

## Design Your Day Descriptions

*All activities are subject to various minimum participation levels and are all subject to change.*

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### **Marvellous Melbourne - The city of fashion, style & culture**

*Duration: 4 hours (morning tour)*

*Fitness Level: Easy*

Join Kenneth Park, art curator and world traveller for a unique walking and tram tour through the labyrinth of arcades and alleyways of Marvellous Melbourne. Your tour will offer vignette experiences of some of Melbourne's grand 19th century buildings like the great domed room of 333 Collins St, the old General Post Office (now an H&M store) and the boom style Hotel Windsor, as well as a selection of modern and contemporary architecture like Collins Place, 101 Collins Street, QT Hotel and the National Gallery of Victoria – Australian Collection at Federation Square. Along the way we will stop at one or two distinctive Melbourne fashion and design houses including e.g.etal. for handmade Australian/NZ designer jewellery, basement treasure house Paris like boutique of Christine and the fashion house Alpha60 in its unique location of the Chapterhouse. We pop into the fabulous showroom of Paspaley Pearls and encounter the true Australia at R M Williams. Of course, somewhere meandering we will find a place to enjoy Melbourne's legendary coffee.

### **Behind the scenes at Southbank Theatre**

*Duration: 3 hours (morning tour)*

*Fitness Level: Easy*

Start your exclusive experience with light refreshments in the Qatar Airways MTC Lounge. Go behind the scenes and hear from the MTC Production about the technical expertise driving the magic of MTC's set, costume and lighting design. Enjoy an exclusive glimpse of the backstage and production areas with insights from MTC's Technical Team. Hear about the process of bringing iconic Australian work to the stage, with a special focus on MTC's season of an Australian classic, on the Sumner stage in May 2019. Your morning will include a light grazing lunch.

### **Bellarine Peninsula, Indigenous Culture and Great Ocean Road**

*Duration: 8 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy*

Discover the road less travelled on a Local Private Experience. Visit Narana; an award-winning Aboriginal Cultural Centre offering authentic, immersive, cultural experiences. Following morning tea head for the famous Surf Coast. Bells Beach is the home of the world's longest continuously running surfing competition – now known as the Rip Curl Pro Bells Beach. Take a

walk along the Southern Ocean and feel ice cold water lap at your feet. Lunch today is at Jack Rabbit; a must visit destination on the Bellarine. Experience the delectable food, take a guided tasting of the diverse stable of sophisticated cool climate wines. Soak up the spectacular and ever-changing views and intimate coastal ambience. The ultimate Bellarine experience awaits. Enjoy a tutored wine tasting at Scotchmans Hill. The immaculately maintained vineyards overlook Port Phillip Bay, and the wines are a true reflection of this environment. Conclude the day with a visit to a local cheese factory or mussel farm experience.

## **Foodies Journey through Mornington Peninsula**

*Duration: 8 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy*

Serious food lovers are in for a treat. Prepare to be constantly inspired and delighted by this diverse, boot-shaped region; you are now entering 'Foodie Heaven.' Our hosts own 27 acres of charming farm land with red fertile soil that allows them to grow and produce premium quality olives, grapes, herbs and veggies. They also raise sheep, chickens and fish, and turn amazing produce from local farmers into a range of delectable goodies.

You'll get a whole new perspective on the concept of 'Paddock to Plate'. Spend time in the kitchen with the chef; cooking in a wood fire oven, with wood collected from fallen timber on the property. What you do on the day depends on the season; you may try your hand at curing olives grown on the farm, create handmade sausages in natural skins, make mouth-watering gnocchi, master the art of sourdough bread, learn ways to cook with olives and olive oil, or successfully roast and make great coffee. Later you'll sit back, relax and enjoy the surrounds while eating and drinking some of the finest food and wine the Mornington Peninsula has to offer. After lunch take a drive down the road to sample cool climate wines with one of our favourite wine makers, taste freshly made goats cheese from a local dairy or savour succulent strawberries and cherries from the fruit farms in the area. What more could a foodie want?

## **Special a day with an Aussie family**

*Duration: 8 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy*

Today is a real treat - an A&K exclusive experience - where you are welcomed into the home of the Barber family, to learn a little of what it is like to be an Aussie family 'living off the land'. This is a genuine operating sheep property which has been in the Barber Family name since 1917. Meet Duncan Barber a 4th generation farmer of this land and enjoy an exclusive visit to his sheep farm. On arrival at the property you are treated to a delicious home-baked morning tea in the delightful surroundings of the Homestead, built in 1859.

After morning tea, it is time for you to watch as Duncan shears a sheep. This is also a chance to watch Duncan work his Australian Sheep Dogs & to plant an Australian Native Tree to commemorate your visit to the property before returning to the homestead for a three-course lunch with the Barber family. To conclude your day, Duncan will take you for a drive around the property to spot kangaroos in their natural environment. You will return to the city in the late afternoon with a sense of having broken through the tourist crust & seen the real Australia.

## **Golf by Private Aircraft\***

*\*A \$500USD participation surcharges applies.*

*Duration: 8 hours*

*Fitness Level: Moderate*

Escape the hustle and bustle of Melbourne for the day. Departing Essendon airport, and taking just over an hour flying directly over Bass Strait, no airport queues, hire cars or transfers to worry about; take in a birds-eye view of the course before landing on the Barnboughe private airstrip beside the 2nd fairway.

Since opening in December 2004, The Dunes has maintained its position as the number one public access course in Australia. Currently rated #4 course in Australia (by Australian Golf Digest), #34 course in the World (U.S. Golf Magazine) and #11 course in the World (U.S. Golf Digest), The Dunes is a regular on 'must play' lists around the world. The Dunes course is a pure links golf test of the highest order. Carved from the natural contours of the coastal land, the course has been designed to emulate the true links courses of Scotland and Ireland. A great test of golf that combines both challenge and enjoyment. Enjoy 18 holes in and around the dramatic dunes of Anderson Bay and along the pristine coastline with a Golf Pro on hand to offer guidance. Afterwards, enjoy a gourmet lunch with wine before returning to Melbourne after a day you will never forget!

## **Melbourne Laneways, Street Art & Stencil Workshop**

*Duration: 4 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy to Moderate. Up to 2km (1.25 miles) easy paced walking involved*

Join your local guide and a Melbourne street artist for a 2.5-hour walking tour of Melbourne, offering you a glimpse of this city that you never knew existed. A refreshment stop is included at one of Melbourne's renowned cafes.

The walking tour will finish at Blender Studios for your opportunity to meet artists, see them at work and ask them questions. Take a 45-minute graffiti stencil workshop and spray paint a masterpiece under the watchful eye of the experts and take home your very own piece of Melbourne street art. Nearby is the wonderful Artvo – you'll also be able to encounter over 100 3D reality-defying artworks. Artvo is a new immersive gallery where visitors are encouraged to touch and interact with the art.

## **Inside Melbourne, Art, Coffee & Community**

*Duration: 4 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy. Minimal walking required.*

Discover the true identity of Melbourne's inner north on this eye-opening tour.

Fitzroy and Collingwood are in the midst of a dramatic transformation from traditional working-class suburbs, to trendy neighbourhoods bursting with start-ups, dining hotspots, and creative laboratories setting up shop in disused warehouses. Colourful identities roam the streets. On the quest to seek out all that is yet to be mainstream, Melbournians will inevitably head to these few inner-city blocks.

Begin with a leisurely stroll past some of the controversial street artworks displayed on the sides of former factories and modern apartments. Arriving at Allpress Coffee Roastery, enjoy a private

coffee demonstration - learn brewing skills and the secrets behind the traditional styles such as latte and cappuccino, as well as the true Aussie favourite, a flat white. The final stop is at the HoMie Street Store on renowned Brunswick Street to discover how the local community helps those in hardship via practical means.

### **Taste the Queen Victoria Market Walk**

*Duration: 4 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy to Moderate. This tour is solely on foot.*

A perfect highlights tour for those looking to get a taste of the world-renowned Melbourne food scene!

Your 4-hour walking, talking and tasting discovery will start at the Queen Victoria Market. Explore the meat and seafood halls, discover the stunning deli hall and walk through aisle after aisle of fresh seasonal produce.

Enjoy a perfectly made coffee, handmade Greek-style dips, freshly shucked oysters and warm-from-the-oven Turkish pastries.

Then continue on to Chinatown where you stop to enjoy Chinese egg tarts, authentic samosas and roast duck.

Your final destination is the Spring St Grocer for Italian artisan gelato –indulge your sweet tooth by sampling one of the many daily-changing flavours.

During the tour your guide will also share where the latest and greatest restaurants and bars are hidden, these are often found in basements and on city rooftops.

### **The Essential Melbourne Experience**

*Duration: 5 hours*

*Fitness Level: Moderate. This tour includes 2 hours of easy cycling.*

Start your day with a fun, relaxing bike ride in the great outdoors. Get your bearings as you explore Melbourne's grooviest streets, parks, shops, cafes, hidden laneways and multicultural neighbourhoods by bike. Experience real Melbourne hospitality on this leisurely ride with a local guide.

After a bit of activity, join your guide for a delicious lunch at a fun, city laneway dining hotspot, for which Melbourne is so famous!

To round out the day, board your vehicle for a private tour of Melbourne and learn how this sophisticated, yet approachable city has been shaped and moulded. From the comfort of your vehicle, you will see The Golden Mile and heritage buildings, Federation Square, the Queen Victoria Market, Albert Park Lake and Melbourne's beautiful beachfront.

### **Sporting Capital of the World**

*Duration: 4.5 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy to Moderate. Much of the tour is conducted on foot. There will be steps on / off the cruise vessel.*

Begin your day with a scenic river cruise to Melbourne Park, home of the Australian Open Grand Slam Tennis tournament. Go behind the scenes and experience Rod Laver and Margaret Court Arenas. Enjoy backstage access to areas used during the tournament and go inside the purpose-built Media centre. There will also be an opportunity to join a former Australian tennis professional for a hit on one of the show courts.

Continue to the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG) for a behind-the-scenes tour. With a total capacity of 100,000 people, the MCG is the largest stadium in Australia and the world's largest stadium for playing cricket.

Travel along the Australian Formula One Grand Prix circuit. Opening the Formula One World series, the Australian Grand Prix is the most watched sporting event held in Australia, with a huge global audience.

Conclude the tour in true Aussie Sporting style lunch at one of Melbourne's leading sports bars - taste a great Australian meat pie with tomato sauce and a beer!

### **Early Bird Exclusive Tour of Melbourne Zoo + City Sights**

*Duration: 4 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy. Some walking involved at the zoo.*

Australia's native animals are some of the most remarkable in the world. What better way to start your day than by visiting the world-class Melbourne Zoo and the opportunity to learn more about iconic Australian fauna?

In this exclusive experience, you will have morning access to Melbourne Zoo before it opens to the public. Join a zookeeper for an introduction to Aussie wildlife resident at the Zoo as they start their morning routines. Enjoy a koala presentation and see other special and colourful Australian animals including Tasmanian devils, wombats, birdlife, wallabies, emus, and even have a chance to give a kangaroo some breakfast!

For yourself, fresh hot coffee and croissants from a bakery in nearby Fitzroy will make for a welcome companion on tour.

As you return to the city, explore some of Melbourne's iconic sights, such as the quirky laneways and arcades, Flinders Street Station and Federation Square with your local guide, before returning to your accommodation.

### **Jewish Melbourne**

*Duration: 6 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy. Some easy paced walking required.*

Discover the thriving culture of the Jewish diaspora in Melbourne and the influences the Jewish community has made on the city.

Hosted by a Jewish historian and a local guide, take in the architecture, museums, cafes, and produce stores prominent in Melbourne's inner southern suburbs. Stroll along St Kilda beach and explore the main street of this seaside hotspot, lined with restaurants and European cake shops. Continue to the Jewish enclaves of Balaclava, Elsternwick and Ripponlea. Learn the history of early Jewish residents, as well as the strong bonds of the community and its educational facilities that are in place today.

Your guide will highlight the history of the Jewish community's remarkable presence in Melbourne post-WW2, with an option to visit the Jewish Museum of Australia. You will also be welcomed to synagogue to meet some locals with your host.

Enjoy lunch in one of the local restaurants (Kosher option available) before returning to the city, taking in some of Melbourne's iconic sights.

### **Mornington Peninsula Coast, Wine & Wildlife**

*Duration: 7 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy. Minimal walking required.*

Only an hour's drive from Melbourne, the Mornington Peninsula has been captivating visitors for more than 100 years. Attracted by the gentle hills, sparkling bay beaches, rugged surf and stunning coastal scenery, people flock to the peninsula to enjoy all it has to offer, not least the food and wine.

Your first stop this morning will be at Moonlit Sanctuary, home to all of Australia's iconic native wildlife, as well as some rare species, all set amongst natural bushland.

Enjoy lunch at a stunning vineyard restaurant.

Then continue to visit some of the region's best wineries. Regarded highly as a quality cool climate wine-growing region, you will find some of the best Australian examples of Chardonnay, Shiraz and Pinot Noir. Enjoy hosted tastings at two of the region's finest: Crittenden Estate and Port Phillip Estate.

### **The Fashion Capital**

*Duration: 4 hours*

*Fitness Level: Easy. Minimal walking required.*

Visit two contrasting fashion destinations, guided by a local Melbourne fashion identity.

First stop is the high-end suburb of Armadale: a classic Melbourne neighbourhood with a mixture of modern and heritage homes and streets lined with boutiques, cafes, galleries and spas. Spend time browsing the Australian designer boutiques, with expert tips based on your personal preferences. Continue on to Chadstone, "The Fashion Capital" and the premier shopping destination in Australia, featuring 38 luxury brands under its roof.

Visit Paspaley and gain an appreciation for the exquisite Australian sea pearl (the most beautiful in the world). Sample pearl-meat canapes with sparkling wine as you browse the boutique.

Stop at The Daily Edited, the manufacturer of fine quality leather goods. Enjoy high tea in the private rooms of Anton's – Australia's only manufacturer of luxury diamond jewellery. There will also be time to visit Australian iconic brands such as Zimmerman, Sass & Bide and Zampatti.

### **Mornington Wine Tour + Lunch at Jackalope**

*Duration: 8 hours*

*Fitness Level: Low*

The Mornington Peninsula has been captivating visitors for more than 100 years. Attracted by the gentle hills, kilometres of sparkling bay beaches, rugged surf beaches and stunning coastal scenery, people flock to the peninsula to enjoy all it has to offer, not least the food and wine.

The Peninsula is a glorious tapestry of changing topography, vegetation and cultivation lending itself to be one of Victoria's leading food and wine regions. Some of the most picturesque wineries in Victoria can be found throughout this area. Regarded highly as a quality cool climate wine-growing region, you will find some of the best Australian examples of Chardonnay, Shiraz and Pinot Noir.

Enjoy private tastings, mouth-watering farm grown produce and meet a variety of artisans throughout this pristine coastal wine region. Lunch will be at a Rare Hare at Jackalope. Later today see Australia's native wildlife at the Moonlit Sanctuary. Inclusions: Expert host, local treats and wine tasting, gourmet morning tea, lunch at Rare Hare @ Jackalope, admission and activity expenses.

### **Morning laneways and arcades with Hidden Secrets**

*Duration: 4 hours*

*Fitness Level: Low to Moderate*

Have you ever been to a city and wondered what all the fuss was about? Or wasted time trying to find that cool local cafe' you were told of, and ended up missing everything? Melbourne's arcades and laneways hide many of these answers. Join this indulgent morning walk through Melbourne's beautiful back streets and get orientated in the life of the city that locals love.

Discover local designers and specialty retailers that often are only found in the city. Some of the quirkiest cafes, independent designers, street art, architecture, and historical tales are found in these walkways, there is something for everyone, locals and visitors alike. Morning drink is included before a restaurant lunch with a glass of wine. See over 30 stores on this casual stroll and return to those you like best in the afternoon: Make a day of it in Marvellous Melbourne. Inclusions: Morning seated drink, chocolate tastings, souvenir bag with map, local offers and lunch and a glass of wine.

### **Kangaroo's and Koala with Aboriginal Culture and BBQ Lunch**

*Duration: 7.5 hours*

*Fitness Level: Low to Moderate*

Join the educational group travel experts in Australia for an experience with famous Australian animals. Imagine seeing a mob of kangaroos bounding right past you and seeing wild Koalas in the forest of a National Park! This tour is an informative and dramatic introduction to the unique wildlife of Australia. In the company of an expert wildlife guide you will see mobs of free ranging Eastern-grey kangaroos in a natural bush setting.

You will also see and learn about many other Australian animals and birds at Serendip open-range sanctuary on the vast Western Plains near Melbourne. During a delicious Bush Lunch, you will meet and talk to an Aboriginal person and learn about their culture. You'll also hear the evocative music of the didgeridoo. After lunch we head to a nearby national park to see Koalas in the wild. Your nature guide will share the knowledge of these wonderful pouched animals with you. Our Koala Research Project ensures we regularly have multiple sightings of these shy

creatures in the wild. At the end of the day the tour returns to Melbourne. Inclusions: Naturalist Guide, Aboriginal cultural exchange AND delicious BBQ bush lunch with wine and beer.

### **Melbourne city walking tour with Colonial Tramcar Restaurant (Melbourne Private Tours)**

*Duration: 6 hours*

*Fitness Level: Low to Moderate*

Melbourne is a city renowned for great art and delicious food. People travel from far and wide to visit international exhibitions, laneway street art and taste the best food this city has to offer. There's no better way to experience this diversity than on a walking tour. Visit historic laneways and architecturally significant buildings to discover street art by renowned artists.

The Melbourne food scene is also explored with some of Melbourne's finest coffee, handmade chocolates and you will have the chance to get up to speed with the latest restaurants on food-filled Flinders Lane. Following your walk, you will be transferred to the famous Colonial Tram Car restaurant for your delicious lunch. The atmosphere is cosy, the service friendly and the decor as inviting as the colonial period these trams reflect. Since their inception in 1983, the restaurants have become a star attraction and a tourism symbol for Melbourne. Dining on board is not only a culinary delight, but a trip into a little piece of Victoria's history. After lunch you will be transferred back to Crown Towers or Park Hyatt Melbourne. Inclusions: Local Melbourne guides providing expert commentary, City transfers, Coffee / tea & tastings and 4 Course Lunch on Colonial Tramcar Restaurant with Australian Wines.

### **Yarra Valley wine experience + Animal encounter at Healesville Sanctuary**

*Duration: 8 hours*

*Fitness Level: Low*

As one of Australia's leading wine making regions, just a short drive (approximately one hour) from Melbourne, the Yarra Valley is an ideal destination for a day trip. With a picturesque backdrop of the Yarra Ranges as well as renowned restaurants throughout the area, wine and food lovers alike will revel in everything the Yarra Valley has to offer. Whilst in the area you will visit the Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary.

Regarded as one of Australia's leading wildlife reserves, the Healesville Sanctuary has over 200 species of Australian birds and animals in pristine 'Aussie' bush land. Enjoy lunch at one of the regions picturesque vineyard restaurants, Oakridge Estate. Delight in a Gourmet tasting at one of the regions most loved vineyards De Bortoli. You will enjoy sampling the entire Yarra Valley range as well as a gourmet cheese platter in the Trophy Room. Inclusions: Local guide providing expert commentary, Entry to Healesville Wildlife Sanctuary + Animal Encounters, Private wine and cheese tasting at De Bortoli, 2-course lunch with a beverage (beer, wine or soft-drink).

### **Makers of Melbourne with Localing**

*Duration: 6 hours*

*Fitness Level: Low to Moderate*

Engage with the men and women at the creative heart of Australia's capital of cool on a journey through Melbourne's most colourful precincts. Discover exactly what makes this city the world's



best place to live and a shining example of 21st Century urban life. Inclusions: Hotel pick up & drop off, morning tea, standard tastings, gourmet lunch, and activity expense.

### **Traditional High Tea at Park Hyatt**

*Duration: 1.5 hour*

Traditional high tea including savory and sweet treats, free flow Australian sparkling wine (served in Tea lounge).

### **Aboriginal Heritage Walking Tour at Melbourne's Botanical Gardens**

*Duration: 2 hours*

Round-trip transfers from hotel, private indigenous guide, welcome ceremony, cultural walk through Royal Botanic Gardens and gift. Meet at hotel reception to depart for tour.

### **Pavlova making class with Executive Chef**

*Duration: 2 hours*

Pavlova making workshop with Exec Chef. Pavlova is an Australian dessert that involves baking a large meringue and covering with whipped cream and fruit. Meet at hotel reception to be escorted to culinary rooms.

### **The Lyall Guided walking experience**

*Duration: 2.5 hours (morning tour)*

Start at Lyall, guided walk of South Yarra fashion, gardens, galleries. Morning tea.