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The Twelve Apostles

## Victoria's Hidden Gems

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Melbourne • Daylesford • Dunkeld • Warrnambool • Lorne • Mornington Peninsula

Explore the cosmopolitan sophistication of Melbourne and the natural beauty of Victoria, enjoying luxury accommodation in renowned destinations. From trendy cityscapes to quaint villages, scenic coastal drives to white-capped surf, Victoria's charm is revealed on this Inspiring Journey.

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Discover

- The eclectic town of Daylesford, with antique shops, bazaars and cottage industries
- The iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground

#### Explore

- Melbourne's vibrant laneways and arcades
- Green Olive at Red Hill in the Mornington Peninsula

#### Immerse

- Visit Creswick Woollen Mills, the last coloured woollen spinning mill in Australia
- Call in at the high-tech Eureka Centre in Ballarat
- Experience a Welcome to Country ceremony with Indigenous people in the Grampians
- Browse in the Australian National Surfing Museum in Torquay

#### Relax

- Indulge in a relaxing mineral bath at the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa
- The Great Ocean Road and Twelve Apostles



Torquay



Hepburn Bathhouse &amp; Spa

#### Day 1 Welcome to Melbourne

Admire the style and spirit of Victoria's capital. This evening, join your Journey Director for a Welcome Reception before boarding Melbourne's famous Colonial Tramcar Restaurant. Enjoy a silver-service dinner as you travel in elegant surroundings, through the glittering city streets. Hotel: Sofitel Melbourne on Collins. DW

#### Day 2 Melbourne – Daylesford

View the city's impressive skyline this morning as you enjoy breakfast in the 35th-floor restaurant of your hotel. Return to earth and begin your exploration of Melbourne's wide avenues, charming arcades and trendy street art in the company of a local expert. Indulge in the Melbourne tradition of morning tea before lunchtime at leisure. Later you'll head for the eclectic spa town of Daylesford and relax in the

healing waters of the historic Hepburn Bathhouse & Spa. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the award-winning restaurant The Argus. Hotel: Peppers Mineral Springs Hotel, Daylesford. B DW

#### Day 3 Daylesford – Dunkeld

After a leisurely start to the day, call in at Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm for morning tea. Drip syrupy lavender honey over freshly baked scones before heading to Creswick Woollen Mills for an exclusive guided tour. Continue to the historic town of Clunes admiring beautifully preserved Victorian architecture. There's time for lunch at one of the cafés. En route to Dunkeld, visit the Eureka Centre in Ballarat, where the original Eureka Stockade flag is on display. Settle into the picturesque surrounds of the Southern Grampians this evening enjoying dinner at your hotel. Hotel: Royal Mail Hotel, Dunkeld. B DW

#### Day 4 Dunkeld – Warrnambool

After breakfast, you're invited to join the ground's gardener for a guided walk through the hotel's kitchen garden. Then head to Hall's Gap and the Brambuk Cultural Centre. Witness a Welcome to Country ceremony and then the local Gariwerd, Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjali people will teach you how to throw a boomerang and gather local bush tucker for sampling. In Warrnambool this evening discover the maritime history of the region during a Sound & Light Show at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Hotel: Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs, Warrnambool. B DW

#### Day 5 Warrnambool – Lorne

Prepare for one of the world's most scenic coastal drives today. Golden beaches stretch endless along the route. Wind through lush forests and stop to admire London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles. The crisp sea air provides a refreshing backdrop for a lunch stop in Port Campbell or consider an optional experience epic helicopter flight over the Twelve Apostles. You'll arrive in Lorne late afternoon. Hotel: Cumberland Lorne. B



Loch Ard Gorge

#### Day 6 Lorne – Mornington Peninsula

The last leg of the Great Ocean Road brings you to the surfing capital of Torquay, where you'll learn about Australia's surf culture before heading to the Bellarine Peninsula. Indulge in a Local Dining Experience lunch and wine tasting at the award-winning Jack Rabbit Vineyard. Then board a ferry to Queenscliff and visit Green Olive Farm. This evening enjoy a sumptuous dinner at Linden Tree Restaurant. Hotel: Lindenderry at Red Hill. B LD DW

#### Day 7 Mornington Peninsula – Farewell from Melbourne

The aroma of coffee beans beckon as you head back to Melbourne after breakfast. As your Inspiring Journey nears its end, venture into the hallowed grounds of the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Later, enjoy a Celebration Lunch with your travel companions before bidding them goodbye. B CL



Australian Surfing Museum



Indigenous culture at Halls Gap



Melbourne's shopping arcades



Melbourne



Daylesworth



Warrnambool

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