



## 6 days/5 nights...

### Melbourne - Great Ocean Road - Grampians - Ballarat

#### Day 1

##### Melbourne to Great Ocean Road

- > **Depart:** Melbourne
- > **O/night:** Torquay
- > **Distance:** 98 kilometres
- > **Route summary:** Leave Melbourne, heading west over the West Gate Bridge and the Yarra River towards the open plains of Werribee. Have coffee or lunch in Geelong on Corio Bay before heading along the Surf Coast Highway, or via the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula, to Torquay, official start of the Great Ocean Road and Australia's surfing capital.
- > **Highlights:** Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee Park, Geelong Waterfront, Geelong Botanic Gardens, Narana Creations and Surf World Torquay.

#### Day 2

##### Great Ocean Road

- > **Depart:** Torquay
- > **O/night:** Warrnambool/Port Fairy
- > **Distance:** Approx 283 kilometres
- > **Route summary:** Drive the Great Ocean Road past sandy beaches, rugged cliffs, the mighty Twelve Apostles (best seen from a helicopter), the Bay of Islands (try seeing them at sunset) and on to Warrnambool or the pretty fishing village of Port Fairy.
- > **Highlights:** Surf World Torquay, Cape Otway Lightstation, Otway Fly Treetop Adventures, Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge, Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village and Shipwrecked sound and laser show, Tower Hill, Moynes River.

#### Day 3

##### Great Ocean Road to Grampians

- > **Depart:** Warrnambool/Port Fairy
- > **O/night:** Halls Gap/Dunkeld
- > **Distance:** Approx 158 kilometres
- > **Route summary:** Drive through the fertile Western District farmland to Dunkeld, southern gateway to the magic and mystery of the Grampians National Park. Discover the Aboriginal history of the region at Brambuk - The National Park and Cultural Centre in Halls Gap. Take a short bushwalk to meet Australian native animals.
- > **Highlights:** Brambuk - The National Park and Cultural Centre, MacKenzie Falls, bushwalking, wildlife, Aboriginal rock art.

#### Day 4

##### Grampians to Ballarat

- > **Depart:** Halls Gap/Dunkeld
- > **O/night:** Ballarat
- > **Distance:** Approx 152 kilometres
- > **Route summary:** Visit Ararat, the only town in Australia founded by Chinese settlers. Drive through some of Australia's finest winemaking country, detouring underground to see the vintages at Great Western. Learn the amazing history from Ballarat's gold rush days and spend some time panning for gold at Sovereign Hill, before admiring the works of art at the Art Gallery of Ballarat in historic Lydiard Street.
- > **Highlights:** Gum San Chinese Heritage Centre, Art Gallery of Ballarat, Sovereign Hill and Blood on the Southern Cross.

#### Day 5

##### Ballarat to Spa Country

- > **Depart:** Ballarat
- > **O/night:** Daylesford
- > **Distance:** 43 kilometres
- > **Route summary:** After enjoying a cuddle or two and a bite to eat with the local koalas and kangaroos at the Ballarat Wildlife Park head off to indulge in Australia's famous spa country. Drink the mineral waters bubbling up from the earth, enjoy a massage and other lavish beauty treatments then stay in luxury replete with fine wining and dining.
- > **Highlights:** Art Gallery of Ballarat, Ballarat Wildlife Park, Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa.

#### Day 6

##### Spa Country to Melbourne

- > **Depart:** Daylesford
- > **O/night:** Melbourne
- > **Distance:** 112 kilometres
- > **Route summary:** Spend time taking in the pleasures of both Daylesford and Hepburn Springs before making the journey back to Melbourne.
- > **Highlights:** Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa, minerals springs, restaurants, fresh regional produce.

