



THE SPECTACULAR GREAT OCEAN ROAD TOUR

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Monday 24 February 2025 — Thursday 06 March 2025

DAY 1 | PORT LINCOLN TO TALEM BEND

Monday 24 February 2025

Welcome to our 11-day tour to Victoria's Great Ocean Road touring with EP Bus Charters. Today is a travel day, so sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery. We stop along the way to purchase lunch before arriving at **Talem Bend** for our first night's accommodation. Dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangement and cost **Rydges Pit Lane, Talem Bend | 08 8165 5730 | 1 night**

DAY 2 | TALEM BEND TO GEELONG

Tuesday 25 February 2025

As we bid farewell to Talem Bend, today's journey takes us towards the vibrant shores of Geelong. Our route unfolds with scenic stops, perfect for stretching our legs and grabbing a bite to eat. Once we arrive, we'll unpack and settle into our hotel, a home away from home for the next two nights, as we explore and enjoy the charms of Geelong. Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch own arrangement and cost **Rydges Geelong | 03 5223 6211 | 3 nights**

DAY 3 | GEELONG

Wednesday 26 February 2025

Geelong, Victoria's largest provincial city on Corio Bay, blends industrial and elegant charm. The CBD boasts Victorian architecture, floral gardens, Eastern Park, and the scenic Eastern Beach promenade. We'll start with a guided tour of the Geelong Botanic Gardens, exploring vibrant flower beds and ancient trees. Next, we'll enjoy lunch at the Geelong Boat House, right on the water. Afterward, we'll visit the National Wool Museum to learn about wool processing. The day wraps up with a visit to the Amazing Mill Markets, where you can browse over 60 stalls for unique finds. Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch at Geelong Boat House

DAY 4 | Q TRAIN

Thursday 27 February 2025

We make our way through Geelong on the Bellarine Peninsula to **Drysdale Railway Station** to board **The Q Train**. Our incredible train journey will take us to Queenscliff and back to Drysdale while treating us to an **exceptional degustation of fresh local produce**, all cooked and prepared onboard in the well-appointed kitchen car. Every day, the Head Chef and their team carefully choose top quality ingredients from local ethical and sustainable producers. This way the menu always reflects the very best of what the region has to offer, so expect fresh, delicious, seasonally changing menus. As the train whistle sounds the journey begins, travelling along the beautiful Bellarine Railway, offering views of the rolling hills of The Bellarine. One of the courses will be served soon after departure. The Q Train will pause at **Suma Park Historic Homestead**, with a chance to stretch your legs before travelling alongside beautiful **Swan Bay** where our main course will be served. These protected wetlands are abundant with birdlife and provides a lovely backdrop to our meal. Upon return to Drysdale Railway Station our coach will be waiting to return us to our hotel to complete a memorable day. Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch included

\$4250 per person
Twin share ex Eyre Peninsula
\$1050 Single supplement
\$4120 per person
Twin share ex Adelaide
\$960 Single supplement



CONTACT KIM TODAY & LOCK IN YOUR ADVENTURE!

DAY 5 | GEELONG TO SKENES CREEK

Friday 28 February 2025

Today we join the Great Ocean Road, one of the best drives in Australia. We leave Geelong this morning stopping at the Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie for our morning break before continuing to Anglesea and onto Lorne. The approach to the town is remarkable as the township is built amongst a forest of native trees stretching down to water. Time to explore the town before travelling to Skenes Creek. Breakfast and dinner in hotel | Lunch own arrangements and cost **Ocean Road Motel, Skenes Creek | 03 5237 7862 | 1 night**

DAY 6 | SKENES CREEK TO WARRNAMBOOL

Saturday 01 March 2025

From Apollo Bay, the road leaves the coast, winding its way up the slopes of the Otway Ranges, the natural beauty of the area continues as we drive the full length of the Port Campbell National Park where we see the Twelve Apostles – a group of magnificent rock stacks rising from the Southern Ocean. We also see London Bridge, Crown of Thorns and the beautiful Bay of Islands before arriving in the seaside town of Warrnambool. More than 100 ships and boats have been wrecked within 80 kilometres of Warrnambool, hence the current name for the area – the Shipwreck Coast. Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch own arrangements and cost **Deep Blue Hotel and Hot Springs | 03 5559 2000 | 2 nights**

DAY 7 | PORT FAIRY AND PORTLAND

Sunday 02 March 2025

After breakfast, we head to Port Fairy, a charming town with preserved maritime and colonial history. Its blue stone cottages and Victorian buildings, including shops, pubs, and restaurants, reflect its historical character. Next, we continue to Portland, Victoria's oldest European settlement and a key deep-water seaport. At the Portland Cable Tram Depot, we'll ride the tram along Henty Beach for scenic views of the harbour. Returning to Warrnambool, we visit the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum, which recreates a coastal port from the 19th century. The evening concludes with the "Shipwrecked" sound and laser show, depicting the Loch Ard Shipwreck's tragic story that took place in local waters more than 120 years ago. Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at Portland Tram Depot

DAY 8 | WARRNAMBOOL TO MOUNT GAMBIER

Monday 03 March 2025

This morning, we drive to the delightful village of Nelson on the banks of the Glenelg River. There is no place better to be than the river to join the local luncheon cruise. The Glenelg River was first "discovered" by the European Major Thomas Mitchell in August of 1836. It is known by the local aborigines as 'Nangula'. It rises in the north-west corner of the Grampians for a journey of 440Kms, spanning two states to eventually be Victoria's longest tidal estuary. What a lovely way to spend lunch – on the water. We arrive in Mount Gambier for the evening where we have some free time this afternoon at leisure. Breakfast and dinner in motel | luncheon cruise **Presidential Motel, Mount Gambier | 08 8724 9966 | 1 night**

DAY 9 | MOUNT GAMBIER TO MURRAY BRIDGE

Tuesday 04 March 2025

Today's journey takes us through the stunning pine forests of Mount Burr to Tantanoola, home to the remarkable Tantanoola Cave. This accessible cave, formed in an ancient coastal cliff, features stunning columns, shawls, and helictites. Discovered by Boyce Lane in 1930, it's a must-see. We'll then proceed to Meningie for lunch at the local hotel and arrive in Murray Bridge later this afternoon for our overnight stay. Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Meningie Hotel **Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge | 08 8532 2002 | 1 night**

DAY 10 | MURRAY BRIDGE TO PORT PIRIE

Wednesday 05 March 2025

This morning, we head off to the Monarto Zoo - a free-range sanctuary. A guide will join us on the coach for a safari tour experience of the park. The zoo plays a major role, nationally and internationally, in breeding programs for rare and endangered species. We have time to purchase lunch here before leaving, this afternoon we have a little bit of travelling to do before our last night on tour in Port Pirie. Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch own arrangements and cost **John Pirie Motor Inn | 08 8632 4200 | 1 night**

DAY 11 | PORT PIRIE TO HOME

Thursday 06 March 2025

Today we have an easy day of travel planned, getting us home in good time. Watching the scenery roll by we pass the morning reminiscing about the highlights of our trip. We arrive home with many wonderful memories and newfound friendships made along the way. Breakfast in motel | lunch own arrangements and cost

INCLUSIONS

- 10 nights accommodation
- 10 cooked breakfasts
- 10 dinners
- 5 lunches
- Guided Tour of Geelong Botanic Gardens
- Locally guided tour of Geelong
- Lunch at The Geelong Boat House
- Entry and guided tour of the National Wool Museum, Geelong
- Visit the Amazing Mill Markets
- 3-hour dining experience on The Q Train
- Visit Great Ocean Road Chocolaterie
- Sightseeing on the Great Ocean Road
- Tram ride and lunch at the Portland Cable Tram Depot Museum
- Day entry and shipwreck show at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum
- Luncheon Cruise with Glenelg River Cruises
- Visit Tantanoola Caves
- Lunch at the Meningie Hotel
- Entry and Explorer tour at Monarto Safari Park

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Price is based on twin /double share, single supplements apply
- \$200 deposit required upon booked (when receiving paperwork)
- Deposit is non-refundable
- Balance due 6 weeks prior to tour departure
- Dietary requirements upon booking
- 5 weeks prior 14 days to travel 50% loss
- 14-8 days to travel 70% cancellation fee
- Inside 7 days 100% cancellation fee
- Tour will be rescheduled if COVID-19 causes cancellation of dates on itinerary or deposit credited to your tour of choice within 12 months
- Itinerary subject to change due to weather or events out of our control

