

4 DAY TOUR

## SHIPWRECK COAST

ITINERARY SUGGESTION

### INCLUSIONS:-

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

With over 100 ships wrecked along the coast, it's no wonder it's known as the 'Shipwreck Coast', the most famous being the Loch Ard which took all but two lives. Logan's Beach is a fantastic spot for whale watching and depending on the time of year you are travelling, you may be fortunate enough to see a mother and calf! Combined with the stunning beauty of Victoria's Great Ocean Road, this is a tour not to be missed.

### DAY 1:-

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Board your coach to start your **4 Day Shipwreck Coast Tour**.

Enroute to your accommodation, we visit **Narana Creations**, Geelong's Award Winning Aboriginal Cultural Centre, where students are booked in for a **2-hour 'Introduction to Aboriginal History'** Session.

During the session students will learn how to throw a returning Boomerang, walk through native gardens and learn about medicinal plants and bush tucker, visit emu's, wallabies and kangaroo's, as well as learn about the Dreamtime (dancing, art & stories).

Afterwards, students will have the opportunity to paint their own souvenir Boomerang.

Boarding the coach once more, we make our way to Warrnambool and the **Downtown Motel**, our accommodation for the next three nights.

What better way to finish the day off, than a game of mini golf at **Mini Golf by the Sea**.

**Overnight:- Downtown Motel, Warrnambool**

### DAY 2:-

B/PL/D

After breakfast this morning, we are off to the **Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village & Museum**.

Whether it's learning about geography or local maritime and whaling history of the Shipwreck coast or the way of life in the 1800's, Flagstaff Hill offers unique learning opportunities for students to not just learn but experience history. Choose one of their immersive school programs to suit your curriculum.

**Meet the Maremmas** is the perfect second school program option—it's interesting and educational. The program is designed to develop in students, an awareness of the threats that sea life in the Southern Ocean face, how programs such as the Maremma project can have a lasting effect on an animal colony and to them a better understanding of their environment and sustainability of that environment. Students are introduced to the dogs. They learn about the breed's history, the life cycle of a little penguin and how the local penguin colony has been saved. Conservation and sustainability are threaded through all aspects of this program.

We are off to the **Lake Pertobe Adventure Playground** next. The 8ha adventure playground is paradise for kids, with giant slides, flying foxes, and a maze. The students will get a chance to stretch their legs on a walk around the lake and it's also a great place to eat lunch.

## DAY 2:- continued

B/PL/D

This afternoon, we meet a **guide** for a **1-hour tour around Warrnambool**. Learn all about Warrnambool from someone who knows it best, a local.

We return to our accommodation for dinner before heading back to Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village & Museum for the spectacular sound & light show **'Tales of the Shipwreck Coast'**.

See the village come to life and experience the stories told through projections on to a nine-metre water wall. Be taken on a journey into the past, where those seeking a new life in Australia, braved the perils of the Southern Ocean and where the livelihoods of the men depended on capturing the largest mammals the world has ever seen.

**Overnight:- Downtown Motel, Warrnambool**



## DAY 3:-

B/PL/D

After breakfast this morning we are off to the quaint little village of **Port Fairy**, where groups will rotate through three activities:-

- ◆ Captain Jane is waiting to take students and teachers on a **1/2 hour Cruise** aboard the **Mulloka** (maximum 12 passengers per cruise).
- ◆ **Griffiths Island** is a sanctuary for plants, birds and animals. The island is about 1.5kms long and 0.8kms wide at its widest point. Griffiths Island can be reached via walking tracks and a causeway and is a great place to explore with the nesting birds and the iconic Port Fairy Lighthouse. The island is home to the mutton bird colony, which spend our winter months around the Aleutian Islands near Alaska.
- ◆ **'Spot the Sea Creatures' Beach Walk**. Take a walk along the beach and wharf and see how many different sea creatures you can spot.

## DAY 3:- continued

B/PL/D

What a great spot to each lunch before boarding your coach once again.

This afternoon, we spend time at **Tower Hill Reserve** (Teacher Guided). Enjoy your packed lunch before hours of exploring this beautiful reserve.

Nestled inside a dormant volcano, the reserve is a haven for wildlife and features a lake and wetland.

Tower Hill formed around 30,000 years ago in a violent volcanic eruption and is now home to koalas, emus, kangaroos, sugar gliders and many species of waterbirds.

Artefacts found in the volcanic ash layers remind us that Indigenous communities were living in the area at the time of the eruption. The area was a rich source of foods for the Koroitgundidj people, whose descendants retain special links with this country.



Whilst we are here, we will go on one of the **Guided Experiences** they offer:-

- ◆ Aboriginal history
- ◆ Wildlife encounters
- ◆ Volcano and nature walk

Afterwards we return to our accommodation for dinner and enjoy our last night in Warrnambool.

**Overnight:- Downtown Motel, Warrnambool**



**DAY 4:-** **B/PL**

We eat our final breakfast together before loading our luggage and departing for another short play at the **Lake Pertobe Adventure Playground** or depending on the time of the year, visit the **Logan's Beach Lookout**.

Almost every year between June and September, female Southern Right whales return to the waters of Warrnambool's Logans Beach to calve. The whales often swim within a hundred metres of the shore. They can be viewed from a specially constructed platform in the sand dunes or from the beach.

As we depart Warrnambool , we travel via the Great Ocean Road, where we will stop at the viewing points for the **12 Apostles** (only 7 still stand) and **Loch Ard Gorge**. Marvel at how nature moulded these rock formations.

Your Coach Captain will find the perfect place to stop for lunch before boarding your coach for the last time, arriving back at school by 3.00pm (time approximate, depending on location of school).



**LEGEND:-**

B	Breakfast
PL	Packed Lunch (provided by accommodation)
D	Dinner (will be at accommodation unless otherwise specified)

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