

## **FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR**

# **Experience Victoria's Silo Art**

Highlights include: St Arnaud, Murtoa Stick Shed, Warracknabeal Silos, Patchewolock & Pink Lake, Swan Hill, Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum, Heartbeat of The Murray Cruise and Lazer, Light show, Tractor Museum Nyah, Rochester Historical Society.

FREE HOME PICKUP & RETURN: Geelong, Torquay, Bellarine Peninsula, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown, Colac, Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh & Bendigo and Melbourne Additional locations may be an option, please enquire directly with us.



\$2,670 PP TWIN SHARE\*

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$400 PP



DEPARTING: MONDAY 22 APRIL 2024





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## Home / Bannockburn / Avoca / St Arnaud / Rupanyup / Sheep Hills / Warracknabeal / Nhill / Horsham

We depart your hometown for a wonderful tour to visit Victoria's Wimmera & Mallee regions with a journey along the Silo Art Trail, soon to become the country's biggest outdoor gallery. As we, travel from town to town and witness the innovative art project that sees renowned street artists from Australia and across the globe transform wheat silos into giant works of art. Our journey takes us through the everchanging Victorian countryside with morning tea and lunch stops along the way.

We make our way to the first silo at Avoca. Morning tea is provided throughout your tour on each day complimentary. Our next stop is St Arnaud, which is a heritage 1850's goldrush town and the beginning of the famous Silo Art Trail.

Rupanyup is next as we look up at the monochrome mural created by Russian artist Julia Volckova on the huge metal grain storage bins, inspired by the local Rupanyup Football & Netball club.

For our next stop, we visit the Murtoa Stick Shed, built in 1941 to store grain that could not be exported during World War II. It is the largest rustically built structure in the world.

From here we head to the Sheep Hills Silo, with work created by Adnate, an internationally renowned artist famous for his work with Aboriginal communities across Australia. Spread across all six silos the work consists of four indigenous faces watching over the tiny community, with a starry background that has symbolic significance to the local people

Our next stop is the Warracknabeal Silos where we enjoy a lunch at Flora and Fauna Park by the Yarriambiack Creek. After lunch we seek out Kaniva Silo Art and then the Nhill Silos nestled beside the Little Desert where you might spot Emus and Kangaroos.

Late afternoon we arrive at our hotel with time to relax and recharge the batteries before dinner.

#### **OVERNIGHT & DINNER**

Comfort Inn Capital Horsham, T (03) 5382 0125





**DAY TWO** TUESDAY 23 APRIL 2024









# Pink Lake / Brim / Rosebery / Lascelles Patchewollock / Swan Hill

Following breakfast, we farewell our Horsham hospitality and continue our way along the Silo Art Trail. Pink Lake Dimboola is the ultimate travel request as enjoy this slice of history with the 1936 Thomas "Major" Mitchell's expedition trail.

At Brim we see Guido van Helten's famous 'Farmer Quartet'. Stretching out across all four silos this massive mural is a tribute to the drought-stricken farming community. The mural instantly became a regional landmark and provided the inspiration for the Silo Art Trail project.

The Roseberry Silos were completed late in 2017. Melbourne artist Kaff-eine spent time in the Mallee travelling to neighbouring towns, discovering the natural environment and acquainting herself with local business owners, families, farmers and children, her artwork depicts themes that she feels embody the region's past, present & future.

Touring in our Luxury Coach we visit Hopetoun and Albacutya Silo art before lunch (provided by Christians Travel)

Next, we see the silo's in the tiny town of Lascelles with artwork completed by Melbourne artist Tyrone 'Rone' Wright. The artwork is of local wheat farmers Geoff & Merrilyn Horman looking out over the rural landscape.

We finish the journey along Victoria's Silo Art Trail at Patchewollock. The much-anticipated Sea lakes and enjoy Lake Tyrll viewing platform.

Marvelling at the work of Brisbane based street artist Fintan Magee, the giant mural depicts local sheep and grain farmer Nick 'Noodle' Hulland, chosen for his 'classic farmer looks' and his strong connection to the community. After another delightful day our coach arrives at the Swan Hill Resort for two nights to rest and revive as we immerse ourselves in another Australian community and take a visual breath.

#### **.OVERNIGHT & DINNER**

Two Nights Swan Hill Resort, T (03) 5032 2726









This morning we are rested after waking up in Swan Hill, we travel to Lake Boga, home to the famous Catalina Flying Boat A24-30- one of only four in Australia. Lake Boga was an idyllic stretch of water which mighty boats could alight. After spending the morning at Lake Boga, we arrive back at Swan Hill, where we embark on a cruise on the magnificent Murray River. The Pioneer Settlement can be seen from the river. This takes us for 1 hour, until mid-afternoon. After the Pioneer settlement we enjoy lunch together

From here, we head back to our accommodation or have some free time before rugging up for the sensational after-dark sound and light show 'Heartbeat of the Murray'. A special transporter moves off into the darkness and back through 150 years of history. It's a dramatic experience with dinner waiting for us back at the resort.

#### **OVERNIGHT & DINNER**

Swan Hill Resort





DAY FOUR THURSDAY 25 APRIL 2024







# Swan Hill /Tractor Museum, Nyah / Nullawil / Rochester Historical Society / Colabinnabin / Kyabram

With our two-day stay complete, our tour wakes up to Anzac Day in Swan Hill. Before leaving you may choose to have some personal time for remembrance.

We then head off to Echuca and rejoin our Silo Art Trail. On the way, we enjoy a unique tour at one of Australia's largest private collections of Ford tractors that is on display at Nyah. Marilyn and Ron have amassed more than 120 Ford tractors in a private vintage machinery collection that is one of the largest in the world.

Next, our Silo Art Trail takes us to Nullawil Silo and then onto Boort.

We enjoy lunch (at own expense) at the Historical Society in Rochester. Around Rochester we will see more amazing wall art.

We then head to Colabinabbin and Picola, where the artwork features across six silos.

The last silos of the day being the Grain Corp Silos with a vibrantly painted Sugar Glider and an azure Kingfisher.

From here we head to Kyabram, were we view the Kyabram water tank, painted with an eastern long necked turtle and the red capped Robin, all visually brought to life on the side of a simple tank.

The last stop today is 40 murals all featured along the main street of the home for our nights rest at Echuca.

#### **OVERNIGHT & DINNER**

Mercure Port of Echuca T 03 5482 5666



DAY FIVE FRIDAY 26 APRIL 2024







# Echuca / Torrumbarry Weir / Moama / Tatura / Home

Farewelling Echuca, we have a leisurely start, taking a look at the Torumbarry Weir. The weir controls flooding along the rivers and provide water for the Kerang Lakes. The Big and Bold and beautiful wonders of Echuca Moama Region and surrounds invites us to follow more of the trial. We view Picola Silo Art, the Kyabram Water Tank art by Jimmy DVate.

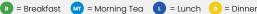
Next, we head to Tongala Silo and a nearby Iddles Lane, which plays homage to the strength of the dairy industry.

From here we travel to Tatura and the Tatura Irrigation & Wartime Camps Museum. There is a wonderful mural on the side of the Museum. Here we have our lunch before making our final journey home.















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# **Additional information**



## Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

### Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

# What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

#### What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

- 1. Easy
- 2. Active/Moderate

### Relaxed pace tours – Level 1 fitness – Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

#### Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

# Tours with some mild physical activities - Level 2 fitness - Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

#### Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

## Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

## Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

### Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the tinle of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.

