

| 4 Day

# MELBOURNE & 'LES MISERABLES' THE ARENA SPECTACULAR

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Fully Escorted From Adelaide Return Home Transfers Red Service Premium Seat To Melbourne on the Overland Puffing Billy Steam Train

## **HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:**

- Hughes Home Pick Up Service (zoned area).
- Red Service Premium seating on board The Overland Train from Adelaide to Melbourne including breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.
- Fly home with Virgin Australia.
- 3 nights' accommodation in Melbourne at the Best Western Plus Travel Inn
- Premium seats to 'LES MISERABLES' THE ARENA SPECTACULAR at the Rod Laver Arena.
- Melbourne sights tour including Queen Victoria Markets.
- Enjoy a superb Feast Buffet Lunch at The Village Green, Mulgrave.
- Ride the Puffing Billy steam train through the tall forests of the beautiful Dandenong Ranges, wild birdlife at Grants Picnic Ground, lunch at Grants on Sherbrooke, tour superb Cloudehill Garden.
- Enjoy a delightful river cruise with Melbourne Tramboat Cruises to the old maritime seaport of Williamstown and the Sunday Craft Market, including morning tea and gourmet fish & chip lunch.

#### **ABOUT OUR TRAIN JOURNEY:**

We travel from Adelaide to Melbourne on The Overland Train in comfortable Red Service Premium seats. You will be seated in either a 2 or 1 seat configuration with a maximum of 39 seats in the carriage for excellent social distancing. Your fare includes complimentary breakfast, lunch & afternoon tea.



### 'LES MISERABLES' - THE ARENA SPECTACULAR

Seen by over 130 million people in 53 countries and 22 languages, 'Les Miserables' is one of the world's most popular musicals. The Australian production will feature 'Les Mis' stars and new talent Alfie Boe and Killian Donnelly as Jean Valjean and Michael Ball and Bradley Jaden as Javert. Other stars joining the cast include Matt Lucas and Marina Prior as The Thenardiers, supported by a cast and orchestra of over 65 persons.

Victor Hugo's classic tale is an enthralling story of broken dreams, unrequited love, passion, sacrifice and redemption – a timeless testament to the human spirit. With a magnificent score featuring iconic songs such as "I Dreamed a Dream,' 'On My Own,' 'Bring Him Home,' and 'One Day More,' this epic story remains one of the world's favourite musicals.

#### 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 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 conditions 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 flight/rail are involved, the seating within the confines of the group is computer allocated alphabetically by the airlines/rail company 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, 15 MAY - THE OVERLAND ADELAIDE/MELBOURNE This morning arrive at Adelaide Parklands Terminal.

# MEET THE SPARK TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVE IN THE DEPARTURE LOUNGE.

The representative will assist with check in and accompany us to 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 Service Premium seat with ample leg room and watch the ever changing scenery passes by as we travel from South Australia 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, then transfer to our hotel for the next 3 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,L,A,D)

# DAY 02 - FRIDAY, 16 MAY - IN MELBOURNE - SIGHTS, LUNCH AT THE VILLAGE GREEN, 'LES MISERABLES' THE ARENA SPECTACULAR

Today enjoy a **familiarisation sights tour** of **Melbourne**. Enjoy the hustle and bustle of a large cosmopolitan city: Explore **Queen Victoria Markets** for a bargain or two, then we head off to the **Village Green Hotel at Mulgrave** where we will enjoy the superb '**Feast Buffet' Lunch**, later transferring back to our hotel to prepare for the show tonight.

This evening, transfer to the Rod Laver Arena for an evening's entertainment – 'LES MISERABLES,' THE ARENA SPECTARULAR where from our Premium seats we will have an excellent view of the performance. End the night back at the hotel with a delightful supper and glass of 'bubbly.'

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

# DAY 03 - SATURDAY, 17 MAY - IN MELBOURNE - DANDENONGS - 'PUFFING BILLY,' WILD BIRDS AT GRANTS PICNIC GROUND. CLOUDEHILL GARDEN

Today enjoy some marvellous sights. We head off to **Belgrave**, where we will board the famous '**Puffing Billy**' Steam train for an exciting ride through the magnificent giant trees of the Dandenongs to Lakeside. After a short stop, rejoin our coach and head off to **Kallista** in the **Dandenong Ranges National Park** - view the many wild bird species and enjoy a **light lunch at Grants on Sherbrooke**. To end the day, take a tour with Jeremy Francis around **Cloudehill Garden** - enjoy the magnificent formal gardens divided into 20 different components surrounded by a glorious backdrop of mature Beech, Maple, Rhododendron and Magnolia, after which we make our way back to Melbourne.

Dinner at the hotel tonight.

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

# DAY 04 - SUNDAY, 18 MAY - FLY MELBOURNE/ADELAIDE - MELBOURNE TRAMBOAT LUNCH CRUISE

After breakfast, we check out and load our bags on to the coach after which we head to Harbour Esplanade Docklands to join the Melbourne Tramboat river cruise down to the old maritime seaport of Williamstown. Enjoy an hour ashore to explore Williamstown and the Sunday Craft Markets. On the return journey, you will be served a delightful gournet fish and chip lunch, returning to the wharf at approximately 2.00pm. We then re-board our coach and transfer to Melbourne Airport Terminal 3 for the return Virgin Australia flight home. Please have your ID ready for inspection and receive your boarding pass.

6.15pm Depart Melbourne on VA241, arriving Adelaide Airport at 7.10pm. (B,L)

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

TOUR COST:

Sharing twin/double: Single supplement: \$2565.00 per person \$295.00 per person

**MEAL CODINGS:** 

(B) - Breakfast

(L) – Lunch

(S) - Supper

(D) - Dinner

## **TOUR INCLUDES:**

Hughes transfers from/to your home (zoned area only).

(A) – Afternoon Tea

- Escorted from Adelaide by an experienced Spark Travel Tour Manager.
- Travel Adelaide/Melbourne on board The Overland Train in Red Premium seats including breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea.
- Fly home with Virgin Australia.
- 5 star touring coach in Melbourne.
- 3 nights' accommodation in Melbourne with private facilities at the Best Western Plus Travel Inn.
- Meals 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 1 afternoon tea, 2 dinners, 1 supper.
- Premium seats to 'LES MISERABLES' THE ARENA SPECACULAR.
- Full day tour to the beautiful Dandenong Ranges including a ride on the 'Puffing Billy,' enjoy a light lunch at Grants on Sherbrooke, visit beautiful Cloudehill Garden.
- Melbourne Tramboat Williamstown Lunch Cruise and Sunday Craft Markets.
- Other 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.

#### **PUFFING BILLY STEAM TRAIN\***

Should the day of travel have fire restrictions in place, another type of engine will be utilized.

## 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.

#### DOMESTIC TOUR BOOKING CONDITIONS

#### TRAVEL INSURANCE:

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

Should you have any pre-existing medical conditions, please let your consultant know so they can be listed on the policy.

#### 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 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 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. Dietarty 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.

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