

SHORE EXCURSIONS

MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA – MARCH 01, 2024

Sovereign Hill & Wildlife Park



Duration: 8 Hours
Activity Level: Moderate
Adult: \$247.50
Child: \$247.50

DETAILS:

Step back in time to the heady days of Australia's gold mining era on this comprehensive full-day program to

Sovereign Hill, and a stop at Ballarat Wildlife Park to see the local wildlife roam free.

Head to the Gold Rush town of Sovereign Hill, where you will relive the joys, hardships, and daily life of miners and their families, in this open-air museum. The shops, miners' huts, cottages, hotels, and public buildings have all been carefully preserved, and bring renewed life to the atmosphere of a bygone era. View displays documenting daily life in the 1850s or visit craft and jewelry shops offering goods reminiscent of those available during the Gold Rush.

During the early afternoon, you'll enjoy lunch at a popular local restaurant and visit the historic town of Ballarat. While passing through its charming center, your driver will reveal its main highlights, including the impressive gardens.

Visit the 37-acre Ballarat Wildlife Park, where you can observe free-roaming kangaroos, emus, Tasmanian devils, koalas, and numerous other Australian faunas.

Melbourne & Vintage Train Ride



Duration: 4 ½ Hours
Activity Level: Easy
Adult: \$108.90
Child: \$108.90

DETAILS:

Experience the beauty of Melbourne's surrounding countryside in a unique new way during a ride aboard a vintage, narrow-gauge steam train:

one of the world's finest preserved railways.

Depart the pier for the 1-hour drive east through the suburb of Ferntree Gully, and on to the quaint township of Belgrave. Upon arrival, you will board the Puffing Billy, a vintage, narrow gauge steam train more than 100 years old. You will then proceed for an approximate 1-hour journey through the Dandenong Mountains. Along the way, you can

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sit and relax on the authentic bench-style seating and take in the picturesque scenery as your train weaves its way through the scenic countryside.

You'll also enjoy a brief overview of Melbourne's highlights before returning to the pier.

NOTE:

Boarding the train requires some agility, as the entrance to the carriage is narrow. The steam locomotive may not be used on fire-danger days, and a diesel engine may be substituted. The Puffing Billy train is not air-conditioned but has open sides and good ventilation.

Melbourne Past & Present



Duration: 4 Hours

Activity Level: Moderate

Adult: \$97.90

Child: \$97.90

DETAILS:

Drive into Melbourne, renowned for its grace, Old World charm, and the magnificent parks and gardens that

surround the city. Your orientation tour visits Melbourne's highest attraction, Eureka Skydeck 88. This magnificent 92 story tall Tower is one of the tallest apartment buildings in the world. The fastest lifts in the Southern Hemisphere takes you from the ground to Level 88 Skydeck in a mere 40 seconds. From up here you will have unparalleled 360-degree views of the city, Port Phillip Bay, and the Dandenong Ranges through floor to ceiling glass windows.

Stop at the magnificent Shrine of Remembrance one of the most stunning and recognizable landmarks of Melbourne. Here you will have some time to take photos.

Travel past the modern Crown Casino complex and Convention Center, then proceed through the residential suburbs of South Yarra and Toorak, home of Melbourne's elite. Along the way, you will pass by the area's many antique shops and boutiques.

Another highlight of your tour is a visit to the Melbourne Museum. As you stand in front of the Royal Exhibition Building, your guide will explain its significance. It is one of only two World Heritage listed buildings in Australia, the other being the Sydney Opera House. Then you'll have free time to explore the different sections on your own before meeting back at the coach at a pre-designated time.