

8 Day | Great Ocean Road Tour – EX Renmark

18 October – 25 October 2021

SWEEPING VIEWS AND OCEAN MISTS

Revel in the stunning coastal scenery along the Great Ocean Road.

Starts in: Renmark
Ends in: Renmark
Costs: \$3,320.00 per person based on twin/double share room
\$ 773.00 single supplement for a guaranteed single room
\$ 100.00 reduction if paid in full by 27th May 2021 (Early Bird Special)

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

DAY 1: (D) RENMARK TO SWAN HILL

Monday 18 October 2021

Greeting our fellow travellers, soon to be friends, we hit the road with anticipation for our exciting escape to experience the Great Ocean Road! Making great time we stop in **Renmark**, to enjoy our lunch break before spending the afternoon making our way to Swan Hill for our overnight stay.

1 night | Comfort Inn Campbell Motor Inn
Dinner at hotel | lunch not included

DAY 2: (BD) SWAN HILL TO GEELONG

Tuesday 19 October 2021

Making our way to **Daylesford** we visit the **Lavandula Lavender Farm**. Stone farmhouse buildings cluster around a cobbled courtyard, surrounded by lavender fields and distant hills. Enjoy lunch here before a tour of the house and then it's onto **Geelong** for the night.

1 night | Rydges Geelong
Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Lavandula

DAY 3: (BD) CAROLINE SPRINGS TO SKENES CREEK

Wednesday 20 October 2021

Passing through **Torquay**, we commence our breathtaking drive along the Great Ocean Road. Taking in the spectacular natural beauty of our surrounds we arrive at the popular coastal town of **Anglesea** for our morning break. Continuing to **Lorne**, we find a remarkable township built amongst forest,

stretching right down to the water. Travel through Apollo Bay to Cape Otway. Steeped in history and surrounded by beauty, the **Cape Otway Lighthouse** is an unforgettable experience. In 1848 the lighthouse became the beacon of hope on a dangerous coastline and is one of the oldest lighthouses in Australia. We'll enjoy afternoon tea here with time to explore before heading to **Skenes Creek** for our overnight stay.

1 night | **Skenes Creek Lodge, Skenes Creek**

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

DAY 4: (BLD) SKENES CREEK TO WARRNAMBOOL

Thursday 21 October 2021

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

2 nights **Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, Warrnambool**

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Otway Fly

DAY 5: (BLD) WARRNAMBOOL AND TOWER HILL STATE GAME RESERVE

Friday 22 October 2021

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

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

DAY 6: (BLD) WARRNAMBOOL – GRAMPIANS – STAWELL

Saturday 23 October 2021

This morning we travel to **Port Fairy**, filled with colonial character, it's a lovely place to take a stroll and browse the many boutique shops. Leaving the sea breezes, we head to the Grampians and stop at the award-winning **Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre**. Here you'll find the very best interpretation of the Grampians National Park, uncovering its exceptional environment and Aboriginal culture. Enjoying a bush tucker tasting and lunch we explore the **Grampians National Park**. Witness some of the best lookouts such as Reeds Lookout and McKenzie Falls – all easily accessible and all with sensational views! Afterwards, we head to Stawell.

1 night | **Magdala Motor Lodge, Stawell**

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at the Brambuk Bushfoods Cafe

DAY 7: (BLD) STAWELL TO SWAN HILL

Sunday 24 October 2021

The history and romance of the Australia Post Stawell Gift is entrenched in Australian folklore, ensuring its status as an icon of Australian Sport. The Gift has been held in all but four years since 1878 and has developed into Australia's, and notably one of the world's most famous and prestigious foot races. It is a professional athletics meeting incorporating over 60 events, with athletes running off handicaps. We are not able to be part of the actual race but we will experience the atmosphere on our visit to the **Stawell Gift Hall of Fame**. After our visit, we head to Donald for lunch before continuing onto **Swan Hill**.

1 night | **Comfort Inn Campbell Motor Inn, Swan Hill**

Breakfast and dinner at motel | lunch at Donald Hotel

We are up slightly earlier this morning as we begin the final leg of our journey. We'll head straight to **Renmark**, completing a wonderfully colourful holiday, surrounded by the amazing coastal views and charming seaside villages!

Breakfast at hotel | lunch not included

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times or days. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather

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