



**A performance Tour to Australia featuring
Melbourne, Sydney and
The Bendigo Easter Festival**

Sunday 16 March

In the evening depart USA for trans-pacific flight to Melbourne, Australia.

Monday 17 March

In flight/crossing the International Date Line.

Tuesday 18 March

Arrive Melbourne and be met by coaches to transfer to your hotel.

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This afternoon we transfer to the Queen Victoria Market. This is Victoria's premier open air market which entices millions of visitors every year with its friendly competition between store holders and old world charm. A perfect place to grab some lunch and shake off any jet lag.

This evening dinner will be served at the Hard Rock Café Melbourne a short walk from your hotel.

Wednesday 19 March

A continental buffet breakfast will be served in the dining room this morning. Morning at leisure.

2pm sharp this afternoon you will travel out to Philip Island Koala sanctuary where you will meet koalas 'face to face' as you walk along the treetop and woodland boardwalks, and experience koalas in their natural habitat.

Phillip Island, hosts Australia's most popular natural wildlife attraction, the Penguin Parade. Each night at sunset, the world's smallest penguins, the Little Penguins, emerge from the sea and waddle ashore to their sand dune burrows. Dinner is served in the Boardwalk café following the Penguin Parade.

Return to your hotel at around midnight.

Overnight in Melbourne.

Thursday 20 March

A continental buffet breakfast will be served in the dining room this morning.

9.00am Experience the beautiful sights of Melbourne; see the shopping areas, sports complex and universities. Visit the Fitzroy Gardens and Captain Cook's Cottage; Captain Cook discovered the east coast of Australia. His parents' cottage was sent here and reassembled in these gardens. See Parliament House, the Windsor Hotel, 'MCG', Rod Laver Arena, Flinders Street Station, Young & Jackson's Hotel, and St. Patrick's Cathedral.

See the famous Shrine of Remembrance an amazing War Memorial. Travel past the Grand Prix race track and over the Westgate Bridge for panoramic views of Melbourne. See Port Phillip Bay, the Yarra River and Arts Centre.

This evening will provide you with a glimpse of Melbourne history with a visit to the Old Melbourne Gaol. Old Melbourne Gaol was a symbol of colonial authority when it was built in the mid 1800s. Between 1842 and its closure in 1929 the gaol (jail) was the scene of 135 hangings including Australia's most infamous citizen, the bushranger Ned Kelly. The Night Performances at the gaol are a theatrical interpretation of the building and its famous inmates. This is a unique opportunity to explore the Old Melbourne Gaol at night, when it would normally be left to the restless souls inside. The performance is a creative blend of live theatre and historical information. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant a short walk from the Gaol in two groups; as you alternate between the Gaol and café.

Overnight in Melbourne.

Friday 21 March

A continental buffet breakfast will be served in the dining room this morning.

9am board your coaches for the 2 and half hour journey to Bendigo.

Check in to our hotel

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This afternoon you will visit the Deborah Gold Mine and Talking Tram Car; an interesting tour of the town. Experience a real goldmine, put on a hardhat and carry a miner's lamp; travel 20 stories beneath the earth and walk in the footsteps of miners long ago who discovered \$12 million dollars worth of gold.

Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

Saturday 22 March

A continental breakfast will be available in the dining room this morning.

7.15am Depart by luxury coach for the Ballarat Wildlife Park followed by historic Sovereign Hill. Learn about the gold rush and life in the 1850's and pan for gold. Enjoy unique period style shopping, real life characters and entertainment. A host of activities available including stage coach rides and costume photos (cost not included). See traditional blacksmiths and craftsmen shilling their trades.

7.00pm Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

Sunday 23 March

A continental breakfast will be available in the dining room this morning

9.00am Depart by luxury coach to Bendigo where you will visit the Dragon Museum at 9.30am.

The rest of the day will be left free for a performance.

Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

Monday 24 March

A continental breakfast will be available in the dining room this morning

7am departure for your coach journey to Sydney

7.00m Arrive and check-in to your hotel.

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8.00pm Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Sydney.

Tuesday 25 March

A continental buffet breakfast will be served in the dining room
Depart at 8.45am for the short walk to Sydney Aquarium and Sydney Wildlife World.

At lunchtime you board the Captain Cook Sydney Harbour Cruise. Lunch will be served on-board.

Free time until 4.45

5.00pm we visit Sounds of the Outback a live didgeridoo performance played traditionally with contemporary music and spectacular images of outback Australia. This is definitely the place to purchase an authentic didgeridoo with expert advice at hand.

Dinner tonight will be served at a local restaurant.

Overnight in Sydney.**Wednesday 26 March**

A continental buffet breakfast will be served in the dining room
8.30am depart for Sydney Opera House where you will have the perfect opportunity for a group photo.

This morning we will have a private guided tour for one hour of the amazing Sydney Opera House.

Free time to allow for lunches.

This afternoon will be left free for a performance on the beautiful Harbourside Foreshore.

Time permitting we will take a trip out to beautiful Manly Beach

Dinner tonight will be at the Hardrock Café.

Thursday 27 March

A continental buffet breakfast will be served in the dining room

Transfer to Sydney International airport for your flight home.

Friday 28 March

Making arrival in USA after trans Pacific crossing and crossing International Date Line.