Melbourne Garden & Flower Show Ballarat Begonia Festival Combo Tour

With Val Henry
9 Days / 8 Nights





Tour Departs: Sunday 27 March - Monday 04 April, 2022.









Day 1. Sun 27 March: Brisbane - Ballarat

Flight VA318 Departs Brisbane 0855 arrives Melbourne 1220

Dinner & Lunch

We meet at Brisbane airport for our **morning flight to Melbourne** where we then board our luxury coach and begin our **drive across to Ballarat** with a **lunch stop en-route**. Ballarat is a city that enjoys a rich and prosperous heritage thanks to the Gold Rush which began in 1851. News that the Ballarat region was home to the richest alluvial goldfield in the world resulted in a population explosion as people came from all over the world seeking fortune. By 1855, Ballarat had grown to a city with a population of 100,000 people. Impressive public and private buildings sprung up which were financed from the wealth generated by the diggings. The city is also home to the **Ballarat Begonia Festival** which has a long and rich history, beginning in 1953 and has now become an innovative garden-based horticultural festival that showcases the city's natural assets, including its unique and rare collection of Begonias. Before checking in to our accommodation our **local guide** will join us on the coach and introduce us to the cities rich history, historic buildings and the gold sites of Bakery Hill, Golden Point and Poverty Point. After our tour, check in and freshen up we gather for dinner in the on-site restaurant.

Overnight Ballarat: Mercure Ballarat Hotel

Day 2. Mon 28 March: Ballarat Touring

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we spend the morning within the spectacular Lake Wendouree and **Ballarat Botanical Gardens** precinct which is home to the **Robert Clark Botanical Gardens Conservatory** housing an iconic **display of over 700 Begonias.** Our local guide will accompany us through other highlights within the gardens such as the **The Prime Ministers Avenue**, **Stoddard Collection**, **Statuary Pavilion** and the **Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial** with the names of more than 36,000 Australian ex-POWs etched into a 130-metre long granite wall. We then head to **The Boatshed Restaurant on Lake Wendouree** which provides the perfect spot for **lunch**. After lunch we make our way to the **Ballarat Tramway Museum** for a tramride around Lake Wendouree. This afternoon we view the **Eureka Flag** located at the site of the 1854 Eureka Stockade rebellion. The Eureka Centre is surrounded by the scenic Eureka Stockade Memorial Gardens and is the perfect place to grab a coffee, enjoy the wonderful park surrounds and learn more about the Eureka story. We then return to our accommodation for a rest and dinner at the motel

Overnight Ballarat: Mercure Ballarat Hotel

Day 3. Tues 29 March: Ballarat

Breakfast & Dinner

After a good nights rest and hearty breakfast we transfer to the **Sovereign Hill Gold Mining Township** where all our Australian history comes alive and the spirit of the 1850's gold rush lives. We start at the **Gold Museum**, which houses a unique collection of alluvial gold, nuggets and displays relating to Ballarat's social and mining history. Then its time to step inside the Sovereign Hill Township itself, experiences and demonstrations we may include on our visit are the 'Musket Firing, Gold Pour, Blacksmithing, Candle Making, Coach Hitching and the Sly Grog Tent to name a few. This afternoon we have some free time to explore on our own or have a rest. Tonight we return to Sovereign Hill for dinner and to witness the **spectacular new sound-and-light show Aura, a multi-sensory experience,** feel the vibrations as stars explode in front of our eyes, watch as the land is transformed by the gold rush, and dive into the chaos of the **Eureka Rebellion** as we witness the creation and discovery of the world's most precious metal.













Day 3. Continued

This exciting presentation takes place across the whole 25-hectare panorama of Sovereign Hill. After the show we return to our motel for a good nights rest.

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Day 4. Wed 30 March: Creswick - Daylesford

Breakfast & Dinner

After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to Ascot, home to Lambley Gardens and Nursery, world renowned as a benchmark in beautiful sustainable gardening. David provides a wonderful guided tour through the Ornamental Gardens, Vegetable and Flower Cutting Garden and then through the Nursery. Across at the Creswick Woollen Mill our visit will include a self guided tour of the working machinery, a browse through the Ryzowy Gallery, the Mill Shop and then morning tea on the viewing deck. Across in Daylesford we enjoy a guided tour of the Daylesford and Hepburn Springs area including a drive across Lake Daylesford and taking in the peace and tranquillity of the Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens, which still retain their 19th century character. For those wishing, enjoy the views from the observation tower then step inside the Begonia House and view the stunning displays. Then enjoy some free time in Daylesford to soak up the galleries, shops and cafés including the famous Mill Markets. Nestled on the crest of Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens over-looking Daylesford, is The Convent Daylesford home to a stunning sculpture garden, beautiful chapel and a three level gallery, a haven of fine art in an historic 19th century mansion. We arrive back in Ballarat mid afternoon where there will be time to relax or enjoy some retail therapy. This evening after dinner we head up to the Sturt Street Gardens to view and stroll amongst the amazing 'Illuminated Garden of Blooms'.

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Day 5. Thurs 31 March: Mount Macedon - Melbourne

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we depart the home of the annual Begonia Festival and travel up to the **beautiful Macedon Ranges** a setting to some of the most beautiful gardens in Australia. On arrival enjoy a cuppa up at the **Top of the Range Cafe** and marvel at the views from the **Memorial Cross** which commemorates Australia's war fallen. We then call in at the **stunning Forest Glade Gardens** and astonishing "**Stokes Collection**". Regarded by many antique experts as the greatest private collection in the southern hemisphere. After touring the collection it's time to meander through the **Forest Glade Gardens**, which is one of Australia's finest private gardens, that has existed for nearly one hundred years. **Pick a spot amongst the garden to enjoy our picnic lunch.** The magnificent landscaped garden covers fourteen acres and has four distinct sections: The large English section with its huge exotic trees and masses of colour, the delightful Japanese section complete with bonsai house, the beautiful woodland section displaying masses of shadeloving plants and the cool fern gully. The features of the garden include a stunning blue bell patch and an impressive daffodil lawn during spring; a topiary garden, two aviaries, a magnificent laburnum arch, a peony walk highlighted with climbing roses, as well as numerous pergolas, ponds, fountains and statues. Later in the day we make our way to our accommodation in Melbourne for check in and freshen up before dinner in the 115 Grill and Brewhouse Restaurant.

Overnight Melbourne: Hotel 115 Premier Collection

Day 6. Fri 01 April: The Q Train - Victoria State Rose Garden

Breakfast & Lunch

After a relaxing morning we transfer into Docklands and board the **Port Phillip ferry which takes us across to Portarlington**. On arrival we are transferred down to the **Queenscliff Railway Station** to **join "The Q Train"**, Geelong's amazing restaurant train. Enjoy a glass of local wine on the Platform Bar prior to boarding one of **The Q Train's restored Dining Cars.** As the train whistle sounds our journey begins, travelling along the beautiful Bellarine Railway, offering views of the rolling hills. Between the set courses of **our delicious 6 course degustation menu**, we are free to walk around the train and soak up the rich history, or to enjoy a relaxing beer in the Club Loco Bar Car. The Q Train will pause for a period of time at **Suma Park Historic Homestead**, then runs alongside beautiful Swan Bay, with another stop to enjoy the views while we dine and then continues on to Drysdale. Our final dessert course is served on our return trip from Queenscliff to Drysdale, and as The Q Train closes in on its return journey into Drysdale Railway Station. Once we arrive at the station approximately 3 hours later we head up to **Werribee Park** home to the **stunning Victoria State Rose Garden**. With over **5000 roses** across 5 hectares, the Victoria State Rose Garden is one of the tourist gems of Victoria. Awarded the International Garden of Excellence by the World Federation of Rose Societies in 2003, it was the first rose garden outside of Europe to receive this award and the only one (at that time) cared for entirely by volunteers. This is our last stop for the day before travelling back across Melbourne to our hotel. Dinner tonight is at own arrangements and cost.

Overnight Melbourne: Hotel 115 Premier Collection





Day 7. Sat 2 April: Melbourne Flower Show - Eureka Tower

Breakfast

After breakfast we make our way to the **Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show** which is held at the **Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens**. Australia's top landscape designers are responsible for the breathtaking "Show Gardens" and, as a result of their stunning designs, could be crowned the Gold, Silver or Bronze winner for the top Exhibition Garden. **The Royal Exhibition Building** turns into the **Great Hall of Flowers** for the 5 days of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show. A glorious and vibrant exhibition from Victoria's leading florists and floral designers. Everybody loves a great flower market, the sights and sounds, the people, the atmosphere and the visual beauty of some magnificent floral displays. The show also comes alive with roving entertainment throughout the Carlton Gardens and the Royal Exhibition Building. There is also the opportunity for those wishing to stroll next door and visit the **Melbourne Museum** or hit the **Bourke Street Mall** shopping precinct for some retail therapy. We then head to the highest observation deck in the Southern Hemisphere, the **Eureka Tower Skydeck** to witness amazing views (weather permitting) and one of the most **stunning sunsets** we will witness anywhere. From the top we can see Albert Park Lake, MCG, Port Phillip Bay, the Dandenong Ranges and beyond plus some of Melbourne's favourite attractions and landmarks. The entire floor of Skydeck is licensed meaning we can grab a glass of champagne and wander around, enjoying the incredible views from 300m above sea level. Tonight's dinner is at own arrangements.

Optional at own cost & arrangements - Hamilton The Musical @ Her Majesty Theatre (2.00pm or 7.30pm Show)
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Day 8. Sun 3 April: Mornington Peninsula

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after a leisurely breakfast we head down along the **beautiful Mornington Peninsula** with our first stop at the base of the **Arthur Sear Eagle**. It's here we step inside our **aerial gondola** and **soar to the highest point of the Mornington Peninsula**. Take in the abundant views across Port Phillip Bay, towards the Melbourne city skyline and beyond. The **Eagle Summit Café** offers spectacular views from almost every table and provides the perfect spot to purchase a cuppa. After leaving the summit we head down to **Point Nepean** home to the **Quarantine Station** where our tour covers the experiences of those that came to Victoria and were quarantined. With our National Heritage guide we also take a walk around more of the historic buildings all the while taking in the stunning views of Port Phillip. Next stop is in **Sorrento for a light lunch at Rusty's Cafe Bar and Grill** before heading off to **Mornington Peninsula Chocolates** for a special talk, demo and tasting with Craig. Watch Chocolatiers at work, discover thousands of handcrafted chocolates from signature truffles to traditional favourites. No visit to the Morning Peninsula would be complete without tasting the sensational wines produced in this region. The **stunning Point Leo Estate is the perfect location for our wine tasting**, set against an immense backdrop of rolling vineyards and ocean views encapsulating glimpses of Phillip Island and Western Port. Our day on the peninsula now complete we head back up to Melbourne to our hotel to freshen up before our **farewell dinner** back in the **115** Grill and Brewhouse Restaurant..

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Day 9. Mon 4 April: Melbourne - Brisbane

Breakfast & High Tea

This morning after breakfast and check out we travel into the city stopping by **Fitzroy Gardens and Cooks' Cottage**, a memorial to Captain James Cook. Then we are in for a treat, enjoying a delicious **Wedgwood High Tea** at the **Langham Hotel** with an exquisite selection of tea time delights served on the finest Wedgwood china. Then transfer to Melbourne Airport for our flights home after exploring Ballarat, Melbourne and the annual International Flower and Garden Show with The Donald Simpson Centre and Trade Travel.

Flight VA337 Departs Melbourne 1600 arrives Brisbane 1710





The Spectacular Victorian Floral Festivals Combo Tour









Tour Highlights: Lunch Boatshed Restaurant Lake Wendouree; Ballarat Botanical Gardens - Robert Clark Botanical Gardens Conservatory Begonia Displays, Prime Ministers Avenue, Stoddard Collection, Statuary Pavilion, Australian Ex-Prisoners of War Memorial; Ballarat Guided Highlights Tour; Sovereign Hill Gold Mining Township; Gold Museum; The Eureka Flag; The Spectacular New Sound & Light Show 'Aura'; Lambley Gardens & Nursery; Creswick Woollen Mill - Ryzowy Gallery, Mill Shop; Highlights Tour Daylesford & Hepburn Springs; Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens & Begonia House; Daylesford - Galleries, Shops, Cafés & Mill Markets; Daylesford Convent Gallery, Chapel & Gardens; Top of the Range Tea Rooms; Mt Macedon Lookout & Memorial Cross; The Stokes Collection & Forest Glade Gardens; Ferry Cruise Port Phillip Bay; The Q Train Lunch & Peninsula Rail Journey; Victoria State Rose Garden; Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show; Sunset Eureka Skydeck; Mornington Peninsula Day - The Eagle Arthurs Seat; Point Nepean Quarantine Station; Mornington Peninsula Chocolates; Point Leo Winery Cellar Door Tastings; Captain Cook Cottage; Wedgwood High Tea Langham Hotel & much more!

Tour Price Includes:

- Return flights Brisbane Melbourne Brisbane
- Luxury coach travel
- 8 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (Meals 19 + High Tea)
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

\$3425.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$715.00)

Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax

Deposit of \$200 per person due at time of booking with completed booking form.

Final Payment due Friday 14 January, 2022.

The tour prices valid for travel in 2022. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

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Deposit is non refundable from the 17 December, 2021.

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