

MELBOURNE CUP FARMING TOUR

Departing 31 October 2021 8–Day Tour

\$3,990 per person share twin/double

Personally escorted by Jamie & Penny Mackay

TOUR INCLUDES

- **Return Flights Christchurch – Melbourne**
- **7-nights' Accommodation in Central Melbourne**
- **Daily breakfasts, 2 lunches and 1 Dinner**
- **All transfers**
- **Melbourne Cup day Precinct Hospitality Package**
- **Horse stud excursion & farm visits**
- **Mornington Peninsula & Yarra Valley Wine excursions**
- **Farewell group dinner**
- **Personally escorted by Jamie & Penny Mackay**



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Day 1: Christchurch - Melbourne (Sun 31 Oct)

We depart Christchurch this afternoon to the fantastic city of Melbourne. On arrival we are met and transferred to our hotel in the heart of the city. This evening is at leisure to enjoy the fabulous sights and sounds of the city.

Day 2: Melbourne – Horse Stud Excursion (Mon 01 Nov)

This morning we enjoy an excursion out of the city to a renowned Horse Stud where we enjoy a special behind the scenes tour, and perhaps get some tips for the big day tomorrow. This afternoon and evening are at leisure to enjoy the fabulous shopping, sights and sounds of the city. Maybe join Jamie on a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic MCG (B)

Day 3: Melbourne Cup Day (Tue 02 Nov)

The Melbourne Cup is known as ‘the race that stops the nation’ and is Australasia’s most famous annual thoroughbred horse race. It is the richest two-mile’ handicap race in the world with a long tradition dating back to the first race in 1861, and total prize money of A\$8 million. Today we experience the thrill of being on-course for the celebration of fun, fashion, delicious food, and world-class racing. Included today is entrance to the iconic Precinct Hospitality Garden Area with trackside views right on the famous Flemington Straight (B)

Day 4: Melbourne (Wed 03 Nov)

A full day of leisure today to recover from the big race day, and to experience the huge range of exciting things to do in this fantastic city. Hit the shops, enjoy the countless restaurants and cafes of the Southbank district, take a stroll along the Yarra River, or maybe venture out to the vibrant suburbs such as Fitzroy and St Kilda which are easily accessible via the famous city tram and bus network (B)

Day 5: Yarra Valley & Farm Excursion (Thu 04 Nov)

Less than 1 hour’s drive east from Melbourne, the Yarra Valley is Victoria’s oldest wine region, dating back to 1838, and has garnered a global reputation for its chardonnay and pinot noir. Today we enjoy the beautiful drive into the Valley where we will experience wine tastings, a vineyard lunch, and a behind the scenes tour of a renowned winery operation. Along the way we will also visit a nearby farm (B, L)

Day 6: Mornington Peninsula Excursion (Fri 05 Nov)

A fantastic day excursion today as we journey south-east to the beautiful Mornington Peninsula area. We visit two local farms, and enjoy lunch at a Winery. On our way back to Melbourne we stop for a visit at Brighton Beach to see the iconic and much photographed bathing boxes – a group of 82 brightly coloured wooden beach huts from the early 1900s (B, L)



Day 7: Melbourne (Sat 06 Nov)

A day of leisure for a final opportunity to enjoy the shopping, and the countless other city attractions. Perhaps take a ride on the Melbourne Star – one of only four giant observation wheels in the world, visit the bustling Queen Victoria Market famous for its huge array of fresh food stalls, explore the city on the hop on/hop off bus with its 27 stops and informative audio commentary, or maybe venture back to Flemington for a day that includes group one races the MacKinnon Stakes and the VCR Handicap. Tonight, we enjoy a special farewell dinner at an award-winning downtown restaurant (B, L)

Day 8: Melbourne – Christchurch (Sun 07 Nov)

We end our Melbourne adventure this morning with a transfer to Melbourne Airport for our homeward flight to Christchurch (B)

Meals Cooked Breakfasts (B), Lunches (L), Dinners (D)



MEET YOUR TOUR ESCORTS

Jamie is the host of the award-winning ‘The Country’ nationwide radio show, whom along with wife Penny has been escorting tours for House of Travel Lakers all around the world for over 20 years. You are sure to enjoy Jamie and Penny’s company, along with their exceptional organisational skills.