

Gardens & History: Hahndorf's Adelaide Hills 8 Day Fully Escorted Tour



APRIL 2025
8 DAY PACKAGE
\$4,950
PER PERSON

FITNESS LEVEL 2 TOUR

Eight Day Escorted Tour

Highlights include: Camperdown Arboretum Botanical Gardens, Port Fairy, Port McDonnell Town Tour & Museum, Robe, Cedars House and Garden Hans Heyson, Coorong Cruise. The Barn Mount Gambier, Penola Historic Talk and Town Tour Guide, Umpherston Sinkhole and Garden, Tantanoola Cave, Maggie Beer Pheasant Farm, Barossa Valley Wines, Burra and Clare Valley, Mount Lofty Botanical Gardens, Charrick Hill, and Silos.

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

 **\$4,950**
PER PERSON

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$600 PP

 **DEPARTING:**
THURSDAY
10 APRIL 2025



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DAY ONE THURSDAY 10 APRIL 2025



Home / Camperdown Arboretum Botanical Gardens / Port Fairy / Port McDonnell / Mount Gambier

Begin your unforgettable autumn journey with our complimentary door-to-door pick-up service, ensuring a safe arrival at the coach meeting point. Your adventure starts at Camperdown Arboretum Botanical Gardens, where you will enjoy morning tea out of the bus. Then, enjoy a visit with one or two of the 'friends of the gardens' who will share insights into the restoration efforts and historical legacy of the Arboretum's original collection.

Savour lunch in Port Fairy, catered by Christians Travel, as you celebrate the first day of this tour. Afterwards, depart the charming seaside village and take a guided bus tour of Port McDonnell and its picturesque surroundings. Explore the local museum and immerse yourself in the evocative tales of shipwrecks that dot the history of this coastal region.

Your journey continues along the stunning South Australian coastline, offering breathtaking ocean vistas. Following this, meet your host, Kent Comley, and settle into your accommodation within five acres of carefully manicured English-style gardens at The Barn in Mount Gambier, primarily constructed from Mount Gambier limestone. For dinner you will dine at the award-winning Barn Steakhouse, rounding off a perfect day of exploration.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

The Barn Mount Gambier — Steak House Restaurant



Mount Lofty



Coorong

DAY THREE SATURDAY 12 APRIL 2025



Cedars Hahndorf / Half Day Coorong Experience Cruise

After breakfast, you will enjoy a unique historic art and garden at The Cedars. This unique location offers a glimpse into the family life of the renowned 20th-century landscape artist Hans Heysen and his talented daughter, Nora. Dividing into two groups, you'll have the chance to explore the artists' studios and the beautifully preserved house set in its original period. The gardens and sprawling property are just one of the many highlights of this exceptional tour.

As you drive through picturesque Adelaide Hills, you'll wind through lush vineyards and charming country towns, culminating in a delightful 3.5-hour lunchtime cruise on the Coorong. This stunning location, famous as the setting for the movie "Storm Boy," offers the perfect backdrop for an afternoon on the water. Enjoy watching seals frolic and listen to stories about life on the Coorong and its historic waterways.

A freshly made, delicious lunch is served onboard as you cruise past historic sites and view unique wildlife. A guided shore experience allows you to absorb the picturesque landscapes, while afternoon tea provides a relaxing conclusion to the day's adventures.

Return to Hahndorf for some free time in the village. With your accommodation centrally located, you can easily stroll through the local shops and soak up the atmosphere. Unwind and relax before dinner, enjoying the charm of this delightful town.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

The Manna by Haus, Hahndorf

DAY TWO FRIDAY 11 APRIL 2025



Mount Gambier / Aquifer / Millicent / Penola / Robe / The Big Lobster / Hahndorf

Start your day with breakfast before taking in the sights of Mount Gambier. Explore the Blue Lakes and enjoy a tour of the Aquifer. As you journey towards Penola, pass through Millicent, where a collection of murals tells the diverse history of the town.

Arrive in Penola for a catered morning tea out of the bus, then stroll around the shops and attractions. Your next stop is Robe, a picturesque seaside town with historic buildings and character. Here, you can breathe in the fresh sea air and enjoy lunch (at your own expense), choosing from a variety of places to eat.

On your way to Mennigie, you'll pass the iconic Big Lobster and visit the fascinating Point Malcolm Lighthouse. You may catch a glimpse of the stunning pink lakes as you continue your journey. Finally, arrive at Hahndorf, your home away from home for the next five nights.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

The Manna by Haus, Hahndorf

Carrick Hill Historic House & Rose Garden / Mount Lofty Botanic Garden & Surrounding Villages

Enjoy a late breakfast at the Haus Restaurant, taking in the serene atmosphere of Hahndorf as the autumnal apricot light fills the streets. With your accommodation perfectly situated in the heart of this charming village, you're just a stroll away from exploring its quaint pathways and discovering its hidden gems at your own pace.

Take advantage of your free morning to soak in the unique character and vibrant energy of Hahndorf before enjoying an early lunch (at your own expense). This timing allows you ample time to arrive at Carrick Hill, a pristine example of a 20th-century heritage estate nestled at the base of the Adelaide Hills.

Embark on a guided tour through Carrick Hill's historic house museum, where you'll uncover the captivating stories behind its walls. The enchanting gardens, with their formal rose beds and three distinct rose gardens—including one dedicated to the revered David Austen roses—offer a delightful visual journey. Inside, the legacy of Sir Edward "Bill" Hayward and his wife Ursula is vividly portrayed through a remarkable collection of drawings, sculptures, antiques, and paintings.

In the afternoon, visit the Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens. Capture the dreamy autumnal light as it falls over the picturesque Piccadilly Valley, spreading across 97 hectares of lush, sprawling gullies. This is a day designed for leisurely exploration, allowing you to fully appreciate the stunning landscapes and charming villages you've encountered on your travels.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

The Manna by Haus, Hahndorf

inspired by Storm Boy, the beloved book by Colin Thiele. Continue your journey to Maggie Beer's renowned Pheasant Farm in Nuriootpa, where you can sample Maggie's famous gourmet products and immerse yourself in the flavours of the region.

Returning to Hahndorf, there may be time for a pit stop in the charming villages, allowing you to enjoy a stroll or visit a local winery if time permits. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at your own pace before indulging in your evening meal.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

The Manna by Haus, Hahndorf

Outback South Australia Burra Historical Town / Mount Bryan Lookout / Leighton Hall Historic Site / Clare Valley

Set out early for the Clare Valley, armed with a picnic breakfast hamper to go. Today promises to be a fascinating exploration of South Australia's outback, starting with a scenic drive from Hahndorf to Burra. We stop for morning tea out of the bus and take in the new surroundings while your guide meets you to join the tour 'on the bus!' and introduce you to Burra's history and remarkable stories over the next three hours.

Burra, a historic mining town nestled between vineyards and the outback, lies just two hours from Adelaide. Its unique heritage and charm are a constant source of amazement on each guided tour. As you wander through the town, enjoy a picnic lunch that lets you soak in the distance travelled and the beginnings of the Australian Outback.

Continue your journey north to the Mount Bryan lookout, where you'll be treated to breathtaking views that mark the start of the Flinders Ranges. On your return through the Clare Valley, make a stop at the historic Leighton Hall before heading back to the village of Hahndorf.

By the day's end, you'll carry a touch of outback dust on your shoes and a newfound perspective on where the Flinders Ranges begin within the beautiful state of South Australia.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

The Manna Handorf – Haus Restaurant.

Valley Country Village Drive / Eudunda Silo / Maggie Beers Pheasant Farm / Nuriootpa Village

Begin your day with breakfast at The Haus Restaurant before setting off for a guided day tour with local expert Katie, our step-on guide who will lead us for a full day in the Claire Valley. Located in the northern Mount Lofty Ranges, east of the Silky Hills. Auburn boasts numerous state heritage-listed buildings amidst stunning wineries and farmlands. Spend your morning exploring this village, where you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a leisurely lunch and some personal time. You might even find a delightful winery during our coach ride today.

In the afternoon, enjoy a coach ride to the Eudunda Silo, a masterpiece completed in 2021. This impressive artwork tells captivating stories, including one

Burra



Mount Lofty

DAY EIGHT THURSDAY 17 APRIL 2025

B **MT**

The Barn Mount Gambier / Tantanoola Cave / Glenelg / Dunkeld / Home

Begin your day amidst the charming backdrop of The Barn, enjoying a final breakfast in this serene setting. As you prepare for the journey home, you will visit Tantanoola Cave in Mount Gambier. Known for its remarkable caves, this area of South Australia offers a rare and accessible gem.

Cross the border and briefly stop in the Coleraine to explore the renowned Glenelg Fine Confectionery store. Allow yourself to indulge in an array of sweet delights. As your journey continues, take a relaxing break in the town of Dunkeld, a perfect spot to take a break.

Continue travelling home in the coach, taking pit stops along the way and taking in scenic farmland and dairy industries. Enjoy the comfort and convenience of our convenient door-to-door drop-off bus service, ensuring a safe and pleasant return.

DAY SEVEN WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 2025

B **MT** **D**

Coonalpyn Silo / Penola Talk and Tour / Umpherston Sinkhole & Garden / The Barn Mt Gambier

Today you bid farewell to Hahndorf, setting out for morning tea at the Coonalpyn Silo. Here, you'll be captivated by the stunning artwork that transforms these silos into towering canvases. As you continue your adventure, head to Penola for a fascinating talk and tour led by your historic museum guide. Enjoy this welcoming country town, where you'll find a variety of options for lunch (at your own expense). Take some time to wander, visit the op shops, and soak up the atmosphere typical of South Australian country towns.

In the afternoon, visit the Umpherston Sinkhole and Caves. This large limestone sinkhole, transformed into a lush garden in the late 1800s, offers a truly unique experience. Marvel at the natural cave and the mesmerising view as you look up through the sinkhole's opening to the sky above. This enchanting site is sure to leave you in awe.

As the day winds down, arrive in Mount Gambier and enjoy the Estate and Gardens at The Barn, our exquisite accommodation for the night.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

The Barn Mount Gambier.

EXCLUSIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Drinks, Telephone Calls, Laundry and items of a personal nature. Includes Luxury five-star coach, motel accommodation with private facilities on a twin share basis. Meals and entry fees as per the itinerary. Tour Conditions: Payment: A deposit of \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance is due 45 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: Prior to 45 days of departure - Loss of deposit, 45 to 30 days prior 50% of total fare, 29 to 14 days prior to departure 75% of total fare, 14 days or less 100% total fare. Christians Travel has arranged this tour upon the express condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur either by reason of defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft of another company engaged to provide transportation on behalf of Christian's Travel. Whilst the company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Information as stated is correct at time of publication but is subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. If the tour has insufficient bookings, it may be cancelled with full refund paid. Food and Drink must not be consumed on the coach. Smoking is prohibited under Government regulations. Passengers are requested to restrict their smoking to stops en-route in the interests of other passengers. Luggage - one medium size suitcase plus one carry bag per passenger - maximum combined weight, 20kg's. Seating- to enable everyone to enjoy forward and window seating, a seat rotation system will operate, and passengers will be required to change seats each day. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

*Prices are based on twin share. Conditions apply. **Insurance is strongly recommended.**

KEY

B = Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea

AT = Afternoon Tea **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner



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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 time 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.

Special Dietary Requirements

Please notify us of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.