

Lakes Entrance and the Gippsland Lakes
Home to our largest Inland Network of Waterways
7 Days/6 Nights



Date: Monday 17 to Sunday 23 March 2025

FREECALL 1800 611 735

DAY 1 – Monday

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Welcome aboard your tour to **Lakes Entrance and the Gippsland Lakes!** Your tour begins with mini-coach pickup in the morning from your home, before meeting with our large coach.

Light morning tea stop will be provided by Kiama Scenic Tours.

Travelling down the Princes Highway, we stop for lunch at **Milton-Ulladulla Ex Servos Club** before continuing our journey to **Cobargo**. The township itself was one of the largest affected towns by the bushfires, luckily the wonderful **Cobargo Farm** was saved. We are here for a tour and afternoon tea. This unique open garden farm is on 16 acres on the outskirts of Cobargo's historical working village. It produces fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as ferns, plants, flowers and seedlings.

Continuing on, we make our way to **Merimbula** for our first night together, checking in to Merimbula Sapphire Motel.

Two Course Dinner taken at the onsite motel restaurant.

Accommodation: Merimbula Sapphire Motel Ph 02 6495 3077

Please note: Rooms are located on the ground floor AND upstairs, with upstairs rooms only accessible via stairs. Sorry for any inconvenience.

DAY 2 – Tuesday

BLD



Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Check out and depart accommodation at Merimbula.

Today we head south and enjoy a **sightseeing tour** around the old whaling town of **Eden** which still has strong links with the sea, her history well intertwined with the whales and the fishing industry. Here we visit the **Killer Whale Museum** located in the heart of Eden, the museum portrays the history of whaling in the local area and has a wide range of permanent exhibitions on subjects such as whaling, navigation, shipwrecks and fishing, and regularly hosts travelling and special exhibitions. We will see the skeleton of "Old Tom" one of a group of killer whales that helped the local whalers by herding the baleen whales into Twofold Bay and then alerting the whalers of their presence by thrashing the water with their tails. From here we cross the Victorian border and travel via Genoa, Cann River and Cape Conran to our lunch venue at the **Historic Marlo Hotel**. We now head inland to **Orbost** where we have planned a visit to the **Orbost Exhibition Centre**. The centre is located on the Snowy River and surrounded by beautiful Forest Park. The exhibition is all about timber including the National Collection of Wood Design which is on permanent display. Designed on several levels we have time to enjoy a retail showroom, a gallery for professional artists and a top level for views over the Forest Park. This will top off a delightful day before we arrive into **Lakes Entrance**, where we will base ourselves for the next four nights at Bellevue on the Lakes.

Two Course Dinner taken at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

Accommodation: Bellevue on the Lakes, Lake Entrance Ph 03 5150 9488

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DAY 3 – Wednesday

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Breakfast provided at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

For anyone who likes a walk before breakfast, take a stroll along the promenade to see some unique **wooden sculptures**. A local wood carver has taken the stumps of trees and carved them into images of Australia at War. There are famous images from World War I including Simpson and his donkey and a nursing sister caring for wounded soldiers. By late morning we will arrive at **Wyanga Park Winery** which overlooks the North Arm of Lakes Entrance. It is the oldest vineyard in East Gippsland and is a fascinating venue for lunch. Try some of the excellent wine this mild, maritime climate helps to produce and enjoy the eye-catching exhibition of native art that decorates the winery walls. After lunch we will be transferred to the winery jetty for a 30-minute cruise from **North Arm** back to the Club Hotel Jetty in the heart of Lakes Entrance. The rest of the afternoon is ours to enjoy at leisure.

Return to accommodation.

Two Course Dinner taken at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

Accommodation: Bellevue on the Lakes, Lake Entrance Ph 03 5150 9488

DAY 4 – Thursday

BLD



Breakfast provided at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

Today we meet our local expert for our town tour of the area. Boasting Australia's largest inland network of waterways, **Lakes Entrance** has long been a popular holiday designation. Situated on the edge of Ninety Mile Beach where the Gippsland Lakes meets the Southern Ocean. Late morning, we arrive at the **Nyerimilang Heritage Park** – a lakeside homestead that was used in the late 1800s as a base for fishing and shooting holidays. Today the homestead, which features a display on the history of Nyerimilang and the natural resources and history of the Gippsland Lakes, is protected by the National Trust. The semi-formal garden and lawns, with views to the water, contain an interesting collection exotic and native species. We are given an interesting talk on the history of Nyerimilang before continuing to **Metung**. Lunch today is at the Metung Hotel **Family Bistro** taking in the views on the waterfront before boarding a sensational **cruise** along one of Australia's great inland waterways. An informative commentary and plenty of undercover seating makes this cruise a highlight of our tour as it arrives into Lakes Entrance.

Return to accommodation.

Two Course Dinner taken at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

Accommodation: Bellevue on the Lakes, Lake Entrance Ph 03 5150 9488

DAY 5 – Friday

BLD



Breakfast provided at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

This morning we drive to the historic **Port of Sale**, first opened to shipping in 1890 as the western most port in the Gippsland Lakes. The cutting of the Sale canal in 1898 linked the town to the Thomson River and established Sale as a busy port for steamers. We are joined here by our local guide for a tour of the town. Learn how Sale prosperity grew from nearby mountain gold rushes to its strategic location on the route between Port Albert and the gold diggings. Our next visit is to the **Museum of Timeless Memories**. From hats to harvesters, pumps to pots, bikes to beaters and toys to traps there is something for everyone at this eclectic museum. It's also our lunch venue today.



In the afternoon we head to nearby **Bairnsdale** and make a stop in the main street to visit **St Mary's Catholic Church** to see the murals on the ceilings and walls of the church, which are quite stunning! While we are here, we take in the sights of this idyllic garden town with many reminders of the booming goldrush days. Some of Bairnsdale's architecture is also of interest. The most striking building in the town is the Court House in Nicholson St which was opened in 1894. It is recognised as one of Victoria's finest examples of late 19th century architecture and is considered of some significance to the development of an Australian style. Late afternoon we return back to our hotel in Lakes Entrance.

Two Course Dinner taken at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

Accommodation: Bellevue on the Lakes, Lake Entrance Ph 03 5150 9488

DAY 6 – Saturday

BLD



Breakfast provided at Albert & Co. Restaurant.

Check out from our accommodation at Lakes Entrance this morning. After breakfast we head towards **Orbost** before we start climbing with the mountain ranges on both sides of us as we make our way to **Bombala**. The charming town is caught between the mountains and the NSW south coast. We tour the **Burnima Homestead**, a restored 1800s property built by Frederick Young, who also built the Governor General's residence 'Yarralumla' and then enjoy lunch at **Bombala RSL Club**. This afternoon we continue through Cooma and onto **Canberra** for our overnight stay.

Two Course Dinner taken at the onsite motel restaurant.

Accommodation: Novotel Canberra Ph 02 6245 5000

DAY 7 – Sunday

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Breakfast provided at accommodation.

Check out from our accommodation at Canberra.

Get ready for some farming life at **Gold Creek Station** experiencing the life of a farming family on their 1500-acre Merino sheep and beef and cattle farm. Watch Australian kelpie dogs work merino sheep and see sheep shearing demonstrations. Hear informative talks on the Australian wool industry. Finishing up with lunch and feeling relaxed during this friendly rural experience. Leaving here before continuing home to finish off our 7-Day holiday with many fond memories.

Return to your home late afternoon.

PLEASE NOTE: All itinerary attractions are subject to change without notice.

B = Breakfast **M** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

Inclusions:

6 nights' accommodation, all breakfasts, all dinners, light morning teas on various days, all lunches, entry to all attractions and coach pick up & drop off from your home (Illawarra and Shoalhaven areas only)

	Price per person twin share	Single supplement
Travel Club Members	\$2975	\$550
Non-Members	\$3025	\$550

Deposit required upon booking: \$200 per person
Balance strictly due: Friday 14 February 2025

CANCELLATION FEES AND AMENDMENTS

All fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given

Days Notice:	60-90 Days ↓	31-60 Days ↓	Within 30 days ↓
Deposit:	Full refund <u>OR</u> Transferable**	50% refundable & Non-transferable	Non-refundable & Non-transferable

**If you cancel your booking 60 days or more prior to your booked tour, the deposit is transferable to another advertised tour. This deposit is only transferable once. Should you cancel a tour a second time, full deposit will be lost. Please contact office for further details.

All payments can be made by the following options:

- In person at our tour office (cash or card)
- Via credit card payment over the phone (VISA or Mastercard only)
- Direct deposit – Please ask for our bank details if you choose to pay by this method



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- **All tours are subject to minimum numbers.**
- **Venues, itineraries and attractions are subject to change without notice.**
- **Travel Insurance is recommended for all extended tours.**
Ask your preferred insurer for more details.
- **Due to seating restrictions, we cannot reserve seats on the coach.**
Seat rotation will apply for all extended tours.
- **Wearing of masks on board the coach is at the discretion of the traveller.**
- **Kiama Scenic Tours will not be responsible should you contract COVID while travelling on our coach.**