

BENDIGO & BALLARAT GOLD RUSH

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver(s)
- ◆ Accommodation & Meals (as indicated)
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as selected)

Discover the rich heritage of Victoria's historic Goldfields, as you are taken on a journey dating back to the 1850s. Witness many of the original buildings and architecture and hear tales of the exciting Gold Rush Era.

DAY 1:-

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We board our coach to begin our **3 Day Bendigo & Ballarat Gold Rush Tour**.

On arrival in Bendigo, students will be taken on a **Mine Experience Tour** at the **Central Deborah Mine**. Donning a hard hat and miner's lamp, descend 61 metres beneath the surface of Bendigo and walk in the footsteps of past miners! Become enthralled by Bendigo's underworld as you are guided through the honeycomb of underground tunnels with a friendly and knowledgeable guide. With only the lamp on your cap to light the path you will discover what conditions as a miner were really like during the harsh gold rush era.

Afterwards, explore the surface of the mine with its treasure trove of vintage mining machinery, gold panning and interpretive museum.

Next we are off to the **Golden Dragon Museum**, where you will have time for lunch before going on a **1-hour Guided Tour**. The Tour is a great way to see and learn about the highlights of the collection as well as learn about the history of the Chinese in Bendigo.

After a big day in Bendigo, we board our coach once more and make our way to **Ballarat** to check in to our accommodation and get ready for dinner.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Ballarat)

DAY 2:-

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If you ever wondered where the milk in our fridge comes from, well this morning we are going to find out. We travel a short way to Dunnstown, to the **Inglenook Dairy**. Here we go on an interactive dairy tour to learn and experience the whole process of how the milk in your fridge is made. Go along and learn about the industry, help hand rear a calf, milk some cows, watch milk get processed & bottled and make some butter.



Afterwards we enjoy an Inglenook Dairy milkshake, before boarding our coach again, this time for **Sovereign Hill**, where we spend the rest of our day.

Gold was discovered at Poverty Point in 1851 by John Dunlop and James Regan, who found a few ounces while panning in the Canadian Creek. By the following year, there were around 20,000 diggers searching in the shafts of the **Ballarat goldfields**. By 1855, Ballarat was a municipality, a borough by 1863 and a city in 1871.

DAY 2:- continued**B/PL/D**

Sovereign Hill depicts Ballarat's first ten years after the discovery of gold there in 1851 and it was officially opened on 29 November 1970. Sovereign Hill is a goldfields town with shops, hotels, a theatre, schools, factories, a gold diggings and underground mines to explore.

With so many educational activities on offer, you will have no problem filling your day. Some examples are:-

- An Education Session in Classroom
- Red Hill Mine Tour
- Gold Pouring Demonstration
- Gold Panning at Creek
- Candle Dipping Demonstration

We return to our accommodation for dinner before going back to Sovereign Hill for **AURA**, their totally new immersive theatre experience.

Over 64 acres, hundreds of stunning projections create an immersive storytelling experience that transports you back in time. The Wadawurrung creation story is told with projections on a magnificent lake, gunfights and protests erupt under the night sky, and the gold rush is brought to life as never before.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Ballarat)

DAY 3:-**B/PL**

In keeping with our Gold Rush theme, after breakfast this morning, we are off to the **Eureka Centre**.

The Eureka Centre is located at the historic site of the 1854 Eureka Stockade rebellion, in the grounds of the Eureka Stockade Memorial Gardens. It is home to the Eureka Flag - one of Australia's most revered cultural

The Centre provides teachers and students with tools and experiences to deepen their understanding of the Eureka Stockade and the profound political reforms that followed. Led by professional educators, these programs give students and teachers the opportunity to view the original Eureka Flag and explore the interactive Eureka Stockade exhibition.

Their Educational programs are designed to deliver curriculum outcomes in History, Civics and Citizenship and English, and can be adapted to meet the specific curriculum needs of individual groups.

Today we enjoy lunch at **Lake Wendouree**. There will be time for the students to have a play on the playground before we board our coach for the last time on this tour.

Arriving back at school by 3.00pm approximately (depending on location of school) and ending our **3 Day Bendigo & Ballarat Gold Rush Tour**.

Other Activities to choose from or Add on an extra might:-

- ◆ Ballarat:-
 - Ballarat Tramway Museum including a ride on a restored tram
 - Ballarat Wildlife Park
 - Kryal Castle
- ◆ Bendigo:-
 - The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion
 - Chinese Joss House Temple
 - Bendigo Tramways Museum
 - Discovery Science & Technology Centre

MEAL LEGEND:-

B	Breakfast
PL	Packed Lunch
D	Dinner

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