

ACROSS STATES DISCOVERER

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver(s)
- ◆ Accommodation & Meals (as indicated in Itinerary)
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as selected)
- ◆ Airfares (if required)
- ◆ Melbourne & Canberra Airport Transfers

From one of the most liveable cities in the world, Melbourne to our Nation's Capital, Canberra, this tour is full of Education, Fun and Adventure.

DAY 1:- Wednesday

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Arrive at the airport mid-morning (depending on flight times) for your flight to Melbourne (school to organise transport to airport).

On arrival in Melbourne, our Coach Captain will be there waiting for you to begin your **8 Day Across States Discoverer Tour**.

This afternoon we are off to the **Eureka Skydeck**. After taking the fastest lift in the Southern Hemisphere to Level 88, students can identify the sounds of Melbourne at the **Sounds and Sights Experience**, using landmark view finders and informative LED floor and wall displays.

An experienced educator will be on hand to facilitate your visit, working with you to provide an authentic curriculum-based tour that meets the specific learning needs of your students.

See all of Melbourne from your high vantage point on Level 88. See some of the places you will be visiting over the next few days.

For those who are not afraid of heights, why not try the **'Edge Experience'** (optional extra—to be organised by the school on the day). The Edge extends from Eureka Towers 88th floor and suspends you nearly 300 metres over Melbourne in a glass cube—glass walls, floor and ceiling - you can see through all of it.

DAY 1:- continued

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Afterwards your Coach Captain will drop you at your accommodation to check-in and settle into your rooms before enjoying your 2-course dinner .

After a big day, we relax in the accommodation Recreation Room, maybe watch a movie or school organised activities (such as Red Faces, Trivia, etc).

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Melbourne CBD)

DAY 2:- Thursday

B/PL/D

After breakfast this morning, we utilise Melbourne's public transport system, as we make our way to the **Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG)** or the 'G' as it is more commonly known to Melbournians.

Nothing can match the tradition and heritage of the iconic Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Explore the inner sanctum, walk on the hallowed arena and experience where legends play on your guided MCG tour!

DAY 2:- continued

B/PL/D

Gain an insight into Melbourne's sporting culture while exploring one of the world's most iconic stadiums, as you hear from their proud MCC volunteers and go behind the scenes of the 'G'.

Highlights of this must-see tour include:

- ◆ The famous MCC Long Room
- ◆ MCC Library (founded in 1873)
- ◆ MCG Tapestry
- ◆ Player change rooms
- ◆ Cricketers' viewing room
- ◆ Ron Casey Media Centre
- ◆ Portrait of Sir Donald Bradman and Sachin Tendulkar
- ◆ A walk on the arena
- ◆ Cricket Victoria Bill Lawry Centre
- ◆ Ponsford Stand
- ◆ City Terrace with view's of Melbourne's skyline.



You can't visit the MCG without going into the **National Sports Museum**. Experience behind-the-scenes access to one of the world's most iconic stadiums, and discover Australia's largest sporting collection.

The National Sports Museum has something of interest for any age group including interactive zones, the Australian Football Hall of Fame, 3D holograms, displays and memorabilia from some of the country's biggest sporting heroes and much more!

With so many green spaces available, we find a great spot to sit on some lawn to eat our packed lunches (provided by accommodation) before walking to the **Shrine of Remembrance**.

Built in 1934, the Shrine is the Victorian state memorial to Australians who have served in war and peacekeeping operations. Enter the classical interior and discover the reverent solitude of the Sanctuary. View breathtaking vistas of Melbourne from the balcony. Explore the Galleries of Remembrance featuring over 800 artworks, historical artefacts and personal effects.

Entry to the Shrine is free however gold coin donations are always appreciated.

DAY 2:- continued

B/PL/D

As you make your way back to your accommodation for dinner, take the time to admire the oldest train station built in any Australian city, **Flinders Street Station**. Opened in September 1854, every train in Melbourne's rail system passes through this station.

Melbourne Terminus, as it was called when it originally opened, was a collection of weatherboard sheds and on opening day, the first steam train journey in Australia left from the station to Sandridge (now Port Melbourne).

Dinner will again be at your accommodation.

Tonight we get to see the lights of Melbourne, as you go for a ride on the **Melbourne Star Observation Wheel**.

A ride (one complete rotation) takes 30 minutes and provides uninterrupted 360-degree views of up to 40 kilometres, encompassing the Docklands precinct, Melbourne's CBD, Port Phillip Bay and as far as Mount Macedon, Arthur's Seat and the Dandenong Ranges.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Melbourne CBD)

DAY 3:- Friday

B/PL/D

After breakfast this morning, we are off to **ArtVo** - an immersive art gallery or 'trick art' gallery - the first of its kind in Australia. Unlike normal art museums, visitors are encouraged to touch and interact with the artworks, photographing themselves and becoming part of the art. 14 artists with over 40 years' experience completed in excess of 100 hand painted artworks in just 60 days.

With over 11 themed zones and 1,900 square metres, you can explore incredible, interactive large scale paintings. These are painted directly onto the walls and floors. Additional sculptural elements are added, to allow visitors to immerse themselves into different scenes, locations and famous paintings.

It's time to use Melbourne's public transport system again, as it's about a 45 minute walk to get to the **Melbourne Museum**.

You will be booked in for an Educational Program to suit your curriculum and year level. There will be time afterwards to explore the many exhibits the Museum has to offer.



DAY 3:- continued**B/PL/D**

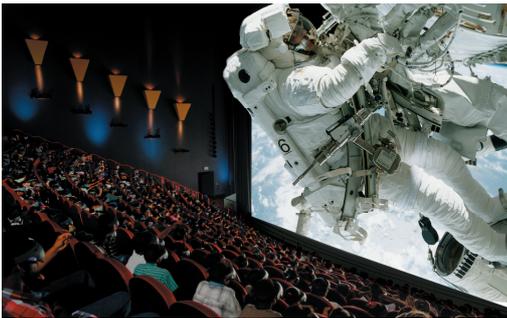
Inside, you'll find:

- ◆ the Forest Gallery, the living heart of the museum and home to tall trees and wondrous wildlife,
- ◆ the Science and Life Gallery at the west end, where you'll find bugs, dinosaurs, fossils, animals, human biology and more.
- ◆ the Melbourne Gallery at the east end, which tells the story of our beloved city and is the stable of famous racehorse Phar Lap.
- ◆ Bunjilaka Aboriginal Cultural Centre, a place imbued with the living traditions and knowledge of Koorie people and other cultures from around Australia.
- ◆ Te Pasifika Gallery, a bright soaring space filled with treasures from the Pacific Islands.
- ◆ the Children's Gallery packed with things for little kids to see and do.
- ◆ the Touring Hall, where we display major exhibitions from around the world.

Located at the Melbourne Museum is **IMAX Melbourne**. IMAX Melbourne's screen is the world's largest and spans a massive 32 metres wide x 23 metres high.

Choose one of their many 3D documentaries or maybe a blockbuster movie showing at the time.

Sit back in your seat as objects appear to be jumping off the screen, you will feel like you can reach out and touch them or a shark explodes from the screen. What makes an IMAX 3D immersive cinematic experience different to a normal theatre screen, it's expansive size of course!



We return to our accommodation for dinner. Your evening is then free to go and explore the city at night.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Melbourne CBD)

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

After breakfast this morning, your coach will be waiting to collect you for the next part of your tour.

Departing Melbourne, we travel the Hume Highway to **Canberra**, stopping along the way for lunch and a chance to stretch our legs and use public facilities.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Canberra)

DAY 5:- Sunday**B/PL/D**

Today is all about Canberra, starting with a visit to the **National Museum of Australia** for a teacher-guided program.

Teacher-guided groups can select one of two bags, each filled with activities, games and objects to handle, to help the Museum come alive for students. Groups set their own pace on a fun-filled, collaborative learning journey, with content aligned to the Australian Curriculum.

Today, we have selected **The Wild Colonial Bag**. The Wild Colonial Bag helps groups explore migrant experiences, the impacts of colonialism on First Australians and the age of paddle-steamers.

Afterwards we will have some free-time to explore the Museum, before departing for the **Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)**.

See where Australia's fittest bodies are created. Experience the life of an elite athlete as you tour their internationally recognised sports facilities and test your skills in an interactive exhibition.

Go behind the scenes on an award-winning **90-minute AIS Tour**. You might even catch some of Australia's top athletes in training.

Challenge yourself in **Sportex**, an educational and engaging sports experience where you can try wheelchair basketball, virtual downhill skiing, rock climbing, football penalty shootouts and more. Best of all, Sportex is included as part of every AIS tour.

Time for our Packed Lunches (supplied by the accommodation) before our visit to the **High Court of Australia**.

The High Court is the highest court in the Australian Judicial System. The function of the High Court is to interpret and apply the law of Australia. The tour includes an overview of the history, role and powers of the Court, as well as an explanation of the workings of the court rooms. Students will also visit the Australian Constitution Centre Exhibition.

We finish off our afternoon at **Mt Ainslie Lookout**. We take a scenic drive to the top of Mt Ainslie for a perfect view of Canberra's unique layout. Take in Lake Burley Griffin, and many of Canberra's national attractions. See great views of the Australian War Memorial, Anzac Parade and Parliament House, along with the beautiful Snowy Mountains.

We return to our accommodation for our 2-course Dinner before boarding our coach once again, this time for **Zone Bowling**, where students and teachers have the opportunity to challenge each other to a game of ten pin bowling.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Canberra)

DAY 6:- Monday**B/PL/D**

What better way to start our day than to visit the **National Capital Exhibition**. Here students actively engage with the history of the National Capital, Walter Burley Griffin's design and its implementation today, through a four-step programme which includes a creative drawing element.

Next we are off to the new **Parliament House (PACER)** – Here students will be taken on an Educational Tour to learn about the House of Representatives and The Senate. Participate in the Parliamentary Education Office Program and hospitality with local members.

- **Hospitality with local member** (*booked by school*)
- **PEO (Parliamentary Education Office)**
- **Guided Tour of Senate & House of Representatives**

Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation

The **Australian War Memorial (PACER)** is a must visit for any school group visiting Canberra. To get the best experience at the AWM, school groups are encouraged to participate in one of their educational programs. Alternatively, teachers can guide their students through the Memorial.

Our program today is **ANZAC Legacy**. This program investigates the contribution & qualities of Australian servicemen & women and the enduring legacy of their service on our nation. It explores their personal stories & experiences, looking particularly at the ANZACS and what caused Australians to enlist in the First World War.

To end your visit at the Australian War Memorial, students will participate in the **School Wreath Laying Ceremony**, conducted at the 'Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier'. School Wreath Laying ceremonies are the commemorative experience the Memorial has specially for visiting schools.



Dinner tonight will be in the main dining room area at **Questacon**. Atomic Catering offers booked groups a variety of delicious menu options to choose from and all with quirky science names, such as Alchemy Bolognaise and Discoverer Chicken Schnitzel.

DAY 6:- continued**B/PL/D**

From 7.00pm to 9.00pm, we are on an exclusive guided experience at **Questacon—The National Science and Technology Centre**. The Questacon Centre has more than 200 hands-on learning experiences in eight themed galleries—educational fun for all!

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Canberra)

DAY 7:- Tuesday**B/PL/D**

It doesn't matter if you have a Civics & Citizenship or STEM focus, we have it covered today.

We start our day with a 1.5 hour session at the **Electoral Education Centre (EEC) (PACER)**, located in the Old Parliament House Building.

The EEC educational sessions on the federal electoral system include an audio-visual presentation, an interactive display area, as well as a classroom polling place.

In the same building is our next attraction for the day, the **Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) (PACER)**.

We are booked in to the **Behind the Lines Program** which celebrates the role of political cartoonists in Australia and highlights the power that their drawings have in contributing to our daily political and social discourse.

This teacher-led program is designed to make political cartoons accessible to students. Onsite worksheets with clipboards will be provided to help guide students through the content. The program is flexible to suit a variety of subject areas and learning objectives. A Learning Facilitator will provide an introduction and conclusion to the program.

With a little down time between attractions, we take a drive around some of the 80 odd Diplomatic Missions on what we call **Embassy Drive**. How many Embassies pictured in your complimentary Canberra Activity Book, can you spot?

Lunch break—Packed Lunches supplied by accommodation

Our next two hours will be spent at **The Ian Potter Foundation Technology Learning Centre (IPTLC)**, in their learner-centred workshops that foster creative thinking and support Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education.

The IPTLC stimulates an interest and awareness of the way things are made, shows how components fit together and demonstrates how innovation can solve everyday problems—from simple devices to higher end technology.

We finish our day off with a scenic drive up to **Telstra Tower**. With open air and enclosed viewing galleries you will have a magnificent 360-degree view over Canberra and surrounding country side.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Canberra)

DAY 8:- Wednesday B/PL

After breakfast this morning, we load our luggage on our Coach before going to **Government House** for a 1-hour guided tour of the Governor General's House. You might even get to see our Governor General, David Hurley.

Our last attraction for this visit is the **Royal Australian Mint** – The Mint provides links to science and technology, art and history. Discovering some interesting facts about the history of coins in Australia, and how coins are made.

Students may bring \$3.00 to mint their own \$1.00 coin (optional)

Afterwards your Coach Captain will drop you at the Airport for your return flight home, to end your **8 Day Across States Discoverer Tour**.



School to organise transport from their local airport.

MEAL LEGEND:-	
B	Breakfast
PL	Lunch
D	Dinner



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Other Activities to Choose from:-

- ◆ **Melbourne:-**
 - Captain Cook's Cottage—Educational Programs or Self-guided
 - Polly Woodside—Educational Programs
 - Marvel Stadium—Guided Tour
 - A snow day at Lake Mountain
 - Scienceworks
 - Melbourne River Cruise (to Scienceworks)
 - Puffing Billy
 - Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium-Educational Programs
 - Immigration Museum
 - Chinese Museum
 - Melbourne Gaol—Guided Tour
 - AFL Game @ the MCG or Marvel Stadium
 - Princess Theatre—Harry Potter & the Cursed Child (Weekday Matinee)
 - Healesville, Melbourne or Werribee Zoo

- ◆ **Canberra:-**
 - AIS Sports Experience
 - AIS Swimming (incl souvenir cap) (Day or Night)
 - Canberra Deep Space Communication Centre
 - Cockington Green (Day or Night)
 - CSIRO Discovery Centre
 - Cycle Canberra
 - GEO Science
 - National Arboretum
 - National Archives of Australia
 - National Capital Exhibition -
 - ANZAC Parade Walk
 - Reconciliation Place
 - National Dinosaur Museum (Day or Night)
 - National Gallery of Australia
 - National Library of Australia
 - National Portrait Gallery
 - Zone Bowling (Night)