



SPARK TRAVEL



| 5 Day

MELBOURNE featuring MELBOURNE WINTER MASTERPIECES and 'SUNSET BOULEVARD'

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Fully Escorted From Adelaide
Return Home Transfers
Return Overland Train Red Premium Service Seats
Yarra River Scenic Cruise
Afternoon Tea at Windsor Hotel

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Hughes Home Pick Up Service (zoned area only).
- Red Service Premium seating on board The Overland from Adelaide to Melbourne and return including breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.
- 4 nights' accommodation in Melbourne at Best Western Plus Travel Inn, Carlton.
- Melbourne Winter Masterpieces at the National Gallery of Victoria – this year will be ‘Pharaoh,’ a landmark exhibition which celebrates 3,000 years of ancient Egypt and Culture.
- Enjoy a fabulous Afternoon Tea at the historic Windsor Hotel.
- Superb ‘Feast Buffet’ lunch at Village Green Hotel, Mulgrave.
- PREMIUM seats to ‘Sunset Boulevard’ at the Princess Theatre with superstar Sarah Brightman.
- Delightful Yarra River scenic cruise to Williamston and return including lunch.
- Melbourne sights tour including Fitzroy Gardens and the Conservatory, the famous Queen Victoria Markets and the delightful arcades of Melbourne.

‘PHARAOH’ AT THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF VICTORIA

In 2024 the NGV has partnered with the British Museum to present ‘Pharaoh,’ a landmark exhibition which celebrates 3,000 years of ancient Egyptian art and culture. Through more than 500 works, including monumental sculpture, architecture, temple statuary, exquisite jewellery, papyri, coffins and a rich array of funerary objects, the exhibition will display the phenomenon of the pharaoh, those all-powerful kings claiming a divine origin.



'SUNSET BOULEVARD'

Musical Theatre and international recording superstar **Sarah Brightman** leads a lavish new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical masterpiece.

'**Sunset Boulevard**' weaves a magnificent tale of faded glory and unfulfilled ambition. Having been discarded by Hollywood with the advent of 'talkies,' legendary silent movie star Norma Desmond is tortured by her longing for a return to the big screen. When she meets struggling Hollywood screenwriter Joe Gillis in a dramatic chance encounter, their passionate and volatile relationship leads to an unforeseen and tragic conclusion.

ABOUT OUR TRAIN JOURNEY:

We travel to **Melbourne and return on The Overland** in comfortable **Red Premium Service seats, including breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.** You will be seated in either a 2 or 1 seat configuration with a maximum of 37 seats in the carriage.

NOTES:

****Health and Fitness:** To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc. A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. You will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided and you must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If you are unable to manage on your own, it will be necessary to be accompanied by another person who is fit and able to assist you in day to day tasks and capable of providing the assistance required. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.

****Tour extensions** subject to availability and extension booking criteria.

****It should be noted** that to be fair to all passengers, specific coach seats cannot be reserved.

****Please note** that on tours where flights are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines concerned and beyond the control of Spark Travel.

HUGHES TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Hughes transfers apply in the zoned area. These transfers may be available at additional cost to passengers who live outside the zoned area - please ask your Spark Travel consultant.

'**HUGHES HOME PICK UP SERVICE**' will call you **two (2) days** before the commencement of the tour to confirm the time they will be arriving at your home. **If you have missed the call, please contact Spark Travel (08) 8876 5121 a day prior to departure** for your pickup time. **If you reside at a retirement village, please ensure Hughes have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. Also, if you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due and this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Hughes home pick up service only applies to scheduled tour departure and return tour dates. Those passengers wishing to extend their tours will be responsible for their own transfers.

ITINERARY:

DAY 01 - THURSDAY, 20 JUNE - THE OVERLAND ADELAIDE/MELBOURNE

This morning arrive at Adelaide Parklands Terminal (formerly Keswick Station).

MEET THE SPARK TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE.

The Representative will assist with seat allocation and accompany us on The Overland which departs Adelaide at 06.55am. Newly refurbished, The Overland is about letting you enjoy the journey. Sit back and relax in a comfortable **Red Premium Service seat with ample leg room** (in configuration of 2 and 1 seats). Watch the ever changing scenery slip by as we travel from South Australia and on into Victoria. A **complimentary breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea** will be served to your seat today.

We arrive **Melbourne Southern Cross Station at 6.50pm**, and transfer by coach to our hotel for the next 4 nights. **Note: A suitcase with wheels is essential as everyone is responsible for their own baggage.**

Dinner will be provided tonight.

OVERNIGHT: BEST WESTERN PLUS TRAVEL INN, MELBOURNE. (B,I,L,A,D)

DAY 02 - FRIDAY, 21 JUNE – MELBOURNE SIGHTS TOUR, HISTORIC ARCADES AND AFTERNOON TEA AT THE WINDSOR HOTEL

This morning enjoy a **familiarisation sights tour of Melbourne**. Enjoy the hustle and bustle of a large cosmopolitan city with its tall buildings, clanging trams and outdoor cafes, see the Yarra River, the **Fitzroy Gardens** with superb avenues of huge English elms planted along gently contoured lawns and visit the spectacular **Conservatory**. Explore the famous **Queen Victoria Markets** and maybe take a stroll through the richly decorated heritage **Royal Arcade** and the **Block Arcade** and to end the day, enjoy a delightful **Afternoon Tea** at the historic **Windsor Hotel** including a glass of 'bubbly.'

Free for own dinner arrangements – you may wish to dine in house at our hotel or maybe try one of the many restaurants in nearby Lygon Street.

OVERNIGHT: BEST WESTERN PLUS TRAVEL INN, MELBOURNE. (B,A)

DAY 03 – SATURDAY, 22 JUNE - NGV & WINTER MASTERPIECES, 'FEAST BUFFET' AT VILLAGE GREEN HOTEL - EVENING – 'SUNSET BOULEVARD'

This morning after breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to the **National Gallery of Victoria** for the fabulous **Winter Masterpieces – 'Pharaoh.'** There will also be time to explore other exhibitions at the NGV. Our next stop will be at the **Village Green Hotel at Mulgrave** where we will enjoy the superb **'Feast Buffet' lunch**, then late afternoon transfer in our coach to the **Princess Theatre** where we will enjoy the **7.30pm performance of 'Sunset Boulevard.'** Return transfer after the show and to end the day, enjoy a **light supper in the hotel with a glass of 'bubbly.'**

OVERNIGHT: BEST WESTERN PLUS TRAVEL INN, MELBOURNE. (B,L,S)

DAY 04 - SUNDAY, 23 JUNE - MELBOURNE TRAMBOAT LUNCH CRUISE TO WILLIAMSTOWN

This morning we transfer to Harbour Esplanade Docklands to join the **Melbourne Tramboat lunch cruise** down to the old maritime seaport of Williamstown. Enjoy **morning tea on board** and an hour ashore to explore **Williamstown**. On the return journey you will be served a delightful **gourmet fish and chip lunch**, returning to the wharf at approximately **2.00pm**. The remainder of the day is free for own arrangements.

Dinner in the hotel this evening.

OVERNIGHT: BEST WESTERN PLUS TRAVEL INN, MELBOURNE. (B,M,L,D)

DAY 05 – MONDAY, 24 JUNE - THE OVERLAND MELBOURNE/ADELAIDE

This morning we transfer to **Melbourne Southern Cross Station**. Depart **Melbourne** on board **The Overland** at **08.05am**. A **complimentary breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea** will be served to your seat today. Relax in a comfortable **Red Premium Service seat** as the train speeds through the countryside and over the border from Victoria and back into South Australia, arriving **Adelaide Parklands Terminal** at **6.00pm**. **(B,L,A)**

AT THE END OF YOUR TOUR A HUGHES CAR WILL DRIVE YOU HOME

TOUR COST:

**Double/Twin share:
Single supplement:**

**\$2675.00 per person
\$355.00 per person**

MEAL CODINGS:

(B) – Breakfast (M) - Morning Tea (L) – Lunch
(AT) – Afternoon Tea (D) – Dinner (S) - Supper

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Hughes transfers from/to your home (zoned area only).
- Escorted from Adelaide by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Travel Adelaide/Melbourne/Adelaide on board The Overland in Red Service Premium seats, including breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.
- 5 star touring coach.
- 4 nights' accommodation in Melbourne at the Best Western Plus Travel Inn with private facilities.
- Meals in Melbourne – 3 full breakfasts, 1 morning tea, 2 lunches, 1 afternoon tea, 2 dinners, 1 supper.
- Entry to 'Pharaoh' at the NGV.
- Premium seats to 'Sunset Boulevard' at the Princess Theatre.
- Melbourne Tramboat lunch cruise to Williamstown and return.
- Sightseeing as per itinerary.
- Good and Services Tax.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Meals, morning and afternoon teas, drinks other than indicated in the itinerary.
- Porterage. A suitcase with wheels is recommended - max weight 20kgs plus a small cabin bag maximum weight 7kgs.
- Items of a personal nature.

COVID-19:

No responsibility is taken by Spark Travel or the Event Organisers in regard to Covid-19. It is highly recommended that visitors wear a mask on board flights and whilst in enclosed spaces and we also recommend full vaccination against Covid-19.

IMPORTANT:

Due to OSH requirements, baggage weighing more than 20kgs will **not** be carried by Hughes, Journey Beyond or our coach company.

****Conditions Apply****

DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended. Please ask your consultant for details.

EVENTS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF SPARK TRAVEL:

Should an event occur which is beyond the control of Spark Travel, ie: delays to ship, aircraft, train, coach thereby incurring extra expenses, these additional costs are borne by the passenger at the time of the event. A travel insurance claim for reimbursement should be submitted to the insurance company upon return home. Please keep any receipts. It should be understood that neither Spark Travel nor any subsidiary company or representative shall be liable for any loss, injury or damage arising from our services.

ITINERARIES:

Itineraries are subject to change and no responsibility can be accepted. Coach operator and size of coach may be changed at the discretion of Spark Travel without notice. Where a tour does not meet minimum numbers travelling together on the outward journey a cost surcharge will apply. If group numbers fall below 15 adult paying passengers no tour leader will be provided. No itemisation of tour arrangements can be given and no refund for any portion of a tour not taken. Flora and fauna as described in an itinerary is nature and as such cannot be guaranteed.

ACCOMMODATION:

Spark Travel reserves the right to alter hotel/motel accommodation and to substitute a suitable alternative. Where accommodation is booked on a 'will share basis,' at the time of finalisation if there is nobody suitable to share with, it may be necessary to pay the appropriate single supplement. Spark Travel does not accept any responsibility for the non-compatibility of 'sharing' clients. If by choice a single room is requested and booked a single room surcharge will apply.

HEALTH AND FITNESS:

A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate. As a minimum you will need to be able to walk up a flight of stairs and manage coach steps unaided. You must inform us before the commencement of the tour of any medical condition which may affect your ability to participate in the tour. Dietary requests must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information. It is recommended masks be worn on flights and in crowded or inside spaces. To protect yourself and fellow travellers, vaccination against Covid-19 is recommended.

FUEL SURCHARGES AND TAXES:

All bookings may attract additional fuel surcharges and taxes which can be levied up to and including the date of departure even if final payment has been made. Booking is subject to final audit.

SECURITY DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable security deposit of **\$675.00 per person (inc GST)** is required within five (5) days of booking.

FINAL PAYMENTS:

The security deposit forms part of the total price, the balance of which is due 60 days prior to departure, or in the case of bookings made within that 60 day period, the final payment is due as soon as the booking is confirmed.

LATE BOOKINGS AND AMENDMENTS:

Bookings made within 7 days inclusive of departure will incur a **late booking fee of \$75.00 per person**. Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **\$75.00 per person amendment fee** will apply for any alterations on selected departures only, and if applicable, one (1) change only to that booking. Transfers to other tours not permitted.

CREDIT CARDS:

If paying by credit card, a surcharge applies of 2% for Visa and Mastercard and 3.5% for Amex and Diners cards.

CANCELLATION CONDITIONS:

- i) We act as an Agent; and
- ii) That our Terms and Conditions are in addition to the Terms and Conditions of each Travel supplier listed on the quote itinerary; and
- iii) That it is the Terms and Conditions of the Travel supplier that determine the terms of cancellation and refunds, if any.

BOOKINGS CANCELLED AFTER THE FINAL PAYMENT HAS BEEN MADE:

- (a) Bookings cancelled 61 days or earlier, full refund less deposit and booking fee and any other non-refundable services or products.
- (b) Bookings cancelled 60 days or less prior to departure will incur a cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost.
- (c) No refund can be given for any portion of the tour not taken and no refund after the tour has commenced.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is strongly recommended for all travel including domestic.

Travel insurance is available to cover you for cancellation including COVID-19.

Please ask your consultant for a quote.

Accreditation

