOVERY CRUISE**

**Date: Mar 01, 2025 Time: 09:45 AM**  
**Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

Board a catamaran for a refreshing discovery cruise around scenic Lyttelton Harbour, an extinct volcanic crater and gateway to the Antarctic. Your vessel skims the seas gracefully as your skipper provides fascinating commentary about the sights you're seeing and their ties to the region's earliest Maori and European settlers. Sip a warming cup of tea or coffee, learn of the legends of Ripapa Island, and go in search of playful Hector's dolphins, the world's smallest and rarest oceanic dolphin – only found in New Zealand. Gray with black-and-white markings, these petite cetaceans are often seen leaping and frolicking around these waters. You'll also see ample evidence of the harbor's violent, volcanic origins. This entire sheltered body of water lies in the caldera of an extinct volcano. Your journey will reveal that much of the jagged coastal terrain left behind now serves as nesting habitat for marine birds such as spotted shags, white-fronted terns and several species of gulls. After about two hours on the water, you'll return to the pier with a keen understanding of this scenic New Zealand seaport.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend a couple delightful hours cruising picturesque Lyttelton Harbor by catamaran and discover the history and wildlife that inhabits these waters.
- Enjoy colorful commentary as your skipper points out landmark sights and recounts stories from the early Maori and European settlers.
- Learn of the harbor's dramatic geological heritage, go in search of tiny dolphins, and see coastal terrain where abundant seabirds gather and nest.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes a limited amount of walking mainly at the guest's discretion. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**CHC-002 ICE & WINGS**

**Date: Mar 01, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**  
**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$259.00**



OVERVIEW

Tour a captivating museum filled with Royal New Zealand Air Force planes

and memorabilia, then explore a one-of-a-kind experiential museum dedicated to all things Antarctic. Located in Christchurch on the site of a former base, the Air Force Museum showcases the country's long and valiant aviation history through hands-on exhibits – including dozens of vintage aircraft, WWI-era aviation barracks, rare uniforms and medals, and moving stories of the proud men and women who have served in the New Zealand and Allied flying services. After a leisurely guided visit, leave the museum behind as you move into cooler surroundings. Much cooler. At the International Antarctic Centre, you can actually experience an indoor blizzard, visit a snow cave, endure life at Scott Base and learn about other intrepid Antarctic explorers, even watch rescued Little Blue Penguins – smallest of their kind – cavort in a plush indoor/outdoor habitat. You can also take a virtual voyage down to Antarctica in the 4D Extreme Theatre and experience an epic thrill ride in the Hagglund, a genuine amphibious Antarctic transport that doesn't let anything stand in its way. A drive back through central Christchurch reveals how well it's recovered from the devastating 2011 earthquake.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle back for a 30-minute narrated coach drive from Lyttelton to the outskirts of Christchurch.
- Tour the Royal New Zealand Air Force Museum, home to a vast collection of meticulously preserved aviation memorabilia including dozens of historic aircraft and a vintage barracks.
- Enjoy an immensely fun, interactive experience at the International Antarctic Centre, next best thing to traveling to the South Pole yourself.
- Survive an ice storm, learn about life in modern Antarctica and visit historic Scott Base, watch Little Blue Penguins play, and crawl over an obstacle course inside a Hagglund amphibious vehicle.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing including a light jacket or sweater.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes some 3 hours of moderate walking and standing over mostly flat surfaces. Additional interactive activities are at guests' discretion. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, can make their own way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating.

**CHC-009 HISTORIC CHRISTCHURCH & BOTANICAL GARDEN**

**Date: Mar 01, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$279.00**



OVERVIEW

OVERVIEW Settle in for a panoramic drive around Christchurch in a double-decker bus and then ride through the Botanic Gardens in an open-air trolley called a caterpillar. In both venues, guides will point out and describe the attractions to give you an excellent understanding of what makes them so special. While traveling through the heart of Christchurch, you will pass cultural landmarks such as the Canterbury Museum and the Arts Centre, a collection of Gothic-style heritage buildings that house art studios and galleries. Cathedral Junction, one of the main shopping and dining complexes, is also on the route. The focus will turn to the natural world in the Botanic Gardens, which was founded in 1863 with the planting of a single English oak. Today, the gardens display a vast tapestry of plants where something is always in bloom. No matter what your interest – whether azaleas, roses or water plants – you will find a garden specific to it.

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

- See the highlights of Christchurch while traveling through town in a double-decker bus.
- Ride through the Botanic Gardens in an open-air trolley that offers unobstructed views.
- Listen to enlightening and entertaining commentary at both venues.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE: This tour is not available to guests who utilize a wheelchair or those with limited mobility. Weather appropriate clothing; sunglasses; and flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.

## Dunedin, New Zealand

**DUD-001 THE TAIERI GORGE RAILWAY EXPERIENCE**

**Date: Mar 02, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$409.00**



OVERVIEW

Step off the ship and on to one of Dunedin town's classic Heritage buses enroute to the Iconic Dunedin Railway Station. Once you arrive, you will board one of the world's most scenic railways as you journey through the spectacular Taieri River Gorge. Welcomed aboard by a friendly crew, settle into your carriage, and get ready for a breathtaking trip into a landscape only accessible by this train. First tracing Otago Harbor, then traversing suburban Dunedin and a fertile plain, you'll soon be climbing into the sheer cliff faces and plunging ravines of the Taieri River Gorge. Much of the ride takes place high atop soaring stone-and-lattice viaducts that early engineers, masons, and railway gangs somehow managed to build through extremely challenging wild New Zealand terrain. The fact that they succeeded is a true marvel – which you get to experience firsthand today. As you relax and watch in awe, your carriage will pass one unspoiled panorama after another, winding its way through the gorge over dramatic bridges suspended high above the placid river below, and through no fewer than 10 tunnels carved out of solid bedrock. You'll enjoy a morning tea and light picnic style boxed lunch while on board. Your journey concludes at Dunedin Railway Station, a suitably grand Victorian landmark.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle back and experience one of the world's most breathtakingly scenic railway journeys.
- Travel over countless latticed-steel and stone bridges and through 10 tunnels as you traverse the rugged Taieri River Gorge.
- Take it all in from the civilized comfort of your carriage with morning tea and a light lunch served.
- Disembark at Dunedin's landmark Victorian railway station, where you can opt to remain in town awhile or return straightaway to the port.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear comfortable clothing; a light raincoat is recommended.
- Bring sun protection as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Although there is minimal walking on this tour, guests must be able to get on and off the railway cars – which requires managing three to four high steps. A wheelchair-accessible railway car might be available if requested in advance. There may be some wait times while boarding the train, once you've boarded the train, you may not disembark until tour end. Time permitting at the end of the tour, guests may go on their own to explore town but are responsible for getting back to the ship on time. Dunedin town

is located 30 minutes from Port Chalmers where the ship is docked.

**DUD-005 NATURE'S WONDERS WILDLIFE SAFARI**

**Date: Mar 02, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM, 09:45 AM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$229.00**



OVERVIEW

Travel out to the far tip of wild Otago Peninsula and encounter tiny penguins, plump fur seals, and nesting seabirds on an all-terrain tour of remote headland bluffs and beaches. Skirting Otago Harbor's north shore past Sawyer's Bay, Roseneath and St. Leonard's, your coach will round the bend at Dunedin and continue out along the craggy peninsula coast to Natures Wonders, a family-run touring farm in the epicenter of what is arguably the most precious wildlife habitat in New Zealand. You'll travel by mini-coach for part of the tour, and 8-wheel-drive Argo vehicle for the rest. The route will bring you from the farm's high point 659 feet above sea level all the way down to the water's edge and back up, passing breathtaking sights and viewpoints along the way. Watch a breeding colony of New Zealand fur seals basking on the rocks and swimming in the ocean pools; see breeding colonies of spotted shag cormorants nestled on a rugged cliff face just above the crashing Pacific waves; and take a shoreside ride to Penguin Beach, where you'll be able to observe little blue penguins, and if you're lucky, spot some very rare and shy yellow-eyed penguins as well.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic drive along Otago Harbor, through Dunedin and out to the far tip of Otago Peninsula.
- Visit the family-run farm, Natures Wonders, in the midst of spectacular headland bluffs and remote beach habitats.
- Tour this majestic wild terrain by both 8WD vehicle and mini-coach, descending from 650-foot sea cliffs down to the water's edge and back.
- Anticipate encounters with wildlife at its most undisturbed – basking fur seals, spotted shags on the nest, fascinating little blue penguins and perhaps even shy yellow-eyed penguins.
- Returning via Dunedin, enjoy a brief highlights drive through this city of elegant Victorian landmarks.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a warm, waterproof and windproof jacket.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes with non-slip soles are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes limited walking but can involve uneven and at times muddy terrain. Your vehicle will travel over bumpy and dusty roads. The tour is not recommended for guests with back, hip and/or neck problems, or limited mobility. Wildlife sightings vary by season and migratory patterns and are not guaranteed. Guests will use two modes of transport at the farm, 8WD Argo vehicle and mini-coach, switching halfway through the tour. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**DUD-006 TAIERI GORGE RAILWAY AND OLVESTON HOUSE**

**Date: Mar 02, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 8.50 Hrs Price: \$499.00**



OVERVIEW

Travel through some of New Zealand's most spectacular countryside on a legendary railway, then see how Dunedin's elite lived over 100 years ago at a historic estate. Not far from the pier, you'll board the famed Taieri Gorge Railway for an unforgettable trip into a landscape only accessible by this train. Your seating will be in either a beautifully restored 1920s

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

carriage or a contemporary car with large windows and open platforms for panoramic viewing. The roundtrip journey takes you past sheer cliff faces and plunging ravines, over the Taieri River curved bridges and stone viaducts, through mountain tunnels, and across an everchanging landscape ranging from fertile farmland to forests of towering kahikatea trees. Commentary will be provided throughout the trip, as you learn about the region's early pioneers, wild gold rush days, and other New Zealand lore. Along the way, you'll be treated to a morning tea and a boxed picnic-style lunch. Disembarking the train back in Dunedin, you'll travel briefly by coach to Olveston House to tour this lavishly furnished English Arts & Crafts-style residence from 1906. Now a museum, the gracious 35-room house still contains hundreds of paintings, rare artifacts and photographs collected by its original owners.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Settle back and experience one of the world's most breathtakingly scenic railway journeys.
- Travel over countless latticed-steel and stone bridges and through 10 tunnels as you travel through the dramatic cliffs and ravines of Taieri River Gorge.
- Take it all in from the civilized comfort of your carriage enjoying morning tea and a boxed picnic-style lunch.
- Back in Dunedin, tour a 1906 home brimming with fine art, intriguing collectibles and Arts & Crafts style.
- Return to the pier, following the scenic route through downtown and along the Otago Harbor shore.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately one hour of easy-to-moderate guided walking. Guests must be able to negotiate 4 steep steps to enter and exit the train car. The train ride is 6 hours in duration. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and train and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. The coach portion of this tour may operate with a driver/guide.

**DUD-003 DUNEDIN PENINSULA - WILDLIFE & LARNACH CASTLE**

**Date: Mar 02, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM**  
**Duration: 6.00 Hrs Price: \$229.00**



OVERVIEW

This tour visits two iconic Otago Peninsula sights, one a rookery and the other a castle. Skirting the harbor's north shore and charming towns of Sawyer's Bay, Roseneath and St. Leonard's, your coach will swing through Dunedin city proper on a brief orientation spin, passing the hilltop botanic gardens and University of Otago campus. Rounding the inner tip of the harbor, you'll head out onto the rugged Otago Peninsula to the Royal Albatross Center, where you'll be escorted to the Observatory after an informative intro at the Reception Center. Access to the colony is strictly controlled, with every measure taken to protect these rare birds' natural habitat. With wingspans up to 10 feet they seem ungainly on the ground – but watching one glide by in flight is a uniquely spectacular and exhilarating experience. Your visit to Larnach Castle will deliver a distinctly more civilized thrill. This impressive stone mansion, set amidst trees and colorful gardens, dates from 1885 and boasts many elaborate features including a graceful hanging staircase and intricately carved ceilings, hallmarks of the many English and Italian artisans who built it. Your time

here includes a lovely luncheon, guided house tour and free time in the gardens.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a scenic drive along the harbor shore, through Dunedin and out to rugged, wild Otago Peninsula.
- Travel to the Royal Albatross Observatory, site of the world's only mainland albatross nesting site.
- Visit the natural habitat where you can observe these amazing seabirds up-close – maybe even see a few soaring by on 10-foot wingspans.
- Tour the no-expense-spared mansion known as Larnach Castle, built for a wealthy 19th-century banker by a small army of European artisans.
- Savor a delightful luncheon here, with some free time after to wander the sprawling grounds awhile.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Since the majority of sites on this tour are not wheelchair accessible, it is not considered suitable for wheelchair guests. The Castle has a number of stairs with no ramps or elevators. There is also a steep walk up to the Observatory at the Albatross Center. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. The order of sites visited may vary. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**DUD-004 OTAGO HARBOR WILDLIFE CRUISE**

**Date: Mar 02, 2025 Time: 09:15 AM**  
**Duration: 2.50 Hrs Price: \$169.00**



OVERVIEW

Enjoy rare close-up views of nesting albatrosses, fur seals and other fascinating wildlife on an observation cruise around Otago Harbor and out to Taiaroa Head. It's just a short walk from the ship to the floating pontoon where you'll board your sightseeing vessel and head out on a course past the picturesque townships of Carey's Bay, Deborah Bay and Acheron Head. Along the way, your captain will provide rich commentary about the impressively unspoiled environment and the sights you are seeing; knowledgeable deck guides will be on hand to field any questions. Once at Taiaroa Head, you'll be immersed in a scene alive with wildlife – boasting over 10 species of nesting birds amongst its inhabitants, including the world's only mainland breeding colony of Royal Albatrosses. Southern Fur Seals also breed along this isolated stretch of rugged shoreline, and many other mammals make a home here as well. You might even spot some of the area's winsome penguins and playful dolphins. Adding to this fascinating wildlife menagerie, the rocky peninsula's volcanic terrain and traces of early settlement provide a dramatic backdrop to this very privileged nature experience.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Embark on a relaxed cruise out Otago Harbor to Taiaroa Head, a famous magnet for marine wildlife.
- En route, get background on the area's rich natural history from the captain and seasoned deckhands.
- Enjoy rare close-up views of the captivating animal life along this rugged coast – including some 10 species of breeding seabirds, including the very rare Royal Albatross.
- Observe a breeding colony of Southern Fur Seals along with numerous other mammals, even occasional penguins and dolphins.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a warm, waterproof and

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

windproof jacket.

- Flat, comfortable walking shoes with non-slip soles are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Dependent on the state of the tide, access to the cruise vessel's floating pontoon can be quite difficult for wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Therefore, this tour is not recommended for guests with those issues. Wildlife sightings are not guaranteed. The order of sites visited may vary. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**DUD-002 HIGHLIGHTS OF DUNEDIN**

**Date: Mar 02, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$129.00**



OVERVIEW

Enjoy a relaxed orientation tour of Dunedin, home to some of New Zealand's most elegant Victorian architecture, its oldest university and its first public botanical gardens. Second largest city on the South Island, central Dunedin sits deep within beautiful Otago Harbor. Your picturesque coach drive from the pier traces the harbor's shore, passing charming Sawyer's Bay, Roseneath and St. Leonard's on the way into the city. A tour of the grand Jacobean house known as Olveston provides a remarkably well-preserved glimpse into the refined Dunedin life circa 1906. Set on an acre of wooded land, this graceful 35-room residence is the epitome of English Arts & Crafts style and still contains the marvelous artwork and artifacts collected by its original owner. Continuing through the city, you'll pass many more landmark structures including the Law Courts, Otago Boys High School and First Church, the Edwardian mansions of Royal Terrace and High Streets, and Gothic Revival-styled Otago University, founded in 1869 and as vital as ever. Spanning 69 manicured on a hilltop, magnificent Dunedin Botanic Gardens are older still, but – just like the university – thrive today. Enjoy free time for strolling here and be sure to visit the classic Winter Garden Glasshouse.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a sightseeing drive to central Dunedin from the port, tracing beautiful Otago Harbor and its towns.
- Tour a 35-room home that features fine art and intriguing collectibles, perfectly capturing the style of this city known for its worldly elegance.
- Travel along streets lined with Edwardian and Victorian mansions, churches and cathedrals, and the Gothic campus of New Zealand's first university.
- Stroll among camellias and rhododendrons, roses and splashing fountains in an 1863 botanic garden.
- Ride back to the pier directly or step off in town to explore awhile longer and catch a shuttle back later.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light raincoat.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of walking. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. However, they may not be able to access the top level of Olveston House. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina. The order of sites visited may vary. This tour does not operate with a separate guide, but rather with a driver/guide.

**DUD-008 PRIDE OF THE SOUTH - BREWERY & OTAGO MUSEUM**

**Date: Mar 02, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM**  
**Duration: 5.75 Hrs Price: \$199.00**



OVERVIEW

Sample the beers made at a landmark Dunedin brewery and delve into the region's natural history at the Otago Museum. Speight's Brewery, a Dunedin icon since it opened its doors in 1876, has done as little as possible to change with the times. Still in its original eight-story location above a natural spring that imparts trademark flavor to its wares, this gravity-fed brewery is one of just two in the world still using an open-style vat to create beers from the original recipes. Sampling several varieties, you'll find some that deliver a distinctive 19th-century tang. A stop for lunch at a nearby alehouse more often than not involves fresh cod fried in batter made with Speight's beer. Then it's on to history of another type as you browse the Stories of the South exhibit in the Otago Museum, showing how this region's magnificently rugged landscape has shaped the lives of all who've settled here. The museum also boasts the world's largest collection of extinct moa skeletons and the country's largest fossil, a 23-foot-long aquatic plesiosaur. Your return trip to the pier includes a photo stop at the much-celebrated Dunedin Railway Station, built in checkered Edwardian Baroque style in 1906.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tour an iconic gravity-fed brewery that's been making its beer the same way since the 19th century.
- Sample a range of their beers, including some that really do have a delicious ancient taste.
- Browse the exhibits at the Otago Museum, where this region's natural and cultural history are shown to be connected.
- Enjoy a hearty alehouse lunch, and capture Instagram-worthy photos of one of the fanciest railway station facades you've ever seen.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 3 hours of easy-to-moderate walking that includes steps and stairs at the brewery. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of ability before participating. Guests must be 18 or over to participate in the beer sampling. The tour sequence may vary. This tour may operate with a driver/guide.

**Burnie (Tasmania), Australia**

**BWT-007 MAJESTIC CRADLE MOUNTAIN**

**Date: Mar 06, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$329.00**



OVERVIEW

Admire the raw natural beauty of Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, take a walk in the woods, see shimmering Dove Lake, and learn about Tasmania's curious flora and fauna. Even the coach drive from Burnie is an epic experience, traversing some of the wildest, most undisturbed terrain in Tasmania – including primeval rainforests, sub-alpine lakes and jagged Mount Ossa. The natural wonders keep coming as you arrive at the park, part of the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. A visit to the interpretation center provides background and history on this region of icy streams cascading from rugged mountains, King Billy pines climbing skyward and fascinating wildlife such as Tasmanian devils, quolls

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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and platypus. With free time to ramble, you might opt for a walk on a forest path toward Pencil Pine Creek and several waterfalls. After a time, you'll be driven to Dove Lake, gleaming with reflections in the shadow of iconic Cradle Mountain, whose twin dolerite spires are an unforgettable sight on a sunny day. Once again, your time here is at your leisure; consider a walk along the forested lakeshore or simply relax in this majestic setting awhile shade before heading to nearby Cradle Mountain Lodge for lunch.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a leisurely coach drive inland, passing emerald forests, shimmering lakes and jagged Mt. Ossa, highest peak in Tasmania.
- Arrive at Cradle Mountain-Lake St. Clair National Park and get oriented at the visitors' center.
- Take a meandering walk in the woods, where an icy-clear creek cascades down through several falls.
- Travel to remote Dove Lake and revel in this iconic landscape with Cradle Mountain as its backdrop.
- Relax over lunch served at Cradle Mountain Lodge before the return drive to Burnie pier.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, insect repellent, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 2 hours of easy-to-moderate walking, with discretionary additional walking at Dove Lake where natural and uneven surfaces will be encountered. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-008 STUNNING STANLEY & THE NUT**

**Date: Mar 06, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**  
**Duration: 7.00 Hrs Price: \$239.00**



OVERVIEW

Discover the charms of northwest Tasmania while driving along the coast, from atop the flat-topped bluff known as the Nut and as you wander through the friendly village of Stanley. The shoreline couldn't be more picturesque or pristine, as you will discover on the approach to the Nut, an ancient volcanic plug that rises above the outskirts of Stanley. If you think the views are spectacular while riding the chair lift to the top, wait until you reach the summit. This elevated vantage point offers the ultimate bird's-eye perspective of Stanley. During free time in the village, you might dine on your own, shop in the boutiques or simply take in the surrounding natural beauty. Following an enlightening stop at the 19th-century Highfield House, you will head to Table Cape Lookout, which sits atop the remains of another ancient volcano. On a clear day, you can see distant mountain ranges and Low Head, a suburb of George Town.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Admire the natural beauty of Tasmania's northwest coast.
- Ride a chair lift to the top of the Nut, the remains of an ancient volcano.
- Meander through the village of Stanley as you please.
- Enjoy an elevated view of Tasmania's pristine scenery from Table Cape Lookout.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes about 2½ hours of walking and standing, at times on uneven surfaces, gravel and cobblestones. Additional walking and the level of exertion during free time is at the guests' discretion. This tour is not available for wheelchair guests and not recommended for those with mobility concerns. If the chair lift for The Nut is not running due to high winds, you can reach the top but walking 10-20 minutes on a very steep path.

**BWT-002 GUNNS PLAINS CAVES AND WILDLIFE**

**Date: Mar 06, 2025 Time: 08:45 AM**  
**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00**



OVERVIEW

Descend into dramatically lit limestone caverns and wander a wildlife park inhabited by an impressive collection of Tasmanian fauna. Your picturesque drive from Burnie skirts a sizable forest preserve to reach the mysterious underground world of stalactites and stalagmites at Gunns Plains Caves. Inadvertently discovered in 1906 by a hunter in pursuit of a possum, the original method of entering these caves by rope descent has thankfully been replaced by a civilized 54-step stairway and a series of comfortable paths. Your guide will point out the caverns' most interesting geological features, many of them illuminated for added drama. Giant lobsters and eels flourish in the cave's still-flowing underground river, where you might spot several platypus nesting along the shores. Many more unusual indigenous species await you above ground on a visit to Wings Wildlife Park, where you'll have free time to meander the trails – encountering famous animals like the Tasmanian devil, and obscure ones like the bettong, tiny marsupials who hop around like mini-kangaroos. Other unfamiliar and fascinating creatures who call the park home include boobook owls, crab-eating macaques, quolls and long-nosed potoroos. You won't find any of these at your local pet shop.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel inland across scenic Tasmanian terrain to tour an impressive underground series of caves.
- View calcite shawls and flowstone formations – illuminated by lights and your guides' commentary.
- See bioluminescent glowworms clinging to cavern walls and platypus nests along an underground river.
- Visit an above-ground park that's home to the largest collection of Tasmanian wildlife in Australia.
- Walk trails where Tasmanian devils, bettongs, quolls and potoroos are among the curious inhabitants.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing; include a light sweater or jacket since caves can be cool.
- Closed-toe walking shoes with non-slip soles are recommended; no heels, please.
- Bring a hat and sun protection as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 90 minutes of moderate-to-strenuous walking that includes steep inclines, steps, a short ladder and uneven surfaces which can be slippery at times. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests or those with mobility concerns. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-005 TRUE INDULGENCE-CHEESE, CHOCOLATE & WINE**

**Date: Mar 06, 2025 Time: 08:45 AM**  
**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$249.00**



Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

ADA Accessible

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OVERVIEW

Experience true indulgence on a tour that seeks out fine epicurean delicacies produced around Burnie, including intensely flavored cheeses, creamy chocolates and robust wines. A century ago, this town was all about timber and papermaking, today it's evolved into a thriving arts center. And though times change, certain tastes don't. Like the taste of the exquisite cheeses made in the dairy country surrounding Burnie. The area's climate, salt-laden atmosphere and lush pasturelands are simply ideal for cheese making. The exact varieties available for tasting at the visited venue change daily – but you'll likely find sharp cheddar, creamy camembert and distinctly flavored parmesan among them. A visit to the sweet shop of a Belgian chocolatier will stimulate a different part of your palate. Besides learning about their techniques, you'll sample treats that may include orange-flavored fudge, dark ganache truffles and white chocolate couverture buttons – all made extra-delicious thanks to Tasmania's extraordinary cream and butter. And what more perfect accompaniment to these delights than a tasting of locally produced wines? Depending on which boutique winery is visited this day, you may sample a deep-garnet Shiraz, a light Pinot Grigio or a fruity rosé. Turns out grapes, too, appreciate the local growing conditions.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Treat your taste buds to a delight-filled survey of the Burnie area's top culinary indulgences.
- Visit a local cheese producer for a sampling session of what's on the tasting roster today.
- Call on a local chocolatier with Belgian credentials who combines Tasmanian cream and butter with other artisanal ingredients to create... nirvana.
- Toast your gastronomic good fortune to have found this tour by sampling the wines of a local boutique vineyard.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes just under 3 hours of easy-to-moderate walking over mostly even surfaces. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-006 DEVILS AND ROOS**

**Date: Mar 06, 2025 Time: 09:15 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$139.00**



OVERVIEW

Travel to a rural wildlife park for up-close looks at Tasmanian devils, kangaroos and some most-unusual other animals, then enjoy a driving overview of Burnie. Your leisurely drive inland toward Mount Dial Nature Recreation Area traverses idyllic terrain and scattered villages where life has changed little over the centuries. Once at Wings Wildlife Park, you'll have ample free time to ramble the trails and encounter famous fauna like the Tasmanian devil and Australia's trademark kangaroo, as well as obscure ones like the bettong, a tiny marsupial that hops around like a mini-kangaroo. Other strange and unfamiliar creatures who call the park home include boobook owls, crab-eating macaques, quolls and long-nosed

potoroos. Somehow, even American bison and Japanese quail are on the resident list. The more you learn about this immense menagerie of Tasmanian wildlife and their behaviors, the more interesting they seem. Back in Burnie, you'll enjoy a downtown drive before returning to the pier. Founded in 1828 around an excellent natural harbor on Emu Bay and surrounded by vast eucalyptus forests, the timber industry dominated the town for the next 100 years. Today, the creative arts and culinary endeavors are what Burnie is most known for.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach to Wings Wildlife Park, the largest collection of Tasmanian wildlife in Australia.
- Spend about two hours meandering the park's paths and encountering its residents.
- See Tasmanian devils, kangaroos, bettongs, quolls, potoroos and others in this curiosity-shop of indigenous fauna.
- Settle in for a scenic return drive across an unspoiled landscape, followed by an informative orientation spin around Burnie itself.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended; no heels, please.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion as the visit to Wings Wildlife Park is self-guided. You will have approximately 2 hours there to explore on your own. The surfaces to negotiate will be uneven and natural at times. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and may not be suitable for those with mobility concerns, who are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-004 GARDENS AND WILDLIFE**

**Date: Mar 06, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**  
**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$159.00**



OVERVIEW

Journey into Tasmania's unique natural world as you tour an indigenous wildlife park full of indigenous animals and a tranquil garden full of rhododendrons. The experience begins with a leisurely drive inland toward Mount Dial Nature Recreation Area, traversing idyllic terrain and scattered villages where life has changed little over the centuries. Once at Wings Wildlife Park, you'll have free time to ramble the trails as you encounter famous animals like the Tasmanian devil, and obscure ones like the bettong – tiny marsupials who hop around like mini-kangaroos. Other unfamiliar creatures who call the park home include boobook owls, crab-eating macaques, quolls and long-nosed potoroos. Even American bison and Japanese quail are on the resident list. In contrast, the feature attraction at Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden is the flora, not the fauna, although here too you might run across South Pacific oddities like platypus and echidna joining the more conventional garden dwellers such as wild ducks and grebes. It's a beautiful setting of meandering paths dotted with water features and gazebos – and some 22,000 rhododendrons. Plenty of other flowering shrubs and bedding plants ensure a colorful visit, no matter the time of year.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach through unspoiled Tasmanian terrain to the Mount Dial Nature Recreation Area.
- Spend an hour among the many curious inhabitants who call Wings

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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Wildlife Park home.

- See Tasmanian devils, bettongs, quolls, potoroos and others in this curiosity-shop of indigenous fauna.
- Experience the pastoral tranquility of Emu Valley Rhododendron Garden, colorful in any season.
- Wander garden paths in a landscape dotted with lakes, waterfalls, bridges and gazebos.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable, closed-toe walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is primarily at guests' discretion as both the wildlife park and garden visits are self-guided, with approximately one hour at each location to explore on your own. The surfaces to negotiate will be uneven and natural at times. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible chair, are able to make their own way on and off the coach and have an able-bodied companion to assist them. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to carefully evaluate their personal level of stamina before participating. Tour vehicles may not be of the same standard as found in more-metropolitan Australian ports. Various coach styles are used, all are air-conditioned. Amount of driver/guide commentary provided on this tour also varies.

**BWT-011 SCENIC COASTLINES**

**Date: Mar 06, 2025 Time: 09:45 AM**

**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$99.00**



OVERVIEW

Drive along an immensely scenic coastal highway in northwestern Tasmania, stopping on occasion for photos and to take in the stunning natural beauty. You will follow the Bass Highway, a meandering coastal route named for a colonial-era surgeon that sailed aboard a sloop that made the first recorded circumnavigation of Tasmania in 1798. The landscape hasn't changed all that much over the centuries, as you will discover while pausing for photos at the most picturesque lookouts. Most of the scenery will be rocky shoreline, forested rolling hills and brilliant blue seas, all of it pristine and picture-perfect. However, on the outskirts of Burnie, you will find fertile agricultural areas. Chances are, you will pass potato farms and fields of poppies, which are grown to supply the pharmaceutical industry with raw material to manufacture medicinal products.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Drive the spectacularly scenic Bass Highway, a coastal route across northwestern Tasmania.
- Pause for photos at the most picturesque lookouts.
- Gain an understanding of the region's history through the guide's commentary.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is available to wheelchair guests who have a collapsible wheelchair and are able to make their own way on and off transportation. Guests must be self-sufficient or if assistance is required, they should travel with a companion who can provide it.

## Melbourne, Australia

**MEB-GG1 MELBOURNE'S ECOLOGY & YARRA RIVER**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 3.00 Hrs Price: \$269.00**



OVERVIEW

Kayak along the Yarra River as it winds through downtown Melbourne and discover how the city protects its fragile environment and local birdlife. The river is considered the social heart of Melbourne because so many attractions and popular parks line its banks. As your guide will explain, the Yarra's water quality and ecology have improved significantly since the 1970s, when the river contained high levels of industrial waste. As you paddle along at a comfortable pace, you will pass under the Princes Bridge—a landmark on the Victorian Heritage Register—and skirt by the Flinders Street Railway Station, both extraordinary examples of 19th-century architecture. Melbourne also values its greenspaces, including verdant Alexandra Gardens and lush Batman Park, which you will find on opposite sides of the Yarra. Oases such as these attract a vast array of birds, so be sure to look for parrots, grey fantails and white-plumed honeyeaters, which thrive even in dense urban habitats.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Paddle a kayak along the Yarra River as it meanders through downtown Melbourne .
- Hear how Melbourne has protected its environment despite increased urban sprawl .
- Look for birds that thrive in dense urban settings .
- Pass some of Melbourne's iconic architecture, some of it dating to the 19th century .

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing .
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes .

PLEASE NOTE

This tour requires a moderate amount of activity and participants should be in good physical condition. The tour is not available to wheelchair guests and those with mobility concerns, recent back or neck injuries, heart conditions, epilepsy, diabetes, respiratory conditions or pregnant women should caution their own personal stamina. Life jackets must be worn while on the water. Guests must bring their own water bottle, to keep this tour eco-friendly, single use plastic bottles will not be provided. Tour will operate during rain but may be cancelled if the weather is deemed unsafe. The itinerary may operate in a different order. Guests will be provided with transport back to the ship; however they may choose to stay in the city after their tour, but will be responsible for their own transport back to the ship. Wildlife Sightings are not guaranteed.

**MEB-GL1 MELBOURNE THROUGH THE EYES OF A LOCAL**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 08:30 AM**

**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$279.00**



OVERVIEW

Explore Melbourne with a local that will show you places off the beaten path that will leave you with a true understanding of the city. To reach downtown, you will ride the tram with plenty of Melbournites who will be engaged in conversation. You might just listen in or the guide may introduce you and see if the other commuters would like to offer their opinions of living in Melbourne. Then, depending on your interests, the guide will lead you to areas that most tourists never see. You might head to laneways adorned with stencil art and murals, peruse small boutiques with one-of-a-kind merchandise and pass through residential neighborhoods that are up-and-coming or immensely affluent. If you're sports-minded, you

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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may like to take the tram to a cricket grounds or where the locals play Aussie-rules football. The guide will also take you to a favorite café, where you can enjoy a cup of coffee and discuss your impressions of Melbourne.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ride the tram into Melbourne with a local guide and other Melbournites.
- See many of the hidden, out-of-the-way places that are characteristic of Melbourne.
- Choose an interest such as shopping or art and see the best places to enjoy them.
- Discuss your impressions of Melbourne over coffee with locals and your guide.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing.
- Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

**MEB-001 SOVEREIGN HILL & WILDLIFE PARK**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 09:45 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 08:45 AM**

**Duration: 8.50 Hrs Price: \$339.00**



OVERVIEW

Take a full-immersion trip back to Gold Rush days in a town that never left them, and tour a wildlife park where the fauna roams free. This adventurous day begins with a 90-minute drive to the town of Sovereign Hill, a true living museum where the shops, miners' huts, cottages, hotels and other buildings all carefully replicate the style of the 1850s, when gold dust and nuggets were how you paid your bar bill. Informative displays document daily life in the era and the craft and jewelry shops offer similar goods to those sold during the Rush. Lunch will be served at a popular local eatery before moving on to historic Ballarat – it's a larger city, full of showy architecture built with the considerable wealth hauled out of the ground after the first strike was discovered nearby in 1851. On a drive through the charming city center, your driver will point out Ballarat's most notable highlights, including impressive botanical gardens planted along the shore on Lake Wendouree at the peak of the era. Later, on a visit to Ballarat Wildlife Park, you'll encounter free-roaming kangaroos, koalas, emus, Tasmanian devils, wombats and other iconic Aussie animals.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach across scenic Victoria terrain to the area where the Gold Rush of the 1850s began.
- Step into a living time capsule in Sovereign Hill, a perfectly recreated gold mining town – right down to the stagecoaches and spittoons.
- Wander period streets, browse period shops, and enjoy lunch served with modern utensils at a popular restaurant.
- Enjoy a guided drive through the historic center of Ballarat, the actual town where the Rush began.
- Visit Ballarat Wildlife Park and stroll among kangaroos, koalas, wombats and other native Aussie fauna.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour involves up to 3-hours of walking/standing, at guests' discretion during free time at Sovereign Hill and Ballarat Wildlife Park. Terrain varies from dirt and sealed roads to timber paths and grass areas, steps and inclines. Tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests or those with walking or mobility concerns.

**MEB-005 COUNTRYSIDE VICTORIA-BIRDS & CRAFTS**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 09:00 AM**

**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$129.00**



OVERVIEW

Take a walk in Sherbrooke Forest, home to incredibly tall hardwoods and uniquely colorful birds, then browse for crafts in a local village. Just an hour east of cosmopolitan Melbourne, Sherbrooke Forest feels worlds away in many senses. This natural area within the Dandenong Ranges is not only home to vast stands of mountain ash, the world's tallest flowering plant, but to a flock of superb lyrebirds, large songbirds known for their famously showy tails. And they're not the only kooky Aussie forest fowl who live here. As you stroll, you'll want to keep an eye out for crimson rosellas, kookaburras, bellbirds and one of the impressive and playful feathered residents: the king parrot. These inquisitive birds are so bold they may land right on your arm, or even your head. Once you've had your fill of avian and arboreal beauty, you'll be ready to discover some other local color – in the form of excellent artisan crafts carried in the shops of small area towns like Olinda. Browse awhile for jewelry, glassware, pottery, leather goods, or woodcarvings – then enjoy a brief highlights drive through Melbourne during the return drive to the pier.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel by coach into the unspoiled Dandenong region for a walk in Sherbrooke Forest.
- Marvel at sky-high hardwoods, with colorfully unique Australian birdlife flitting among the branches.
- Catch glimpse of rosellas, kookaburras, bellbirds, lyrebirds and bold king parrots.
- Visit Olinda or another of the local mountain towns renowned for their excellent craft shops.
- Enjoy a panoramic orientation spin through Melbourne on the return.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

This tour is not recommended for wheel chair guests. Those with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability as there is some moderate walking and unpaved and uneven surfaces to negotiate. Wildlife sightings, although likely, cannot be guaranteed.

**MEB-GL2 URBAN HEART OF MELBORNE**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 10:00 AM**

**Duration: 5.00 Hrs Price: \$289.00**



OVERVIEW

Wander around the bohemian neighborhood of Fitzroy with a local who will happily show you the most intriguing shops and streets. You will start your exploration of the quirky, highly creative neighborhood with a cup of tea at your guide's favorite café. Chances are, you will meet other locals who will share their stories and the reasons they live in Fitzroy. Much of the attraction is food and drink, as you will discover in Little Italy. While enjoying a freshly made gelato or a just-baked pastry, you can't help but be caught up in the authenticity of this vibrant district where Melbourne's café culture first originated. In time, the guide will lead you to some of the more eccentric boutiques, and there are plenty to choose from. You will then toast the day with a cocktail at one of Fitzroy's local watering holes.

HIGHLIGHTS

Minimal activity

Moderate activity

Oceania Exclusive

Beyond Blueprints

Go Green

Easy activity

Strenuous activity

Oceania Select

Culinary Discovery

Go Local

Evening excursion

Meal included

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- Follow a local around Melbourne’s quirky Fitzroy neighborhood.
- Mingle with a variety of locals and really get to know them in just a short time.
- Enjoy a cup of gelato or a pastry in the Little Italy neighborhood.
- Shop in boutiques that locals own and stock with unusual merchandise.
- Linger over a cocktail at a traditional neighborhood pub in Fitzroy.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Dress in weather-appropriate clothing. • Wear flat comfortable walking shoes.

**MEB-010 MELBOURNE PAST & PRESENT**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 10:15 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 09:15 AM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$199.00**



OVERVIEW

Explore some of the many landmarks Melbourne has accumulated, from its 1835 founding to the 21st century. Renowned as Australia’s ‘most livable city,’ Melbourne is a place of Old World charm and magnificent parks and gardens. It’s also a cosmopolitan, constantly-emerging hotbed of progressive cultural trends, artisan food, and passionate, world-class sporting events. There’s no way to see it all, though one stop on this tour comes close as you travel by lightning-fast elevator to the Eureka Skydeck 88. Clad in floor-to-ceiling windows atop one of the world’s tallest residential buildings, you can catch amazing 360-degree views of the entire city from here along with shimmering Port Phillip Bay and the Dandenong mountains in the distance. Less lofty but very moving, you’ll visit the city’s iconic Shrine of Remembrance, honoring those who served in World War I. Climb to the balcony if you like, or take a stroll toward the adjoining Royal Botanic Gardens. Additional sights seen include the modern Crown Casino complex and Convention Center along the Yarra River and several tony residential suburbs. Later, enjoy free time to explore the natural history collections of Melbourne Museum on your own, returning to the coach at a preset time.

HIGHLIGHTS

- See and visit highlights from Melbourne’s elegant past and vibrant present on this coach-driven tour.
- Zip to the top of the Eureka Tower in 40 seconds and gasp at the city-wide views from Skydeck 88.
- Stop at the iconic Shrine of Remembrance, a moving memorial to those who served in World War I.
- Travel past convention and casino complexes, though leafy riverside suburbs and along shopping boulevards.
- Enjoy free time to exploring the Melbourne Museum’s collections independently.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Amount of walking and level of exertion on this tour is at guest’s discretion during stops. It is available to guests who utilize a collapsible wheelchair, can make their way on and off the coach and have a companion to assist them. Those guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina.

**MEB-006 LEISURELY MELBOURNE**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 09:30 AM**

**Duration: 4.00 Hrs Price: \$99.00**



OVERVIEW

Sit back and enjoy this panoramic orientation drive through Australia’s ‘most livable city.’ It’s vibrant, multi-cultural, sporting, fashionable, food-and-culture-loving and the capital of Victoria – and all that’s just for starters. You’ll visit the bayside suburb of St. Kilda, with its lovely beaches, Esplanade and hopping café scene. See the F1 Grand Prix circuit wrapping around Albert Park Lake, and stop for photos at the landmark Shrine of Remembrance WWI memorial, maybe strolling across to the Royal Botanic Gardens’ gift shop. Drive past the Rod Laver Tennis Center, where the Australian Open is played each January, and the Melbourne Cricket Ground made famous as the venue for the 1956 Olympic Games, now home to thundering Aussie Rules Football and stadium concert crowds. In the heart of the city’s historic and governmental quarter, see The Treasury, Parliament House, the Windsor Hotel, Princess Theatre and the impressive Gothic buildings that line Collins Street. And travel through the Carlton district, where the rococo Royal Exhibition Building stands alongside the ultramodern Melbourne Museum. Throughout the drive, your professional guide’s commentary will bring the city’s history and backstories to life.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a panoramic introduction to Melbourne, seeing the top sights and learning about their history.
- See everything from the beachside Esplanade in St. Kilda to the ornate Princess Theater built in 1854.
- Pass sporting icons like the Rod Laver Tennis Center, the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the lakeside Formula One race circuit in Albert Park.
- Visit the colonnaded Shrine of Remembrance, commemorating those who fought in World War I.

HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

PLEASE NOTE

Walking on this tour is mainly at guest’s discretion. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who are able to both make their way on and off the coach and sit in a coach seat. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina before participating. The order of sites visited or viewed may vary.

**MEB-007 MELBOURNE AND GARDENS**

**Date: Mar 07, 2025 Time: 10:30 AM**

**Date: Mar 08, 2025 Time: 09:15 AM**

**Duration: 4.50 Hrs Price: \$149.00**



OVERVIEW

This excursion combines panoramic sightseeing, a historic garden walk, and sky-high Melbourne views from a 92-story skyscraper. The half-day begins with a drive to Fitzroy Gardens in the city center, its earliest plantings dating from 1860. Enjoy a guided tour of the showy Conservatory and of a charming two-story brick cottage hidden among the trees – the family home of famed explorer Captain James Cook, transplanted to this garden from Yorkshire. Rejoining your coach, settle in for a spin past landmark buildings including The Treasury, Parliament House, the Windsor Hotel, Princess Theatre and the marvelous Gothic lineup along Collins Street. A stop at the iconic Shrine of Remembrance, commemorating those who fought in World War I, allows time for photos and a climb up for balcony views if you’re feeling energetic. But the Melbourne views coming next will trump any others today as you visit Eureka Skydeck 88 atop one of the world’s tallest residential buildings. Lightning fast elevators whisk you from the ground to the Skydeck in a mere 40 seconds, and from the floor-to-ceiling windows up here you’ll have thrilling 360-degree views of

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Food & Wine Trails

Wellness Tour

the entire city, Port Phillip Bay and the mountains of the Dandenong Range.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a narrated highlights drive through Melbourne City, passing many of its landmark sights.
- Stop at the colonnaded Shrine of Remembrance, commemorating those who served in World War I.
- Take a guided walk through Fitzroy Gardens, including the flower-filled Conservatory and Captain Cook's Cottage.
- Zip to the top of the Eureka Tower in 40 seconds and gasp at the city-wide views from Skydeck 88.

### HELPFUL HINTS

- Wear casual, weather-appropriate clothing.
- Flat, comfortable walking shoes are recommended.
- Bring a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen as needed.

### PLEASE NOTE

This tour includes approximately 40 minutes of walking over mostly even surfaces. The tour is available to wheelchair guests who are able to both make their way on and off the coach and sit in a coach seat. Guests with mobility concerns are cautioned to evaluate their personal level of ability and stamina before participating. The order of sites visited or viewed may vary.

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## General Information

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

**Transportation** - Licensed and insured late-model coaches, mini-vans, automobiles, watercraft and other modes of transportation are utilized.

**Guides** - Licensed, English-speaking local guides accompany all tours.

**Admission Fees** - Shore excursions include all required admission fees, where applicable.

**Meals & Refreshments** - Meals and/or refreshments are included only when indicated in the shore excursion description.

### CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS

- Shore excursions operate rain or shine.
- Minimum participation levels are required to operate shore excursions, so please sign up as early as possible. Excursions may be cancelled if minimum participation levels are not met. To ensure quality guides and sufficient transportation, we must provide the tour operator with passenger counts at least 36 hours in advance.
- Shore excursion packages are fully refundable prior to embarkation of your cruise. Packages cancelled after embarkation will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- À la carte excursions are fully refundable until 36 hours in advance of the excursion. Excursions cancelled less than 36 hours in advance will incur a 100% cancellation fee.
- In the event of a port cancellation, guests who have purchased a shore excursion package will receive a pro rata refund for that port based on the price paid. Guests who have purchased an à la carte excursion for a cancelled port will receive a full refund.
- For guests with the Simply More Shore Excursion Package, no refunds or credits will be given if the excursion is not taken, unless the excursion is cancelled by Oceania Cruises.

### PRICES, ITINERARIES & GENERAL INFORMATION

- All pre-reserved shore excursions receive priority confirmation over those booked on board.
- In order to receive maximum pre-cruise savings, you may pre-purchase shore excursions up until 7 days prior to your sail date.
- The discount of 25% off à la carte excursion prices that is offered with the Simply More Shore Excursion Package is subject to a minimum number of excursions that must be purchased. This minimum is based on the number of port days on your cruise.
- Shore excursion prices are subject to change to meet unexpected cost increases or currency fluctuations. Once excursions have been purchased, pricing is guaranteed and not subject to change.
- During local or national holidays, access to certain facilities (such as museums or archaeological sites) may be limited or denied. In such instances, adjustments in the shore excursion itinerary will be made to minimize inconvenience to guests.
- Some shore excursions have limited availability; reserve your excursions early to avoid disappointment.
- Oceania Cruises reserves the right to require guests to complete a liability waiver for select shore excursions. For more information, please consult the Destination Services Desk on board.

### PLEASE NOTE

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All Oceania Cruises shore excursion fares are per person, are subject to change and are subject to availability. Some tours are capacity controlled and may be withdrawn at any time without prior notice. While Oceania Cruises makes every effort to adhere to the specifics mentioned in each shore excursion description, circumstances may require otherwise. All shore excursion descriptions and information are subject to change without notice at Oceania Cruises' discretion. Oceania Cruises is not responsible or liable for typographical errors, omissions or misprints.

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