

# Southern Sojourn

## Farm Study Tour 2021

Date	Activity	Overnight
<b>DAY 1</b> Sun, Jun 13 D	Own arrangements for travel to Adelaide. The group will meet up at our downtown hotel for a welcome dinner and an outline of the fantastic days ahead.	<b>Adelaide</b> <b>InterContinental Adelaide</b> <a href="http://www.icadelaide.com.au">www.icadelaide.com.au</a>
<b>DAY 2</b> Mon, Jun 14 B,L,D	We take in a few of the city sights before heading southeast this morning and into the magnificent Adelaide Hills. We call into Hahndorf where they say everything is handmade, handcrafted and handpicked.  Back on the coach and we continue through farmlands to Langhorne Creek for lunch. The area has a wine history dating back to 1850 and is home to the oldest recorded Cabernet Sauvignon vines in the world. Irrigation and flood waters have “shaped” the area and local farmers are coming up with innovative ways to manage rising water tables and supply variability. We travel on to the beautiful town of Strathalbyn.	<b>Strathalbyn</b> <b>Victoria Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.vichotelstrath.com.au">www.vichotelstrath.com.au</a>
<b>DAY 3</b> Tue, Jun 15 B,L	Strathalbyn is recognised internationally for its main street full of antique shops with London House being one of the most historic. There will be time for a stroll down the main street before heading south through rolling farmlands and onto Goolwa. We view the Murray mouth and also visit one of the Murray mouth barrages and learn about the history and current-day operation of the barrage system.  Today we will also learn about wild pipi harvesting, processing and marketing from representatives of the Ngarrindjeri people – they’ve been harvesting pipi for more than 40,000 years! We return to Strathalbyn for a free evening.	<b>Strathalbyn</b> <b>Victoria Hotel</b>
<b>DAY 4</b> Wed, Jun 16 B,L,D	This morning we ferry across the Murray River just upstream from where Australia’s longest river comes to the end of its 2500 km meandering journey. We continue south past Lake Albert, track along the inland edge of the unique Coorong landscape and onto the historic coastal town of Robe. On arrival into Robe we are joined by a local historian who will take us for a brief tour of the town’s historic landmarks and buildings before a private dinner upstairs at the 160 year old Caledonian Inn.	<b>Robe</b> <b>Robe Harbour View</b> <a href="http://www.robeharbourview.com.au">www.robeharbourview.com.au</a>
<b>DAYS 5 &amp; 6</b> Thu, Jun 17 B,L,D Fri, Jun 18 B,L	This morning we travel into the heart of the Limestone Coast region of SA’s South East – one of the nation’s highest value primary production areas. Agriculture, forestry and Coonawarra vineyards thrive on the fertile soils, reliable rainfall and abundant groundwater. Over the next 2 days we enjoy visits to farms, vineyards and other regional sights as well as the amazing “draining the swamp” project undertaken by two men and a D7 about 60 years ago (ex-Pres Trump would love these guys!).	<b>Penola</b> <b>Alexander Cameron Suites</b> <a href="http://www.alexandercameron-suites.com.au">www.alexandercameron-suites.com.au</a>
<b>DAY 7</b> Sat, Jun 19 B,L,D	Today we cross into Victoria’s Western Districts to discover yet more amazingly productive farming. We’ll also tour the ancient eel farming site at Condah. Later this afternoon we will bask in the quiet sophistication and beauty of Port Fairy.	<b>Port Fairy</b> <b>Seacombe House</b> <a href="http://www.seacombehouse.com.au">www.seacombehouse.com.au</a>
<b>DAY 8</b> Sun, Jun 20 L,D	We continue east today through the rich dairy and horticultural enterprises around Tower Hill and Warrnambool before picking up the most spectacular section of the Great Ocean Road near Port Campbell. Prepare to be enthralled by the winter tempest of the Southern Ocean as it pounds against the iconic and massive sandstone structures dotted along this section of the “Shipwreck Coast”.  We then leave the coast and head north towards the rich dairying region of Timboon and Colac. Victoria’s South Western District produces more than 20 per cent of our national dairy output. Then it’s off to Melbourne for overnight.	<b>Melbourne</b> <b>Quay West Suites</b> <a href="https://all.accor.com/hotel/8804/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&amp;utm_medium=seo+maps&amp;utm_source=google+Maps">https://all.accor.com/hotel/8804/index.en.shtml?utm_campaign=seo+maps&amp;utm_medium=seo+maps&amp;utm_source=google+Maps</a>

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<b>DAY 9</b> <b>Mon, Jun 21</b> <b>B,L,D</b>	Some optional activities in Melbourne this morning – which can include an MCG tour, sightseeing, shopping etc – before our afternoon flight to King Island. We land at Currie and are transferred to our nearby hotel for dinner showcasing the island's sublime produce.	<b>King Island, Currie</b> <b>Parers King Island Hotel</b> <a href="http://www.kingisland.org.au/">www.kingisland.org.au/</a>
<b>DAY 10</b> <b>Tues, Jun 22</b> <b>B,L</b>	Today we enjoy a guided tour of King Island including beef operations, where we get to taste the magnificent product over lunch, as well as meet with enterprising farmers looking to distill whisky and other spirits made from island-grown grain. Then it's a free evening where you might like to explore some of the boutique dining options offered by the island's culinary artisans.	<b>King Island, Currie</b> <b>Parers King Island Hotel</b>
<b>DAY 11</b> <b>Wed, Jun 23</b> <b>B,D</b>	Free time on King Island this morning and into the early afternoon (maybe a spot of fishing or a game of golf on one of the world-class courses) before our 4.05 pm direct flight to Burnie on Tasmania's northwest coast. We are met and transferred to our beachfront hotel for dinner and overnight.	<b>Burnie</b> <b>Beachfront Voyager</b> <a href="http://www.beachfrontvoyager.com.au">www.beachfrontvoyager.com.au</a>
<b>DAY 12</b> <b>Thur, Jun 24</b> <b>B,L,D</b>	This morning we travel south to Cradle Mountain to enjoy a guided tour through the wilderness and the stunning views across Dove Lake to the jagged dolerite peaks. We then continue eastwards towards Deloraine to meet with farmers making the most of Tasmania's abundant irrigation water resource. More than 40 large dams have been built in Tassie over the past two decades.  We continue east towards Hagley for dinner and overnight at the magnificent Quamby Estate – the entire Quamby Homestead is exclusively reserved for our group. The homestead was the ancestral home of Tasmania's first-born Premier, Sir Richard Dry. Its Anglo-Indian designed architecture and period antiques and fireplaces combine modern luxuries to offer a cosy and quiet country getaway.	<b>Hagley</b> <b>Quamby Estate</b> <a href="http://www.quambyestate.com.au">www.quambyestate.com.au</a>
<b>Days 13 &amp; 14</b> <b>Fri, Jun 25</b> <b>B,L,D</b> <b>Sat, Jun 26</b> <b>B</b>	We continue our travels eastwards today through rich farmlands and historic villages including Ross, famed for its buildings and bridges built by convicts in Australia's earliest years. We'll learn more about Tassie's proud and rich colonial history as we travel towards the east coast and the Freycinet Peninsula. This is a stunning region of pink granite peaks, white sandy beaches and the iconic Wineglass Bay.  We will have a number of guided activities, as well as free-time, while in this amazingly beautiful part of Tasmania.	<b>Freycinet Peninsula</b> <b>Freycinet Lodge</b> <a href="http://www.freycinetlodge.com.au">www.freycinetlodge.com.au</a>
<b>Day 15</b> <b>Sun, Jun 27</b> <b>B,L,D</b>	We travel south today to the ruggedly beautiful Tasman Peninsula. Access to the peninsula is via Eaglehawk Neck, a thin isthmus just 30 metres wide and once guarded by dogs to prevent convicts escaping. This spectacular coastal environment includes soaring 300 metre high sea cliffs, diverse wildlife, pristine bushland and of course, the Port Arthur Historic site a short beach-walk from our waterside lodge.	<b>Tasman Peninsula</b> <b>Stewart's Bay Lodge</b> <a href="http://www.StewartsBayLodge.com.au">www.StewartsBayLodge.com.au</a>
<b>Day 16</b> <b>Mon, Jun 28</b> <b>B,L,D</b>	After time to take in the major sights of the peninsula, we continue on to Hobart. Australia's second oldest capital offers a contrasting blend of heritage and culture amid a modern lifestyle in a setting of exceptional beauty. Located at the entrance to the River Derwent, and with its well-preserved surrounding bushland, captivating history, picturesque waterways, rugged mountains and gourmet experiences, Hobart has something for everyone.	<b>Hobart</b> <b>Somerset on the Pier</b> <a href="http://www.somerset.com/en/australia/hobart/somerset-on-the-pier-hobart">www.somerset.com/en/australia/hobart/somerset-on-the-pier-hobart</a>
<b>Day 17</b> <b>Tue, Jun 29</b> <b>B,D</b>	Our hotel is spectacularly located on the Elizabeth St Pier – The River Derwent, the CBD, restaurants, shops, Salamanca Place, Battery Point and the MONA ferry are all on our doorstep. Free time this afternoon before our farewell dinner this evening.	<b>Hobart</b> <b>Somerset on the Pier</b>
<b>Day 18</b> <b>Wed, Jun 30</b>	Transfer to the airport for our flight/s home today or you might choose to extend your time in Hobart or Tasmania more generally.	

