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Warrnambool Great Ocean Road Adventure 'Explore the Shipwreck Coast' 5 Days – 4 Nights *\$1,395 ppts (*minimum 30 passengers)

This carefully curated 5-day journey showcases the very best of Victoria's iconic Shipwreck Coast and the Great Ocean Road, combining dramatic coastal scenery, rich maritime history, and unique regional experiences. Based in the heart of Warrnambool for four nights, we take time to explore this vibrant seaside city and its surrounding highlights, including Port Fairy, Portland, Tower Hill, and the region's volcanic landscapes and waterfalls.

The tour features a full Great Ocean Road return journey, allowing you to experience this world-renowned drive in both directions, with stops at breathtaking lookouts, coastal towns, and natural landmarks including the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. With comfortable accommodation, quality meals, and a relaxed pace designed for mature travellers, this tour offers the perfect balance of discovery, comfort, and coastal beauty.

Day 1 Werribee – Geelong – Colac – Camperdown – Cobden Alvie Red Rock Lookout – Stony Rises – Warrnambool

We depart your club at 8.00am and travel to Melbourne and then along the Princes Highway to **Werribee Park** for morning tea (Werribee Park Rose Garden). We then continue along the Princes Highway through Geelong, Winchelsea and Colac to the **Alvie Red Rock Scenic Lookout**, situated approx. 15km north of the Princes Highway. Here at the lookout, you can see the myriad of saltwater and freshwater lakes and volcanic cones that dominate this unique landscape (the volcanic plains around the Colac District contain 50 to 60 lakes). We then return to the Princes Highway and travel through the **Stony Rises District** (see the unique dry-stone walls) to **Camperdown** for lunch. This afternoon we travel through the rich dairy farming district of Cobden to Allansford. We visit the Allansford Cheese Shop before arriving in **Warrnambool** – our destination for the next 4 nights. Our accommodation is at the **Mid City Motel** located in the centre of Warrnambool. Tonight, we enjoy dinner at a venue to be confirmed.

Day 2 Flagstaff Hill Museum – Great Ocean Road – Twelve Apostles Loch Ard Gorge – Sound & Light Night Show

This morning we visit **Warrnambool Flagstaff Hill Museum**. At the museum we relive the early times of this bustling seaport town. We begin our tour accompanied by a local guide and hear of the tragic tale and heroic rescue at the Loch Ard Gorge. A special attraction at the museum is the gleaming, larger than life Minton earthenware "Peacock", recovered from the ill-fated "Loch Ard". We then enjoy free time to explore the museum. After our visit to Flagstaff Hill Museum, we travel

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to the Great Ocean Road to **Port Campbell** for lunch. This afternoon we visit the **Twelve Apostles** – timber boardwalks run around the cliff-tops and provide spectacular viewing of these unique rock formations. We also visit **Loch Ard Gorge** – site of the tragic shipwreck and heroic rescue of the Loch Ard. We then return to Warrnambool. Dinner venue to be confirmed. After dinner we return to **Flagstaff Hill** to see the spectacular **sound & laser night show** – “*Shipwrecked*” – this is a complete theatrical experience that magically brings to life the tragic story of the Loch Ard disaster in a uniquely entertaining presentation. The multi-million-dollar sound & laser show captures the tragedy, drama and excitement of sailing the high seas as an early settler.

Day 3 Warrnambool Town Tour – Tower Hill State Game Reserve – Killarney Beach – Fletcher Jones Gardens – Hopkins Falls – Logans Beach

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of Warrnambool township including **Lady Bay**. We then visit **Tower Hill State Game Reserve** – this extinct volcanic crater is one of the districts most fascinating natural attractions. This previously barren crater has been reforested with native flora and repopulated with native fauna over the past 40 years. The area was declared Victoria's first National Park in 1892. We enjoy morning tea at the picnic area. We then visit Killarney Beach before returning to Warrnambool for lunch. This afternoon we visit the iconic **Fletcher Jones Gardens** and also **Hopkins Falls**. These Falls are among Victoria's widest at an impressive 90 metres wide and plunging 12 metres over dark basalt rocks. There are two excellent viewing platforms to view the falls. We then visit **Logans Beach** (popular whale watching area between June and September and features a purpose-built viewing platform above the sand dunes) – see spectacular ocean views. We then return to our motel. Dinner venue to be confirmed.

Day 4 Cape Bridgewater – Portland Cable Tram – Port Fairy

Today we travel west along the Princes Highway via Port Fairy and Portland to **Cape Bridgewater** – once a volcanic island, Cape Bridgewater is now linked to the mainland by a sand spit. We enjoy morning tea on the foreshore and an opportunity to enjoy a beach walk. We then return to Portland for a ride on the **Portland Cable Tram** – this is a 7.4km journey meandering along Portland's spectacular foreshore – learn all about Portland's history. We then enjoy lunch in **Portland**. This afternoon we return to **Port Fairy** – first settled by sealers in 1810 and at its peak in the 1850's, Port Fairy was the second busiest port in Australia. We then leisurely return to Warrnambool. Dinner venue to be confirmed.

Day 5 Great Ocean Road – Port Campbell – Apollo Bay – Lorne Aireys Inlet – Anglesea – Torquay – Geelong – Home

This morning we farewell Warrnambool (8.00am motel departure) and travel to Peterborough to begin our breathtaking journey along the iconic Great Ocean Road. The Great Ocean Road remains one of the most spectacular tourist drives in the world. Hand built by returned World War 1 soldiers in honour of their fallen comrades and officially opened in 1932, it is also the world's biggest war memorial. Our first visit is to the spectacular **Bay of Islands Lookout**. We then travel through the towns of **Port Campbell, Princetown, Lavers Hill** (the highest point on the Great Ocean Road), **Apollo Bay, Wye River, Kennett River, Lorne, Airey's Inlet, Anglesea** (lunch at Anglesea) and **Torquay**. We then continue our homeward journey around Geelong to Melbourne arriving back at your club approx. 5.00pm (depending on road & traffic conditions).

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Warrnambool – Great Ocean Road Tour Includes:

- ✓ *Seat-belt equipped coach travel – departs from your club*
- ✓ *4 nights motel accommodation at the Mid City Motel – Warrnambool. The motel is situated in the centre of town*
- ✓ *Delicious 2-Course dinners served each evening – venues to be confirmed*
- ✓ *Full cooked breakfast served each morning in motel breakfast room*
- ✓ *All admissions, sightseeing and morning teas as per itinerary*

Conditions:

- *The tour price quoted \$1,395 per person is based on twin share accommodation. The single supplement is an additional \$90 per night.*
- *The tour requires a minimum of 30 passengers and has a maximum of 44 passengers. The tour price for 25 – 29 passengers is \$1,465 per person twin share.*
- *The tour price quoted does not include lunches or travel insurance. Designer Tours recommends that all passengers have suitable travel insurance.*
- *Please note that should unsuitable or unsafe conditions not allow the tour to visit a particular attraction or place of interest or an attraction on the itinerary has now closed or is closed on the day then a suitable alternative will be substituted. Designer Tours reserves the right to make a decision on unsuitable or unsafe conditions.*
- *Cancellation Policy: Please note that there is a cancellation fee of \$300 per person should any passenger cancel their booking five days or more before departure. There is no refund for any passenger booking cancelled less than five days before departure. Designer Tours recommends that all passengers have suitable travel insurance.*