

STUART'S COACHES
9 DAY HANDORF & THE ADELAIDE HILLS TOUR
Thursday 22 November 2018 – Friday 30 November 2018

Day 1 (DL): HOME TO BALRANALD: Thursday 22 November 2018

Welcome to our 9 day tour to the picturesque *Hahndorf* in the *Adelaide Hills*. With an early morning **DEPARTURE FROM STUARTS AT 6.30am** we make our way onto the Hume Highway. Today is a travel day as we head to Balranald for our first nights' accommodation. Sit back, relax and along the way we will make the appropriate stops for lunch, morning and afternoon teas. (*Dinner in motel, lunch en route*)

Balranald Motor Inn, Balranald, PH 03 5020 1104

Day 2 (BLD): BALRANALD TO THE ADELAIDE HILLS: Friday 23 November 2018

Following breakfast we depart Balranald and make our way to *Tooleybuc*, where we cross the *Murray River*. From here we head to Ouyen for our morning break and some free time to stretch the legs. In Pinnaroo we can enjoy lunch at the *Pinnaroo Bakery Café*, and then this afternoon we drive through the *Adelaide Hills* and arrive in *Hahndorf*, our base for the next five nights. Dinners and breakfast will be served across the road from the hotel in the lovely Haus Restaurant. (*Breakfast in motel, lunch at Pinnaroo Bakery Café, Dinner at The Haus Restaurant*)

The Manna of Hahndorf, 08 8388 1000

Day 3 (BLD): THE ADELAIDE HILLS: Saturday 24 November 2018

Hahndorf is Australia's oldest surviving German settlement and a superb "flashback" to the nineteenth century with its shops, eating houses and attractions housed in authentic surroundings. Following breakfast we enjoy a special walking experience being escorted around Historic Hahndorf township visiting Germanic cottages built in the 1830's and hearing special local stories along the way. Late morning we arrive at *The Cedars* which was the home and studio of World renowned artist, *Hans Heysen*. Here we will enjoy a guided tour of the house and the studio (which has been kept just the way Hans Heysen left it, including some unfinished sketches) and the extensive gardens. This was his base as he painted extensively onsite in the hills around Hahndorf and in the Flinders Ranges. Not far away in *Verdun* we enjoy lunch at the *Stanley Bridge Tavern* and if he's in, say hello to Benny, the resident dog! To complete our day we visit the *Beerenberg Strawberry Farm*. Fully Australian owned and all products are made at this farm. We will have the opportunity to purchase from their gift range and the large range of delicious preserves that is perfect for that last minute Christmas gift. You may not know but Beerenberg products can now be found in 24 countries, on major airlines and in more than 300 hotels! (*Breakfast and dinner at The Haus Restaurant, lunch at Stanley Bridge Tavern*)

Day 4 (BD): ADELAIDE: Sunday 25 November 2018

Today we travel into Adelaide for our touring and sightseeing. Our first stop is at *Mount Lofty Summit*, to take in the stunning views over the city of Adelaide and the Gulf St Vincent. From here it's a short drive into *Adelaide* and over the past couple of years the City of Adelaide has seen major growth, historic North Terrace has been brought back to its glory days and the *Torrens River* precinct has come alive with the major renovations of *Adelaide Oval* and both *Rundle Mall* and *Victoria Square* have had major revamps. The redeveloped Adelaide Oval

offers a unique blend of new and old – from the latest in stadium design to the famous features such as the heritage listed scoreboard, the century-old Moreton Bay Fig trees and the grassed northern mound. Our Adelaide Oval Tour will take us behind the scenes to the inner workings of this iconic ground. For lunch (*passengers own expense*) we can enjoy some free time in **Rundle Mall** along with a little retail therapy looking through the various shops. This afternoon we head to **Carrick Hill** for a guided tour and afternoon tea. We will explore some of the grounds and this extraordinary house with its Australian, English and French paintings and collections of silver and porcelain. Late afternoon we return to Hahndorf and have dinner at the Old Mill Restaurant located a little further down the street. (*Breakfast at the Haus Restaurant and Dinner at Old Mill Restaurant, lunch at own expense*)

Day 5 (BLD): ADELAIDE HILLS: Monday 26 November 2018

This morning we are heading to the **National Motor Museum** in **Birdwood**. The National Motor Museum is an international centre for the collection, research, preservation, education and display of Australian road transport history. More than a museum it is a social history of the way we were, the way we are now and the way of the future. We have lunch across the road in the Blumberg Hotel, and then we head to **Gumeracha** and have a brief visit to the **Toy Factory** at the **Giant Rocking Horse**. This afternoon we visit **Melba's Chocolate and Confectionery Factory** – housed in a historic cheese factory. We spend some time taking a look at the operation and to experience the old chocolate and confectionary making techniques. Make sure you try their Rocky Road! Going from sweet to savoury, next door is **Woodside Cheese Wrights** and here we can sample some of the delicious locally made cheeses. Late afternoon we return to Hahndorf and enjoy some free time before dinner. (*Breakfast and Dinner at The Haus Restaurant, lunch at Blumberg Hotel*)

Day 6 (BLD): THE MURRAY Tuesday 27 November 2018

We have arranged breakfast this morning with a difference at **Buzz Honey**, a family owned business producing hand selected and harvested raw honeys from a variety of locations across South Australia and specialised regions of Australia. We'll enjoy breakfast including a fascinating talk on all things bees, bee keeping and the production of honey including a tasting of some of their yummy product! After, we re-join our coach and head to **Murray Bridge** – an hour to the east of Adelaide. We have arranged to join Captain Proud for a delightful **luncheon cruise** on the Murray River. **Captain Proud** was originally built in 1977 and worked as one of the original showboats on the Port River. The vessel was rebuilt after a fire in 1987 and in 1993 entered the River Murray from the sea at the Murray mouth near Goolwa and travelled to Echuca. It now lives at Murray Bridge offering river excursions on the Lower Murray. This afternoon we travel to **Monarto Zoo**. Here we can expect to see spectacular wildlife with commentary from our guide/keeper who is with us while we see some of the residents, such as Rhinos, Cheetahs, African Wild Dogs, Lions and Chimpanzees. Plus, we will see Giraffe, Antelope, Ostrich and more. Late afternoon we arrive back in Hahndorf and enjoy dinner across the road in the Haus restaurant. (*Breakfast at Buzz Honey, Dinner at The Haus restaurant, lunch on board Captain Proud Cruise*)

Day 7 (BLD): HAHNDORF TO HAY: Wednesday 28 November 2018

We farewell our hosts and depart the Adelaide Hills this morning. Re-tracing our steps we travel through the Murray Mallee region and cross the Murray River and head across the famous Hay Plain to Hay for our last night of the tour. We'll have suitable stops to stretch our legs and have lunch at **Mildura** along the way. (*Breakfast and dinner in motel / lunch en route*)

Day 8 (BLD): HAY: Thursday 29 November 2018

Hay was originally established as a Murrumbidgee River crossing for Merino sheep flocks. Named after the politician and pastoralist **Sir John Hay**, the town has grown to become an essential service centre for the vast pastoral area that surrounds it. This morning we welcome aboard a local tour guide and take in the sights of the town. We see and hear all about the **Hay Gaol** and the **Hay Courthouse** and call into the **Hay Railway Station**, site of the **Internment Camps**. We visit **Shear Outback** for lunch as well as a demonstration. Shearers enjoy legendary status in Australia, and links to Australia's vibrant and colourful shearing culture are prevalent in contemporary life and language. Shear Outback is an innovative and exciting interpretative centre devoted to these colourful characters of the bush, and follows the technology of 'getting the wool' off - past, present and future. We conclude our day with a visit to **Bishops Lodge Historic House and Rose Garden** where we enjoy afternoon tea and a tour before returning to our hotel. *(Breakfast & dinner in motel, lunch at Shear Outback)*

Bishop's Lodge Motor Inn, Hay, 02 6993 3003

Day 9 (BL): HAY TO HOME: Friday 30 November 2018

Our final journey takes us along the Hume Highway as we make our way back to the South Coast. We arrive home later today to complete our fabulous 9 day tour to the Adelaide Hills. *(Breakfast in the motel, lunch en route).*

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.

Deposit at time of booking. Balance by 1st October 2018
Minimum No's needed for this to proceed

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