



FROM 13,800 POINTS

**14-nights Australia
(7-nights in Melbourne and 7 Nights
cruising the Murray River)**

Your Resort

The luxurious Sebel hotel

Your Transportation

Your own personal Houseboat

Your Experience

A glitzy stay in Melbourne and then
cruising The Murray River



Country: Australia

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Currency: Australian Dollar

Language: English



AUSTRALIA

Australia, officially the Commonwealth of Australia, is a sovereign country comprising the mainland of the Australian continent, the island of Tasmania, and numerous smaller islands. With an area of 7,617,930 square kilometres (2,941,300 sq mi), Australia is the largest country by area in Oceania and the world's sixth-largest country. Australia is the oldest, flattest, and driest inhabited continent, with the least fertile soils. It is a megadiverse country, and its size gives it a wide variety of landscapes and climates, with deserts in the centre, tropical rainforests in the north-east, and mountain ranges in the south-east. A must visit country.

MELBOURNE



Melbourne is a blend of bustling laneways, world-class restaurants and captivating museums. The locals love their coffee and serve it up in abundance at cozy cafes. There's always a sense of excitement here whether its in the city's fascinating flavours or fierce sporting rivalries.

Victoria's capital, Melbourne is continuously voted year after year as one of the world's most livable cities. Its multicultural and cosmopolitan atmosphere is set amongst Victorian-era buildings and magnificent parkland. There are many festivals throughout the year devoted to comedy, food and wine, beer, theatre, dance, film and art, such as the festival Midsumma in January, luminous White Night festival in February, Fashion Festival in March, Comedy Festival in April, Good Beer Week in May, Jazz Festival in June, Open House Melbourne in July, Film Festival in August, Melbourne Fringe in September or Melbourne Festival in October.

The Sebel Melbourne Docklands Hotel

Your first vacation begins with a 7-night stay at The Sebel Melbourne Docklands Hotel which is located on the New Quay waterfront. It offers self-contained apartments, most of which have a private balcony overlooking the marina with serene views to enjoy.

Sebel Melbourne Docklands Apartments are just 10 minutes' walk from the Marvel Stadium, and 5 minutes' drive from Queen Victoria Market. Rod Laver Arena, Crown Casino and the MCG are each a 15-minute drive away. Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium is less than a 30-minute walk away.

The air-conditioned apartments include a fully equipped kitchen with an oven, a stove and a microwave. Each apartment features laundry facilities and a living area with an LCD TV, cable channels and a DVD player.

You can relax in the hot tub or maintain your workout at the in-house fitness centre. The property also features a 24-hour front desk and meeting facilities.





The Sebel Melbourne Docklands Hotel

The Sebel Melbourne Flinders Lane was completely refurbished in September 2011, when it celebrated its 90th anniversary. The refurbishment design philosophy drew inspiration from the early "fashion house" days with a view of creating an expression of sophisticated elegance, through an individual design concept that would remain unique to The Sebel Melbourne Flinders Lane. The result has turned this "all suite" apartment building into a market leading boutique hotel. Presented is a contemporary range of sophisticated one-bedroom suites that infuse modern design philosophies with the architectural and historical heritage of the building. Archival Melbourne scenes are displayed in the black and white artwork that adorn the corridors, evolving into a celebration of Melbourne's modern icons throughout the suites.

A few worth it trips whilst in Melbourne



Phillip Island and Moonlit Sanctuary

You can take an all tour for just over a \$100 per person, which included dinner to Phillip island and visit the award-winning wildlife sanctuary, home to a lot of rare and endangered Australian animals and birds. There are several species of kangaroos and wallabies, perfect for that holiday photo. Visit the town of Cowes for dinner, then off to the Nobbies, a natural reserve at the end of the island. There is a fur seal colony offshore, and if you are lucky, you may be able to see baby penguins during the nesting season. Finally, it's off to the Penguin Parade to watch the smallest and the cutest penguins in the world (*Eudyptula minor*) come waddling back home to their nests, a truly memorable experience, guaranteed to last for a lifetime.



Sea Life Melbourne Aquarium

Home to thousands of mesmerizing marine life, you will spend hours exploring 11 themed zones, ranging from shark spotting at Shipwreck Explorer, home to Grey Nurse, Black Top and White Tip Sharks, King and Gentoo Penguins, second only in size to the Emperor species, two spectacular viewing levels, come face-to-face with Pinjarra, one of Australia's largest saltwater crocodiles, Lungfish, the only species of freshwater fish that can breathe air and it does so with its lung, Sawfish, Eagle and Giant Smooth Rays, Sea Horse and Cottle Fish, Starfish and an abundance of Ocean and Reef fish. Admission is around \$20 for an adult and around \$15 for a child.



Puffing Billy Steam Train Ride

Your day begins with a drive through lovely Ferntree Gully to the Dandenong Ranges and Grants Reserve. En route visit beautiful Sherbrooke Forest, home to lyrebirds, Crimson Rosellas, cockatoos, and kookaburras. You will enjoy the picturesque mountain villages dotted along the way and the spectacular views of Melbourne's skyline. Get to try delicious homemade Devonshire Tea, warm scones with jam and cream and tea or coffee. A ride the Puffing Billy Steam Train for a memorable journey on Australia's most notable narrow-gauge railway and a journey into the prosperous heart of picturesque wine country the Yarra Valley and enjoy your lunch break at a local winery. Tantalize your taste buds at another winery where you may sample and buy a selection of quality local wines. Cost is around \$120 for an adult and \$60 for children.



Wine and Wildlife Tour

Healesville Sanctuary, De Bortoli Winery and The Yarra Valley Chocolatery & Ice Creamery have created the perfect Yarra Valley day out. Your wine and wildlife package begins at Healesville Sanctuary where a personal guide will meet you and take you on an interactive and information tour of Australia's unique and endangered wildlife. From Healesville Sanctuary a leisurely drive through Yarra valley will bring you to De Bortoli Winery. Enjoy the warm hospitality of this family-owned winery, savoring a two-course lunch. Following your lunch spend some time tasting cool climate wines at the cellar door.

Your second vacation on this amazing voyage is on the Mighty Murray River. Navigating your own destiny, you're in control of the journey ahead from setting sail.



If you love the idea of having a pleasure boat all to yourself and your loved ones, or close friends, then this is a voyage you will surely love. An amazing, blissful 7-nights journey onboard a luxury 5* houseboat on the mighty Murray River in Australia, one of the world's longest navigable water arteries. Stretching 2,700 km from the mountains of the Great Dividing Range in north-eastern Victoria to near Adelaide, it turns into a meandering river lined with magnificent forests of red gum, supporting over 350 varieties of birds, as well as many species of mammals, reptiles and fish. All you need to operate a houseboat is a current drivers license and a quick course, which is given when you first arrive. After that, you'll be ready for the ultimate river experience. On this stretch of the river, you will find European carp, Murray cod with some fish to 45 kg, redfin, Murray spiny crayfish, silver perch, and trench. Just remember freshwater catfish near Murrabit are protected and if you are planning some serious angling, you should ensure you apply for a license ahead of your visit. From the mooring point you can take a leisurely cruise and find amazing regional food at some of the restaurants nearby. Or once you have stocked up with all your groceries in preparation for your expedition, sail down the river to Torrumbarry Weir, an area renowned for fishing cod. The Weir is a magnificent setting to stop and cook up a great feast, as your mind begins to absorb the natural tranquil surroundings.





Bring along your extended family or close friends for this magical voyage as your luxurious boat has 4 king size Ozip apart) beds with the very best bed linen, each with its own en-suite bathroom with a full shower, vanity and toilet with high-quality towels, ensuring maximum privacy. A sensational kitchen equipped with the latest stainless-steel appliances, kitchen accessories and facilities including washer-dryer, 10-seater dining table and lounge, 10-seater spa, 5-burner BBQ, bar fridge, state-of-the-art TV. DVD, PlayStation and sound system.

5 huge king rooms with king size zip apart beds
LCD TVs in each room
Sliding doors to outer deck area
5 private ensuites with full shower, vanity and toilet
Overhead cupboard and wardrobe storage to satisfy
Room to walk around your bed both sides
Stainless Steel side by side fridge freezer
900 mm wide cook top and oven
Sensational entertainers bench space, drawers and cupboards
Microwave
Innovative 10 place dining and super comfortable lounge setting
HD LCD TV and sound system



A few interesting facts on The Murray River

The Murray is the third longest navigable river in the world, after the Amazon and Nile.

Total length - 2520 kilometres from its source in the Upper Murray and the Kosciusko National Park

The Murray is continuously navigable for 1986 kilometres from Goolwa to Yarrawonga

It spans three states - Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.

The river has 4 major dams, 16 storage weirs and 15 navigable locks.

Is the major domestic water supply for over 1.5 million households.

Along with its tributaries, the Murray is part of the third largest water catchment on earth.

Aboriginal occupation goes back 40,000 years at Mungo National Park close by.

For half a century from 1853, the Murray was a virtual water highway.

The worlds largest canoe race is held each year on the Murray.

Murray Cod can easily grow up to 1.8m in size

The Murray has the worlds largest redgum forest and ibis rookery on its banks.

The Murray is a mecca for golfers with 37 golf courses along its banks.

