



## King Island, Yarra Ranges and Mornington Peninsula 7 Days / 6 Nights

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Includes:** \*Return AirFare Sydney / King Island / Melb / Sydney  
\*3 Nights Accommodation at the Boomerang by the Sea  
\*3 Nights Accommodation at Best Western Plus Travel Inn Hotel  
\*Most Meals a Day \*Entrance Fees to all Tourist Attractions & Tours as per  
Itinerary, \*Local Tour guides each day on the Island

**Highlights:** Learn of King Islands infamous Maritime History, Cheese tasting at King Island Dairy, A Crayfish lunch with wine, Culture Centre, Kelp Factory, Yarra Ranges, Bruno's Art and Sculpture Garden in Marysville, Mornington Peninsula, incl Hastings, Cape Schanck, Portsea and Sorrento, Italian Dinner in Lygon Street.

*Taylor Made Tours reserves the right to alter or amend any sightseeing, accommodation or itinerary arrangements for whatever reason.*

# Itinerary of the 7 Day King Island / Melbourne Tour.

## **DAY 1**

## **SUNDAY**

## **KING ISLAND ARRIVAL**

Depart from Sydney Airport to connect with our morning flight to Melbourne. On arrival at Tullamarine Airport we will check in for our short flight to King Island arriving around 3.15pm.

Our Coach will meet us at the airport for our transfer (8 kms) to our accommodation “Boomerang by the Sea” in Currie for the next 3 nights. Our motel has en-suite accommodation with a newly opened licensed restaurant & bar and overlooks the Great Southern Ocean & the Golf Course .

The main township is Currie (only a 10 min walk), one of 3 towns on the island which has a population of 1700. The island is 64 km long & 27 km wide. We will stop at the Information Centre on our way to the Motel so you can pick up some brochures & a map of the island.

Our Dinners & Breakfasts will be served in the Motel restaurant each day.



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## DAY 2

## MONDAY

## ISLAND DAY TOUR INCLUDING CHEESE TASTING

After breakfast we will tour to the northern point of the island to Cape Wickham (48 kms). Along the way we will divert to Yellow Rock Beach where we will drive through some farmland to the cairn of the shipwreck of the PS” Shannon” once a paddle-steamer on the Murray River. We can take a walk along the river’s edge to the beach where we can see the remains of the ship. At the cairn you will find out what on earth a paddle steamer was doing in the middle of Bass Strait.

From here we travel to the northerly point of Cape Wickham for morning tea. The lighthouse at the Cape is regarded as the tallest in the southern hemisphere which guards the entrance to Bass Strait. There are 2 main shipwrecks off the Cape, the “Neva” & the “Loch Leven”. King Island has more known shipwrecks than any other part of Australia.

We leave here for Penny’s Lagoon (a suspended lake) on the north east part of the island for a picnic lunch at Martha Lavinia Beach. After a picnic lunch we head back to Currie for a cheese tasting at the King Island Dairy, which manufactures renowned cheeses & dairy products. We’ll have time to sample some of the products and purchase directly from the shop.

We then leave for our motel for a well earned rest before dinner tonight in the Motel restaurant.





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**DAY 3                                      TUESDAY                                      CALCIFIED FOREST, CRAYFISH LUNCH, KELP FACTORY**  
After breakfast, we travel to the south part of the island today with our first stop at Cataraqui Point – site of Australia’s worst peacetime maritime disaster with the loss of 400 lives. The “Cataraqui” was filled with emigrating families. Only 1 passenger survived this shipwreck as you will see from the Cairn.

From here we travel to Seal Rocks with magnificent views of the Southern Ocean. The “Sealers Wall” a stone dry wall connecting two rocky outcrops & was built by sealers in the 1800’s to help corner their prey.

We will have morning tea here before we visit the Calcified Forest where we take a walking track to the viewing platform of this ancient forest believed to be 7000 yrs old.

We leave here for our return back to Currie for a delicious Crayfish lunch with wine. Afterwards, we will visit the Cultural Centre & the Kelp Factory to learn about the processing of “Bull Kelp”. This industry was established in 1975 to produce seaweed meal for the alginate industry in Scotland.

We finish the day as we travel back to our Motel for a rest before pre-dinner drinks & dinner in the motel’s restaurant.



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## **DAY 4**

**WEDNESDAY**

**DEPART KING ISLAND / ARRIVE MELBOURNE**

A leisurely breakfast before we spend the morning touring the King Island Museum & then the cemetery. After morning tea, we will depart for the airport for our flight to Melbourne early afternoon.

On arrival in Melbourne our coach will transfer us to our overnight accommodation at the "Best Western Plus Travel Inn" in Carlton arriving around 3.00pm.

You may wish to visit Carlton Gardens or Melbourne Museum which are right opposite our motel. Dinner tonight will be at our motel restaurant.

## **DAY 5**

**THURSDAY**

**THE BLACK SPUR / YARRA RANGES**

After breakfast we head for the Yarra Ranges via the Black Spur. We will have morning tea at Dom Dom Saddle. You'll be amazed by the spectacular scenery as you gaze up at the Mountain Ash trees that scatter the sunlight below, towards the lower grown ferns. This 30 km route, taking us to an elevation of over 4000 feet, before we approach the Marysville State Forest. It's here in Marysville, visiting the local hero Bruno and his infamous Art and Sculpture garden. A garden and home that was burnt down in the 2009 bushfires, then re-built as like many, he chose to forge ahead and save the town.

We will have lunch at Marysville bakery. This is followed by visiting Steavenson Falls (one of Victoria's highest).

We then return to Carlton, for some late afternoon rest or retail therapy, ahead of an evening of free time.





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## **DAY 6**

## **FRIDAY**

## **MORNINGTON PENINSULA**

After breakfast we leave for the Mornington Peninsula, an area south of Melbourne, known for its townships of village atmosphere, golf courses, wineries and great beaches.

We will head to Cape Schanck via Hastings and Flinders, before crossing over to the Port Phillip Bay townships of Portsea and Sorrento, where you will have free time to grab some lunch and explore its village atmosphere.

Upon departure, we will drive back to our motel via Rosebud and Victoria's famous sandbelt golf courses.

Our farewell Dinner tonight, will be at a nearby Italian restaurant in the famous Lygon Street, just around the corner from our motel.



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**DAY 7**

**FRIDAY**

**HOMEWARD BOUND**

Breakfast at leisure. You will have time for last minute shopping this morning, before our transfer to the airport and our afternoon flight home.

## ***Sydney-King Island-Melb-Sydney***

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