

Sinclair Tour and Travel 5494 5083

Christmas in Echuca Tour

Departs Wednesday 20th December – 7 days

\$3,250 pp twin share. Single supp \$495



Tour Inclusions

Door to door transfers

Flights Brisbane to Canberra/Melbourne to Brisbane

Lunch at Cockington Green

Town tour Adelong

Lunch Pioneer Women's Hut

Boggy Creek Show

Ned Kelly's Last Stand Glenrowan

Town Tour Shepparton

Scenic flight over Murray River

Historic Port Precinct Echuca

Lunch Cruise on Paddlesteamer

Holden Museum

Bendigo Talking Tram/Deborah Gold Mine

6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 6 dinners

Day One. Wednesday 20th December.

After pick up from your door as usual, you'll be transferred to Brisbane airport for your flight to Canberra. Here Peter will meet you with the bus and your Christmas Tour adventure begins. Our lunch stop will be Cockington Green where you will be offered an experience you will not find anywhere else. Venture into this delightful and fascinating display of meticulously crafted miniature buildings set within beautifully landscaped gardens to make your Canberra visit complete. Created by Doug & Brenda Sarah, Cockington Green Gardens is a family owned and operated attraction, with four generations involved in its operation over the past 30 years.

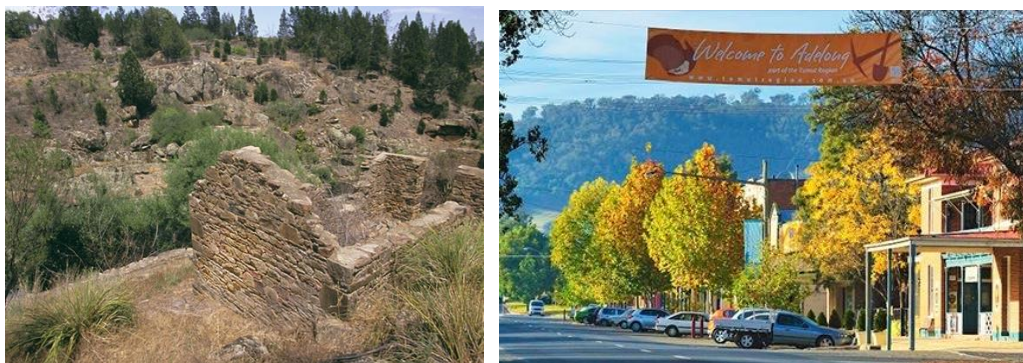


Then we're off to Tumut where we'll overnight and enjoy dinner. (L)(D)

Ashton Townhouse. (02) 6947 7200

Day Two. Thursday 21st December.

After a delicious breakfast at our Hotel, we'll meet up with a local who'll show around his town. Adelong, like so many towns across Australia, is steeped in the history of the early pioneers. This unique heritage-listed township has a rich gold mining past. Over 25 tonnes of gold was mined from 1852 to the close of the mine in 1914. Stroll along tree lined streets and enjoy the country village lifestyle and warm hospitality.



The famous Adelong Falls Gold Mill Ruins with its rich gold-mining past, is an ideal spot to explore the unique surrounding area.

Then we'll enjoy lunch at The Pioneer Women's Hut, one of the best and most unusual small museums in the country. Cleverly themed, it reflects the ingenuity of women in finding solutions to the challenges of looking after a family in early rural Australia. The accessibility and wonderful stories behind the diverse collection add to its reputation. Professor Donald Horne in "The Intelligent Tourist " cites the Pioneer Women's Hut as the most innovative small museum in Australia.



“History is often seen as belonging to the rich and famous but in the end history is not about great events and famous people. It is about ordinary people and their everyday lives. This is what makes us Australians.” Wendy Hucker 1991.

After lunch, you'll be bowled over at The Boggy Creek Show - an outstanding representation of Australia's unique Snowy Mountains heritage. Their presence for three generations in these wild and wonderful mountains has left them with a legacy from the past, with which they live today. You are invited to come and be inspired with breathtaking landscapes and experience this legacy through an authentic mountain farm show.



The two hour live performance includes: amazing Snowy Mountains horsemanship with stock and packhorse, mustering, whip cracking, working Kelpie dogs, unique Aussie humour (laughs and legends), stories about Australian history and mountain heritage, farm animals, sheep shearing, learn about a working Angus cattle stud; spectacular views of Mt Kosciuszko, Australia's highest mountain. There is an under cover seating area, billy tea, cake and biscuits. We'll overnight in Albury and enjoy dinner at our Hotel. (B)(L)(D)

Quality Resort Siesta (02) 6025 4555

Day Three Friday 22nd December.

After another hot and hearty breakfast at our Hotel, we'll travel on to Glenrowan, famous of course for the tales of Ned Kelly and his gang.



You'll love the show at the Glenrowan Visitor's Centre – Kelly's Last Stand. Through the brilliance of animation and computerised robots, you will be transferred back in time, over 100 years, to witness the events that led up to the capture of the Kelly Gang. Starting as hostages in the Hotel, and then onto gunfights - burning buildings - a decent hanging, and finishing in our magnificent painting gallery. The show is educational, historically correct and entertaining.



Then we'll meet another local and explore the lovely town of Shepparton. SPC Ardmona is a giant of the fruit industry and has been central to the success and growth of the region for many years. The Goulburn River forms the backbone and lifeblood of the region. Scattered across Greater Shepparton's parks, gardens, riverbanks and public spaces are an array of colourful, ever changing fiberglass cows that make up the Moooving Art herd. This exhibition of life-sized 3D fiberglass cows brings a whole new meaning to street art. Lunch at your own expense today in Shepparton.

Let's head to Echuca now – our home for 4 nights (no more unpacking!) Located on the Murray River, the twin towns of Echuca and Moama retain the colourful legacies of once being key river ports and railway junctions. Dinner at our Hotel tonight. (B) (D)

Comfort Resort Echuca Moama (03) 5482 3311

Day Four. Saturday 23rd December.

After brekky at the Hotel we'll split into smaller groups. Each group will enjoy a spectacular scenic flight over the Murray River and surrounding areas AND some free time at the historic Port Precinct. Once Australia's largest inland port during the late 1800's, the Port of Echuca is an Authentic working river port. Located just over 2.5 hours north of Melbourne, Port of Echuca is located on the banks of the Murray River, in the historic Port Precinct of Echuca. It's home to the largest collection of Paddle Steamers in the world and the oldest wooden hulled paddleboat still operating – The P.S Adelaide.



You will love PS Emmylou, a redgum-fired old-world Paddlesteamer as it cruises down the spectacular scenery of the Murray River! After you have enjoyed your chef prepared two course lunch with barista made tea or coffee why not learn to steer the boat with the Skipper or just relax watching the engineer load the Redgum into the engine. Your lunch also includes a historical commentary from the Skipper so you can also learn about the River Trade.



Take a trip through automotive history at National Holden Motor Museum, designed to honour some of the most iconic Australian vehicles produced by the Holden Motor Company. With the country's largest collection of popular Holdens, this private museum is the biggest one-brand car museum in Australia. Explore the site's spacious exhibit area, featuring over 40 vehicles, rare prototypes, old photographs, and historic film footage. Temporary displays change regularly, offering each new visitor a fresh look at the history of Australian cars. Don't forget to stop by the museum's large gift shop, where you can browse and purchase a wide variety of Holden souvenirs, books, games, and toys for car lovers of all ages. Dinner at our Hotel again tonight (B)(L)(D)

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Day Five. Sunday 24th December.

After another scrumptious breakfast, we're off to Bendigo.



In Bendigo, we'll ride the fun Talking Trams for a delightful trip through the town with commentary along the way. **Sit back, relax and let your tram do all of the talking...** Be delighted by the remarkable sights and sounds of Bendigo as your tram tells you about the golden past of the city founded on one of the world's richest goldfields. This hop-on, hop-off tour stops throughout the city allowing you to explore many of the parks, attractions, shopping and dining facilities that Bendigo has to offer. The Vintage 'Talking' Tram Tour runs over an 8.4km round trip.



At Central Deborah Gold Mine you have the unique opportunity of exploring a real gold mine. Don a hard hat and miner's lamp, descend 61 metres beneath the surface and walk in the footsteps of past miners as you are guided through the honeycomb of tunnels where almost one ton of gold was discovered. Lunch underground today!

And then we'll experience a living history of the Chinese people of Bendigo from the gold rush to the present day at the Golden Dragon Museum. In the 1870s an impressive imperial dragon known as 'Loong' was purchased from China. He is now the oldest imperial Chinese Dragon in the world and is housed at the museum for viewing

Time permitting, we'll also visit Bendigo Pottery, Australia's oldest working pottery. It was established in 1858 and features the most significant collection of heritage-listed, wood-fired kilns in the world. A fascinating museum has been built around the historic kilns, and offers an experience that takes you back in time to learn more about pottery production processes, machinery, working conditions and traditional skills. Dinner back at our hotel tonight.(B)(L)(D)

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Day Six. Monday 25th December.

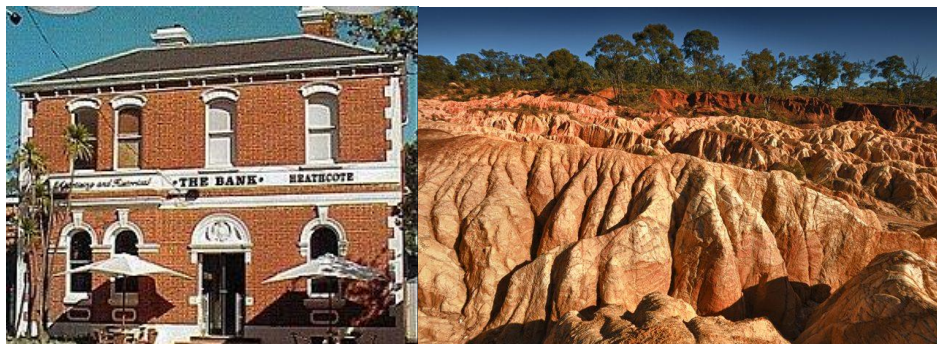
Merry Christmas everyone! I hope you told Santa where to find you. Have you been naughty or nice? Everyone is always on the nice list with Sinclair Tour and Travel. After brekky we'll take you on a scenic drive around the area. Then it's time for Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Then time for a sleep! Dinner at our Hotel again tonight. (B)(L)(D)



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Day Seven. Tuesday 26th December.

Sadly, this is our last breakfast together. How hard will it be to go back to tea and toast! Travelling south to Melbourne airport, we'll travel through a town called Heathcote. Given Heathcote has a colourful gold rush story and a rich indigenous history, there's plenty to learn about and see throughout the town and its surrounds. Take a stroll down High Street for a closer look at some of the charming heritage-listed buildings such as the former courthouse, shire council chambers and town hall. These buildings were constructed in 1863 and designed by Melbourne architect, John Flannagan (who was also responsible for the design of the Royal Hotel in Queenscliff and the famous Young & Jackson's in Melbourne).



A short stroll from here, in Herriot Street, you can visit the Camp Hill Historic Precinct, including the old gaol. Built in 1859 when a prisoner escaped from the original 1853 gaol, the Camp Hill stone building still stands today. As the gold mining industry changed in the 1880s and sluicing work began, a particular area started to reveal itself as somewhat colourful. The fittingly named 'Pink Cliffs' is an easy walk from the centre of town and now a geological reserve. The fine, pink clay has an almost talcum powder like texture, and the colours of the hills change with the time of day. We do hope you've enjoyed your Christmas Tour with Sinclair Tour and Travel. Please tell your friends. That's how our business grows. We look forward to travelling with you again really soon. (B)

INCLUDED IN TOUR

- ❖ Air conditioned bus fitted with coach seats for your comfort.
- ❖ Door to door airport transfers.
- ❖ Air travel from Brisbane to Canberra/Melbourne to Brisbane
- ❖ Motel accommodation on a twin share basis.
- ❖ Breakfast (B), Lunch (L) and Dinner (D) as indicated.
- ❖ All entries as listed.
- ❖ Morning Teas.
- ❖ Name badge, luggage labels, water bottle & travel bag.

GENERAL INFORMATION

BOOKINGS

Please phone 5494 5083 for bookings. A Tour Booking Form will be sent to you for completion and return with a deposit of \$700.00 per person within 7 days to secure your booking.

BALANCE PAYMENT

Balance of payment is to be received at least 60 days prior to Tour Departure Date. For Tour Bookings made within 60 days of Tour Departure Date, full payment is required on booking.

CHANGES TO ITINERARY

Sinclair Tour and Travel reserves the right to alter any itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances beyond its control and to cancel any tour due to insufficient bookings. A full refund of fare will be made if tour is cancelled by Sinclair Tour and Travel

CANCELLATION FEES

Number of days notice given	Fee payable
More than 60 days	Nil
30 – 59 days	50% of tour Price.
15 – 30 days	75% of Tour Price
8 - 14 days	100% of Tour Price
Less than 8 days	100% of Tour Price
Day of Departure or during tour	100% of Tour Price

In addition to the above fee any moneys paid in respect of bookings with other tour operators, airfares, attractions, etc. on your behalf and which cannot be recouped will also be payable. A \$50 administration fee (per person) will be charged on ***ALL*** cancellations regardless of the number of days notice given.

To cover cancellations due to illness or for loss of baggage we strongly encourage passengers to have travel insurance. We can arrange Travel insurance for you as we now sell Covermore Travel Insurance. All we need is your date of birth. Phone us today 5494 5083 for a brochure. Prices are very reasonable.