

5 DAYS SOUTHERN CAPITALS



DAY-01: SYDNEY – CANBERRA.

It's hard to believe that just 1.5 hours from Sydney lies a patch of countryside that could have been transplanted straight from the English Cotswolds. This is Berrima, the oldest Georgian village in Australia. Think atmospheric villages amid rolling hills of grape vines – the Southern Highlands is the closest wine region to Australia's largest city, after all. And then there are the grand gardens and emerald farms, one of which you'll visit to meet Craig Starr and his family. Their 400-hectare Gold Creek Station farm is your backdrop for a Be My Guest BBQ lunch and tales about life on the land. This is the start of your Sydney to Melbourne trip, and the entrée to the country's cool little capital of Canberra, home to Parliament House, where you'll go behind the political scenes.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Canberra

Included Meals: Be My Guest Lunch, Dinner with Wine

DAY-02: CANBERRA – WANGARATTA.

Thanks to architect Walter Burley Griffin, Canberra is an urban planner's delight – the city is that well laid out, as you'll discover when you head to the summit of Mt. Ainslie for panoramic views on a Canberra guided tour. You won't yet be able to see the mighty Murray River, but you'll soon cross it en route to Beechworth. From Australia's longest river to Victoria's best-preserved gold

rush town, Beechworth saw an influx of fortune-seekers from all over the world during the 1850s. Get the lowdown on Beechworth over a chat with the publican of the historic local pub and enjoy afternoon tea in the oldest hotel in town. Then you'll be set on your way to explore honey and gold shops, galleries and museums at your leisure, before Wangaratta beckons.

Hotel: Quality Hotel Wangaratta

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY-03: WANGARATTA – MELBOURNE.

Meandering south toward historic Glenrowan, you're well and truly in Ned Kelly country – this is where the infamous bushranger and his gang were finally captured in 1880. The story is remembered on pretty much every city corner, whether in enormous statues or at the museum. We'll tell you all the tales – some of them true, many of them hearsay. All of them entertaining. Then we'll tell you a bit more about Melbourne, like how it's the home of Aussie rules football, covets some of the country's best arts institutions, and has a swag of stellar restaurants, cafés and bars. Small wonder it's known as Australia's cultural, culinary and sporting capital. After a city tour, immerse yourself in a guided galleries tour of our First Peoples arts and cultural centre, then head off to explore. Forget your map – one of the joys of being in Melbourne is getting lost. Discovering a hidden jazz bar. Stumbling upon a hole-in-the-wall restaurant or another gallery that catches your eye. Enjoy.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel Melbourne

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY-04: MELBOURNE FREE TIME.

You could spend weeks exploring Melbourne and its surrounds and not tire of the attractions. But you just have today, so make the most of it. We wouldn't hold it against you if all you want to do is jump on a tram and ride the rails to the city's character-filled neighbourhoods. But if you want to explore further afield, we've got you covered on an optional experience. For a bird's-eye view of the bay, sign up to scale the Melbourne Skydeck, offering dizzying vistas in every direction. Animal lover? Venture to Phillip Island to see hundreds of little penguins pad along the sand en route to their burrows. The choice is yours.

Hotel: Crowne Plaza Hotel Melbourne

Included Meals: Breakfast

DAY-05: FAREWELL FROM MELBOURNE.

Wait, how did you just pack so much action into a working week? Cities, countryside, farms, wineries, islands... this Sydney to Melbourne trip has been quite the adventure.

Included Meals: Breakfast

End of our service, hope to welcome you again!

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Day Prior – flights to arrive anytime into Sydney Airport

Day 5 – flights to depart anytime from Melbourne Airport

INCLUSIONS:

- Australia Good & Services Tax
- 5 Days Guided Holidays with English Speaking Tour Director and Driver
- Accommodation with daily breakfast inside the hotel
- Attractions as specified in the itinerary
- Meals as specified in the itinerary
- Roundtrip private airport transfers (In: SYD/MEL Int'l Airport)
- Free travel insurance
- Travel Kit

NOT INCLUDED:

- International airline tickets
- Any extra meals
- Drinks ordered during meals (soft drink/juice/beer/wine)
- Optional tours and activities not mentioned on the brief itinerary
- Hotel portage
- Items of a personal nature such as phone calls, pay movies, room services, mini bars laundries or other expenditures during the tour.
- Other services not mentioned on the itinerary
- Daily tipping (Approx AU\$ 7-10 per person per day)

TOUR DATES & PRICES:

Valid: January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026 Departures (Min of 2 guests)

Tour Cost Per Person

05-09Feb 2026	US\$ 1,970.00
19-23Feb 2026	US\$ 1,970.00
19-23Mar 2026	US\$ 1,970.00
09-13Apr 2026	US\$ 1,880.00
14-18May 2026	US\$ 1,880.00
27-31Aug 2026	US\$ 1,880.00
17-21Sep 2026	US\$ 1,880.00
15-19Oct 2026	US\$ 1,880.00
29Oct-02Nov 2026	US\$ 1,880.00
19-23Nov 2026	US\$ 1,880.00

Note. * Pre/post night accommodation in Sydney – US\$ 135.00 per person per night

Melbourne – US\$ 125.00 per person per night

**Subject to room availability.*

***Optional tours are available upon request.*

****Tours is operated by AAT Kings.*

CHILD POLICY:

***NOTE: Child = 2 – 11yrs inclusive**

- Infant under 2 years of age : FOC
- Child share room with 1 adult: Upon request
- Child share room with 2 adults with bed: Upon request
- Child share room with 2 adults not occupying a bed: Upon request
- **** For 2 children sharing one twin room, both child will be charged at: Upon request**

DEPOSIT/TERMS OF PAYMENT:

- Upon confirmation of all services, we require US\$ 500.00 tour deposit per person.
- Full payment is payable four (4) weeks prior to commencement of service.
- For bookings less than four (4) weeks prior to commencement of service and during peak seasons and block out periods shall be considered "book & buy". Full payment has to be made immediately upon confirmation of all services.

SURCHARGE:

- Surcharge may apply for tours traveling during Australia public holidays and special events period.
- The quoted price is subject to sudden price increases or surcharges imposed by our suppliers that are beyond our control (eg. room surcharge if the original quoted price is not available).

CANCELLATION POLICY:

We will endeavour to minimize any cancellation charges imposed. However, our general cancellations policy is as follows:

- 61 days or more – Deposit
- 60-30 days prior to arrival – 50% of tour fare
- 29-2 days prior to arrival – 80% of tour fare
- 1-0 days prior to arrival – 100% of tour fare

Contact us:

Please note: Information concerning tour inclusions and resort/hotel facilities has been compiled as accurately as possible. However, there may be times when certain amenities, facilities and/or inclusions are not available. Such situations may be dictated by weather conditions, maintenance/ refurbishment, local regulations and national or religious holidays. While we will endeavor to advise clients of any changes to itinerary inclusions, we cannot accept responsibility for any such situations which are outside our control.