

# AUSTRALIA

2021-2022 GUIDED HOLIDAYS



 **FIRST CHOICE** 5-21 day Fully Curated Experiences

 **BEST BUYS** 3-15 day Flexible Guided Holidays

# Tastes of Southern Australia

📅 11 DAYS

📍 SYDNEY → ADELAIDE

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23 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

## HIGHLIGHTS



LOCAL CONNECTION

Meet a local sheep farming family at Gold Creek Station – a special experience for over 40 years!



INSIDER KNOWLEDGE

Take in historical Parliament House followed by a moving visit to the Australian War Memorial, led by your specialist guide.



CULTURAL IMMERSION

Gain a new understanding of both wildlife and traditional Aboriginal lifestyle, touring the regenerated land at Tower Hill with local guides.



SUSTAINABLE FOOTPRINTS

Support those affected by the bushfires with a visit to our sponsored Hanson Bay Wildlife Park.



● START

● END

① Number of night stays

● Sightseeing stops



## WHY YOU'LL LOVE THIS TRIP:

- The famous Great Ocean Road road trip is a must-do
- Discover delicious Coonawarra Cabernet and Barossa Valley wines
- Support the community and wildlife on Kangaroo Island
- Meet and learn from nine local experts

As this holiday departs at 7.30am from the Vibe Hotel Sydney, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 1 Sydney – Canberra

Depart Sydney this morning and travel through the rolling hills and verdant pastures of the Southern Highlands. Pause at historic Berrima, 📍 then visit Gold Creek Station to meet Craig Starr and his family for a Welcome Reception. Gain a deeper understanding of life on his farm as you savour the flavours of a 🍷 Be My Guest Aussie BBQ lunch. 📍 On arrival in Canberra you'll join a local guide for a tour of Parliament House, then visit the impressive Australian War Memorial. Before you depart, you'll hear an evocative lament being played, paying tribute to the Australian servicemen and women who have lost their lives in armed conflicts. Get to know your Travel Director and fellow travellers tonight over dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. BG DW**

### 2 Canberra – Wangaratta

Before leaving Canberra this morning, drive to the summit of Mt. Ainslie to experience panoramic views of the city and surrounds. Cross the Murray River into Victoria, taking the scenic route to historic Beechworth. 📍 You'll have free time to visit its boutique stores and perhaps enjoy a 'cuppa' with a town local. You'll stay overnight in the nearby cathedral town of Wangaratta. **Hotel: Quality. B**

### 3 Wangaratta – Melbourne

Travel to historic Glenrowan and on through Ned Kelly country to cosmopolitan Melbourne, Australia's sporting and cultural capital. Gain some interesting insights on an orientation tour of the city, then take some time to explore independently. **Hotel: Savoy on Little Collins, 2 nights. B**

### 4 Melbourne Free Time

Today Melbourne is yours to explore. You may like to consider an optional experience to the Phillip Island Penguin Parade. **B**

### 5 Melbourne – Warrnambool

Embark on one of the world's premier road trips – the Great Ocean Road. Just off shore in the Port Campbell National Park, the towering limestone stacks of the Twelve Apostles rise 50 metres above the wild Southern Ocean. You'll also see nearby Loch Ard Gorge and visit the impressive London Bridge natural rock formation before arriving in the rural town of Warrnambool. **Hotel: Deep Blue Hotel & Hot Springs. B DW**

### 6 Warrnambool – Naracoorte

📍 Visit the Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Co-operative at Tower Hill State Game Reserve, where your guide will provide you with an Indigenous perspective on the area's flora, wildlife and volcanic formations. Cross the border into South Australia and continue to the 📍 world-renowned Coonawarra wine region, pausing at a vineyard for a tasting. Before arriving in Naracoorte you'll be joined by a local expert for a guided tour through the Alexandra Cave. **Hotel: William MacIntosh Motor Lodge. B DW**

### 7 Naracoorte – Kangaroo Island

📍 Journey today to the Fleurieu Peninsula, where rolling hills are complemented by rugged clifftops, sandy beaches and the winding Murray River. Visit the charming seaside town of Victor Harbor before a ferry takes you to Kangaroo Island, famous for its unspoiled natural beauty and fine produce. 📍 Visit Kangaroo Island's only boutique distillery to taste a selection of award-winning Australian gins and delicious liqueurs. Your destination is Kingscote, South Australia's oldest European settlement. **Hotel: Aurora Ozone, 2 nights. B DW**

### 8 Kangaroo Island

Begin your exploration of fascinating Kangaroo Island with a visit to spectacular Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch followed by a guided tour of our sponsored Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, which was badly affected by last year's bushfires. Learn what part fire plays within this delicate ecosystem and how the koalas and other wildlife are adapting to their environment. This is followed by a delicious lunch before joining a local guide at Seal Bay Conservation Park for a guided walk among a colony of rare sea lions in one of the country's most important breeding colonies. **B L**

### 9 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide

📍 This morning, board your ferry to cross back to the mainland and travel to picturesque Adelaide, the 'City of Churches'. 📍 You'll take an orientation tour with your Travel Director before checking into your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure for you to explore the city at your own pace. **Hotel: Stamford Plaza, 2 nights. B**

### 10 Adelaide Hills & The Barossa

Discover the rolling Adelaide Hills and the renowned Barossa today, stopping first at picturesque Hahndorf, Australia's oldest surviving German settlement. Wander down its tree-lined streets and take time to explore the quaint shops and taste some of the town's artisan produce. Enjoy lunch at the Company Kitchen and then visit Seppeltsfield Barossa to sample some of their award-winning wines. Later, you'll have free time to wander through the Jam Factory to see local artisans at work, and soap and perfume being made at Vasse Virgin. Travel back to Adelaide through a tranquil landscape dotted with stone cottages and olive groves to join your Travel Director and travelling companions for a Farewell Dinner. **B L FD**

### 11 Farewell from Adelaide

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end after breakfast. **B**

Why not consider extending your holiday with a three-night cruise on the Murray River aboard the PS Murray Princess? See page 54 >

## 1 FIRST CHOICE



Sydney



Canberra



Melbourne



Warrnambool



Kangaroo Island

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