

TRUEBLUE CULTURAL ESCAPES

BARHAM, SWAN HILL, BOORT

5 DAYS & 4 NIGHTS COACH TOUR

DAY 1.

Depart Melbourne 7.00 am. Make our way to Bendigo via the Calder Highway for our first stop at **Bendigo Pottery** where you will receive an introduction from pottery staff, before commencing a self-guided tour. Morning tea is available in the café at own cost.

Next we head to **Confectionery Capers** at **Junortoun** for a wonderful display of Machines, Old Engines, Steam Locomotives & the all-important Confectionery.

Lunch **(included)** will be at Foundry Hotel. After lunch we will proceed to the **Joss House Temple** for an informative guided tour of the Temple. Once our tour is completed our next stop will be Barham Club Motor Inn where we will have time to freshen up before dinner at the Barham Hotel.

DAY 2.

Today we have a cooked breakfast delivered to our rooms. At 08.15 we head off on the first leg of our day to **Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum**, home of the Catalina Flying Boats. (Morning Tea will be provided).

Olsen's Game Birds is our next stop. They produce top quality free range Pheasant, Guinea Fowl and Partridge for restaurants and food outlets throughout Australia. We will be given a guided tour which will be followed by a lovely lunch **(included)**.

Now we head to **Pioneer Settlement Swan Hill**. Setting on three hectares of land on the banks of the **Little Murray River**, the Pioneer Settlement lets you experience Australian history first hand. We will board the **PYAP** which will take us on a leisurely cruise upriver past the **Riverside Caravan Park, Murray Downs Marina** and the **Murray Downs Homestead**. Arriving back at the Settlement you will have time to stroll thru various shops and buildings to experience pioneer life.

Return to Barham to enjoy a BBQ dinner cooked and served by your hosts Colin & Gaylene. Sit and chat whilst enjoying the lovely surrounds at Barham Club Motor Inn.

DAY 3. UNIQUE & MYSTRY DAY

Cooked breakfast will be delivered to your room once again before heading off on a mystery day. Today will be visiting a number of places / properties around the Barham and local surrounding area viewing various facilities a little unique to our area. **Fully enclosed sturdy shoes are required** as you will be “off-road” on some visits and your safety and comfort is paramount.

Morning tea will be provided at one of our stops and lunch (**included**) will be provided at a location known only to us, and maybe your bus driver.

After a pleasant and easy day, we will return to Barham for you to have a bit of a rest before heading out to dinner at whichever local establishment you wish to dine at. We have two hotels, a Thai restaurant, two Chinese restaurants and a couple of cafes that you can try. Dinner on this day is at your own cost so you can eat as much, or as little, as you desire.

DAY 4.

A cooked breakfast will again be delivered to your room. After breakfast we will depart for **Boort**, where we will be taken on a tour of **Simply Tomatoes** and provided with a scrumptious morning tea.

Next, we will visit **Salute Oliva** “Cheers to good health with Olives”, where you will have chance to purchase some of their first class organic olive oil and a range of other olive products. Another wonderful country lunch will be provided by the **Railway Hotel**.

You can’t leave **Boort** without a trip to the **Spanner Man**; John Piccoli will take you into his fascinating world of spanners. You will be amazed by his creations. One of his masterpiece is a larger than life shearer made from 1000 spanners, weighing 750kg and 1.95m in height. There are many more marvels awaiting your inspection.

Travel back to Barham Club Motor Inn and prepare for dinner, which will be held at the **Border Flywheelers Heritage Museum**.

DAY 5.

Time to farewell our hosts and start our journey home. We will stop for a short morning tea break along the way. **Maldon** is our next destination. Here you will have time to explore the wonderful town of Maldon, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary of being recognized by the National Trust as “**Australia’s First Notable Town**”.

You will have the opportunity to ride on the steam train, visit the museums or take a tour of the **gold mine**. Maldon has retained an authentic pioneer-like appearance with history of the gold-mining era being preserved. Maldon was declared Australia's First Notable Town in 1966 by the National Trust. Lunch (own expense) is available at any number of wonderful café's hotels or small specialty shops.

All wonderful things must come to end, we will farewell Maldon and continue our trip back to Melbourne.

Affordable cost \$1,050
Double or Twin Share
Single supplementary \$280.00
**Full payment a week before departure.*

Inclusions:

- This itinerary includes fourteen (14) entrance fees to the listed attractions.
- Morning tea on days 2, 3, & 4 plus 4 Lunches and dinner on days 1, 2, 3 & 4.
- Including all morning tea, lunches, dinners as mentioned above, and the 4 nights' accommodation with a cooked breakfast on four mornings.

Note:

We also suggest that you wear fully enclosed shoes (no open toe type) as there are a number of visits to farming / processing type properties, and this has proven to be the most practical footwear for both comfort and safety

For more information and booking enquiries,

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