

PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

VICTORIA'S LANDSCAPES: A CULTURE-NATURE JOURNEY THROUGH TIME



Great Ocean Road



Budj Bim

Come with us as we journey through Victoria's diverse World and national heritage landscapes: the World Heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and Budj Bim Cultural Landscape; the Great Ocean Road cultural route; the Goldfields World Heritage bid and many other significant places and stories.

Over 4 days and 3 nights, this post-conference tour *Victoria's landscapes: a culture-nature journey through time* Along the journey, hear from Traditional Owners, specialist guides and managers, and examine the intersections between cultural landscapes, cultural routes and intangible cultural heritage, and engage with the multiple cultural values and stories of each place.

This tour is presented jointly by Park Victoria, Australia ICOMOS (through their National Scientific Committees on Cultural Landscapes, Cultural Routes and Intangible Cultural Heritage), Traditional Owner organisations and regional partners.

Hosted by: Parks Victoria and Australia ICOMOS National Scientific Committees on Cultural Landscapes, Cultural Routes, Intangible Cultural Heritage

Day One – Sunday 10 September 2023

Please make your own travel arrangements to Melbourne. All meals and travel arrangements today are at your own expense.

Melbourne Accommodation: Comfort Apartments Royal Gardens x 1 night (4 star)
8 Royal Lane, Fitzroy Victoria 3065
Phone: +61 (0)3 9419 9888

Day Two – Monday 11 September 2023 (B, L)



A breakfast pack is provided in your room, including a cereal package, milk, juice and a snack item.

09.30hrs Welcome, Introductions & Briefing: Please meet in the hotel lobby for a briefing. Bring your luggage ready to be loaded into the coach. We will then have a short walk to the Royal Exhibition Building via Gertrude Street.

1015hrs Visit the Carlton Gardens, and then the Royal Exhibition Buildings.
We will have a Welcome to Country from a Wurundjeri Elder and learn about the Traditional Owners of Naarm (Melbourne). Before the establishment of organisations like the Aborigines Advancement League, the main meeting and gathering places for the local Aboriginal community in Fitzroy and inner Melbourne were the parks around Fitzroy and Carlton: the Moreton Bay Fig tree in the South Garden was an important meeting and gathering place before and during the Second World War.

The Royal Exhibition Building (REB) was designed for the great international exhibitions of 1880 and 1888, held in Melbourne. It is a representative example of the facilities built to house the 50+ international exhibition staged between 1851 and 1915 in venues including Paris, New York, Vienna, Calcutta, Kingston (Jamaica) and Santiago (Chile). The REB was inscribed in the World Heritage List in 2004.

Join us for a behind-the-scenes guided tour of the REB, including access to the new promenade deck at the base of the dome. The promenade deck is part of a major package of works to reinvigorate the REB. It re-establishes an early feature of the REB and provides panoramic views over Melbourne.

Following the tour of the REB we will enjoy a boxed lunch in the Carlton Gardens, enjoying some 'bush tucker' options, and learn more about the development of the Carlton Gardens as part of the development of colonial gardening in Australia.

1300hrs Depart Melbourne: the coach will pick us up at REB/Carlton Gardens
In the afternoon, we travel to Torquay and Bells Beach via the historic waterfront of Geelong. Geelong is Victoria's largest regional city, with historical links to the Western District and wool. Geelong is on the traditional country of the Wadawurrung.

1500hrs Visit Bells Beach, one of Australia's famous surfing locations and home of the world's longest continuously running pro surfing competition. Bells Beach has been recognised as one of Victoria's significant cultural landscapes. Here surfers, Torquay-based surfing industries and Traditional Owners come together to celebrate the environment and nature.

1630hrs Arrive at our accommodation and settle in. You may like to take an early evening guided coastal walk from Yellow Bluff to Torquay Promenade (approx. 1.6km) before dinner.

1900hrs Enjoy dinner at one of the local cafes and restaurants, or at your accommodation. We will provide a list of options.

2100hrs After dinner, there will be a short briefing about our visit to the Great Ocean Road tomorrow.
Remainder of the evening at leisure

Accommodation: Wyndham Resort Torquay x 1 night (4 star)
100 The Esplanade, Torquay Victoria 3228
Phone: +61 (0)3 5261 1500

Day Three – Tuesday 12 September 2023 (B, L)



- 0800hrs Breakfast is included in your hotel stay
Please settle any incidentals on your room account and check out of your hotel.
- Depart the hotel for a full day touring along the Great Ocean Road a national heritage listed landscape. Built by returned soldiers between 1919 and 1932 and dedicated to soldiers killed during World War I, the road is the world's largest war memorial. The dramatic coastline was the scene of numerous shipwrecks in the 19th and early 20th centuries.
- We will see the Great Ocean Road unfold before us from key viewing points and hear about its creation. We will stop in Lorne and Apollo Bay (for lunch), two important towns along the route, and time permitting we will have a short walk into a rainforest gully.
- In the afternoon, we will see the remarkable Twelve Apostles limestone stack formations and visit the Loch Ard Gorge cemetery, an evocative site along this dramatic and treacherous coastline.
- Turning inland, we will visit Tower Hill: known as 'Koroitch' in the Gunditjmara language, the captivating nested maar of Tower Hill forms part of the broader cultural landscape. This vast crater is of international geological significance. Volcanic eruptions here are recorded in Indigenous traditions. At Tower Hill, time permitting, participants may like to walk to the summit, or around a short loop path, hoping to see emus, kangaroos, koalas and a variety of birds before we gather at the Tower Hill Visitor Centre, designed by celebrated Australian architect Robin Boyd, for drinks, nibbles and a talk by Worn Gundidj Aboriginal Cooperative, Traditional Owners.
- 1815hrs Travel to Port Fairy, an early, intact port and town with scores of heritage-listed buildings and places.
- 1900hrs Dinner options in Port Fairy will be provided. Remainder of the evening at leisure
- Accommodation: Seacombe House & Comfort Inn Port Fairy x 1 night (4 star)
22 Sackville Street, Port Fairy Victoria 3284
Phone: +61 (0)3 5568 1082

Day Four – Wednesday 13 September 2023

- Breakfast is at your own expense with many cafes and restaurants close to your accommodation.
Please settle any incidentals on your room account and check out of your hotel.
- 0730hrs Enjoy an early morning walk with local guides, either around Griffiths Island or a short town walk (Optional - allow 1 hour).
- 0900hrs Depart the hotel for a 45 minute journey. and drive to Budj Bim Cultural Landscape, inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2019. Here we will be hosted by Gunditjmara Traditional Owners to explore the ancient aquaculture systems and learn about their continuing culture, both aspects underpinning the World Heritage listing.
- Budj Bim is a dormant volcano and the source of the Tyrendarra lava flow which extends over 50 kilometres to the southwest: it is central to the history of the Gunditjmara people. Budj Bim National Park, within the larger cultural landscape, is Victoria's first co-managed national park and is managed by Gunditjmara Traditional Owners and Parks Victoria.



- Gunditjmara will brief us on the process leading to World Heritage inscription and their progress with management planning. We will see a range of different elements of this vast aquaculture system, including a visit to the area where archaeological investigation determined the 6600 BP date. Lunch will be at the Bush Tucker Café (at own expense) at the Tae Rak Aquaculture Centre where you can see short-finned eels (*Anguilla australis*) and purchase souvenirs and other items by local artists, including local Gunditjmara crafts people.
- 1430hrs Depart Budj Bim for Ballarat, a long journey. Along the way we will view the two peaks at southern end of Gariwerd (The Grampians) that represent the Bram-bram-bult brothers and hear how Parks Victoria's management planning engages with Traditional Owners. The Grampians is a national heritage listed landscape and the region has more than 80 per cent of Victoria's rock art sites and the largest number in southern Australia. If time permits, we may stop at Mt Rouse for a vista across the pastoral plains of the Western District and visit the eel stone arrangement at Lake Bolac.
- 1845hrs Check into our accommodation in Ballarat. Dinner options will be provided.
Evening option: a walking tour stopping for drinks and quirky stories around Ballarat CBD and a roof top view over the city. Alternative: the evening at leisure
Accommodation: Craig's Royal Hotel x 1 night (4 star)
10 Lydiard Street South, Ballarat Victoria 3350
Phone: +61 (0)3 5331 1377

Day Five – Thursday 14 September 2023 (B)

Breakfast is included in your hotel stay
Please settle any incidentals on your room account and check out of your hotel.

- 0800hrs Depart the hotel early
Today our focus is a World Heritage bid for listing of the Central Victoria goldfields, a complex series of cultural landscapes that together reveal what the bid partners suggest is 'the most extensive, coherent and best-surviving goldrush landscape, anywhere'. First, we will visit Creswick to see evidence of mining the 'deep lead' deposits of gold, buried in ancient rivers under the basaltic lava flows. These mines secured the Creswick district a place in history as the world's richest deep alluvial goldfield. In nearby Clunes we will take in views of township and the Port Phillip Mine, and in Talbot, a tiny goldmining town, we hope to meet Dja Wurrung representatives at the maternity tree/shelter tree - a giant River Red Gum about 700 years old. We'll then travel via Maryborough to the popular historic township of Maldon for lunch and to explore goldfields relics, stories and see a thriving artistic community.
- 1300hrs Castlemaine Diggings National Heritage Park was Australia's first National Heritage Park, declared in 2002, offering an extensive cultural landscape with rare evidence from the early alluvial goldrushes left by individual miners and quartz mining of the Victorian gold rush. Visit the Eureka Reef and the Monster Meeting Site in Chewton.
- 1530hrs Depart Castlemaine Diggings to return to Melbourne, approximately 2 hours travel.
- 1730hrs Drop off at Melbourne Airport or later at your accommodation in Melbourne city
We recommend participants overnight in Melbourne on the evening of Day 5 (14 September) (at your own cost) in case the tour has unexpected delays. Please make your own arrangements for accommodation on this night and any subsequent airport transfers required.



End of arrangements

Tour Cost:

\$1,797.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$2,320.00 per person based on single occupancy

Tour Inclusions:

- Accommodation as specified (where possible)
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- All travel by dedicated coach
- English speaking commentary from specialist guides and Traditional Owner hosts at several locations
- Breakfast daily and other meals as specified (Breakfast = B, Lunch = L, Dinner = D)
- Pre-reading materials (accessible online)
- Drop off at Melbourne Airport on 14 September 2023 only

Not Included

- Airfares to/from destination
- Arrival transfer in destination
- Meals other than specified
- Personal expenses
- Beverages & anything not specifically mentioned

Airfares

Domestic airfares to pre and post tour destinations are not included in the ground cost of the tour. Please advise the ICOMOS GA2023 Managers of your flight details so that they are aware of your arrival and departure time. You may still register on the pre and post tours if you have not finalised your travel arrangements. On completion of the registration form, you will be issued with an access key, which you need to record as this key allows you to access and update your booking and registration details at a later date.

Restrictions/Accessibility:

Not suitable for wheelchairs or persons with limited mobility

Fitness level:

Moderate. While most walking will be on designated tracks, a reasonable level of fitness is required due to variable terrain, some distance walking of up to 1-2 kilometres, and ascending and descending of steps.

Minimum number of participants: 15

Maximum number of participants: 22

Is French and Spanish speaking commentary available? No