



7 days | MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, at the World Heritage Listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, is set to return with an explosion of colour and design and after over 25 years remains the biggest annual flower and garden show in the Southern Hemisphere!

The show will see the creativity and passion of Australia's top floral and landscape designers delivered in stunning displays as well as a strong environmental message for gardening in the climate we live in. Coupled with an extensive array of garden and floral retail products from rare and unusual plants to your old favourites, gardening tools to outdoor furniture, water tanks to floral art plus many new and innovative ideas for your garden, as well as great food.

Monday 24 March 2025 – Sunday 30 March 2025

DAY 1 (D): PORT MACQUARIE TO GOULBURN

Monday 24 March 2025



Welcome to our 7-day Melbourne tour featuring the Melbourne International Flower show. Depart early this morning as we make our way south with a morning stop at **Bulahdelah**. Our travels this afternoon take us further southwest of Sydney to **Goulburn**. A welcome dinner awaits us in the hotel.

Lunch at own cost and arrangements | Dinner at hotel
Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 02 4822 5445 | 1 night

DAY 2 (BLD): GOULBURN TO MARYSVILLE

Tuesday 25 March 2025

Today is a travel day however we do make a stop and the enjoyable **Kinross Woolshed Hotel** for lunch. The building's origins date back to the early 1890's when it was one of the busiest shearing sheds of its time. This afternoon sits back and relax as we express through to **Marysville** for our overnight accommodation.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch at Kinross Woolshed Hotel
Peppers Marysville | 1 night | 03 5957 7700



Day 3 (BLD) GARDENS GALORE

Following breakfast we head to the **Big Bouquet**, a gerbera flower farm, and an alpaca breeding stud, we enjoy a self-guided tour followed by morning tea. Before leaving we'll have time to say hello to the Alpacas and a browse of the gift shop. Next, it's onto **Alowyn Gardens** which started life as a blackberry infested paddock. Designed with shade and comfort in mind, it's been developed into six distinct areas and for those who love a beautiful garden, it will bring enjoyment as well as an

educational experience. We dine in the café amongst the Autumn Blaze Maple trees. Our afternoon visit is to the **Yarra Valley Chocolateries and Ice Creamery**. We'll be welcomed with chocolate tastings, displays of thousands of premium chocolates and European Chocolatiers at work handcrafting their creations. Our final venue is the family owned, **Rochford Wines**. Situated in one of the most stunning regions in Australia, with breathtaking panoramic views of the Great Dividing Ranges we relax over a delightful tasting. What a lovely way to finish our day before heading to Caroline Springs where we can check in for the next 3 nights.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Alowyn Gardens

Mercure Caroline Springs | 03 8358 0555 | 3 nights

Wednesday 26 March 2025



Day 4 (BD) DISCOVERING MELBOURNE



Have you ever been on a tram that travels on the water? Well, that is how we spend the morning on the **Tramboat** for a relaxing morning cruise. We see the developing Docklands Precinct, under the Bolte Bridge into the mighty Port of Melbourne where large container ships load their wares. We cruise past the infamous Coode Island to the Westgate Bridge before returning to shore. We have some free time to purchase lunch before our afternoon tour. Known as the sporting capital of Australia, there is no better place to explore than at the famous **Melbourne Cricket Ground**

(MCG). Located here is the National Sports Museum which presents world-class exhibitions and sporting artefacts. Explore the inner sanctum of the MCG, walk on the hallowed arena and experience where legends play. After a lovely day we return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost.

Thursday 27 March 2025

Day 5 (BLD) MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER SHOW

Today is festival day! We head to the **International Flower and Garden Show**. Staged within the world heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and surrounding Carlton Gardens, this prestigious show is a "must see" event! Over 300 exhibits are "on show" representing horticulture, nurseries, landscape, gardening, floristry and cut flowers together with their associated products and services. The show will simply take your breath away with work from Australia's leading floral designers, creating exquisite feature displays. We have all day here today to explore and take in the beauty of the show.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost.

Festival program has not yet been released; events are subject to program

Friday 28 March 2025



Day 6 (BD) CAROLINE SPRINGS TO GOULBURN

We have an early start this morning as we make our way along the Hume Highway, passing by Benalla and Wangaratta to arrive in **Albury** where we stop to purchase lunch and stretch our legs. In 1883, Albury became a 'change over station' for passengers between Melbourne and Sydney due to the different rail gauge used in Victoria and NSW. This afternoon sit back and relax as we head to Goulburn for our final night on tour.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost

Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 02 4822 5445 | 1 night

Saturday 29 March 2025

Day 7 (BL) GOULBURN TO HOME

Sunday 30 March 2025

What a tour we've had! Making tracks for Port Macquarie, with several stops along the way and **lunch** at the **Ourimbah RSL** before arriving home with a suitcase full of special memories.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch at Ourimbah RSL

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 6 night's hotel accommodation
- 6 cooked hotel breakfasts
- 6 hotel dinners
- 3 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at Kinross Woolshed Hotel, Albury
- Morning tea and self-guided tour at Big Bouquet, Yarra Valley
- Entry and lunch at Alowyn Gardens, Yarra Valley
- Tasting and visit to the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery
- Wine tasting at Rochford Wines, Yarra Valley
- Conductor's Favourite Cruise including morning tea with Melbourne Tramboat Cruises
- National Sports Museum and MCG Tour at the Australian Sports Museum, Melbourne
- Entry to the Melbourne International Flower Show
- Lunch at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club - The Kitchen

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