

BENDIGO ELVIS & DA VINCI EXHIBITIONS

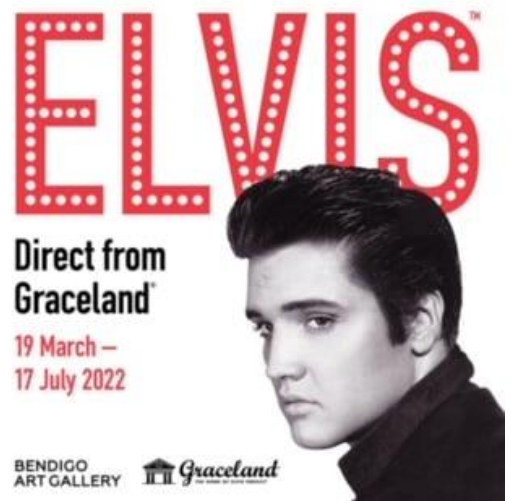
Wed 25 to Fri 27 May - 3 days/2 nights

The Tour Price Includes:

- Door to Door Pick Up & Return (T&C's Apply)
- Luxury Daytripper Coach Travel
- Driver/Tour Escort
- 2 Nights Luxury 4.5 Star Motel Accommodation
- 2 x Cooked breakfasts & 2 course dinners
- All Tours & Entry Fees as per itinerary

Tour Highlights:

- ELVIS: Direct from Graceland Exhibition
- First Class Victorian Gold Fields Train- Maldon to Castlemaine
- DA VINCI MACHINES: Dare to Imagine Exhibition
- Bendigo Gallery
- Discovery Centre Bendigo
- Maldon
- The Great Stupe of Universal Compassion
- Winery Lunch



Join us as we head to **Bendigo** to visit **two fabulous exhibitions** on show in this regional town. **ELVIS: Direct from Graceland.** Created in partnership with Graceland, this exclusive exhibition explores the extraordinary life and style of Elvis Presley. Direct from the Graceland archive, the exhibition features a wide range of costumes and ultra-cool outfits, vintage memorabilia, and treasured items from his beloved Graceland home. Fashion highlights include Elvis and Priscilla's wedding outfits, the repurposed '68 Special costume he wore to meet President Nixon, a dazzling array of Vegas jumpsuits and the bongos Priscilla gifted him on their first Christmas together in 1959. The next Exhibition we will visit is **DA VINCI MACHINES: Dare to Imagine.** Da Vinci did not limit his thinking to the times within which he lived, but rather imagined a future where his ideas were not only possible, but doable. He was hailed as the "Renaissance Man" for his unrestrained creativity and his determination not to allow failure to get in the way of a great idea. Created by the acclaimed Artisans of Florence, this international exhibition consists of carefully reconstructed, and functional, machines which were invented by Da Vinci in the 15th Century, as well as excellent recreations of some of his most famous paintings.

Day 1 – Wednesday– Home to Bendigo

(MT/D)

This morning we welcome everyone on-board as we begin our journey **Bendigo**. Enjoying **Morning Tea** enroute we make our way to **historic Maldon** and experience what life was like during the gold rush era. Wandering past old weatherboard homes, solid stone buildings and decorative shop fronts in this lovingly preserved **Australian gold mining town**. Grab yourself some lunch and a coffee at one of the lovely little sidewalk cafes and browse the many antique and collectable shops around town. After lunch we make our way to **Victorian Goldfields Railway** to step back in time and board our **first-class carriage** for our memorable **steam rail trip** through the goldfields of central Victoria to **Castlemaine**. Purchase a drink or snack from one of the stewards while you sit back and relax and let the world drift by. What a way to travel!! Arriving in Castlemaine, Kevin will meet you at the platform and escort you to the bus for a short trip to Bendigo. On arrival at Bendigo, we'll have time to unpack and relax before enjoying a **lovely 2 course dinner** in the **Lakeside Restaurant** (part of the motel complex)

Overnight: Quality Hotel Lakeside (2 nights)



Day 2 – Thursday – Elvis Exhibition / Da Vinci Exhibition (B/L/D)

This morning we enjoy a stunning **cooked breakfast** before we head out for a day of Exhibitions. This morning we visit the **Bendigo Gallery** for the **Elvis – Direct from Graceland Exhibition**. Created in partnership with Graceland, this exclusive exhibition explores the extraordinary life and style of Elvis Presley. Direct from the Graceland archive, the exhibition features a wide range of costumes and ultra-cool outfits, vintage memorabilia, and treasured items from his beloved Graceland home. We're in no hurry so please do take your time. **Lunch today is in the café at the Gallery** – allowing you to sit and enjoy or spend some more time with the Exhibition. This afternoon we head to the **Bendigo Discovery Centre and Da Vinci's Machines Exhibition**. Da Vinci did not limit his thinking to the times within which he lived, but rather imagined a future where his ideas were not only possible, but doable. Created by the acclaimed Artisans of Florence, this international exhibition consists of carefully reconstructed, and functional, machines which were invented by Da Vinci in the 15th Century, as well as excellent recreations of some of his most famous paintings. After a full packed day, we head back to our motel to enjoy a lovely 2 course meal and a great night's sleep

Day 5 – Friday – Bendigo to home (B/MT/L)

After another cooked breakfast we load the bus in readiness for our journey home. But not before a visit to **the great Stupa for a guided tour and Morning Tea** –The Great Stupe of Universal Compassion. A stupa (also known as a pagoda) is the most sacred building in Buddhism. We will enjoy a guided tour here and learn a little more about the project. We will visit the grounds of the Peace Park and view the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace. With Morning Tea and a chance to grab yourself a coffee before we board the bus to make our way towards home. What better thing to do on the way home than stop at a **local winery** and enjoy a delightful **lunch**. Just the way to end a lovely holiday. Once home we will ensure you are **escorted to your door** having spent a lovely few days in Bendigo with Daytripper Tours

**Tour Cost from \$ 975.00 per person Twin Share
(\$150.00 single supplement)
Minimum numbers required.**

\$200pp deposit required to secure your seats....

*Tour Price is Valid for Travel during 2022
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