

Victoria - Melbourne to Mildura

March 19—27, 2025

Including the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show



Tour Highlights

- Lambley Nursery and Gardens
- Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement
- Flying Boat Museum at Lake Boga
- Murray River Cruise
- Wineries
- Holden museum at Mildura
- Inland Botanical gardens
- Lake Mungo National park
- Some hidden gems....
- Melbourne Flower Show
- Quality accommodation
- All coach transfers with local experienced operator
- Everything organised!



Day 1 Wednesday 19/3 Home to Melbourne D

Our tour will start in Brisbane or Melbourne airport with flight details to be confirmed. We will then meet our coach and transfer to our centrally located motel in the Melbourne CBD. This evening we will have a welcome dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Manta on Russell or similar for 2 nights.

Day 2 Thursday 20/3 Melbourne flower show B

This morning we will take the tram (or walk) to the Melbourne Flower show which takes place each year in the Carlton Exhibition Centre. It is a beautiful venue for the largest flower show in the southern hemisphere. Expect to see display gardens by professionals, student gardens, floral displays, art exhibitions, plants and all kinds of garden related merchandise for sale. You may also decide to explore the excellent Museum which is next door (own expense). The day is free for you to spend as much time at the show as you like or you may decided to head off to explore or shopping in Melbourne.

Day 3 Friday 21/3 Melbourne to Swan Hill B, D

Today will drive into the Victorian countryside with first stop the Ballarat Botanical gardens that should have their fabulous display of Begonias in full bloom in the greenhouse before visiting Lambley garden and nursery. We will have a few stops along the Silo art trail leading to Swan Hill.

Dinner will be in our hotel tonight.

Swan Hill Quality Inn or similar for 2 nights.

Day 4 Saturday 22/3 Swan Hill B

This morning we will have a little time to explore the town before visiting the Pioneer settlement which is the areas' main feature. The pioneer days are displayed in a variety of interactive displays that are very highly rated. After a little free time in the afternoon we will return to the Pioneer settlement to see the light show over the Murray River as night falls.



Day 5 Sunday 23/3 Swan Hill to Mildura B, L, D

We leave Swan Hill with our first stop being the interesting Flying Boat museum at Lake Boga. See the original Catalina and other interesting work planes. We will then continue to the Euston boat and rowing club on the Murray River for lunch. Bernie says the club has great views. Later arrive in Mildura for an orientation of this country town.

Grand Hotel or similar for 4 nights

Day 6 Monday 24/3 Mildura area B, L

Today we will take a cruise on the Murray River on a restored Paddlesteamer (if available otherwise a regular steamer), visit Cof-fee on Indi for lunch and a chance to see Big Lizzie nearby. (see image to the right) Big Lizzie was the rather primitive but impressive dozer used to clear the land in the local area. Later today



we will visit Totally organic Vineyard. The owner, Brett Wright, is a friend of our driver, Bernie, and will be on hand to talk about how he produces his wines and also to assist with wine tasting.

Day 7 Tuesday 25/3 Mildura & Murray River B, L

First stop today is the lovely Australian Inland Botanical gardens. We will also visit the Holden museum before heading to Varapodia Estate for a tour of the olive production process and for a light lunch. After lunch we will head to a place recommended by our trusty driver, Bernie - Woodsie's Gems (google it!). Last stop for the day is a visit to, and chance to sample the produce of - Fossey's Ginporium (subject to availability). Should be a good day....

Day 8 Wednesday 26/3 Lake Mungo day B, D

This morning we will drive about 90 minutes to Lake Mungo to visit the main sites including the visitor centre for more information on the dramatic landscape and Mungo Man found in the lake area. The scenery looks really quite dramatic and we will have a chance to do a few short walks. Our lunch stop will be at the café near the Lake. Later return to our hotel before a farewell dinner in or near the hotel.

Day 9 Thursday 27/3 Mildura to home B

This morning we will check out and transfer to the local airport for flights home either via Sydney or Melbourne. Suggested flights to be advised.

Our coach company will be Ballarat Coachlines and a driver who is a Wattletree favourite and friend — Bernie Wilson!



Tour price	\$3995 per person twin share land only. Please complete a booking form and pay deposit of \$500 pp to secure place. Sole use \$950 extra - single room
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