

Portland & Victoria's Far South West Coast

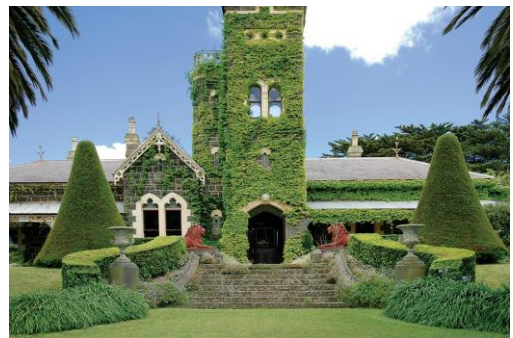
Monday 7th to Friday 11th March - 5 days / 4 nights

Tour Inclusions

- Luxury Daytripper Coach Travel
- 4 night's quality motel accommodation
- Tour Escort
- Most Meals as per itinerary
- All touring and Entrance Fees as per itinerary
- Door to Door pick up and return (t&c's apply)

Tour Highlights

- Narrapumelap Homestead
- Portland Cable Trams
- Powerhouse Museum
- Botanic Gardens
- Maritime Museum
- Tram Depot Museum
- Cape Bridgewater Blowholes
- Petrified Beach
- Nelson
- Nelson River Cruise
- Point Danger Gannet Colony
- Cape Nelson Lighthouse
- Bay of Whales Gallery
- Portland Strawberries
- Winery Lunch
- Ferry across the bay
- And much, much more....





Portland on the southwest coast was the site of Victoria's first permanent European settlement in 1834, with the town quickly prospering due to fishing, pastoral and agricultural industries. This much-overlooked coastal town is full of history and rugged beauty. With streets dotted with heritage buildings and an industrial port that mingles effortlessly in with the abundance of wildlife that saturates the area this region has something to offer everyone.

South of Portland is Cape Nelson which includes a 210 hectare state park bordering rugged cliffs with the Cape Nelson Lighthouse located on the coast's southern tip.

West of Portland is the small community of Cape Bridgewater. From here, the Discovery Bay Coastal Park stretches 50 kilometres north-west along the coast to the small town of Nelson, close to the state border with South Australia. Cape Bridgewater has several lookouts perched above the beaches which overlook Bridgewater Bay. Fur seals can be sighted in the area during their breeding season.

Day 1: HOME TO PORTLAND

(L/D)

Welcome on board our 5-day tour to **Portland and Victoria's Far South West Coast**. This morning we make our way to the Far South West of the State, stopping for **morning tea** along the way. We head to the **Narrapumelap Homestead** in the little village of Wickliffe. We'll enjoy a tour of the French Gothic Mansion here and a light lunch before our afternoon's journey past Hamilton and down to our destination of Portland. We arrive with time to unpack and relax before dining in the motel restaurant

Overnight – Comfort Inn Richmond Henty (4 nights)



Day 2: PORTLAND**(B/L/D)**

After our lovely, cooked breakfast we spend the day discovering the beautiful coastal town of **Portland** via the **Portland Cable Tram** which takes one of the most scenic tram tracks routes in Australia. The track runs along **Henty Beach**, giving a close-up view of a working, natural deep-water harbour, before climbing to the cliff top giving panoramic views of the harbour and Portland Bay. It then passes alongside the historically significant 'ploughed field' on the way to the **World War II Memorial Lookout Tower**. The tram will transport us to a number of lovely destinations around the town. We'll spend some time at the **Power House Museum**, with a unique collection of veteran, vintage and classic cars motor bikes, stationary motors, tractors, fully restored Melbourne Cable Tram and memorabilia. Next stop is the **Portland Botanic Gardens**, a hidden tranquil beauty, established in the 1850s by William Allitt. The second oldest garden in Australia with croquet lawns and native & exotic plants. We'll enjoy a lovely lunch in the garden before again boarding the tram to head to the **Maritime Discovery Centre & Museum**. The museum includes displays documenting the region's rich maritime history including whaling, ship wrecks, rescue, navigation and the local fishing industry. Centrepiece of the museum is the 1858 Portland lifeboat, famous for its role in the 'Admella' rescue of 1859. The lifeboat is one of the oldest remaining unrestored intact vessels in Australia, possibly the world. After a busy day exploring we return to our motel with a little time to relax before another lovely 2 course dinner

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Day 3: CAPE BRIDGEWATER & NELSON**(B/L/D)**

This morning after another lovely breakfast we head out on a tour of the town. Our host Mike will provide some informative commentary on all things Portland on our **Town Tour**. We'll also visit the **Gannet Colony** and see some of these beautiful birds who nest here. The birds are not breeding this year, but we should be able to see a few adults and learn all about them. After our tour we travel to **Cape Bridgewater** to the **Blowholes**. Formed mainly of basalt (black) and Scoria Purple) rock, these blowholes create spectacular spouts of sea spray during high seas. Whilst here we'll also visit the **Petrified Forest**. Some say it was formed when a forest of moonah trees was smothered by a large sand dune. Water seeped down through the sand to form a crust of sandstone on the outside of the trunks, decaying the organic matter, leaving behind "petrified" trunks. Others believe it was formed through the natural erosion of stone in the ground, with the remains looking coincidentally like fossilized tree trunks. What do you think? Time for some lunch which today is at the lovely **Bridgewater Bay Café**. Enjoy the lovely views over **Shelly Beach** with you lunch. This afternoon we make our way to Nelson, a small fishing town on the lands of the Gunditjmarra people. **Nelson** is located at the mouth of the **Glenelg River and Discovery Bay**, a few kilometres from the South Australian border. Whilst here we will enjoy a **cruise on the Glenelg River**, set in the majestic Lower Glenelg National Park. Afternoon tea will be provided whilst on board. Following our cruise, we'll have a little time to explore the town before returning to motel in Portland for another great dinner together

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Day 4: NARRAWONG

(B/D)

A later start this morning and another fabulous breakfast. We head to the **Cape Nelson Lighthouse**. Imbued with a rich nautical history, Cape Nelson Lighthouse was witness to many high seas dramas in the 1800's. We'll enjoy a tour of the lighthouse before heading to the sweet little café – a chance here to purchase yourself some lunch and refreshments before we make our way to **Narrawong** and the **Bay of Whales Gallery**. The Gallery proudly presents some of the very best realistic animal and bird paintings in Australia by Brett Jarrett. The Gallery showcases sophisticated, world class paintings presented in a custom built professional gallery. Next, we move on the **Narrawong Lavender**. Narrawong Lavender have been growing and distilling 'Miss Donnington' lavender on the farm in Narrawong since 1999. The crop is grown without irrigation and is free of herbicides and pesticides. Here we'll meet Clyde for an interesting tour of his farm. With our lavender purchases safely onboard, we head to **Portland Strawberries**, a local farm gate who only sell strawberries they have grown on their property. Our shout for a **lovely homemade ice cream! Yum!** We then head back to Portland with some free time to spend in the town for those who would like some **local retail therapy**. Another lovely 2 course dinner tonight at the motel. Rest up as we head home tomorrow.

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Day 5: PORTLAND to HOME

(B/L)

This morning after another hearty breakfast we bid farewell to Portland as we begin our journey home. We head towards **Colac** where we enjoy a comfort stop and morning tea. A little further towards home and we'll stop at the beautiful **Oakdene Winery**, a family-owned vineyard situated in the heart of the Bellarine Peninsula on stunning coastal farmland. Nestled amongst a mass of birch trees we'll enjoy **lunch at the Mr Grubb @ Oakdene**. A fabulous way to finish off a lovely week together. Avoiding Melbourne's busy traffic, we board the **Ferry at Queenscliff** for a **relaxing sail across the bay**. Arriving in Sorrento with **transfers back home**, having enjoyed another lovely holiday with **Daytripper Tours**



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