



### A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

Melbourne - Mildura - Wentworth - Silo Art Trail - Horsham - Halls Gap - Dunkeld -Warrnambool

### 6 Days Exploration

Departing:

22 Mar 2021 Sold Out

7 Apr 2021 New Release - Reverse Itinerary

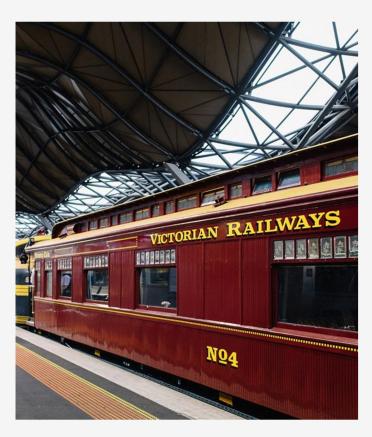
All manner of transportation is at our disposal during this exploration of regional Victoria's character and charm. Following a privately chartered flight to Mildura, we work our way south along the iconic Silo Art Trail. The region gives up its gourmet secrets and we enjoy river scenes and majestic mountain outlooks. Our journey home then takes place aboard a heritage train fit for royalty.



### FOLLOW THE SILO ART TRAIL

Linking the remote towns of western Victoria, towering structures adorned with masterful artwork stand proud along our journey's route. Here, the characters of the Wimmera Mallee are celebrated through a series of painted silos, brought to life by renowned artists.







# PRIVATELY CHARTERED HERITAGE RAIL EXPERIENCE

Conclude your journey aboard a heritage train. Our exclusive private charter utilises carriages once occupied by the Queen. Each first-class compartment is reserved for just four guests, while high tea is served prior to our arrival in Melbourne.

# DEGUSTATION AT DUNKELD'S TWO-HATTED WICKENS AT ROYAL MAIL HOTEL

Savour an inspired degustation menu at Wickens at Royal Mail Hotel, overlooking the loftv peaks of the Grampians. The



restaurant's organic produce endows each dish with an unmistakable zest, complimented by Australian and French wines.







# PRIVATE PADDLE STEAMER FROM TRENTHAM ESTATE

Following wine tastings and a lunch of fresh seasonal produce at the award-winning Trentham Estate, enjoy the scenery of the Murray River as you slowly drift aboard a privately chartered, vintage paddle steamer.

# **ACCOMMODATION**



### ROYAL MAIL HOTEL, DUNKELD

The Royal Mail Hotel finds itself nestled at the base of one of the Grampian's iconic ridges. Award-winning dining, a celebrated wine cellar and an array of distinctive rooms ensure our overnight stay is one of considerable indulgence.

### ITINERARY

#### Reverse Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary shown is for the 22 March 2021 departure. The 7 April 2021 departure operates in reverse.

- \* Tour Manager Richard Moras
- ★ Tour Doctor Dr Ralph Levin

Day 1: Melbourne, Mildura 🖈

7 April 2021 Departure Operates In Reverse

🗙 22 March 2021: As Your Tour Manager, Richard Moras Welcomes You On This Journey

🛨 22 March 2021: Your Accompanying Tour Doctor For This Journey Is Dr Ralph Levin

Our privately chartered aircraft takes us quickly to Mildura. A short hop across Victoria's flowing border then brings us to the town of Wentworth in south-western New South Wales. Here we see the confluence of the mighty Murray and Darling rivers. During our visit to Rio Vista House, we explore the history of the Chaffey family, whose ambitions led to the development of Mildura's irrigation scheme – the first such project in Australia. On the first of our two evenings in Mildura, we convene in the original cellars of the Grand Hotel for an appetising Welcome Dinner at Stefano's.

Day 2: Mildura

Discover the processes that produce the pink salt of the Murray River. Across the water, we find more ways of utilising raw materials at Varapodio Estate's olive farm. These local foodstuffs bring on a hunger that sees us arriving at the award-winning Trentham Estate. After sampling the finest wines of the region, we relax on the estate's lawns and savour its fresh seasonal produce. Our return to Mildura is made courtesy of a privately chartered paddle steamer. This afternoon, Your World experiences offer the choice of a visit to the Mildura Holden Museum or to Fossey's Gin distillery.

Day 3: The Mallee, Horsham

The opportunity to follow the Silo Art Trail is upon us. From Patchewollock, we track these gargantuan landmarks of portraiture and iconography as they weave their way through the Mallee Region. In the towns of Lascelles, Rosebery, Brim, Sheep Hills and Rupanyup, we marvel at Australia's largest outdoor gallery; a huge undertaking comprising a skilful blend of storytelling and visual artistry. After our long day absorbing the spirit of Victoria's rural communities, we make our way to the Horsham International Hotel. This evening, we dine within our hotel at Baa 3400 restaurant.

Day 4: Dunkeld

Our travels bring us to the Grampians National Park and Halls Gap. Here we admire spectacular views from Boroka Lookout. The Balconies Walk then leads us to a unique rock platform jutting out over the valley, offering sweeping views of Victoria Range. On the southern edge of the Grampians, we check into Dunkeld's Royal Mail Hotel, whose vast cellar is shortly opened up for our group. After perusing some of the 25,000 bottles housed within, we judge the merits of a select few during a comparative wine tasting. This evening, an inspired degustation menu awaits us at the two-hatted Wickens restaurant.

Day 5: Warrnambool

Reaching the coast, we find Tower Hill Wildlife Reserve. Set within a volcanic crater, the peaceful parkland features fascinating geological formations and is home to emus, kangaroos and koalas. Warrnambool then hosts us with a choice of Your World experiences: Witness seafaring history brought to life at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village. Let health-restoring minerals do their work as you relax in either the Sanctuary or the Bath House at Deep Blue Hotel & Springs, also our accommodation. Our day culminates while overlooking the Southern Ocean, savouring the

freshest seafood at Pippies by the Bay.

Day 6: Warrnambool, Melbourne

Perhaps begin the day with a walk across Warrnambool's golden sands before we head out on a discovery of the city's historic buildings. Alternatively, enjoy the morning entirely on your own schedule. Stepping aboard a heritage train, we commence our final leg, bound for Melbourne. These elegant carriages are the same ones that once transported Queen Elizabeth II, and later Prince Charles and Princess Diana, during their respective royal tours.

After enjoying high tea in the dining carriage, make your way to the ornate, rear viewing carriage as we roll our way into Southern Cross Station.