

Melbourne International Flower Show

7 Day
Tour



Depart: Thursday 21st March 2024
Return: Wednesday 27th March 2024

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The 2024 Melbourne International Flower Show is returning to the magnificent world heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens. The Show is a celebration of lifestyle and the great outdoors, showcasing the best landscapes and floral talent from Australia and around the world together with a wide range of garden retail products.



Day 1 Thursday 21 March	NEWCASTLE to HOLBROOK	MT - D
Accommodation	Byer Fountain Motor Inn, Holbrook	

7:30am Depart Kings Depot. Pick up points are available at Charlestown, Belmont North, Belmont, Swansea, Doyalson and Ourimbah by arrangement at the time of your booking. Welcome aboard **Kings of Newcastle Coach** ready for a 7-day tour, including the **Melbourne International Flower Show**. Depart Kings Coach Depot at This world-renowned flower and garden show is regarded as the largest and most successful horticultural event in the Southern Hemisphere. Today we travel via Sydney to **Holbrook** for our first night on tour, stopping along the way for convenience stops and to purchase lunch. On arrival we can check-in and freshen up before dinner.



Day 2 Friday 22 March	HOLBROOK to WERRIBEE	B - L - D
Accommodation	Holiday Inn, Werribee	



Following an early breakfast, we travel slightly off the highway to discover the gourmet region of **Milawa**, starting with a visit to the **Olive Shop**, at the tasting counter there are local olives, olive oils and olive oil-based dressings to sample. Next, we visit **Milawa Cheese** for a tasting. Keeping with the fabulous food theme of the region our last visit in the area is to **Milawa Mustards**, located in the Old Emu Inn building. Our lunch today has been arranged in the quiet rural township of Whorouly at **Remel 185**. The 'tobacco shed' which once stored dried tobacco piled to the ceiling and bales ready for 'sale day' has been transformed into a Dining Area, the 'grading shed' where many hours were once spent sorting those golden coloured leaves, is now the Kitchen, where again many hours are spent, but now to produce an array of wonderful foods, and the 'kilns' have remained in their original form and are well used as storage space. This afternoon sit back and relax as we express through to **Werribee**. On arrival we can settle into our accommodation and unpack as this will be home for the next four nights.

Day 3 Saturday 23 March	WERRIBEE	B - D
Accommodation	Holiday Inn, Werribee	

We have arranged a visit to the **Werribee Open Range Zoo**. The zoo has a special focus on African animals so we'll board our special safari bus to take a tour amongst some of the world's iconic grassland animals. We will be completely immersed in the sights, smells and sounds of the savannah as we travel across the Zoo's open plains. The magnificent wildlife, including rhinos, giraffes, zebras and antelopes will seem almost touchable. After our tour we have some free time to enjoy a stroll along the walking tracks to see other animals such as the Meerkats. Departing the Zoo we have a short distance to drive to our afternoon visit at the **Werribee Park Mansion**. The mansion has long been regarded as Victoria's finest rural homestead. Completed in 1877 it was built in the Italianate style by pioneering pastoralists, the Chirnside brothers from Scotland. On arrival we will be given an introduction to the mansion before enjoying a self-guided tour at our own pace. We also have plenty of time to enjoy the formal gardens including a stroll through the **State Rose Garden**, featuring 4500 plants from 100 species in the shape of a giant Tudor rose.

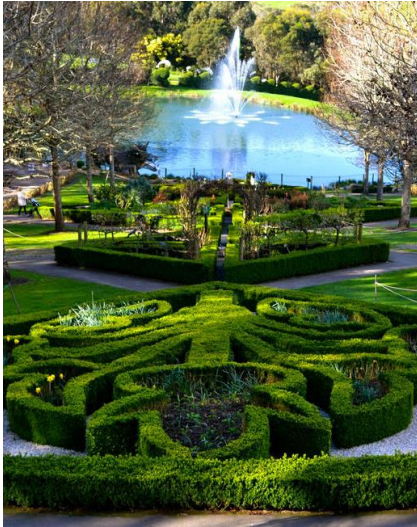


Day 4 Sunday 24 March	INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW	B - D
Accommodation	Holiday Inn, Werribee	

What a day to be exploring flowers and gardens, I hope you have your green thumbs ready for the **International Flower and Garden Show**. This show is a hallmark event for Victoria and the most prestigious of its kind in Australia. Over 300 exhibits are on show representing horticulture, nurseries, landscape gardening, floristry and cut flowers together with their associated products and services. The show will simply take your breath away with the work of Australia's leading floral designers creating exquisite feature displays. We have plenty of time to spend here today. In fact, the whole day is available for the show. We make a time to meet later today to return to our hotel.



Day 5 Monday 25 March	AROUND PORT PHILLIP BAY	B - L - D
Accommodation	Holiday Inn, Werribee	



We depart Werribee and head around to the bay where we have a ferry to catch from **Queenscliff** to **Sorrento**, back on land we uncover Australia's oldest and most famous hedge maze at **Ashcombe Maze and Lavender Gardens**. We have time to wander the year-round flowering lavender labyrinth and 25 acres of world acclaimed gardens before lunch. Shortly after we arrive at **Red Hill Estate**, a multi award winning winery situated in the internationally recognised "cool climate" region. This stunning property also boasts superb panoramic views of Westernport Bay which we will enjoy as we indulge in a wine tasting. This afternoon we soar the heights of the Mornington Peninsula gliding through the sky in a gondola at **Arthurs Sea Eagle**. With uninterrupted views across Port Phillip Bay and framed by swaying gum trees, we'll be impressed by the magic landscape. We return to the ferry for our return journey to Queenscliff. After an enjoyable day we have some time to freshen up before dinner in the hotel.

Day 6 Tuesday 26 March	WERRIBEE to YOUNG	B - L - AT - D
Accommodation	Federation Motor Inn, Young	

Following our lovely stay in Werribee we make our way to one more garden, **Alowyn Gardens** which started life as a blackberry infested paddock. Designed with shade and comfort in mind, it's been developed into six distinct areas and for those who love a beautiful garden, it will bring enjoyment as well as an educational experience. Before leaving we enjoy a light lunch. This afternoon sit back relax and maybe enjoy a nap as we express through to Young for our last night on tour.



Day 7 Wednesday 27 March	YOUNG to NEWCASTLE	B - MT - L
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With our bags packed with wonderful memories we make our way for home, stopping in for lunch at the **Campbelltown Catholic Club** for lunch. We arrive home later this afternoon ready with many tips and hints to try in our own gardens. 5pm estimated time of return to King's Depot.

COST INCLUSIONS:

- 5 Star coach travel
- experienced coach driver.
- Quality accommodation
- Attractions as per listed on itinerary.
- Meals as per code below

Breakfast	B	(6)
Morning Tea	MT	(2)
Lunch	L	(4)
Afternoon Tea	AT	(1)
Dinner	D	(6)

COST:

\$2500 per person *Twin/Double share accommodation*

\$650 per person *extra charge for a single supplement*

NON - REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT:

\$400 per person *due within 14 days of your booking*

FULL PAYMENT DUE:

Thursday 21st February 2024

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