



Limestone Coast – South Australia

Stay Put Coach Tour

Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

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

- Ballarat
- Hamilton
- Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum
- Mt Gambiers Blue Lake
- Umpherston Cave Sunken Garden
- National Trust Old Court House
- Nelson River Cruise
- Penola
- Saint Mary MacKillop Interpretative Centre
- Petticoat Lane
- Wonambi Fossil Centre
- Naracoorte Caves National park
- Alexander Cave Guided Tour
- Coonawarra Wine District
- Millicent Murals
- Robe
- Beachport
- Old Woolgrain Store Museum

And much, much more....





Welcome to the Limestone Coast, the land of natural wonders and wine. From a mysterious azure lake to prehistoric caves and volcanoes, the Limestone Coast is home to some of South Australia's most spectacular natural wonders. The region is also home to some of the world's most sought after wine and produce.

One of the highlights of Limestone Coast is its incredible coastline, which boasts breathtaking limestone formations, secluded coves, and picturesque beaches. It's the perfect destination for nature lovers and adventurers exploring the great outdoors.

This 5-day adventure is designed to be relaxed & casual, yet informative and interesting.

Day 1: Home To Mt Gambier

(L/D)

Welcome on board our 5-day tour to **the Limestone Coast**. This morning we make our way West, stopping for **morning tea and Lunch** along the way. We head to Hamilton, the birthplace of Ansett Airlines. Here we visit the **Sir Reginald Ansett Transport Museum**. The original hangar for Ansett Airlines of Australia has been used to create a museum dedicated to the history of Sir Reginald Ansett's contribution to the Australian transport industry. From here we make our way to **Mount Gambier** and our **4 star motel** – Home for the next 4 nights. Dinner tonight is in the motel restaurant.

Overnight – Southgate Motel Mt Gambier (4 nights)

Day 2: Mount Gambier

(B/L/D)

After our lovely breakfast we spend the day discovering the local area. Mount Gambier has a population of about 24,000 people. Their water supply comes from the famous **Blue Lake** – one of the lakes within the three craters of a volcano. Between November and April, the steely grey waters of the lake changes to a brilliant blue, almost overnight. The city also boasts beautiful parks and gardens, caves and sinkholes. This morning we are joined by a "local" who will take us on a **city tour** including the **Blue Lake** and the **Umpherston Cave** – a sinkhole that has been landscaped with terraced gardens close to the city. It is a very pretty garden with palm trees and plants hanging over the edges of the sinkhole. We head into town for lunch before our afternoon visit to the **National Trust Old Court House**, built in 1865. This captivating limestone and dolomite building still has the original courtroom furniture. We view the judge's chambers, inspect the cells and view photographic representations of past events. This afternoon we make our way to **Nelson**, a small fishing town on the lands of the Guditjmarra people. Nelson is located at the mouth of the **Glenelg River and Discovery Bay**. Whilst here we will enjoy a **cruise on the Glenelg River**, set in the majestic Lower Glenelg National Park. Following our cruise, we'll return to our motel for another great dinner together.

Overnight – Southgate Motel Mt Gambier (4 nights)



Day 3: Penola & Naracoorte

(B/L/D)

Another hearty breakfast and we are on our way to the delightful village of **Penola**. The town was established in the 1850's and has a colourful history. Fortunately, a lot of this history has been preserved and is on display along **Petticoat Lane** and throughout **the Saint Mary MacKillop Interpretative Centre**. On arrival, we will be met by one of the lovely volunteers who will join us on the coach for a **tour of the town and local area**. We'll then head to the interpretive centre to explore the buildings and enjoy **Morning Tea**. We see and hear the story of the co-founders of the Institute of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart. They provided a free Catholic education, initially for the isolated bush children of Penola. After our lovely morning in Penola we head to **Naracoorte Caves National Park** and the **Wonambi Fossil Centre**. Here we have the opportunity to 'step back in time' and discover what Naracoorte was like over 200,000 years ago. The Centre contains fossil displays and a walk-through diorama with life-sized models of extinct animals in their ancient habitats. The interpretive centre also illustrates how the caves have acted as pitfall traps, dens and roosts for more than 500,000 years, leading to the vast accumulation of skeletal remains of reptiles, birds and mammals. We also enjoy a **guided tour of Alexander Cave** and a **light lunch**. On our return to Mount Gambier we travel through the delightful **Coonawarra Wine Region**. One could not just drive past so we stop at one of the delightful wineries to taste their wares. On arrival back at the hotel we have some free time before dinner in the Motel Restaurant

Overnight – Southgate Motel Mt Gambier (4 nights)

Day 4: Robe & Beachport

(B/D)

After another fabulous breakfast we head to **Millicent** and enjoy a collection of murals representing the diverse history of the town. Next we are on our way to the popular seaside resort town of **Robe**. We meet our local guide who will take us on an informative tour of the area. The port of Robe is an old town, with streets of heritage cottages and public buildings and loads of character. Following our tour is some **free time to look around town** and purchase yourself some lunch. After lunch we visit the seaside town of **Beachport** situated on a rugged but beautiful stretch of coastline it offers some superb views of the coast. Whilst in Beachport, we visit **the Old Woolgrain Store** which now houses an interesting museum, before making our way back to Mount Gambier. Tonight we are heading out to one of the **local restaurants for a farewell dinner**

Overnight – Southgate Motel Mt Gambier (4 nights)

Day 5: Mount Gambier to Home

(B/L)

This morning after another hearty breakfast we bid farewell to Mt Gambier and South Australia as we begin our journey home. We head towards **Mortlake** where we enjoy a comfort stop and morning tea. A little further towards home and we'll stop at the **Historic Fyansford Hotel** for a lovely lunch. 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**

(Note – Our Geelong and Melbourne passengers may depart the tour in Fyansford for home transfers – This will be confirmed in your departure letter)

**Tour Cost from:
\$1935pp
(\$350 single supplement)**

Minimum numbers required.

Tour Price is Valid for Travel during 2024.

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