



*Windswept and rugged – beautiful scenery with a fascinating history! Join us for a wonderful short getaway to beautiful King Island.*

**Day 1, Mon 7 Oct 2019**

**Home to King Island**

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This morning we make our way to Merimbula airport for our flight to King Island via Melbourne. On arrival we are met by our local guide who will be with us for the next few days. We will tour the area around Currie today and learn about the shipwreck heritage of King Island - graveyard of at least 60 ships over the past two centuries. Two of these are very close to town, the *Netherby (1866)* and the *British Admiral (1874)*. We pass by the *King Island Golf and Bowling Club* on our way to the *Kelp Works* which are an integral part of the King Island economy. The Kelp industry was established in Currie in the 1970s. Bull Kelp is harvested along the coast line and brought to the Kelp Works to be dried on huge racks. The kelp is then milled into granules and exported to Scotland where it is further processed. During our touring we have some free time to buy lunch. Later this afternoon we check into our accommodation – the *Boomerang by the Sea Motel* with sensational coastal views, good food and country hospitality. Nearly everything we eat and use every day – cosmetics, sauces, fabric dyes, toothpaste, shampoo, ice cream, beer – all benefit from King Island Bull Kelp! King Islanders are a resilient bunch and have had to live without easy access to the facilities we all enjoy on the mainland. *Currie*, though a town of only about 500 souls, has a hospital with two doctors and visiting specialists, a combined pre-school, primary school and high school catering for all the Island's kids up to the end of year ten and its own local government. *(Lunch at own expense, dinner in the motel)*

**Day 2, Tues 8 Oct 2019**

**North Coast Tour**

**BLD**

Get set for a day of sensational scenery, plentiful wildlife and amazing shipwreck stories as we head along the Northern Road on our way to the top of King Island at *Cape Wickham*. We will make a stop at *Shag Lagoon* just off the main North Road where we will be able to see a variety of waterbirds. Our morning tea stop will be at Reekara if the weather is rough or at Quarantine Bay if the sun is shining. From this stunning beach where we will do some shell hunting, we look out to Christmas and New Year Islands. Here we will hear the story of the *Paddlesteamer Shannon* which was shipwrecked in the waters off the north coast. Its boiler is still on the beach. Lunch today is at *Penny's Lagoon* - a suspended lake where the water is held by compacted sand and vegetation – one of only 3 in the world! One of the others is on Fraser Island in Queensland (Lake McKenzie). The loss of life in the late 1800s was becoming so great around King Island that the Colonies finally decided to jointly fund Australia's tallest lighthouse – a soaring symmetrical stone tower 47 meters high, completed at *Cape Wickham* near the Island's northern tip in 1861. The Cape Wickham Light still guards the entrance to Bass Strait. Our last stop in the North will be the amazing *Cape Wickham Golf Course*, rated number one public access golf course in Australia - before heading back towards Currie with a stop at the *King Island Dairy*. Here is the chance to taste some of King Island's special cheeses and to buy take home packs from the shop. We should be back to the Boomerang by about 4.30pm giving us a chance to relax a little before dinner out at a local restaurant. *(Breakfast in the motel, Picnic lunch, dinner in Currie)*



**Day 3, Wed 9 Oct 2019**

**Southern Scenic Tour**

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This morning we take the *Scenic South Tour* which takes in the *hybrid power plant* that energises King Island on its own grid, followed by morning tea at Millers Bay, the Ettrick River, the Calcified Forest and the rugged cliffs off Seal Rocks. After lunch, we will head back to Grassy to look over the town, the old mine site and harbour in daylight. *Portside Links Gallery* is a peep into the art community of King Island. Our hostess Marilyn makes great coffee! If time allows, we will make way our home via the seaside village of Narracoopa and be back to the Boomerang by about 4.30 again. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Light lunch included)*



After our breakfast we complete our check out formalities and load the coach. The **King Island Museum** is housed in the old lighthouse keeper's residence at Currie and is a wealth on memorabilia and history and will keep us busy until morning tea at the **Boat House** – the restaurant without food! That's right, we bring our own morning tea but, like the locals, we have free access to the Boat House which is full of art and artefacts as well as tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, books and magazines. And if you want to purchase something there is an honesty box for your payment! The views of the rugged south coast are dramatic. We have free time to purchase an early lunch before the transfer to Currie Airport. We farewell our guide and connect with the 12.20 pm flight to **Melbourne**. On arrival at Melbourne Tullamarine we have some free time before our returning flight to Merimbula airport has us back on the South Coast following a great time away. *(Breakfast in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost)*

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.*

COST PER PERSON:	Travel Club Members	\$2075.00 twin share \$2370.00 sole occupancy
	Non-Members	\$2179.00 twin share \$2500.00 sole occupancy
<u>Cost Includes:</u> Return economy airfares, 3 nights' accommodation, 3 cooked breakfasts, 3 dinners, 2 lunches, morning & afternoon teas where applicable, entrance fees, tours and attractions as per itinerary.		

Tour Bookings & Payments: \$800.00 booking confirmation per person & balance required by 5 September 2019.

Cancellation Policy:

Notice Given	Reservation to 46 days	45-31 days	30-14 days	Under 14 days
Amount payable	\$800.00	25%	50%	100%

Accommodation: Your comfort is important to us so our accommodation will be of a high standard, offering a reasonable range of room amenities all with private facilities and hotel services. Furnished to a comfortable standard. Facilities in some remote areas may be less elaborate.

Meals: Lunch is supplied on day 2 & 3. Breakfast is supplied on day 2, 3 & 4. Dinner is supplied each night. All meals supplied will offer a wonderful diversity. An excellent standard of cuisines is an essential part or your holiday. Meal codes as seen in itinerary: (B) = Full cooked breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Evening

What to Bring: Usually casual so bring comfortable casual clothing. Nights can be cooler, so bring some warm clothing to suit. Remember to bring sun hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a pair of sturdy walking shoes.

The Small Print: Bega Valley Coaches / helloworld Bega

- Advises the price is effective for the dates specified but maybe subject to change without notice.
- The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided. We reserve the right to vary the itinerary in anyway at any time deemed necessary, by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alteration do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. All additional expenses incurred as a result of such delays, cancellation or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger.
- Accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggest that suitable insurance be affected for the protection of the same.
- Accepts no responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport / touring companies used as part of this tour
- If a passenger is a Forced Single and there is no one to share with within the group, they will have to pay the sole use component.
- This tour may be cancelled if numbers are insufficient to warrant economic operation.
- Seat rotation will take place on tour. Passengers suffering from motion or travel sickness are advised to take necessary precautions.

Exclusions: Travel Insurance is not included but is recommended and available if required for an additional cost. Tour cost excludes room service, telephone calls, drinks, meals not mentioned in inclusions and other items of a personal nature. Optional touring is not included. If you wish to take any of the optional tours, please advise at the time of booking.

