

MELBOURNE

Melbourne is renowned for being one of the world's most liveable cities, and relishes its reputation as Australia's most stylish and cosmopolitan centre. The city offers its visitors chic boutiques, trendy eateries and cutting edge culture, yet maintains the links to its historical past with some of Australia's best museums, parklands and 19th century Goldrush buildings. Ride the tramcar around the city – or head to nearby St Kilda to chill on the beach. Famous for its love of all things sporty, the city is home to numerous international events – so there is always something going on!

VICTORIA

Australia's 'Garden State' Victoria has some of the country's best National Parks. The Grampians have some wonderful hiking trails, and the Great Ocean Road has been voted one of the best coastal drives in the world. Melbourne provides a perfect base to visit the wineries of the Yarra Valley or the wildlife at Wilson's Promontory.

TOP EXPERIENCES

Drive or tour the Great Ocean Road, one of the world's most spectacular coastlines.

Head to Phillip Island to see the parade of penguins as they cross the beaches at dusk and head home.

Let kangaroos and koalas be your companions as you hike around the Grampians, one of the best National Parks in Australia.

FACT FILE

Climate: Victoria enjoys a warm temperature climate with seasons opposite to those of the UK. Spring starts in September, Summer in December, Autumn in March and Winter in June.

Driving Times: Melbourne to Adelaide - 9 hours & 30 minutes. Melbourne to Mornington Peninsula - 1 hour & 30 minutes. Melbourne to Apollo Bay - 2 hours & 30 minutes

GMT: + 10 hours



Phillip Island Penguin Parade

This memorable experience takes you to Phillip Island to visit the Koala Conservation Centre, walk amongst the treetops and see a protected koala colony.

Enjoy spectacular views over the Mornington Peninsula, before arriving at the beach in time to view the Little Penguins make their way ashore at dusk. You will have access to the less populated boardwalks, allowing a close encounter.

FROM £142 PER ADULT

Day Tour



Day Tour

Neighbours Afternoon Tour

Head to Ramsay Street - tucked away in Melbourne's lovely suburbia.

Take photos of the famous houses, drive past the studios, and if you're lucky you may even get to see some filming! Make sure you get a photo with one of the favourite Neighbours actors (past or present) and grab an autograph.

FROM £34 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Colonial Tramcar

A delightful approach to dining.

This restaurant on wheels enables you to enjoy fine cuisine whilst cruising the scenic streets of Melbourne. Departing from the centre of the city, choose from a lunch or dinner option, all with a fantastic array of Australian cuisine.

LUNCH FROM £77 PER ADULT

EARLY DINNER FROM £72 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Great Ocean Road with Heli Flight

Travel from Melbourne through the township of Kennet River before lunch in Apollo Bay with photo stops along the way.

Then it's on to the famous Port Campbell National Park and the majestic monoliths of the Twelve Apostles, before boarding your helicopter for a new perspective on this rugged coastline's most famous landmarks. Enjoy dinner on the way back to Melbourne after a day you won't forget.

FROM £126 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Yarra Valley Wine Experience

Taking in some of Victoria's best wineries, the Yarra Valley is just one hour from the centre of Melbourne.

Included are tutored tastings at four premium wineries, plus a superb winery lunch in magnificent Victorian countryside. You'll also learn how to taste wine like a pro and your guides will show you the magic of making some of Australia's best drops.

FROM £69 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Explore Melbourne with iVenture

Book an iVenture card for free entry to a host of attractions throughout Melbourne.

Including the Eureka Skydeck, a half day city tour, the Melbourne Aquarium, entry to the Melbourne Cricket Ground with a tour, or a river cruise. With 2 and 3 day options this is a fantastic way to visit a host of popular attractions.

2 DAY PASS FROM £94 PER ADULT

2 DAY PASS (with transport) FROM £124 PER ADULT



WHERE TO STAY IN MELBOURNE

Choose from accommodation in the heart of Melbourne, close to the main shopping precinct and famous laneways. The City Centre tram loop is a fantastic way of travelling around to many attractions.

Alternatively, stay on the banks of the Yarra River where you will find gourmet eateries, chic bars and the extravagance of the Crown Entertainment Complex. Just 20 minutes to the south by tram is the trendy suburb of St. Kilda, with its lively esplanade and a host of al fresco dining.





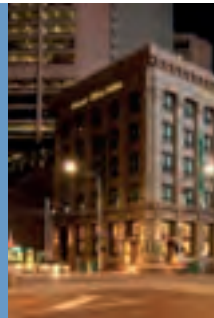
**Quality Hotel
Batmans Hill**

★★★★★

This hotel is centrally located close to all the main attractions that Melbourne has to offer.

**FREE BREAKFAST -
Selected dates**

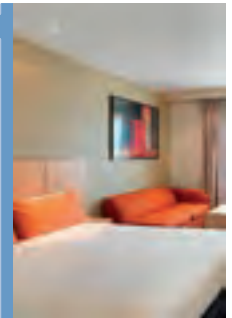
FROM £43 PER ADULT



**Travelodge
Southbank** ★★★★★

Within easy walking distance to restaurants, cafés, great shopping, art galleries and the Crown Casino.

FROM £45 PER ADULT



Mantra On The Park

★★★★★

Consisting of one and two bedroom apartments, all rooms offer private balconies with spectacular views across the skyline.

**FREE BREAKFAST -
Selected dates**

FROM £59 PER ADULT

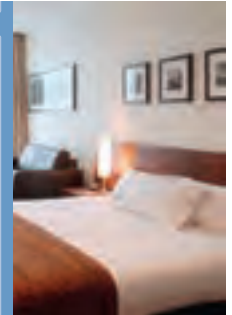


**Clarion Suites
Gateway** ★★★★★

Located in the heart of Melbourne close to the free City Circle tram, this hotel provides spacious studio, one and two bedroom suites with room to relax.

**FREE BREAKFAST -
Selected dates**

FROM £67 PER ADULT



**Radisson on Flagstaff
Gardens** ★★★★★

Tastefully decorated guest rooms offer stylish, modern accommodation which boasts scenic views across the gardens and Melbourne's Docklands.

FROM £55 PER ADULT



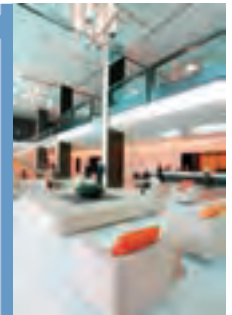
Crown Promenade

★★★★★

Located in Melbourne's vibrant South Bank entertainment precinct, this is a modern hotel with spacious accommodation and fantastic views over the city.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £71 PER ADULT



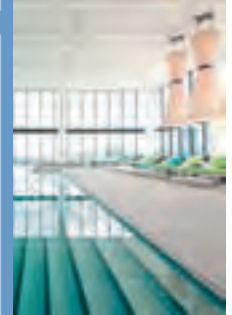
Crown Metropol

★★★★★

Just a short walk from the vibrant Southbank district, this luxury design-led contemporary hotel is home to Gordon Ramsay's exclusive maze restaurant.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £99 PER ADULT



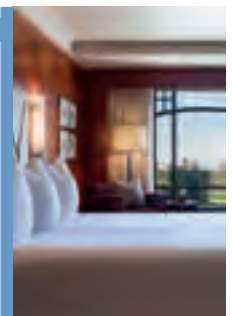
**Park Hyatt
Melbourne**

★★★★★

Overlooking Fitzroy Gardens, Park Hyatt is a sanctuary in the heart of the city, with luxuriously furnished rooms.

**FREE BREAKFAST -
Selected dates**

FROM £95 PER ADULT

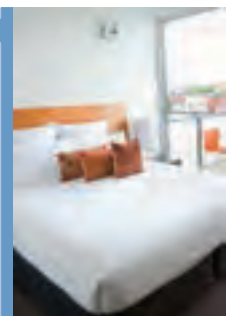


**Cosmopolitan
Hotel St. Kilda**

★★★★★

Tucked away in the heart of this seafont suburb, this hotel boasts luxurious, boutique accommodation. Upgrade to an apartment for longer stays.

FROM £42 PER ADULT





Day Tour

Great Ocean Road Heli Flight

Take a scenic flight from Port Campbell over the spectacular views of Sentinel Rock, Bakers Oven, Loch Ard Gorge and the famous Twelve Apostles. The perfect addition to any self drive adventure along the Great Ocean Road!
 FROM £58 PER ADULT



Twelve Apostles

GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Voted one of the best coastal drives in the world, the Great Ocean Road is undoubtedly one of Australia's most popular and scenic driving routes. Jaw dropping scenery makes for a thrilling 240km drive along the Southern coastline.



Melbourne to Adelaide



5 Day Self Drive from £335 per adult

DAY 1: MELBOURNE – LORNE OR APOLLO BAY

Depart Melbourne and travel to Torquay, Australia's surf capital where the Great Ocean Road begins its journey westward. Continue to Lorne, one of Victoria's most attractive resort towns.

DAY 2: APOLLO BAY OR LORNE – PORT FAIRY

Continue along the Great Ocean Road to the majestic Twelve Apostles. Other attractions include London Bridge, the Bay of Martyrs and Massacre Bay. Journey to Port Fairy for the evening.

DAY 3: PORT FAIRY – ROBE

Travel to the Grampians, one of Victoria's largest and most accessible national parks, home to Koori rock art and striking rock formations. Continue to the rugged, windswept coastal town of Robe. Take a walk on one of the secluded beaches where you may even get to spot fairy penguins.

DAY 4: ROBE – BAROSSA

Head towards the Barossa Valley, home to over 50 vineyards. If you want to take part in some serious wine tasting why not book a private tour and savour the flavour of South Australia.

DAY 5: BAROSSA – ADELAIDE

Why not take to the skies this morning on a hot air balloon ride before heading back to Adelaide.

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options.

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Great Ocean Road Overnight Tour - National Treasures



2 Day Escorted Tour from £422 per adult

If you're limited for time why not take a guided overnight tour which will let you see all the highlights of this stunning coastline in just 2 days, with an expert guide at the helm.

DAY 1: Head out from Melbourne and past the famous surf at Bells Beach, stop at the seaside resort of Lorne for a lunch break, before continuing to Great Otway National Park to take a 1km guided walk through a cool temperate rainforest gully. Check in for the evening at your private self contained villas set high on a hill overlooking the Southern Ocean at Apollo Bay.

DAY 2: Start with breakfast at the 'locals favourite' Bay Leaf Café. Today's journey starts with travelling through the Otway ranges and onto Castle Cove overlooking the Aire River valley, before on to the Twelve Apostles - icons of Australia's natural beauty. Take in London Bridge, Bay of Islands, Bay of Martyrs and Boat Bay before our journey turns inland and travels through open farmland towards Melbourne arriving around 6pm. (NAT3)

Please Note: Tour departs Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday from Melbourne at 8.30am.

Please see austravel.com for full details

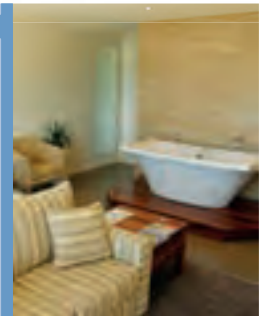


Captains at the Bay

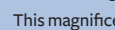


Just a stroll away from the Apollo Bay beach and restaurants. With smart, contemporary interiors, and splashes of luxury, Captains is a good base from which to explore the area.

FROM £76 PER ADULT

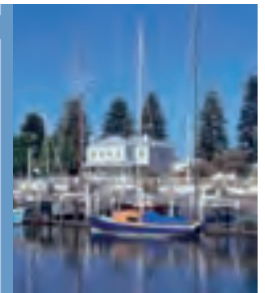


Oscars Waterfront Port Fairy



This magnificent two-storey establishment features six individually decorated king-size rooms, and one suite, all with generous ensuites and stunning views.

FROM £81 PER ADULT



Great Ocean Road & The Grampians

5 Day Self Drive from £359 per adult

DAY 1: MELBOURNE – APOLLO BAY

From Melbourne, journey along the Surfcoast Highway to Torquay, Australia's surf capital, and the start of the spectacular Great Ocean Road. Continue to beautiful Lorne and Apollo Bay where you'll stay tonight, a short drive from Otway National Park.

DAY 2: APOLLO BAY – PORT FAIRY

Head inland into the rugged Shipwreck Coast region, returning to the coast at Princetown where the Port Campbell National Park begins to unfold with spectacular natural features, including the renowned Twelve Apostles. Drive onwards to Warrnambool, Tower Hill and Port Fairy.

DAY 3: PORT FAIRY – HALLS GAP

Journey north, through rich rural regions, to the Grampians National Park. The road from Dunkeld takes you on a spectacular journey of waterfalls, valleys and wildlife, across the ranges to Cavendish and on to Halls Gap.

DAY 4: HALLS GAP – BALLARAT

Travel to Ballarat and Sovereign Hill where you'll revisit the 1850's gold rush. Discover historic towns of the Goldfields region, wineries, Daylesford and Hepburn Springs.

DAY 5: BALLARAT – MELBOURNE

Leave Ballarat and follow the Western Freeway back to Melbourne.

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DISCOVER VICTORIA

Boasting some of Australia's best National Parks, Victoria is a diverse landscape of mountain ranges, wildlife parks and seaside villages on golden beaches. Phillip Island is home to the famous Penguin parade; watch these extraordinary creatures march up the beach to their burrows every evening. Discover Morning Peninsula with olive groves and vineyards, al fresco dining and secluded beaches. The Grampians National Park is home to a famous gold rush region, with steep, craggy slopes and ancient Aboriginal art sites.



The True South

6 Day Self Drive from £411 per adult



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DAY 1: MELBOURNE – MORNINGTON PENINSULA

A short drive south of Melbourne takes you to the beachside cafés, galleries and wineries of this popular area. Find a peaceful beach, dine al fresco, and watch the locals pass by.

DAY 2: MORNINGTON PENINSULA - PHILLIP ISLAND

Travel around the peninsula and to Phillip Island, famous for its little penguins who parade back to their burrows each evening. See the famous Grand Prix circuit and the vast Fur Seal colony at Seal Rock.

DAY 3: PHILLIP ISLAND – LAKES ENTRANCE

Venture on to the coastal Bass Highway and head towards Bairnsdale. Lakes Entrance is a unique area of lakes, rivers and lagoons which join 90 Mile Beach; take a cruise and spot dolphins, seals and a wide variety of seabirds.

DAY 4: LAKES ENTRANCE

A day at leisure, explore one of the scenic trails or take a short drive to one of the neighbouring lakeside towns.

DAY 5: LAKES ENTRANCE - WALHALLA

Head inland to the town of Walhalla, once one of Australia's richest towns and an integral part of the Gold Rush; this sleepy mountainside town is now home to just 20 residents but a fantastic place to explore the rich history of the area.

DAY 6: WALHALLA - MELBOURNE

The last day of your journey, pass through the small township of Moe before joining the Princes Highway that will lead you back in to the heart of this cosmopolitan city.

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Day Tour

Seal Watching Cruise, Phillip Island

A spectacular two hour cruise from Cowes which allows you to get close to one of Australia's largest fur seal colonies on the aptly named Seal Rock.

FROM £43 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Phillip Island Helicopters

See Phillip Island from a different perspective! The full island tour is 25 minutes long, and offers unprecedented views of the Moto GP track, amazing surf beaches and the penguin viewing areas from above, but a shorter 15 minute option is also available.

FROM £111 PER ADULT

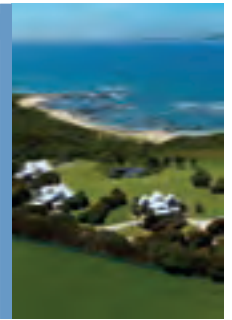
Wilson's Promontory

Bear Gully Cottages

★★★★★

Located on Wilson's Promontory, with spectacular ocean views and the beach just a 5 minute stroll from your cottage door. All cottages boast large covered decks, living areas and fully fitted kitchens.

FROM £79 PER ADULT

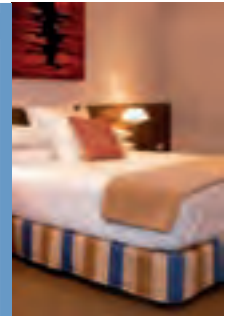


Brooklands of Mornington

★★★★★

Discover the local area from Brooklands in the heart of the Peninsula, with wineries and beaches close by.

FROM £53 PER ADULT

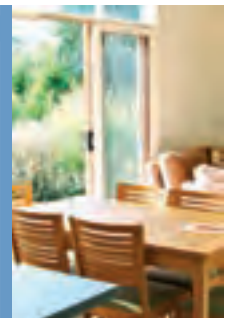


Ramada Phillip Island

★★★★★

Explore the swimming and surf beaches, surrounded by rugged countryside. Upgrade to a 2 or 3 bedroom villa with full kitchen facilities for a home from home.

FROM £34 PER ADULT

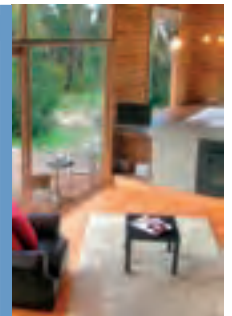


DULC Cabins, Halls Gap

★★★★★

Eco-friendly contemporary cabins set in the depth of the Grampians National Park, each cabin has floor to ceiling windows and spectacular views.

FROM £79 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Otway Fly Treetop Walk

An adventurous addition to your Great Ocean Road adventure! Join a one hour rainforest walk on the 30 metre high treetop canopy walkway, the longest and tallest of its type in the world. Following this, join an experience like no other as you travel high above the trees on a 2.5 hour zip line fully guided tour.

FROM £67 PER ADULT

Great Ocean Road & Beach Escape

8 Day Self Drive
from £572 per adult

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DAY 1: MELBOURNE - PHILLIP ISLAND

Just two hours south of the city and you'll find yourself in the wildlife haven of Phillip Island, explore the spectacular coastline and catch the Little Penguins heading home at dusk from the boardwalks.

DAY 2: PHILLIP ISLAND - MORNINGTON PENINSULA

Leave Phillip Island and head west around the bay to the heart of the Mornington Peninsula. Stylish Sorrento and Portsea are a treasure trove of antique shops, cafés, and walking trails along the ocean-facing coastline.

DAY 3: MORNINGTON PENINSULA

A popular choice with Melburnians, this laid back area is also home to a number of vineyards - spend a day at leisure trying local gourmet tasting plates and a selection of premium wines.

DAY 4: MORNINGTON PENINSULA - APOLLO BAY

Drive to the tip of the Peninsula and catch a short ferry over to Queenscliff, a seaside resort at the other side of the Port Phillip Bay. Follow the Bellarine Highway to Torquay and the beginning of your Great Ocean Road road trip. Voted one of the best coastal drives in the world, take time to explore the scenic coastline through to Apollo Bay.

DAY 5: APOLLO BAY - PORT FAIRY

Travel to Port Campbell, stopping at the amazing rock formations of the Twelve Apostles, huge stone stacks rising majestically from the surf. Continue to the broken arch at London Bridge, and the Shipwreck Coast at Warrnambool before an evening in Port Fairy.

DAY 6: PORT FAIRY - ROBE

Cross over the border and enter South Australia, passing through the seaside town of Portland, before you arrive into Robe; once a thriving ships port, this is home to stunning cliff walks, wild beaches and rugged bush trails.

DAY 7: ROBE - BAROSSA

Travel through Coorong National Park and Mannum, one of the oldest towns located on the Murray River, and into the Barossa Valley; one of Australia's most famous wine regions. Vineyards spread across lush green undulating hills, a warm and intimate place of charming towns, friendly people, and inviting cellar doors. Take time to explore and of course sample some of the locally produced blends.

DAY 8: BAROSSA - ADELAIDE

Leaving the vineyards and countryside behind, travel through Gawler and into Adelaide, the capital of South Australia and known as the City of Churches, before continuing your onward journey.

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