



Portland & Victoria's Far South West Coast Stay Put Tour

Monday 16th to Friday 20th 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

- Narrapumelap Homestead
- Portland Cable Trams
- Maritime Museum
- Tram Depot Museum
- Portland's Gannet Colony
- Cape Bridgewater Blowholes
- Petrified Beach
- Portland Town Tour
- Cape Nelson Lighthouse
- Bay of Whales Gallery
- Portland Strawberries
- Budj Bim Cultural Landscape and Aquaculture Centre
- Australian Kelpie Centre
- Warrock Homestead
- Heywood
- Ferry across the bay
- And much, much more....



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

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.

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 journey to the Far South West of the State, stopping along the way for a refreshing morning tea. Our first stop is the charming village of Wickliffe, home to the historic **Narrapumelap Homestead**. Here, we'll enjoy a guided tour of the stunning French Gothic mansion, followed by a light lunch. In the afternoon, we continue our scenic drive past Hamilton as we make our way to **Portland**. On arrival, you'll have time to unpack, unwind, and relax before joining us for dinner in the hotel restaurant.

Overnight – Comfort Inn Richmond Henty (4 nights)

Day 2: EXPLORING PORTLAND

(B/L/D)

After a **hearty breakfast**, we set out to discover the **beautiful coastal town of Portland** aboard the **Portland Cable Tram**, which follows one of the most scenic tram routes in Australia. The track winds its way along **Henty Beach**, offering a close-up view of the bustling deep-water harbour, before climbing to the clifftops where sweeping views of Portland Bay unfold before us. From there, the tram passes the historically significant "Ploughed Field", a remarkable landmark from early European settlement, and continues to the World War II Memorial Lookout Tower, where history and panoramic beauty meet. After a delightful morning of sightseeing, we'll visit the **Portland Maritime Discovery Centre**, a fascinating museum that brings to life the region's rich seafaring heritage. Through its engaging displays, we'll learn about the area's whaling and shipwreck history, heroic rescues, navigation stories, and the local fishing industry that continues to thrive today. Later this afternoon, we'll enjoy a **guided town tour** highlighting Portland's unique attractions, including a visit to the **Gannet Colony**—home to Australia's only mainland breeding site of these striking seabirds—and the **Cape Nelson Lighthouse**, proudly standing guard over the rugged southern coastline. We return to our hotel in the late afternoon with time to relax and freshen up before another **delicious two-course dinner** in the hotel's welcoming restaurant.

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Day 3: BUDJ BIM CULTURAL & HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS

(B/L/D)

After breakfast this morning, we set off to explore some of the most fascinating attractions in the region, beginning with a visit to the **Budj Bim Cultural Landscape and Aquaculture Centre**. This remarkable UNESCO World Heritage-listed site offers a deep insight into one of the world's oldest known aquaculture systems, created by the Gunditjmara people more than 6,000 years ago. Learn how intricate channels and stone weirs were used to harvest and trap eels, and gain a profound appreciation for this living example of Indigenous innovation and connection to Country. We continue our journey to **Casterton**, the birthplace of the beloved **Australian Kelpie**. Here, we'll stop at the **Australian Kelpie Centre**, an impressive interpretive space dedicated to celebrating this iconic working dog. Discover the breed's fascinating history and its vital role in Australia's rural heritage. Next, we visit **Warrock Homestead**, a National Trust-listed property that offers a glimpse into pastoral life in the 19th century. Wander through the beautifully preserved buildings and gardens of this historic station, which tell the story of the region's pioneering past. On our way back, we'll make a stop at the **Heywood Water Tower**, an eye-catching local landmark adorned with a vibrant mural that captures the essence of the surrounding landscape and community spirit. We return to our hotel in the late afternoon, with time to relax before enjoying another **delicious dinner** in the hotel restaurant — the perfect way to unwind after a day rich in culture, history, and discovery.

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Day 4: COASTAL WONDERS & LOCAL FLAVOURS

(B/D)

After breakfast, we venture out to explore more of Portland's stunning surrounds, beginning with a visit to **Cape Bridgewater**, one of the most spectacular sections of Victoria's southwest coast. Here we'll witness the power and beauty of nature at the **Blowholes**, where waves crash into the basalt cliffs, sending sprays of sea mist high into the air. Just a short distance away lies the fascinating **Petrified Forest**, an ancient landscape of limestone formations that resemble a forest turned to stone — a truly remarkable natural wonder. We then stop in at **Portland Strawberries**, a family-run farm known for its sweet, sun-ripened berries and delicious homemade treats. It's the perfect spot to sample some fresh produce or perhaps take a few goodies home.

Next, we travel to **Narrawong Lavender**, a charming property nestled among rolling hills and fragrant fields of lavender. Here, we'll enjoy the peaceful surrounds and learn how this versatile plant is grown and used in a range of beautiful local products. Continuing our journey, we visit the **Bay of Whales Gallery**, showcasing stunning local artworks inspired by the dramatic coastal scenery and abundant marine life of the region. This creative stop offers a lovely insight into the artistic heart of the community. The afternoon is yours to **explore Portland at your leisure**. Take a stroll through the historic town centre, browse the boutique shops, or simply relax by the waterfront and enjoy a leisurely lunch at your own pace. This evening, we'll come together once again for a relaxed **dinner at a local Chinese restaurant**, rounding out another delightful day in this beautiful corner of Victoria.

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Day 5: HEADING HOME

(B/L)

After breakfast, we begin our journey home with a few relaxing and scenic stops along the way. Our first break is **Mortlake** for a delightful **morning tea**, giving everyone a chance to stretch their legs and enjoy some refreshments. We continue our drive to **Queenscliff**, where we'll enjoy **lunch** and take in the charming coastal atmosphere of this historic town. Next, we board the **ferry from Queenscliff to Sorrento**, offering a picturesque crossing and a chance to soak up the final views of Port Phillip Bay before reaching the Mornington Peninsula.

From Sorrento, our **chauffeur-driven vehicles** will take you back to your home, completing the tour with comfort and convenience after a memorable journey filled with sightseeing, culture, with **Daytripper Tours**

Tour Cost from:
\$2299pp
(\$395 single supplement)

Minimum numbers required.

Tour Price is Valid for Travel during 2026.

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\$300pp deposit required to secure your seats....

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