

# Amazing New 7 Day Tour

# *Sunburnt Country Bonanza!*

*Includes Flinders Ranges and Broken Hill*

A fabulous new train and coach tour from Melbourne to explore the amazing highlights of the incredible Australian outback.

Experience the history and sights from Mt Gambier - Adelaide Outback South Australia - The Flinders Ranges and Broken Hill Silver City.

**Best of all Victorian pensioners and Senior's can save even more money with Government assisted concession and free rail travel.**

***Departing:***

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2011**

**\$995.00**

***per person twin share***

Highlights Include:

- The spectacular Blue Lake Mt Gambier
- Little Cornwall and the Clare Valley in SA
- The Flinders Ranges Wilderness
- Silver City, Broken Hill
- Oasis City, Mildura

Other inclusions in our "SCROOGE" fare deal:

- V/Line rail coach from Melbourne return
- All transfers, touring and sightseeing
- Excellent accommodation
- Breakfast and evening meals daily
- Entrance fees and morning teas



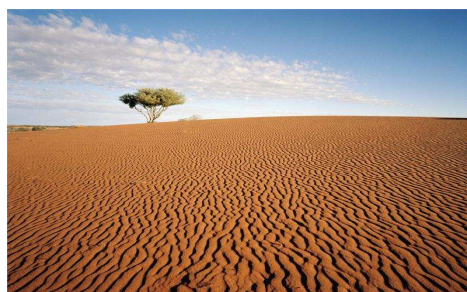
***Victorian Seniors/Pensioners use your free rail concession and save!***

Victorian Pensioner/Senior concession fare

**954.00pp**

Victorian Pensioner/Senior with free rail voucher

**930.00pp**



### **Day 1 Melbourne – Hamilton – Mt Gambier (D)**

Passengers booked to travel on the tour will board the Melbourne to Hamilton train from Southern Cross Railway Station on the 8109 train, departing at 9.08am.

The train travels via Bacchus Marsh to Ballarat arriving at 10.38am. After a short break the connecting V/Line coach departs at 10.50am and travels via Lake Bolac and into the Western District arriving at the Hamilton Railway Station at 1.10pm.

On arrival passengers are met at the station and offered time for lunch and refreshments. We tour to the delightful township of Mt Gambier where we check into our accommodation.

Later we take a sightseeing tour which includes the famous Blue Lake of Mt Gambier.

***Overnight & Dinner – Mt Gambier***

### **Day 2 Mt Gambier – Adelaide (B,D)**

This morning after breakfast we embark on tour along the Princess Highway following the Southern Ocean to Millicent and the delightful coastal township of Robe. Later we stop at Kingston for lunch.

After lunch we tour along the Peninsula to the world famous Coorong wilderness wetlands area. Also located along this route is a bird breeding area dating back to the ancient Dreamtime.

We stop for afternoon tea at Meningie located on Lake Albert. Later we travel via Murray Bridge to Adelaide and check into our accommodation

***Overnight & Dinner – Adelaide, Comfort Inn***



### **Day 3 “Little Cornwall” in the Mid North, Burra and Peterborough (B,D)**

Today we tour via Adelaide’s Northern Suburbs including Elizabeth, home to Australia’s Holden Cars. At Kapunda we can still see the former home of Sir Sidney Kidman “Enright” which was built by the Famous Cattle King himself – it now serves as a building for the Kapunda High School.

After morning tea we continue via the outback townships of Tarlee and then Saddleworth to Burra. The township often referred to as “Little Cornwall” is one of the prettiest townships in the land! Beautifully crafted stone homes and buildings adorn the area. The town which is bursting with history was settled by Cornish miners and stone makers due to the massive copper finds here in the 1800’s. A row of perfectly preserved historic miners cottages are a delight to see! The town has a beautiful town square and as all the original Red Ruth Gool which was used in the filming of Breaker Morant. We continue to Peterborough for our overnight stay.

***Overnight & Dinner – Peterborough***

### **Day 4 Exploring the Flinders Ranges (B,D)**

This morning we set off to explore the magnificent Flinders Ranges near Orroroo. We stop to experience an amazing phenomenon of Magnetic Hill. This is the place where vehicles appear to be able to roll uphill! We continue to Hawker. From Hawker we continue our sightseeing with a stop to enjoy the sights from the Elder Range lookout. Later we also take in the views from the Ranwley lookout. Touring in the Flinders Ranges is a unique experience as visitors discover magnificent Purple Mountain Range, pretty rock pools, gully’s rugged gorges, beautiful gum trees and plains which are covered in wildflowers in season.

Our tour travels via the old Kanyaka homestead ruins and Yourambulla caves to Quorn. This township was once an important stop for the old Ghan Railway service to Alice Springs. We return to Peterborough via Stone Hut for our overnight stay.

***Dinner and Overnight- Peterborough***



### Day 5 Peterborough to Broken Hill ( B,D )

Today we set off to travel to Broken Hill, commonly known as Australia's outback city. BHP Australia's longest mining company was established here following the discovery of Silver by Charles Rasp in 1883.

We tour through the remote outback to Yunta where we stop for morning tea. We continue along the Barrier Highway passing through old railway towns, such as Manna Hill, Olary and Cockburn before arriving into Broken Hill around midday.

After checking into our accommodation, we take a tour of the historic outback city. We visit a mining museum where you will experience life as an early miner and also the Silver City Mint and Arts Centre.

***Dinner and overnight - Broken Hill***



***Dinner and overnight - Mildura***

### Day 6 Broken Hill to Mildura, Pro Hart Gallery, School of the Air ( B,D )

This morning we travel to the School of the Air. This is a heart-warming experience as teachers communicate lessons by radio to children spread over remote stations thousands of kilometers in the outback. Later we depart Broken Hill to travel along the Silver City Highway to Wentworth. On the Darling River Murray Junction we stop for morning tea along the way. We cross the Border to Mildura and then check into our accommodation. Later we take a short city sights tour of the delightful garden lined city which includes the beautiful and historic River front.

### Day 6 V/Line Coach Train, Mildura - Bendigo - Melbourne ( B,D )

After breakfast we travel to the V/Line Station to board our luxury coach for travel to Melbourne. The coach departs the station at 10.15am and travels via Boundary Bend to Swan Hill and then onto Bendigo Railway station. We transfer to our connecting train which continues via Woodend and Sunbury to Southern Cross Station Spencer Street, arriving at 5.23pm.

#### **BOOKING CONDITONS:**

**Bookings:-** A \$200 per person deposit is due within 7 days of confirmation in order to secure your booking. Full balance is due no later than 6 weeks prior to departure. For bookings made within 6 weeks of departure full payment is due within 48 hours.

**Fares:-** All fares are quoted in Australian Dollars and are based on twin share. Fares include transport, entrance fees & cruise fares as per itinerary plus services

of a driver/guide. **Holiday Wonders advise we can accept credit card payments for our tours, however a 1.5% credit card fee, (3% for American Express/Diners) applies.**

**Single Supplement: \$280.00**

**Accommodation:-** Accommodation is based on twin share. Single rooms are available on request and a single supplement is payable at time of booking.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that passengers purchase travel insurance.

**Cancellations:-**

Cancellation penalties apply and are as follows:

For cancellation within 8 weeks of departure - 50% of fare will be charged.

For cancellation within 4 weeks of departure - full fare will be charged

All itineraries and costings are subject to change without notice.

Government regulations prohibit smoking on board coaches within Australia. Ample comfort stops are provided en route.

**Concessions:-** Pensioners with rail vouchers need to send us their voucher, Pensioners need to advise us of their Pension number, Seniors need to send us a photocopy of your senior card and ID.

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