

Stuarts Coaches

Presents

Melbourne's International Flower & Garden Show Wednesday 28 March - Monday 02 April, 2012

Highlights

- **16th Annual International Flower & Garden Show**
 - **Melbourne Aquarium**
 - **Queen Victoria Markets**
 - **Werribee Open Range Zoo**

Depart Stuart's Depot 6.30am

Day 1 (D) Nowra to Melbourne (Wednesday 28 March 2012)

Welcome to our Autumn Tour to Melbourne for the *2011 International Flower and Garden Show*. We have a delightful program in place including two visits to the Flower Show, some time at Melbourne's famous Queen Victoria Markets and a trip to Werribee. After we have loaded the coach we set off, expressing to *Melbourne* for our first night on tour. We will base ourselves here for the next five nights so get comfortable! (*Lunch own arrangements*) *Hotel Ibis is a great location walking distance to the flower show.*

Hotel Ibis, Melbourne 03 9639 2399

Day 2 (BD) International Flower & Garden Show (Thursday 29 March, 2012)

After a hearty breakfast we head off to the *International Flower and Garden Show*. This show is a hallmark event for Victoria's and the most prestigious of its kind in Australia. Over 300 exhibits are "on show" representing horticulture, nurseries, landscape gardening, floristry and cut flowers together with their associated products and services. The show will simply take your breath away with the work of Australia's leading floral designers creating exquisite feature displays. We have plenty of time to spend here today. In fact the whole day is available for the show. Mid afternoon we return to the hotel. (*Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch own cost*) *Entry into Garden Show included.*

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Day 3 (BD): International Flower & Garden Show (Friday 30 April, 2012)

Don't worry if you didn't get to see everything yesterday as we have dedicated today to the show as well. At a pre determined time we will return to the hotel for another delicious dinner together. (*Breakfast & dinner in the hotel/Lunch own cost- Entry into Garden show included.*)

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Day 4 (BLD): Queen Victoria Markets (Saturday 31 March, 2012)

This morning we have arranged a guided tour of the *Melbourne Aquarium* which sits on the city side of the Yarra River. Then we are off to the *Queen Victoria Markets* - Australia's largest. This is a vast and vibrant centre of trade and commerce that was officially opened on 20 March 1878 and has served consumers needs for more than 120 years. Last year the Market had over 8.5 million visitors. Spread over 7 hectares, it is the largest open air Market in the southern hemisphere. Almost one thousand traders sell everything from exotic Australian fruit and vegetables and local and imported gourmet foods, meat, fish and poultry to hardware, manchester, clothing and authentic Australian artefacts and souvenirs. After lunch (own expense) we will transfer back to the *International Flower Show* for a final visit. Mid afternoon we return to our hotel. (*Breakfast & dinner in the hotel.*)

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Day 5 (BD): Werribee (Sunday 01 April, 2012)

No more flowers this morning, although we will visit a wonderful garden. After a leisurely start to the day we make our way to Werribee, south west of the city. It won't take us long to arrive at the **Werribee Park Mansion**. Werribee Park is an outstanding historic and cultural attraction offering an authentic insight into Australia's richly diverse history. The property features a superbly restored 1870s mansion, ten hectares of exquisite formal gardens, the internationally acclaimed Victoria State Rose Garden, contemporary sculpture walk, tranquil riverine and the original farmyard. The exquisite mansion and extensive gardens at their stately property of Werribee Park are a testament to their successful business venture. Today, this gives us a rare glimpse into the extravagance of a bygone era. We don't need to travel thousands of kilometres for a taste of Africa as we will find it when we visit the **Werribee Open Range Zoo** this afternoon. Our lunch may be purchased at the Café within the Zoo. We will see an amazing array of animals living on the 225 hectares of wide, open savannah. On the Pula Reserve Walking Trail, we will come face-to-face with a pride of lions, see cheeky monkeys and cheetahs at play and discover a family of hippos at the Kubu River Hippos experience. No trip to the Zoo is complete without heading out on safari across grassy plains where we will find rhinos, giraffes, zebras and antelopes grazing together on the savannah. Our guided tour will ensure we have a fascinating afternoon. After a wonderful day we return to our accommodation to freshen up for dinner together on our last night on tour. *(Breakfast & Dinner in the hotel /Lunch own arrangements)*

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Day 6 (B): Heading Home (Monday 02 April, 2012)

After breakfast we prepare for the drive back to Nowra. We express back making convenience stops along the way and arrive home mid afternoon to complete a sensational 6 day tour *(Breakfast in the motel/Lunch own arrangements)*

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.

Booking Conditions.

No's apply for this tour to proceed

We retain the right to change or amend the itinerary.

Single Supplement will apply if no twin share is available.

Passengers rotate in the coach giving forward and window seating.

One suitcase per person

Additional charges apply if paying by credit card.

Balance must be paid as stated.

COST.

Cost per person. \$1320.00

Single Supplement \$ 1700.00

Deposit \$500.00 28th November 2011

Balance 1st February 2012.