



We're going "DOWNUNDER" on this
Trip of a Lifetime to **AUSTRALIA**
Escorted by **EUGENE & MAXINE CHERWONKA**
\$7,455



September 16 - October 11, 2009

(Travel Arrangements made by: Vision 2000 Travel Group – Western Canada)

Day 1-2 – Wed-Thurs, Sept 16-17 DEPART EDMONTON

Morning flight to Los Angeles where we board our late evening international flight to Sydney with connections to Perth. Cross the International dateline and lose one day. Don't worry - we will find that lost day on the way home.

Day 3 – Fri, Sept 18 ARRIVE PERTH - 2 nights

Early morning arrival in Sydney and after completing Immigration formalities and clearing Customs, we will transfer to the Domestic Terminal for our flight to Perth. Upon arrival in Perth, we will be transferred to our Hotel.

Day 4 – Sat, Sept 19 AT PERTH (B)

Morning motorcoach tour including Perth's Central Business District, Burswood Park, and Kings Park with its natural bushland, botanical gardens and unrivalled views of Perth and the Swan River. Next travel to Fremantle, Western Australia's port city with some free time to explore the many shops, galleries, bookshops and cafés. We then join Captain Cook Cruises for the scenic river Cruise back to Perth, viewing the spectacular waterfront, with the Captain giving a detailed commentary. Transfer back to the hotel.

Day 5 – Sun, Sept 20 PERTH to ALBANY (B) - 2 nights

Travel south by motorcoach through the farming town of Kojonup. Every spring they yield to the wildflowers - especially the wild orchids. The Kojonup Flora Sanctuary is worth visiting, and in September Kojonup hosts the annual Country Wildflower Festival. Also we visit the Kodja Place Visitor and Interpretive Centre. Then on to Mount Barker and into Albany.

Day 6 – Mon, Sept 21 AT ALBANY

We head East to the Stirling Ranges. Mount Barker is the administrative centre of the regally-named Shire of Plantagenet which is producing some of Australia's best wines. As well, Mount Baker has more than 500 varieties of wildflowers growing, of which more than 30 are believed to grow nowhere else in the world. Next we visit Porongorup National Park where we will find some of the oldest rocks in the world.

Day 7 – Tues, Sept 22 ALBANY to MARGARET RIVER (B) - 1 night

Today we depart Albany and head north, through the timber industry town of Denmark and on to Walpole where we take the 680m long Tree Top Walk which rises to a height of 38m above the floor of the red tingle forest. Then it's on to Pemberton with a visit to the Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse, Australia's tallest lighthouse - arrive in Margaret River.

Day 8 – Wed, Sept 23 MARGARET RIVER to PERTH (B) - 1 night

Margaret River is located close to the very south-western corner of Australia. There are more than 60 wineries in the region - we visit a local Winery for cellar tastings and also the limestone Mammoth Caves, home to ancient fossil remains and extinct animals. We explore at our leisure with MP3 audio headsets as our guide. Arrive in Perth late afternoon.

Day 9 – Thurs, Sept 24 PERTH to AYERS ROCK (B) - 1 night

Transfer to Perth Airport for our morning flight to Ayers Rock. Travel from Ayers Rock through desert plains to The Olgas - known to the Aborigines as 'Kata Tjuta'. There are 36 massive domes of conglomerate red rock. Return to our hotel.

Day 10 – Fri, Sept 25 AYERS ROCK to ALICE SPRINGS (B) - 2 nights

Pick up your boxed breakfast and arrive Ayers Rock just prior to sunrise - this will enable participants to complete the ascent of Ayers Rock in the cool of the morning. Tour the base of the Rock, viewing ancient caves adorned in Aboriginal art, then visit the cultural centre. Return to the Hotel and depart by motorcoach for Alice Springs.

Day 11 – Sat, Sept 26 AT ALICE SPRINGS (B, D)

Local tour covering Telegraph Station, School of the Air, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Anzac Hill followed by free time to shop or explore the Galleries and Shops. Early evening, transfer to Red Centre Resort for dinner and Aboriginal Performance.

Day 12 – Sun, Sept 27 ALICE SPRINGS to ADELAIDE (B) - 2 nights

With our guide and Walpiri Aboriginal people, participate in boomerang and spear throwing, learn traditional hunting techniques, bush survival skills and try some bush food. Return to Alice Springs for our flight to Adelaide. Motorcoach transfer to our hotel with a brief tour enroute.

Day 13 – Mon, Sept 28 AT ADELAIDE (B)

Motorcoach tour to the Barossa Valley, one of Australia's premier wine-growing regions. Enroute, experience the acoustic phenomena of the Whispering Wall. Visit two wineries and sample some premium wines. On the way back to Adelaide, visit Angas Park and Mengler's Lookout, then through Golden Grove and on to Tanunda for a sightseeing tour through the German town.

Day 14 – Tues, Sept 29 ADELAIDE to KANGAROO ISLAND (B, L, D) - 1 night

Depart Adelaide at 6:45 AM, arriving at Cape Jervis for our 45 minute ferry crossing to Kangaroo Island. Tour Clifford's Honey Farm, the only place in the world where the pure strain of the Ligurian bee exists. Enjoy a 2-course lunch at the Seal Bay Café. Visit seal bay, home to about 600 rare Australian Sea Lions. Visit Parndana Wildlife Park and see parrots, cockatoos, finches, Cape Baron Geese, kangaroos, wallabies, koalas, emus and other native and general farm animals. Visit the Island Pure Sheep Dairy and see sheep being milked. Visit Kingscote wharf and watch the pelican feeding. OPTIONAL TOUR - KI Marine Centre / Nocturnal Penguin Tour or Penneshaw Penguin Tour. Penguin Tours are conducted every evening and here is our chance to see them in their natural habitat. (Number of penguins seen is dependent on the time of year.)

Day 15 – Wed, Sept 30 KANGAROO ISLAND to ADELAIDE (B, L) - 1 night

Visit Flinders Chase National Park with views of Yacca Flat and coastal scenery; take a walk around the Remarkable Rocks; drive past the ruins of an early settlement at Weirs Cove; visit Cape de Couedic Lighthouse; wander among the gums trees and see koalas; visit Kelly Hill Caves Sinkholes and caverns. Stop for an Australian style lunch and watch the Birds of Prey Show. Tour Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Oil Distillery. Our tour concludes at Penneshaw where we board the ferry back to Cape Jervis and transfer to our Hotel in Adelaide.

Day 16 – Thurs, Oct 1**ADELAIDE to MT. GAMBIER (B) - 1 night**

Depart Adelaide by motorcoach; visit The Coorong - a National park. Arrive in Mount Gambier.

Day 17 – Fri, Oct 2**MT GAMBIER to MELBOURNE via the GREAT OCEAN ROAD (B) - 1 night**

Depart by motorcoach to Port Fairy and Warrnabool, then a short drive to Shipwreck Coast - view the 12 Apostles ocean rock formations from a coastal boardwalk. Visit the shipwreck site of "Loch Ard", then it's onto Apollo Bay and Geelong to arrive in Melbourne early evening

Day 18 – Sat, Oct 3**MELBOURNE to HOBART, TASMANIA (B) - 2 nights**

Transfer to Melbourne Airport for our morning flight to Hobart. On arrival we will have a City sightseeing tour, including Battery point, Salamanca, Mt. Wellington, waterfront and the Royal Botanical Gardens.

Day 19 – Sun, Oct 4**AT HOBART (B)**

Begin our tour with a visit to Port Arthur, the nation's most important historic site. Visit the interactive interpretation gallery, participate in a guided walking tour, take a harbour cruise, and wander through beautiful gardens and many historic buildings and ruins. Continue on to the Blowhole, Tasman Arch and Devils Kitchen (weather and time permitting).

Day 20 – Mon, Oct 5**HOBART to STRAHAN (B) - 1 night**

Depart Hobart - visit Russell Falls with an easy walk through towering swam gums, dogwoods, musk, myrtle and tall tree ferns. Continue on to Lake St. Clair and then the Tasmanian World Heritage Area wilderness to Queenstown and on to Strahan.

Day 21 – Tues, Oct 6**STRAHAN to CRADLE MOUNTAIN (B, L) - 2 nights**

This morning board your World Heritage Cruise and cross magnificent Macquarie Harbour; sail to Hells Gates, the harbour entrance from the Great Southern Ocean; visit Sarah Island, Tasmania's first and most brutal penal settlement; cruise Gordon River and arrive at Heritage Landing. A well constructed walkway above the forest floor lets you wander through the myrtle rain forest to view many endemic species including an ancient 2000 year old Huon Pine. Lunch is included onboard. Upon return from your cruise, join your coach as we depart Strahan and travel up the rugged west coast to Cradle Mountain.

Day 22 – Wed, Oct 7**AT CRADLE MOUNTAIN (B)**

This morning visit the Cradle Mountain Visitors Centre with its wide range of services that includes informative displays, an art gallery, videos, a welcoming log fire and an informative boardwalk. This afternoon is at Leisure.

Day 23 – Thurs, Oct 8**CRADLE MOUNTAIN to LAUNCESTON to MELBOURNE (B) - 3 nights**

This morning, we continue our journey through the Meander Valley, through the historic towns of Deloraine and Westbury to Launceston., where we tour the Town, terminating at the Airport for our late evening flight back to Melbourne. Transfer from the Airport to our Hotel.

Day 24 – Fri, Oct 9**AT MELBOURNE (B)**

Morning sightseeing Tour of Melbourne. Discover Melbourne's past and present. Drive through the central business district with its eclectic architecture, then past the Victorian Arts Centre and its imposing pyramid-style Shrine of Remembrance which dominates St.Kilda Road. Continue through the fashionable Toorak Village and to the beautiful Fitzroy Gardens with avenues of huge English elms planted along gently contoured lawns, giving them a serene beauty all year round, and inspect Cook's Cottage. This afternoon is at Leisure.

Day 25 – Sat, Oct 10**AT MELBOURNE (B)**

Full day at leisure.

Day 26 – Sun, Oct 11**MELBOURNE to CANADA (B)**

Transfer to Melbourne Airport for our late morning flight to Los Angeles and then on to Edmonton.

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy.

Your 26 Day Tour Package Includes:

1. Return airfare from Edmonton.
2. All airfares within Australia as shown in itinerary, plus all Motorcoach travel.
3. All boat tours.
4. All Hotel accommodations, including baggage handling.
5. Meals as outlined in the itinerary
6. All sightseeing tours and Admission Fees, as outlined in the itinerary.
7. Orientation night prior to departure.

Your Cost Does Not Include:

1. Taxes and fuel surcharge - \$527 per person, subject to change until final payment
2. Tipping for local guides/drivers \$90, due with final payment.
3. Insurance - Cancellation and Medical package
4. Excess baggage weight.

Insurance Premiums:	
0 - 60 yrs	\$449.00
61 - 65 yrs	\$525.00
66 - 70 yrs	\$572.00
71 - 76 yrs	\$746.00

LIMITED SPACE so BOOK EARLY... To secure your reservation, a non-refundable deposit of \$750 CAD is required. Final payment is due on or before June 30, 2009. Payment can be made by cheque; money order; cash; MasterCard or Visa.

A Canadian Passport is mandatory and must be valid for a minimum of 6 months beyond your return date to Canada.

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