SPARK TRAVEL

5 Day

MELBOURNE featuring INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW

Thursday 18 March 2027

- Fully Escorted from Adelaide
- Return Home Transfers
- Return Overland Train Red Premium Service Seats
- 'Puffing Billy' Steam Train

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HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **Chauffeured home pick up service (zoned area).**
- **Red Service Premium seating on board The Overland from Adelaide to Melbourne and return.**
- **4 nights' accommodation in Melbourne at the Best Western Plus Travel Inn.**
- **The fabulous Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show.**
- **Melbourne sights tour.**
- **Beautiful Dandenongs – Ride the 'Puffing Billy' Steam Train through the tall forests of the Dandenongs, tour superb Cloudehill Garden.**
- **Entry and Safari at Werribee Open Range Zoo.**
- **Explore the Victoria State Rose garden and take a self-guided tour of the magnificent Werribee Mansion.**
- **Enjoy a delightful Premium High Tea and glass of 'bubbly' at 'The Garden Feast.'**

ABOUT OUR TRAIN JOURNEY:

Enjoy a comfortable and scenic rail journey to and from Melbourne aboard The Overland in **Red Premium Service** seats, with **breakfast, lunch** and **afternoon tea** included.

NOTES:

To assist us when booking, please advise your Spark Travel consultant if you have any special needs such as mobility, dietary etc.

****Health and Fitness:** **A minimum level of fitness is required in order to be able to participate.** Please inform us at the time of booking of any medical conditions that may affect your ability to participate in the tour. If there are any changes to your medical condition after booking, you must notify us before the commencement of 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.**

****Dietary requests:** **Must be accompanied by the appropriate dietary information in writing.** It should be noted that meals are in a group situation and we will do our best to comply with any pre-advised dietary requirements.

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

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

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

CHAUFFEURED TRANSFERS TO AND FROM YOUR HOME:

Chauffeured 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. **'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 Spark Travel have clear instructions from you as to means of entry and directions to find your home. If you are out of zone there will be an additional payment due, this should be made at the time of booking.** For safety reasons, suitcases should weigh no more than 20kgs. The Adelaide 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 - 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 accompany the group on The Overland which departs Adelaide at 6.55am. 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.

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,L,A,D)

DAY 02 - FRIDAY - IN MELBOURNE - DANDENONGS - 'PUFFING BILLY,' CLOUDEHILL GARDEN, DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT AT P.J. O'BRIENS CLASSIC IRISH PUB ON SOUTHBANK

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 **Emerald Lakeside**. Enjoy a **light lunch** today at **Seasons at Cloudehill**, then take a tour with **Jeremy Francis** around the magnificent **Cloudehill Garden**. Enjoy the beautiful formal gardens divided into 20 different components surrounded by a glorious backdrop of mature Beech, Maple, Rhododendron and Magnolia.

Tonight back in Melbourne we transfer in our coach down to **Southbank** for a night of **dinner and entertainment** at the **Classic Irish Pub, P.J. O'Brien's**. Later we transfer back to the hotel. Those who wish to stay and party on are welcome to do so and make their own way back to the hotel.

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

DAY 03 - SATURDAY - IN MELBOURNE - MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW, MELBOURNE SIGHTS

This morning we board our coach and transfer to the Royal Exhibition Building for the **Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show**. There are over 350 exhibits showcased throughout the Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens representing horticulture, nursery products, landscape gardens and cutting edge design and floristry. This is a show which offers something for everyone, from the weekend gardener to the bona-fide 'green thumb' and industry expert!

Some features of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show are:

Carlton Gardens: The Carlton Gardens will also feature nursery displays by some of Victoria's best garden centres, gardening products and equipment.

Step into spectacular **Show Gardens**, immerse yourself in a breathtaking celebration of colour in the **Great Hall of Flowers**, discover the **Indigenous Garden** grounded in Country, culture and connection, meet the emergent generation of gardeners in the **Emergent Designer Gardens** and discover a curated exhibition of **Botanical Inspired Art**.

This afternoon, enjoy a **familiarisation sights tour** of **Melbourne.** Enjoy the hustle and bustle of a large cosmopolitan city: visit the beautiful **Fitzroy Gardens** with superb avenues of huge English elms planted along gently contoured lawns including one of Melbourne's favourite attractions, the **Conservatory**, with its spectacular floral displays.

Dinner at the hotel tonight.

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DAY 04 - SUNDAY - IN MELBOURNE - WERRIBEE OPEN RANGE ZOO, VICTORIA STATE ROSE GARDEN, SELF GUIDED TOUR OF WERRIBEE MANSION, DELIGHTFUL HIGH TEA AT 'THE GARDEN FEAST'

After breakfast, we head off to **Werribee Open Range Zoo**. Here enjoy a **morning safari ride**, viewing rhinos, giraffes, zebras, antelopes and more. Maybe purchase lunch in the Meerkat Cafe as you watch the entertaining meerkats at play. There is also an excellent shop with gifts to take home.

Later, we depart for **Werribee Park** where there will be time to stroll the lovely **Victoria State Rose Garden** with over 5,000 roses, awarded the International Garden of Excellence in 2003 by the World Federation of Rose Societies. Our next stop will be at the historic **'Werribee Mansion'** for a **self guided tour** of the magnificent public rooms.

To end the day, we then head off to **'The Garden Feast'** for a delightful **High Tea and glass of 'bubbly,'** and an opportunity to browse the beautiful plant nursery and gift shop.

Dinner supplied tonight.

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

DAY 05 - MONDAY - THE OVERLAND MELBOURNE/ADELAIDE

This morning, we transfer by coach to **Melbourne Southern Cross Station**. Depart **Melbourne** on board **The Overland at 8.05am**. 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)**

TOUR COST: **Sharing twin/double:** **$3395.00 per person**
Single supplement: **$659.00 per person**

MEAL CODINGS: (B) – Breakfast (L) – Lunch (HT) – High Tea
(A) – Afternoon Tea (D) – Dinner

TOUR INCLUDES:

- Chauffeured home pick up service from/to your home (zoned area).
- 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 buffet breakfasts, 1 lunch, 1 High Tea and 4 dinners.
- Entry to the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show
- Enjoy a special dinner and entertainment at P.J. O'Brien's Classic Irish Pub on Southbank.
- Entry and Safari ride at Werribee Open Range Zoo, Victoria State Rose Garden.
- Self-guided tour entry to Werribee Mansion.
- Delightful Premium High Tea and glass of 'bubbly' at 'The Garden Feast.'
- Full day in the lovely Dandenong Ranges, ride Puffing Billy steam train, visit beautiful Cloudehill Garden.
- 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 chauffeured driver, 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.
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 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 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. 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 **$700.00 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 $90.00 per person.** Late bookings subject to availability. Once a booking has been made a **$90.00 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.

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

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