

KING WILLIAM TRAVEL

4 DAY MOUNT GAMBIER



Escorted from Adelaide

DEPARTURE DATE: MONDAY 08 NOVEMBER 2021

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes home pick up service.
- Luxury coach touring & services of an experienced King William Travel Tour Manager.
- 3 nights' accommodation at The Henty (formerly the Comfort Inn Silver Birch).
- Meals as per itinerary.
- Delightful historic fishing village of Robe.
- Tour of Mount Gambier to include Umpherston Sinkhole, Cave Gardens and Blue Lake Aquifer Station, The Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre and the film 'Volcano – Earth, Wind and Fire.'
- Full day tour including 'Nelson Endeavour' morning tea cruise on the Glenelg River, lunch at Periwinkles Cafe overlooking the beach at historic Port Macdonnell, visits to the Port Macdonnell Maritime Museum and the fascinating Donald & Sheila Feast's Private Classic Car Collection & Memorabilia.
- Penola, Petticoat Lane and Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre.
- World Heritage-listed Naracoorte Caves and the amazing Wonambi Fossil Centre & shopping opportunity at the famous Minijumbuk store at Naracoorte.

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your King William Travel consultant.

Passengers will be contacted by the home transfer operator '**HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE**' **two (2) working days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Hughes 24 hours prior to departure on phone 8440 0766** for your pick up time. ***If you are resident at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home.***

Also, if you are out of zone you will be advised of the additional payment due and this should be made direct to the driver on the day of travel.

Hughes home transfers are based on **4 persons to a car**. (numbers in a vehicle may vary according to type of vehicle used). In order to accommodate 4 persons and their baggage, suitcases should measure no more than **64cms in height** when standing on end. Baggage larger than 64cms will result in a surcharge of **\$10.00 per person in each direction**, payable to the driver on the day of travel.

The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

NOTES:

Health and Fitness: *To assist us when booking, please advise your King William Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc. A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.*

COVID-19 SAFETY ON TOUR:

The latest Covid-19 safety information will be advised nearer to tour departure date.

It should be noted that to be fair to all passengers, specific seats cannot be reserved.

Tour extensions subject to availability and extension booking criteria.

ABOUT OUR ACCOMMODATION:

We will stay for 3 nights at **The Henty**, (formerly the Comfort Inn Silver Birch), situated close to the **Mount Gambier** city centre and set in beautifully landscaped grounds. Rooms have their own private facilities, reverse cycle air-conditioning, fridge, direct dial telephone, tea/coffee making facilities, iron and ironing board, hair dryer and multi channel TV to every room, plus free wifi. Facilities at the motel also include a licensed restaurant and indoor heated swimming pool and spa.

DAY 1 – MONDAY - ADELAIDE/MOUNT GAMBIER – VIA THE COASTAL ROUTE - ROBE, WOAKWINE CUTTING



We depart from **Adelaide Central Bus Station, 85 Franklin Street**, at **7.30am**. We take the S.E. Freeway on to Taillem Bend, then through Kingston SE, past the famous **Big Lobster** and on to the delightful fishing village of **Robe**. View the **Fisherman's Memorial** and enjoy a **light lunch** at the historic **Caledonian Inn** which dates back to 1859.

After lunch our route takes us through the through the **Coorong National Park**, one of the last natural bird sanctuaries in Australia and home to giant pelicans, shags, ibis, swans and terns. We make a stop at the unique **Woakwine Cutting**, Australia's biggest one-man engineering feat. From the observation platform we can peer into its depths and marvel at its sheer sides.

On arrival into **Mount Gambier** we settle into **The Henty**, our home for the next 3 nights.

OVERNIGHT: THE HENTY, MT GAMBIER. (L,D)

DAY 2 – TUESDAY - AT MOUNT GAMBIER – SIGHTS TOUR OF MOUNT GAMBIER – UMPHERSTON SINKHOLE, BLUE LAKE & TOUR OF THE BLUE LAKE AQUIFER STATION, RIDDOCH ART & CULTURAL CENTRE, 'VOLCANO – EARTH, WIND & FIRE,' CAVE GARDENS



After breakfast, we join our coach for a day of sights. **Mt Gambier**, nestled on the side of an extinct volcano, is located in the centre of one of the largest pine plantations in Australia.

The interesting mix of art, history, culture and craft shops are acclaimed to be amongst the best in South Australia.

We begin the day with a visit to the unique spectacular hanging gardens at **Umpherston Sinkhole** then on to the world-famous **Blue Lake**, set deep in a volcanic crater, where every November to March it mysteriously undergoes the unexplained phenomenon of turning a vivid cobalt blue.

Experience a fascinating tour of the **Blue Lake Aquifer Station**. (the glass lift to the lake surface is currently unavailable due to Covid-19 restrictions). There will be free time in town for own lunch and chance to visit the delightful rose garden at **Cave Garden** – this sinkhole was the original source of water for the early settlers. Walk out onto the suspended viewing platform for an awesome view into the cave!

Later enjoy a cuppa at the **Metro Bakery and Cafe**, after which we head off over the road to the **Riddoch Arts and Cultural Centre**. There will be an opportunity to visit the art gallery, (no cost), and enjoy the informative film, '**Volcano – Earth, Wind and Fire**' - the story of the Mount Gambier volcano!

OVERNIGHT: THE HENTY, MT GAMBIER. (B,A,D)

DAY 3 – WEDNESDAY - IN MOUNT GAMBIER - FULL DAY TOUR - 'NELSON ENDEAVOUR' CRUISE, PORT MACDONNELL MARITIME MUSEUM & FEAST'S PRIVATE CLASSIC CAR COLLECTION & MEMORABILIA



After breakfast at the motel we join our coach for another day of fascinating touring. We begin the day by crossing the border into Victoria to **Nelson** where we board the '**Nelson Endeavour**' – a favourite some years ago on the programme 'Postcards,' for a delightful **morning tea cruise** along the beautiful **Glenelg River** as it meanders through the limestone cliffs of the **Lower Glenelg National Park**. After the cruise we rejoin our coach and head off to **Port Macdonnell** - see historic buildings including the 1858 lighthouse monument, the handsome two-storey 1862 Customs House, the new bronze statue of the lobster fisherman by the jetty. Enjoy a delightful **lunch** overlooking the beach at **Periwinkles Cafe**, followed by a visit to the **Port Macdonnell Maritime Museum** – discover how over 30 ill-fated ships came to grief along the rugged coastline and learn about the colony of Little Penguins dwelling on the outskirts of the town. We end our day with a visit to **Donald and Sheila Feast's Private Classic Car Collection & Memorabilia**. See one of Australia's best and biggest collection of vintage cars, including a great favourite – a 1962 Chrysler Valiant. In addition to the cars there is also a huge eclectic collection of fascinating memorabilia and other quirky attractions.

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DAY 4 – THURSDAY - MOUNT GAMBIER/ADELAIDE VIA PENOLA, NARACOORTE – MARYMACKILLOP INTERPRETIVE CENTRE, VISIT THE WORLD-HERITAGE LISTED NARACOORTE CAVES & WONAMBI FOSSIL CENTRE



After breakfast at the motel, we say farewell to our hosts at The Henty and rejoin our coach for the return journey to Adelaide.

We take the Riddoch Highway through the heart of the Coonawarra wine region to the little town of **Penola**, now famous because of its connection to **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop**. We will visit the **Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre** opened in 1998, to view the historic displays including **morning tea**, and time will also be allowed to explore **Petticoat Lane**, the oldest residential part of Penola with its delightful heritage-listed timber

and stone cottages.

From Penola we then head to **Naracoorte** and the World-Heritage listed **Naracoorte Caves National Park**, set in a unique and ancient landscape of extinct volcanoes, natural limestone and mysterious underground waterways.

We take a guided tour through one of the park's treasures, **Alexandra Cave**, discovered by William Reddan in 1908 and named after Queen Alexandra, wife of King Edward VII. One of the main attractions is the **Reflecting Pool**, actually an artificial enhancement installed by William Reddan, and view the 3 highly decorated chambers with amazing fossil deposits and beautiful cave decorations – truly spectacular. (*Some steps but mostly easy walking*). Step back in time in the **Wonambi Fossil Centre** and discover Australia's Megafauna - long extinct animals of a bygone era. Enjoy a **light lunch** in the **Caves Cafe** then on to the famous **Minijumbuk** for an opportunity to purchase some genuine Australian-made woollen bedding products. After an afternoon comfort stop at Tailem Bend we take the SE Freeway once more, arriving back at the **Adelaide Central Bus Station** at **6.30pm**. **(B,M,L)**

AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU HOME

TOUR COST: **Double/twin share: \$1295.00 per person**
 Single supplement: \$185.00 per person

MEALS: (B) – Breakfast (M) - Morning tea (L) – Lunch (A) – Afternoon tea (D) - Dinner

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Hughes home pick up service.
- Luxury air-conditioned and restroom equipped coach.
- Services of an experienced King William Travel Tour Manager.
- 3 nights' accommodation with private facilities at The Henty, Mount Gambier.
- 3 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 3 lunches, 2 morning teas, 1 afternoon tea.
- Entry to Blue Lake Aquifer tour, Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre - 'Volcano – Earth, Wind & Fire,' 'Nelson Endeavour' cruise, Port Macdonnell Maritime Museum, Donald & Sheila Feast's Private Classic Car Collection & Memorabilia, Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre, Naracoorte Caves and Wonambi Fossil Centre.
- Other items as per itinerary.
- Goods and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Morning and afternoon teas, drinks and meals other than specified in the itinerary.
- Portage.
- Items of a personal nature.

NOTE: Baggage - 1 suitcase per person weighing a maximum of 20 kgs. A small bag may be taken on board the coach, maximum weight 7kgs.

****Conditions Apply****

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF KING WILLIAM TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of King William Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. It should be understood that neither King William Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of King William Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

King William Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis,' at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. King William Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$690.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5) days of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 45 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 45 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled 46 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 45 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.



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