



# Mosey Through the Begonias



*The Ballarat Begonia Festival is one of Ballarat's oldest and most popular community events. With gardening tips and displays, live comedy, craft and garden markets, a brewer's, distillers and wine garden, floral demonstrations and displays and more. There is something for everyone to enjoy!*

## Departing 9 March 2019

Day 1: Saturday 09 March 2019

Home to Caroline Springs

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Welcome to our 4-day tour to the **2019 Ballarat Begonia Festival**. For this tour we'll be staying at the luxurious **Mercurie Caroline Springs**, which is around an hours drive from Ballarat. This will make our days travel today a bit shorter and also when we are heading home on the last day. From here we will set off and discover everything that Ballarat has to offer. *(Lunch in Lakes Entrance, dinner in motel)*

Day 2: Sunday 10 March 2019

Ballarat Sightseeing

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Today we head straight for Ballarat and we have a short comfort stop before we take a tour of a different kind. The television show, **The Doctor Blake Mysteries** starring **Craig McLachlan** was filmed in Ballarat and we welcome a specialist guide on board the coach who will point out many of the locations used whilst filming the show. For lunch we call into the Ballarat Leagues Club, and then spend the afternoon visiting **Sovereign Hill**. By day, Sovereign Hill is where Australia's history comes to life! It's just like stepping back in time - from the hustle and bustle of Main Street where costumed ladies and gents parade their new-found wealth, to the excitement of the Red Hill Gully Diggings where you can pan for real gold and it's yours to keep. Late afternoon we board the coach and have just over an hour's drive back to our hotel in Caroline Springs. *(Breakfast and dinner in hotel, lunch at Ballarat Leagues Club)*



Day 3: Monday 11 March 2019

Ballarat Begonia Festival

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Returning to Ballarat we arrive in time for the **Power FM Begonia Festival Parade**, an iconic community event and a key component of Ballarat's Begonia Festival. With around 10,000 people coming out to see what has been described as Ballarat's 'heart and soul on parade' it's going to be a great start to our festival visit. **The Ballarat Begonia Festival** is held on the foreshore of **Lake Wendouree** and is in the **Ballarat Botanical Gardens**. We can start off with the **Gardeners Market** where we can experience a variety of stalls selling meat and vegetable produce, crafts, plants, and much more. Here we can purchase some lunch *(passengers own expense)* then have a chance to experience the Begonia Display at the **Robert Clarke Conservatory**. Every year for the past 60 years, the display has been the centre point of The Festival, even hosting many royal visits, the most notable was a visit from the Queen in 1954. Before leaving town we have a brief visit to the **Ballarat Tramway Museum**, and then make our way back to Caroline Springs for dinner. *(Breakfast and dinner in hotel, lunch own arrangements and cost)*



Time flies when you're having fun and unfortunately, we have to head home today. Following breakfast, we check out of the hotel and pass through Melbourne on our way back to the South Coast. In Bairnsdale we'll stop for lunch and then head for home to complete a fantastic short break. (*Breakfast in hotel, lunch at Bairnsdale RSL*)

*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	\$ 995.00 twin share
		\$1285.00 sole occupancy
	Non-Members	\$1045.00 twin share
		\$1335.00 sole occupancy
<u>Cost Includes:</u> 3 nights' accommodation at Mercure Melbourne Caroline Springs, 3 breakfasts, 3 Dinners, attractions and entrance fees as per itinerary, Morning and Afternoon Teas where applicable, luxury coach travel.		

Tour Bookings & Payments: \$200.00 booking confirmation per person & balance required by 9 February 2019.

Cancellation Policy:

Notice Given	Reservation to 46 days	45-31 days	30-14 days	Under 14 days
Amount payable	\$200.00	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: Breakfast is supplied each day. Lunch is supplied on day 1, 2 and 4, and evening meal is supplied each night. All meals supplied will offer a wonderful diversity. An excellent standard of cuisines is an essential part of 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 effect 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.



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