

MELBOURNE CLASSIC CITY STAY

GREAT SOUTHERN

BRISBANE TO MELBOURNE
DEPARTING MONDAY
(JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND DECEMBER)
6 Days / 5 Nights

Embark on an adventure through Australia's southeast, celebrated for its vineyards, valleys, coastlines, and cosmopolitan cities. Travel along the East Coast aboard the Great Southern, enjoying an all-inclusive gastronomic summer experience. Upon arriving in Melbourne, immerse yourself in the vibrant culture and charm. Enjoy a blend of adventure, an unforgettable Melbourne Skydeck experience and a tour of Melbourne Lanes and Arcades.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights aboard the Great Southern, Brisbane to Melbourne, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Experiences in Northern New South Wales, Hunter Valley and Melbourne
- 3 nights accommodation in Melbourne, including breakfast daily.
- Melbourne Skydeck Ultimate Experience including entry to Melbourne Skydeck, access to Bar 88, the Edge, and the Voyager Theatre
- Half day walking tour of Melbourne Lanes and Arcades
- 5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a special beachside dining experience in Coffs Harbour
- Savour the flavours and sights of the picturesque Hunter Valley or Port Stephens
- Immerse yourself in cosmopolitan Melbourne
- Explore Melbourne's hidden treasures on a guided tour of its charming lanes and arcades
- Experience Melbourne Skydeck and enjoy the panoramic views of the city
- An exceptional VR experience, the Voyager Theatre shows 16 iconic Melbourne experiences
- Be suspended in the Edge, a transparent glass cube that projects out from Melbourne Skydeck, nearly 300 metres above the streets of Melbourne

Please note, itineraries are subject to change.

DAY 1 – BOARD THE GREAT SOUTHERN IN BRISBANE

Your east coast adventure begins with a warm welcome experience in Brisbane, where you'll check in and gather with fellow travellers for a celebratory start to your summer journey. Begin your journey aboard the Great Southern with lunch as the train winds south, then settle into the rhythm of your cabin and the passing landscapes.

In the afternoon, the train arrives at Grafton, where you'll transfer by coach to the coastal town of Coffs Harbour. Here, the evening unfolds in true coastal style. As the sun sinks below the horizon, enjoy drinks and canapés on the sand at Charlesworth Bay before a signature outdoor dining experience (weather permitting) showcasing fresh seafood and regional produce paired with local wines. A live band and the gentle waves on the shore provide the ultimate soundtrack. After a few unhurried hours, reboard the train and settle in for your first night. (L,D)

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Great Southern

DAY 2 – GREAT SOUTHERN, HUNTER VALLEY, PORT STEPHENS OR NEWCASTLE

The day begins with a hearty breakfast on board before your choice of Off Train Experience. Wine lovers can explore the picturesque Hunter Valley, Australia's oldest wine region, tasting its signature semillon and shiraz before settling in for a leisurely lunch surrounded by rolling vineyards. For a different perspective, upgrade to a helicopter flight over the surrounding landscapes, soaring above the vines and rugged Brokenback Range before returning to the Hunter Valley for further tastings and lunch among the vines.

Alternatively, discover Port Stephens by land or sea. Venture by 4WD across the vast sands of Stockton Beach and discover the stories of this remarkable coastal landscape, with the chance to sandboard from the top of the dunes. Or take in the coastline from the water, cruising through Port Stephens to keep watch for bottlenose dolphins. Both experiences include a relaxed lunch overlooking the bay.

Closer to the city, discover Newcastle through its history, art, and architecture. Explore Fort Scratchley and the city's military history before following Memorial Walk and discovering Newcastle Museum. Or uncover the city's artistic and architectural heritage at Newcastle Art Gallery, City Hall, and Civic Theatre. Whichever experience you



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choose, enjoy a leisurely lunch overlooking Newcastle's harbour before returning to the train for your first regionally-inspired dinner on board. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 – GREAT SOUTHERN, REGIONAL VICTORIA OR MELBOURNE

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast on board as the Great Southern travels through Victoria's high country. After arriving at Broadmeadows Railway Station, transfer by coach into cosmopolitan Melbourne for your next Off Train Experience.

Experience the city your way. Explore the Australian art collection at the National Gallery of Victoria and go behind the scenes at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. Uncover a historic chapter of the city's past at the Old Melbourne Gaol or cruise along the Yarra River. Complete your Melbourne experience with a curated lunch at Eureka 89, high above the city with sweeping views across Melbourne, the Yarra River and beyond.

After lunch, make your way to your accommodation and settle in, ready to explore all that Melbourne has to offer. (B,L)

OVERNIGHT: 3 nights The Savoy Hotel on Little Collins Melbourne

DAY 4 – MELBOURNE LANES AND ARCADES TOUR

In the morning, meet your tour guide at the front of Time Out Café in Federation Square – look for the large vibrant yellow umbrella. Your expert guide will walk you through Melbourne's lanes and arcades to discover local designers, specialty retailers, quirky cafes, street art, historical tales and architecture. Stop for a hot beverage in a quaint café and sample some delicious chocolates.

Your tour will conclude at Federation Square. (B)

DAY 5 – MELBOURNE SKYDECK ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE

Make your way to Melbourne Skydeck at a time that suits you. Your Melbourne Skydeck Ultimate Experience ticket grants you entry to the fastest lifts in the southern hemisphere, taking you sky high up to Melbourne Skydeck on level 88. Your ticket gives you access to the Melbourne 3-D interactive model, Bar 88 experience, Voyager Theatre and Edge.
Experience an immersive journey at the virtual reality Voyager Theatre, where you'll embark on an adventure across 16 iconic Melbourne and Victorian experiences. Prepare to be amazed by a 360-degree cinematic and sensory voyage featuring 6D effects, Super 8K high definition, and captivating scent sensations.

Ascend to the 88th floor and encounter Melbourne like never before. Here, you'll experience The Edge—a thrilling adventure where you're suspended 3 metres out of the building within a transparent glass cube, overlooking the bustling streets below. Whether you're feeling serious or silly, capture the moment with a complimentary digital photo download included.

Your Melbourne Skydeck Ultimate Experience is a single use ticket, valid within 30 days of your travel date. (B)

DAY 6 – FAREWELL

This morning after breakfast, check out of your accommodation where your Melbourne city stay concludes. (B)