

Must Sees

1.



Melbourne Flower Show - Inspiration Blooms!

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Duneira Estate

3.



Melbourne City - Art, Architecture, Food, Fashion & Flowers!

4.



Cloudehill, Dandenongs - jewel like garden rooms set within magnificent woodlands

5.



Guided tour of the Royal Botanic Gardens Melbourne

Melbourne & More!

Victoria's capital Melbourne sits on the Yarra River and around the shores of Port Phillip Bay. Lauded for its sense of style and elegance Melbourne boasts glamorous festivals and events, Australia's best shopping, a lively passion for eating and drinking and a flourishing interest in the arts. Restored and preserved nineteenth century architecture built following the discovery of gold, provides a heady reminder of a prosperous age, while beautifully tended parks and gardens present a therapeutic respite from the pace of city life. Melbourne and Victoria host some of Australia's most prestigious events throughout the year including the Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show in March.

Melbourne Flower Show 2015

The Melbourne International Flower Show, at the World Heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, still remains the biggest annual flower show in the Southern Hemisphere!! The show will see creativity and passion of Australia's top floral and landscape designers delivered in stunning displays as well as a strong environmental message for gardening in the climate we live.

We recommend that tour participants become members of the Society. Members not only receive discounts on the tours but also access to the many other benefits of the Society.

Contact Details

This quality tour is organised by the Canterbury Horticultural Society and guided by Gail Scrivener. The CHS office in South Hagley Park is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 4pm

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Canterbury Horticultural Society

Garden TOURS



MELBOURNE flower show

24-28 March 2015 5 Day Tour
International Flower Show; Melbourne city sights; half & full day excursions to surrounding areas. **fully escorted**

MELBOURNE 2015

Melbourne & Surrounds

Duneira House & Garden Mt Macedon

Built in 1875 Duneira is a renovated homestead featuring an extensive library, artwork collection, Persian rugs, grand pianos and interesting period furniture. The c1875 garden is one of the very best English heritage gardens open to the public without having to travel to Britain. The architecture, size and array of plants are a great tribute to Duneira's colonial past and to the unusual climate of Mt Macedon.

Cloudehill Garden Dandenongs

A must-see garden sited at the top of the Dandenong Ranges where a maze of stone walls and jewel like garden rooms are set within woodlands of magnificent and historic, cool climate trees.

Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens

Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens are among the world's finest and one of the most glorious places to spend a leisurely afternoon or morning. The gardens are laid out over 38 picturesque hectares of land close to the Yarra River and in the heart of Melbourne. They comprise a collection of a great diversity of plants from around the world selected on an educational, scientific, research, horticultural and aesthetic basis. The plants are set out in superb landscaped surroundings with a lake as a central feature.

There are delightful walking paths and huge garden beds. Such is the scale of the gardens that it is easy to get lost within these grounds. The gardens are also home to the National Herbarium of Victoria, which has more than a million preserved plant specimens used for plant classification, identification and conservation. This truly is one of the great gardens of the world.

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5 Day Short Break

TUESDAY 24 MARCH

CHC-MEL Depart 6.30am NZ891 | Arrive 8.25am
On arrival City Sightseeing Tour
Afternoon Guided Tour of Melbourne's Royal Botanic Gardens

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH

Melbourne Flower Show

THURSDAY 26 MARCH

Day Trip Mt Macedon including:
Guided House & Garden Tour of "Duneira"
Lunch at the Trading Post
Afternoon visit to "Tieve Tara" Garden & "Forest Glade"

FRIDAY 27 MARCH

Day Trip to The Dandenongs including:
Morning visit to National Rhododendron Garden, Olinda
Midday arrival at "Cloudehill" Garden & Nursery, Olinda for a talk with owner Jeremy Francis, before enjoying lunch followed by a walk around these beautiful gardens.
Another garden visit TBA

SATURDAY 28 MARCH

Morning free to shop or visit Fitzroy & the Treasury Gardens
Late afternoon transfer to Melbourne International airport
MEL-CHC Depart 6.35pm VA100 | Arrive 11.50pm

ACCOMMODATION: CROSSLEY HOTEL

Winner of the TripAdvisor 2014 Certificate of Excellence
4 Star boutique hotel surrounded by theatres, Chinatown and unique restaurants. Friendly, personalized service.
51 Little Bourke St tel +(61 3) 9639 1639

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Costs & Inclusions

- Economy Class Return Airfares CHC-MELB
- 2 Lunches
- 2 Dinners
- Four Star Accommodation Crossley Hotel 4 nights
- Entry to Flower Show
- All Sightseeing and Garden Entry Fees
- 4 Full Cooked Breakfasts

TOUR COSTS

\$2,149 Member*

\$350 Single supplement per person

**subject to currency fluctuations*

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A deposit of **\$500** is required for registration and to confirm your place.

Please complete the enclosed booking form.

This tour has **limited numbers**. Please register early to secure your place.

Final payment due **Friday 20 February 2015**. A reminder will be sent prior.