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FULLY ESCORTED

Ballarat & The Begonia Festival

Sun 8 – Thu 12 MARCH 2026 - 5 day/4 nights



Tour inclusions:

- Luxury Daytripper Coach
- Fully Escorted Tour
- 4 Nights 4-Star Motel Accommodation
- Most Meals as per the itinerary
- All Touring & Entrance fees as per itinerary
- Stay Put Tour

Tour Highlights:

- St. Anne's Winery
- Golden City Paddle Steamer
- Begonia Festival
 - Time to explore the festival
 - Festival Parade
 - Gardeners Market
- Creswick Woollen Mills
- Overwrought Sculpture Garden & Gallery
- Daylesford
- Amazing Mill Market
- Daylesford Brewing Company
- Ballarat Tramway Museum
- Ballarat Town Tour
- Sovereign Hill
- Aura Sound & Light Spectacular
- Russo Estate



Day 1 – Sunday 8 March

(L/D)

Good morning and a warm welcome aboard! Get ready for an exciting journey as we set off towards enchanting **Ballarat** for an unforgettable 5-day adventure in this beautiful region. This morning, we'll kick things off with a delightful Morning Tea while we travel towards our destination. We'll then make a delightful stop for lunch at the charming **St. Annes Winery** in Myrniong—where we might even catch some live music to elevate our dining experience! With our taste buds tantalized, we'll continue our scenic journey to our fabulous **4-star motel in Ballarat**, which will be our cozy home for the next four nights. After unpacking and refreshing ourselves, we'll gather at the motel's restaurant, **The Red Lion**, for a scrumptious two-course dinner that's sure to be a highlight of our day.

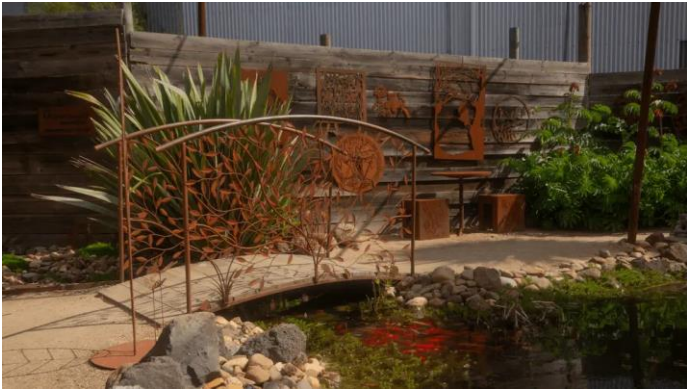
Overnight: Sovereign Park Motor Inn (4 nights)

Day 2 – Monday 9 March

(B/D)

After a leisurely breakfast, we're off on an adventure to the stunning banks of **Lake Wendouree**, where we'll hop aboard the magnificent **Golden City Paddle Steamer**! Feel the thrill as we glide around the tranquil waters, soaking in breathtaking views and vibrant birdlife while immersing ourselves in the rich history of the lake. It's a chance to unwind and let the rhythm of the paddles carry us away! But that's just the beginning! We'll have plenty of time to explore the enchanting **Ballarat Begonia Festival**, where the gardens come alive with colour and excitement. Dive into a world of activities, captivating talks, mouthwatering culinary delights, and even meet some celebrity guests! Plus, don't miss the spectacular **Festival Parade** happening today—there's so much to see and experience! And no worries about time; if needed, we'll provide shuttles back to the motel later this afternoon, so you can soak up every moment of this vibrant festival. As the day winds down, we'll gather for another delectable dinner, capping off what promises to be an unforgettable day!

Overnight: Sovereign Park Motor Inn (4 nights)



Day 3 – Tuesday 10 March

(B/L/D)

After relishing a delightful breakfast, we'll hop on the bus and set off towards the charming town of **Daylesford**. Our first stop is the quaint country town of **Blampied**, where we'll explore the fascinating **Overwrought Sculpture Garden and Gallery**. Here we embark on a guided tour, witnessing how David and his talented team transform raw Australian steel into breathtaking rusted art pieces. But that's not all! At the end of our tour, we'll indulge in a light morning tea and have some leisurely time to shop and unwind amidst the inspiring sculptures and the tranquil fishpond. Once we arrive in Daylesford, prepare for some retail therapy at the **Amazing Mill Markets**, where treasures await! Next, we'll savour a delicious lunch at the **Grain restaurant**, part of the **Daylesford Brewing Company**, before embarking on more exciting discoveries. After lunch, we'll head to the **Creswick Woollen Mill** for the interactive exhibition: "A Very Fine Yarn." Journey through the mill's rich history and uncover the fascinating story of our fibres, all the way from their source to the shop shelf. And don't miss the chance to meet the adorable resident alpacas, sheep, and goats—feeding and patting them will surely be a highlight! As our exhilarating day comes to a close, we'll return to Ballarat, giving you time to freshen up before we gather for another delightful dinner.

Overnight: Sovereign Park Motor Inn (4 nights)

Day 4 – Wednesday 11 March

(B/D)

After another delightful breakfast, we'll hop on board the bus and set off for the **Ballarat Tramway Museum**. Here, we'll have the chance to ride one of the historic trams as we soak in the stunning sights of the Gardens and Lake Wendouree. This afternoon, the adventure continues at the captivating **Sovereign Hill**, where history comes alive! With ample time to roam and explore, you'll step back into the 1850s—the era when gold was discovered in Ballarat, sparking the most extraordinary alluvial gold rush ever known. This incredible living museum immerses you in the rich past, bringing the gold rush to life like never before. But hold on, the excitement doesn't stop there! After a fantastic day of exploration, we'll return to our motel for dinner, only to gear up for a spectacular evening back at Sovereign Hill. Prepare to be amazed by the stunning **Light & Sound show, AURA!** This jaw-dropping spectacle transforms Sovereign Hill into a mesmerising theatre, complete with hundreds of high-tech projections that illuminate the skies over the lake. Witness the gripping tales of gold, rebellion, gunfights, triumphs, and tragedies unfold before your eyes—each moment drawing you deeper into the drama of history. After an unforgettable evening of adventure, we'll head back to our motel, ready for a restful night's sleep.

Overnight: Sovereign Park Motor Inn (4 nights)



Day 5 – Thursday 12 March

(B/L)

After an amazing breakfast, we hop on the bus, ready to embark on the journey home! Along the way, we'll take a delightful stop for morning tea, fuelling up for our next adventure at **Russo Estate**—one of our absolute favourite wineries in the region. There, we'll indulge in a leisurely two-course lunch, savouring every moment and flavour before we head off on the final leg of our journey. We truly hope you've had a fantastic time exploring the Ballarat area and experiencing the vibrant **Begonia Festival** with **Daytripper Tours**!

Tour Cost from:
\$2099-pp
(\$450- single supplement)

Minimum numbers required.

\$600pp deposit required to secure your seats....

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Please Note: The program for the Ballarat Begonia Festival 2026 has not yet been released

Tour Price is Valid for Travel during 2026.