

Melbourne  
Victoria  
Australia

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37° 48' 49" S  
144° 57' 47" E

Time Zone:  
GMT +10

Population:  
4 Million.

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English

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In 1835, John Batman, son of a Sydney convict, arrived in what is now known as the Port Phillip district; he purchased the land from the Aboriginal tribes of the Kulin. In about three decades, Melbourne grew from a small encampment to a vibrant metropolis. The finding of gold triggered its rapid growth in the mid 19th century with a large influx of immigrants which caused a population explosion. The wealth generated by the gold rush led to a unprecedented development of the city. By the end of the 19th century, Melbourne is the financial and industrial center of Australia. After World War II, Melbourne hosted the 1956 Olympic game, known as the 'Friendly Games'. As a result, the city attracted tremendous international attention. Influx of a new wave of immigrants brought in a new range of culture besides the British tradition. This transformation continues today with the arrival of immigrants from all parts of the world. Melbourne has the most elaborate Victorian architecture of all Australian cities; it has a celebrated range of restaurant cuisines; its calendar revolves around immensely popular spectator sports and art events. The city possesses a unique charm that never ceases to enchant visitors.



Phillip Island Nature Park is a non-profit organization engaged in ecotourism with different research and environmental programs dedicated to enhancing the Nature Park's environment for current and future generations. There are four major attractions on the island: The Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Centre, Churchill Island Heritage Farm and the Nobbies Centre. The Penguin Parade is an extraordinary natural phenomenon: every evening at sunset throughout the year, hundreds of little penguins come ashore at

Summerland Beach and waddle across the sand to their habitat, just as their ancestors have been doing for generations. Once ashore, they take their time in the dunes preening themselves, and seemingly oblivious to visitors watching from the boardwalks. A visit to the Park is an educational and entertaining activity for all ages.



The Great Ocean Road is one of the world's most scenic drives. The road is a 240 km stretch along the southeastern coast of Victoria. The road was constructed to provide work for returning soldiers and dedicated as a Memorial to those killed in the First World War. The road was built by 3,000 servicemen between 1918 and 1932. The journey along the Road features stunning natural sceneries: huge cliffs, raging surf, tranquil bays, lush rainforests, towering rock stacks and fascinating wildlife. Pretty holiday towns are linked by curving roads with striking view at every turn. Inland, it cuts through the Otways, an ecologically rich rainforest and visually splendid. The giant eroded monoliths, The Twelve Apostles in Port Campbell National Park, are an awesome spectacle.



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## Tour Itinerary

**Day 01:**  
Depart U.S. for Melbourne.

**Day 02:**  
Arrive Melbourne, transfer to hotel.

**Day 03:**  
Melbourne half day tour visiting Fitzroy Gardens & Captain Cook's cottage; Parliament House; Queen Victoria Market; St. Patrick's Cathedral; tea at the Botanical Garden Café; Shrine of Remembrance; Port Phillip Bay; the Yarra River and Arts Center. (B/L)

**Day 04:**  
Philip Island and Penguin Parade tour: travel east through Melbourne's outer suburbs; visit Warrook Cattle Farm; cross over to Philip Island by road bridge, visit Koalas in their natural habitat at the Koala Conservation Center. See the Nobbies rock formations overlooking Bass Strait—one of the most treacherous oceans in the world. Watch the nightly ritual of Penguin Parade at Summerland Beach as the little penguins march up the sand to the nesting places. (B)

**Day 05:**  
Day free for you to explore Melbourne at your own pace. (B).

**Day 06:**  
Tour one of the most scenic roads in the world. Enjoy morning Devonshire Tea at Torquay, Australia's surfing capital and home of Rip Curl surf wears. Travel through beautiful coastal towns of Anglesea, Lorne, Wye River and Apollo Bay. See the stone monoliths of the Twelve Apostles. (B/L).

**Day 07:**  
Day at leisure to explore Melbourne at your own pace. (B)

**Day 08:**  
Transfer to airport for departure. (B)

2010 Tour Costs:			
Seasons	Standard	Superior	Deluxe
May 01-Jun 08 Jul 2 4-Sep 21	\$2,045	\$2,218	\$2,665
April 1-30 Jun 09-Jul 23 Sep 22-Dec 16	\$2,125	\$2,298	\$2,745
Dec 17 - 21	\$2,263	\$2,436	\$2,885
Single room supplement	\$545	\$755	\$1,285
Accommodations:	Mercure Welcome Hotel. Ibis Melbourne.	Vibe Savoy. Swanston Grand Mercure.	Grand Hyatt. Intercontinental.

Prices include fuel surcharge and subject to change without notice.

