



Inaugural Australian Tour

**United States Seniors' Golf Association
February 25 - March 17 2023**

Welcome to Australia



On behalf of the President, Directors and Members of the Senior Golfers' Society of Australia it is with much pleasure that we welcome you to Australia for what will be the first tour of our country by a team from the United States Senior Golfers' Association.

With 12 of the finest courses in our country to play we know that you will experience Australian golf at its best. More importantly, together, we will get to further the great tradition of Seniors' hospitality between our countries as you and your partners meet and play with many of our members and their partners. The dining and touring activities each of the host States has arranged will provide further opportunities to meet our Seniors family and to cement the bonds between our Societies. Each of your hotels is conveniently located in the downtown CBD and within easy reach of many of each city's finest restaurants, bars and entertainment options.

Having enjoyed the inaugural US Tour in 2022 it has been a privilege to be involved in organising this tour for you. You set a very high benchmark and we are delighted that we have the opportunity to reciprocate your hospitality so soon after our visit. It is especially pleasing that we are able to welcome your organiser Sam Carroll and his wife Judi along with several others we met on our tour. Sam's contribution to our tour was exceptional. We are sure that the unique attributes of Australia, the standard of our courses and the hospitality of your hosts will ensure a memorable trip for all.

Gary Lee

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The United States Touring Party

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Dave Bullock Kathy Bullock	7.6 29.5	Greenwood Village, CO	Cherry Hills Country Club
Gordon Burns Frannie Burns	12.2 16.0	Greenwich, CT	Round Hill Club
Sam Carroll Judi Carroll	8.5 20.9	Vero Beach, FL	John's Island Club
Stan Freimuth Cindy Freimuth	13.2 21.8	Bellevue, WA	Seattle Golf Club
Per Heidenreich Astrid Heidenreich	7.9 14.4	Hobe Sound, FL	Greenwich Country Club
Lach Hough Vicki Hough	6.4 16.6	Carpinteria, CA	Valley Club of Montecito
Chip Lutz Bonnie Lutz	+ 0.4 24.0	Jupiter, FL	Turtle Creek Club
Barclay McFadden Jane Perry McFadden	18.0 27.5	Charleston, SC	Yeamans Hall Club
Bill Mynatt Fayre Mynatt	13.9 14.5	Lake Forest, IL	Shoreacres
Frank Rutan Kerry Rutan	4.6 1.2	Charleston, SC	Yeamans Hall Club
Todd Stucky Carrie Stucky	3.1 23.7	Portland, OR	Waverly Country Club
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Tour Schedule

United States Senior Golfers' Society - Australia Tour 2023

Victoria

Date	Flight Detail	Accommodation	Activities	Transport	Evening	Location
Sat 25th	Ex USA arriving am various	BHGC	Meet and Greet BHGC	Limo service to BHGC	Welcome drinks/dinner	BHGC
Sun 26th		BHGC	Golf from 1006 BHGC		Dinner	BHGC
Mon 27th	Coach from BHGC to RACV	RACV Club	Free day	Coach to RACV	Welcome Cocktail Party	The Australian Club
Tue 28th		RACV Club	Yarra Valley Wine Tour	Coach	Free	
Wed 1st		RACV Club	Peninsula Kingswood	Coach	Free	
Thur 2nd		RACV Club	Kingston Heath GC	Coach	Free	
Fri 3rd		RACV Club	Royal Melbourne (West)	Coach	SGSV Annual Dinner	Royal Melbourne GC
Sat 4th		RACV Club	Free day		Restaurant dinner	Chancery Lane
Sun 5th	QF 0612 to Brisbane 1020			Coach to Airport		

Queensland

Date	Flight Detail	Accommodation	Activities	Transport	Evening	Location
Sun 5th	QF 0612 ex Melb 1130	Hilton Hotel	Free Day	Coach + River Cruise	Welcome Cocktail Party	Mike and Joy Hume's home.
Mon 6th		Hilton Hotel	Indooroopilly GC	Coach	Dinner	Queensland Club
Tues 7th		Hilton Hotel	Brookwater GC	Coach	Free Evening	
Wed 8th		Hilton Hotel	Australia Zoo tour + lunch	Coach	Free	Australia Zoo - Beerwah
Thurs 9th		Hilton Hotel	Brisbane GC	Coach	Home hosting dinners	
Frid 10th		Hilton Hotel	Royal Queensland GC	Coach	Farewell lunch-evening free	Royal Queensland GC
Sat 11th	QF 0521 to Sydney 1010 arrives 1245					

New South Wales

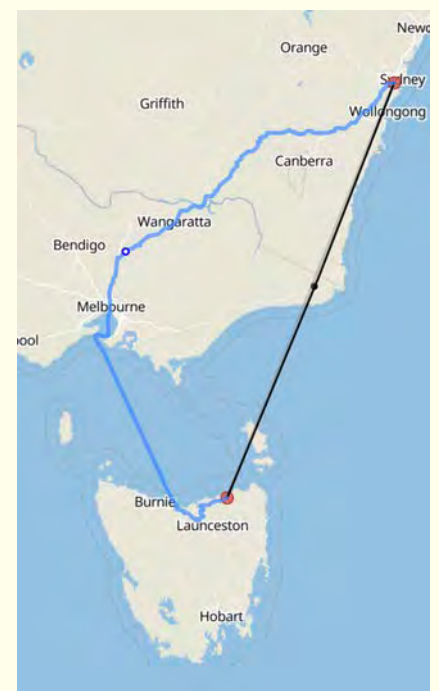
Date	Flight Detail	Accommodation	Activities	Transport	Evening	Location
Sat 11th	QF0521 arrives 1245	Shangri-La	Meet and Greet	Coach	Own Arrangements	
Sun 12th		Shangri-La	Free day	Coach	Welcome Cocktail Party	Royal Sydney Golf Club
Mon 13th		Shangri-La	Elanora Country Club	Coach	Dinner	Elanora Country Club
Tue 14th		Shangri-La	The Australian Golf Club	Coach	Dinner	The Australian Golf Club
Wed 15th		Shangri-La	Private Harbour Cruise	Walk to ferry wharf	Free Evening	
Thur 16th		Shangri-La	NSW Golf Club	Coach	Dinner	NSW Golf Club
Fri 17th		Shangri-La	Royal Sydney Golf Club	Coach	Farewell Dinner	Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
Sat 18th		Shangri-La	Free Day		Own Arrangements	
Sun 19th	Departure arrangements TBA	Shangri-La				
Mon 20th		Shangri-La	Hotel booked extra 3 nights to allow for those booked for Barnbougle. NOT included in cost quoted.			
Tues 21st						



Melbourne - Brisbane 854 mi



Brisbane - Sydney 567 mi



Sydney - Barnbougle 527 mi

Saturday 25th February - Barwon Heads Golf Club

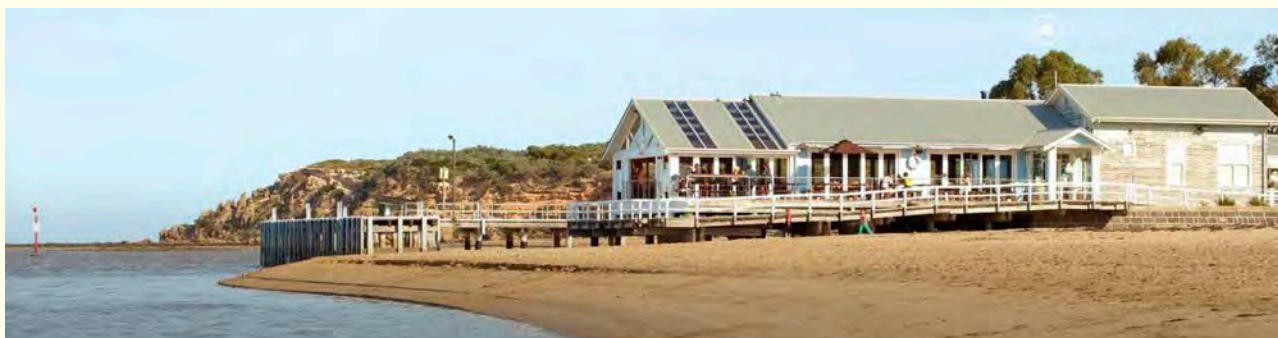


On arrival at Melbourne International Airport, you will be met by your Limo driver from the Luxury Transport Group. Transport to the Barwon Heads Golf Club has been arranged and pre-paid. Company contact details are: Luxury Transport Group - 1 300 97 4949. All drivers have your contact details. Your driver will call you and advise pick-up details.

The trip to Barwon Heads via Geelong will take approximately 90 minutes. On arrival you will be met by a local member of the Australian Seniors who will assist with your check-in to the club. Early check-in is not guaranteed but we will endeavour to arrange this where possible. Should your rooms not be available please make use of the club facilities. The front desk will provide account details so that you can avail yourselves of bar and dining options.

After checking into the club the day is yours to recover from the flight and perhaps work off your jet lag with some physical activity. Your clubs will be stored in the Pro-shop and the driving range and short game facility are yours to use. Driving range balls are available on the range from a self-serve vending machine. To obtain balls, please see the Pro-shop for an access pin. Saturday is a competition day at the club so the course will be pretty full but tee times might be available from 2.00 pm should you want to slip in a quick 7 or 9 holes! Alternatively you might like to walk into Barwon Heads village, either directly, about 10 minutes, or if the tide is out, along the beach and around the Bluff, pictured below. Local Seniors will be around to help.

At 5.30 please gather in the Members' Lounge where Sam has arranged a "Meet and Greet" for the US team. Dinner has been booked for everyone at 6.30 in the Club. Some of the local Seniors will join you for dinner. **Dress: Smart Casual**





- 10.07 am - First tee time
- 11.45 am - Last tee time
- 4.00 pm - Last group finishes
- 6.00 pm - Pre-dinner drinks in Members lounge
- 6.30 pm - Dinner in Dining Room with local Members

Breakfast, included in your tariff, is available from 6.30 am. Golf against local Seniors, their Partners and Local Members is scheduled to commence at 10.07 am. Your tee time, opponents and match format will be advised on arrival at BHGC. Today's event will be a single tee start with the last group teeing off at 11.45 am. Your opponents will make contact before hitting off to assist with any queries. The Lunch Cart will be on course with a selection of drinks and cold food. The afternoon is yours to enjoy until pre-dinner drinks, with Local Members, Seniors and Partners at 6.00 pm in the Members Lounge followed by dinner in the Dining Room at 6.30 pm.

BHGC - Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

The Club was established in 1907 and the present Clubhouse completed in 1924. Changes to the Clubhouse over the years have been few, even after a significant fire in 1982. The Clubhouse is listed with Heritage Victoria and the National Trust and the course is recognised as the first established "Links" course in Australia. The club commenced a major clubhouse renovation plan in 2016 and, having recently obtained Heritage and Planning approvals, hopes to commence building later in 2023. While the interior changes will be significant, greatly enhancing the Club experience, the traditions of nearly 100 years will be retained. It is expected that the clubhouse will reopen in its Centenary Year, 2024.

<https://www.barwonheads.golf/cms/the-clubhouse/history/>



Subtle changes through the years.

Monday 27th February - BHGC to Melbourne

Breakfast available in the Clubhouse from 6.30 am

8.30 am - Check out and load coach

9.00 am - Coach departs Barwon Heads

10.45 am - Approximately, arrive RACV. Early check-in arrangements TBA

5.45 pm - Walk to the Australian Club

6.00 pm - Welcome Cocktail Party

6.30 pm - Dinner in Dining Room with local Members

Your coach will depart Barwon Heads at approximately 9.00 am for the 90 minute ride to Melbourne and your accommodation for the week at the RACV Club. The afternoon is yours to explore the Melbourne CBD or venture further if you wish. This might also be a chance to check out the facilities of the Club and perhaps work off any residual jet lag.

Evening - The Australian Club

Tonight, members of the Senior Golfers' Society of Victoria and their partners will welcome you at the Australian Club for cocktails and canapés. The Welcome Cocktail Party will run from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm and the evening will be yours thereafter. Being Monday a lot of restaurants will be closed so it might be a good night to try one of the dining options the RACV Club offers.

Established in 1878, The Australian Club is one of nine clubs founded in Melbourne by English settlers in the 19th century. The Australian Club has a rich history and was originally founded as a venue for Melbourne and Victorian businessmen to lodge and associate.

Today, The Australian Club still serves as a destination for those looking to escape the strain of modern life, and relax in an inviting and friendly atmosphere. All the original architecture remains intact, showing the Club's true 19th century Victorian origins. Although many of the rules of the Club have changed over the years, it still retains its tradition and position as one of Melbourne's finest clubs.

Dress - Seniors Jacket and Tie



Evening - Free

The Royal Automobile Club of Victoria



RACV City Club is just a stone's throw from Melbourne's retail precinct, Federation Square, theatres and major event venues. Conveniently positioned in the heart of Melbourne's CBD at 501 Bourke Street, the RACV City Club caters for the social, leisure and business needs of all Club Members and visiting Member's Guests. The Club offers a range of bars and dining options. To see everything on offer at the club go to racv-club . Melbourne, of course, is famous for its restaurants, bars and lanes so there is plenty to choose from for your evening meals. Your SGSV hosts will be on hand with suggestions.

Tuesday 28th February - Yarra Valley Wine Tour

9.30 am - Tour departs RACV

4.30 pm - Coach returns to RACV

It's the birthplace of Victorian wine. And despite its 170-year legacy, it's far from old. In fact, it's a hub for innovation and home to some of the most progressive and dynamic winemakers in the world. Only an hour's drive from the heart of Melbourne, the Yarra Valley is an epicurean adventure for those with a passion for wine, food and breathtaking landscapes. It's an unforgettable experience where craft and country come together to create cool-climate quality of international renown

Over eighty wineries span the Yarra Valley, each of which express the diversity of its terroir, the passion of its producers, a mastery of traditional practices and a rebellious instinct to push the boundaries. No other region in the world can boast the same consistent quality found in this internationally awarded range of wine varieties, which includes Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and – Australia's best-kept secret – the Yarra Valley Shiraz. And with plenty of emerging varietal wines gaining popularity and prestige, there's something for everyone in the Yarra Valley.

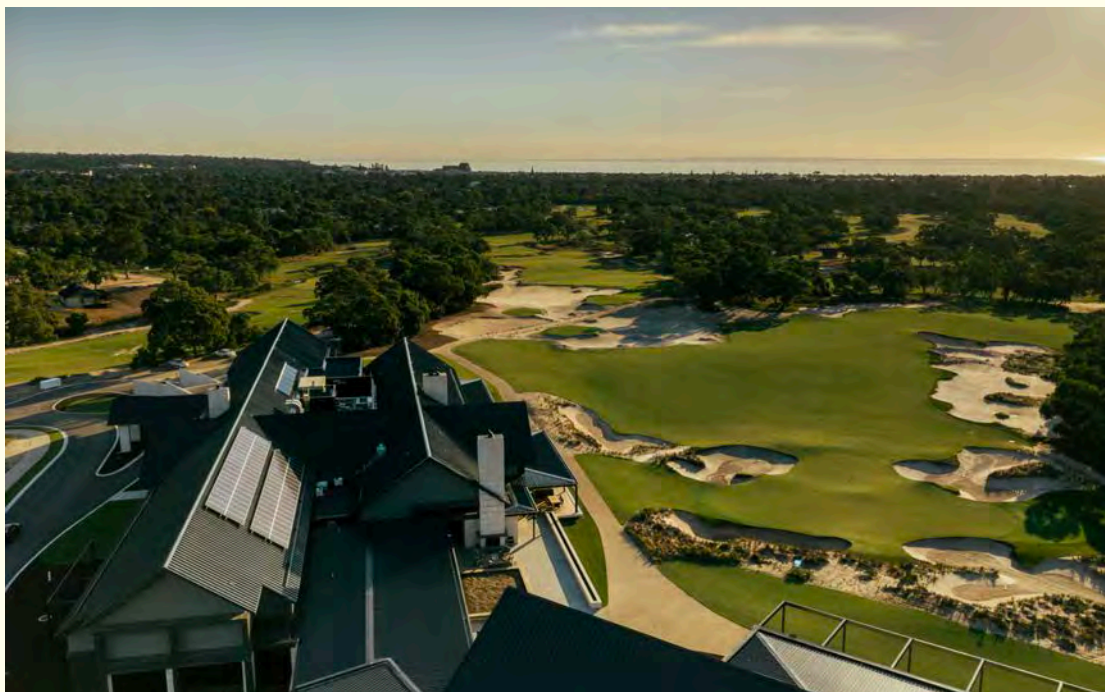
Your coach will pick you up from the RACV at 0930 for a full days tour of the Yarra Valley. Starting with morning tea at one of the valley's wineries your tour will include a gourmet lunch, a chocolate making session and plenty of opportunity to sample the many wines and wares the valley has to offer. Returning to the city at around 4.30 pm you will have time to freshen up and explore more of Melbourne's restaurants and nightlife.



Evening Free

Wednesday 1st March - Peninsula Kingswood Country Golf Club

10.10 am - Load coach for departure
10.25 am - Depart RACV for PKCGC
11.45 am - Lunch (Golf attire)
12.45 pm - Golf - Multi tee start
6.45 pm - Depart for RACV. Arrive 7.30 pm



In September 2013, Peninsula Country Golf Club and Kingswood Golf Club officially merged, the first amalgamation of two golf clubs in Australia. The sale of the Kingswood facility provided the funding for the re-development of Peninsula's 2 golf courses and the building of magnificent new facilities. Commencing in 2014, PKCGC's 2 courses underwent a complete upgrade led by the Clayton, Ogilvy design team with the aim of realising the potential of the site by creating a true Sandbelt experience, both in design and conditioning. One of the most significant features is the putting surfaces. A new construction method and Pure Distinction grass has given the club consistently firm fast greens which rank with the best in the world. You will be playing the North Course which last year was ranked number 5 in Australia by Australian Golf. To quote one of the reviewers: "Peninsula North is quickly becoming a modern classic that is only improving with a few growing seasons under its belt. It possesses an exceptional set of par-3s with the 2nd hole being, not only the highlight, but one of the best on a world scale."



Evening Free



Thursday 2nd March - Kingston Heath Golf Club

11.05 am - Load coach for departure
11.20 am - Depart RACV for Kingston Heath
12.30 pm - Lunch (Golf attire)
1.30 pm - Golf - Multi tee start
7.00 pm - Depart for RACV. Arrive 7.40 pm



Your bus will depart the RACV Club at 9.00 am for the 30 minute drive to the Kingston Heath Golf Club. This a small, flat property and is oft compared with Merion because of how the course fits so adeptly into a small property, 50 acres in this case. There is a fascinating read [here](#) from Golf Course Architecture about the history and evolution of the course. The work of the last 30 years in taking out trees, exposing the sand and restoring the bunkers has meant that this course really is now one of the very best in the world. KHGC is ranked number 5 in Australia.

Royal Melbourne is routed over quite hilly terrain - the use of the two rises is one of the things that makes it special. In comparison, there are no hills at Kingston Heath and the ground is pretty flat with just a few undulations. Kingston Heath is sometimes called the best flat course on earth; maybe the Old Course would have a thing or two say about that.



Evening Free

Friday 3rd March - Royal Melbourne Golf Club - West



- 10.05 am - Load coach for departure
- 10.25 am - Coach departs RACV for Royal Melbourne Golf Club
- 11.40 am - Light lunch before golf
- 12.45 pm - Golf. Shotgun start. Men will play the first of the USSGA/SGSA trophy matches
- 7.00 pm - Pre dinner drinks
- 7.30 pm - SGSV Annual Dinner and USSGA Farewell Dinner
- 10.30 pm - Depart Royal Melbourne for RACV

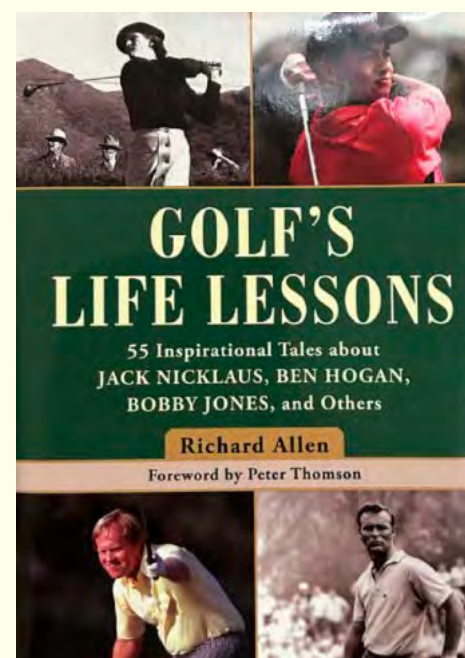
Today you play the last of three of Melbourne's sand belt courses. Each reflects the value of this area to great golf course design and each has its own unique character. You are sure to leave with amazing memories. Farewell to Melbourne's famed Sand Belt. And what better than to finish with Australia's number 1 ranked course. To quote from Golf Australia: "Simply as good as golf gets in Australia. Sublime architecture matched by great conditioning and wonderful vegetation management ... it has width, amazing green complexes and some of the best bunkering on the planet. One of the few courses anywhere that still asks questions of the world's best but is playable by all." Ranked number 5 in the world by Golf Digest, Royal Melbourne is surely a golfing experience to be savoured for a long time. As your farewell dinner at Royal Melbourne follows golf today, you will need to bring evening wear with you on the bus.

Evening - Farewell Dinner

Tonight we have combined our Annual dinner with your Farewell Dinner. You will be joined by Members of the Victorian Society and their wives.

The Guest Speaker is Richard Allen, a member of Royal Melbourne, Barwon Heads, The R&A, Pine Valley and Sunningdale. Richard was the Captain at Royal Melbourne when the Presidents' Cup was played there in 2011. He is also on the board of Golf Australia. Richard has written about golf for many years for various newspapers and magazines, and is currently the Australian Financial Review's golf correspondent. His book, 'Golf's Life Lessons' - a collection of essays on the links between golf and life - has been published in Australia, the USA and Italy. Richard is a Victorian Senior.

Dress: Jacket and Seniors tie for Men, equivalent for Ladies



Saturday 4th March - RACV Melbourne - Free Day

Your day, to explore the Melbourne CBD or venture further if you wish. The RACV club is located within easy walking distance of many of Melbourne's finest attractions. Walk across the Yarra River and explore the restaurants and cafes of Southbank or venture into the Crown Casino where apart from the gaming temptations there are several very good restaurants and there is sure to be some form of entertainment taking place. Further East, and back across the river you will find Federation Square with its cultural and eating opportunities. A little further East and you will find yourself in the Melbourne Cricket Ground and the Melbourne Tennis Centre precinct. Melbourne, of course has a number of Museums and Galleries and some of them are listed below. And if all of the walking is too much the City Circle tram circumnavigates the CBD, is free and provides a perfect way to get around.

Highlights and attractions

ACMI <https://www.acmi.net.au>

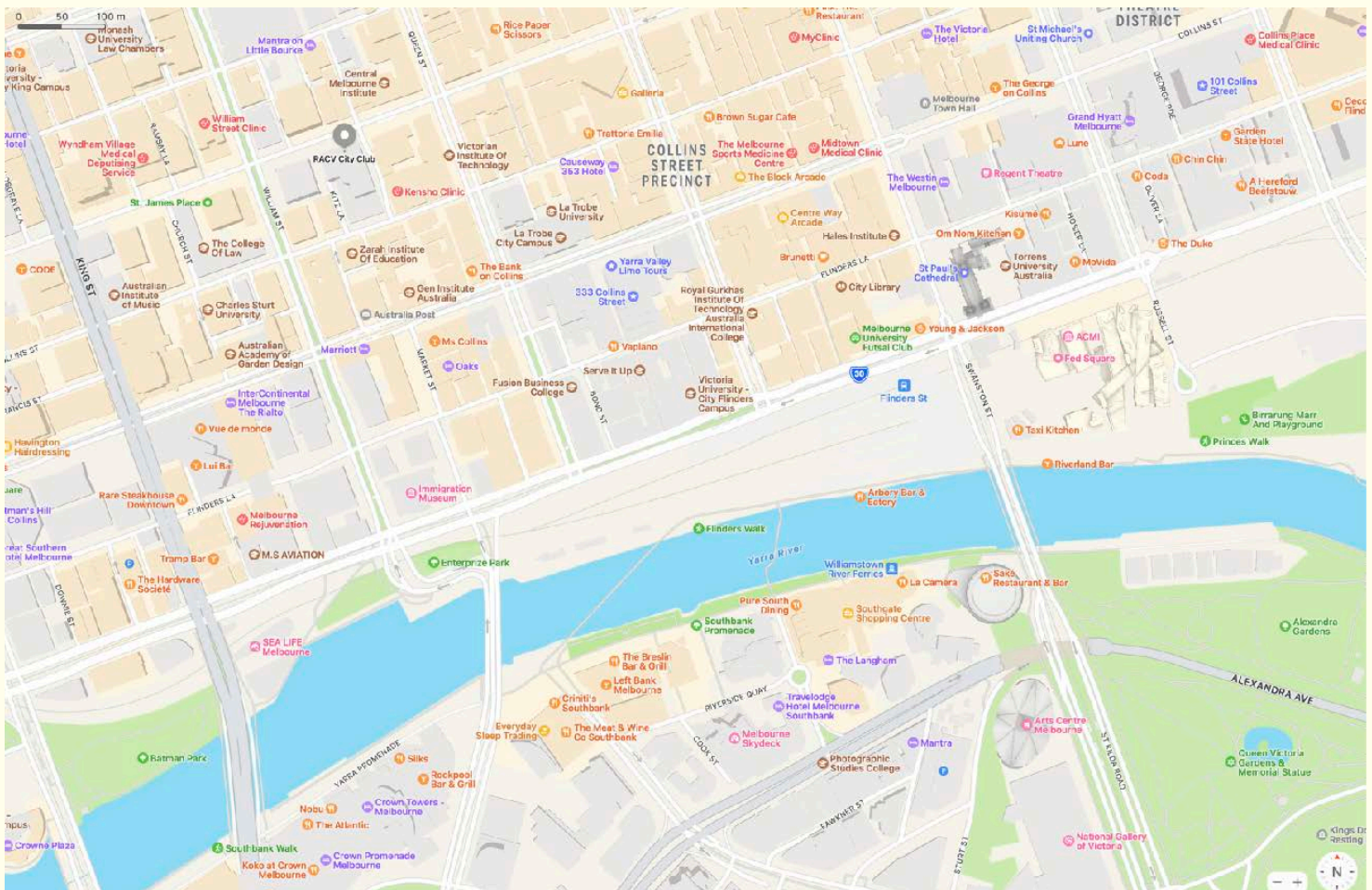
Melbourne Museum

National Gallery of Victoria

Ian Potter Centre NGV - First major centre dedicated to Australian Art

Melbourne Aquarium

Melbourne Zoo



Evening - Dinner

Dinner is booked for all at a nearby "Hatted" restaurant, Chancery Lane.

<https://www.broadsheet.com.au/melbourne/restaurants/chancery-lane>

<https://chancerylane.com.au/menu/>



Sunday 5th March - Fly Melbourne - Brisbane

7.30 am - Load coach for departure

8.00 am - Depart RACV for Melbourne Airport, Tullamarine

8.30 am - Arrive Tullamarine

10.20 am - QF0612 Departs Melbourne

11.30 am - Arrive Brisbane. Flight duration 2 hrs 10 mins. No daylight saving in Queensland

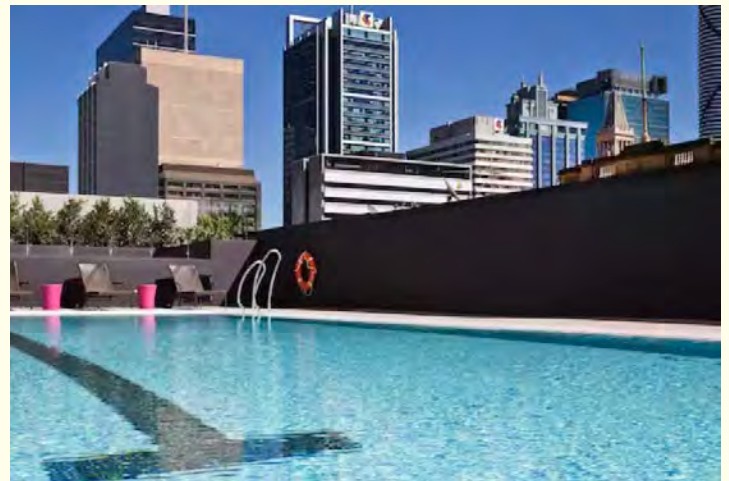
12.15 am - Approx. Coach departs for Brisbane CBD. Hilton Brisbane

On arrival in Brisbane, you will be met by the President of the Queensland Senior Golfers' Society Don Fraser and his wife Lindy. Don and Lindy will help with organising your baggage and connection with your bus.

Itinerary

Flight	Departure	Date	Time	Terminal	Arrival	Date	Time	Terminal	Cabin	Airline
QF0612	Melbourne (MEL)	05Mar23	10:20	1	Brisbane (BNE)	05Mar23	11:30	D	Economy	Qantas Airways

Hilton Brisbane



Your CBD stay beside Queen Street Mall

In Brisbane's central business district, our Harry Seidler-designed hotel is connected to Queen Street Mall. The Brisbane River is blocks away and South Bank Parklands is within two kilometers. We have an outdoor pool, fitness center, and tennis court. Our restaurant, Vintaged Bar + Grill, specializes in seasonal Australian produce.

Evening - Welcome Cocktail Party

Coach to Southbank Pontoon - 3.45 pm

River Cruise departs - 4.30 pm

Return coach to Hilton departs 8.30 pm

Collected by coach, you will be driven to the Brisbane River from where a private charter boat will take you on a tour of the river en route to the home of your hosts for the evening, Joy and Mike Hume. The Hume's house is on the river and, with other members of the Queensland Society they are hosting your Welcome Cocktail Party.

Monday 6th March - Indooroopilly Golf Club



8.00 am - Coach departs Hilton Hotel

10.00 am - Golf at Indooroopilly Golf Club. Carts provided, lunch at the 10th half way house

4.30 pm - Coach returns to hotel



Indooroopilly Golf Club

The club was established in 1926 at St Lucia and later moved to its current location in the secluded Long Pocket area, home to 321 acres of pristine golf course.

Indooroopilly Golf Club delivers a premium, yet traditional golfing experience, with 36 holes of championship golf to challenge and excite, plus clubhouse facilities to match.

Set in a tranquil parkland location bordering the Brisbane River, the Club offers flexible and accessible membership opportunities for players of all ages and abilities in a relaxed and friendly environment just ten minutes from the heart of the city.

Members and their guests can enjoy six different 18 hole course combinations, with our West Course being ranked among the country's top 100 by both Golf Australia and Golf Digest magazines.

Traditional names: Like many other place names in Brisbane, and around Australia, "Indooroopilly" was derived from the name used by the traditional owners the Yugara people and comes from their words "nyindur" meaning leeches and "pilli", meaning gully. Interestingly, it was as early as the 1840's that surveyors and place name gazetteers were instructed to keep traditional names as long as they were pronounceable and melodic

Evening

Departing the Hilton at 6.15 pm enjoy a short 15 min walk down towards the Brisbane River for dinner with your hosts at the Queensland Club. Society Members will meet you at the Hilton to guide you to the Club. The Queensland Club occupies a heritage-listed building close by the Botanic Gardens. It was designed and built from 1882 to 1888 and was added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 21 October 1992.



Dress: Jacket and Society tie.

Tuesday 7th March - Brookwater Golf Club

6.30 am - Coach departs Hilton

8.30 am - Golf

1.00 pm - Lunch

3.30 pm - Coach returns to Hilton



When Brookwater opened in 2002 there was much fanfare with many visiting golfers quick to draw comparisons with the home of the Masters, Augusta National.

The undulating terrain, creative bunkering and sloping putting surfaces fuelled appraisals of the design crafted by Greg Norman and then design chief Bob Harrison – both of whom are devotees of the work of Dr Alister MacKenzie, who created Augusta.

But the truth is this par-72 is an original, just 30 minutes' drive south west of the Brisbane CBD. It boasts an overwhelming Australian feel and even the occasional kangaroo bounding across a fairway. The Norman and Harrison design is one of Australia's most spectacular inland courses and has been well-entrenched in national course rankings for 17 years. Its latest ranking came in January this year when it finished at No.11 on Golf Australia's Top-100 Public Access Course list, an improvement on its two previous standings.

Interesting facts: The former World Number 1 Ladies Tennis Player, Australia's Ashleigh Barty, was the Brookwater Ladies Club Champion in 2020. Ashleigh recently married Garry Kissick, a pro at the club. In January 2023 she announced that she is expecting their first child.

Evening - Free

Wednesday 8th March - Australia Zoo, Beerwah, Sunshine Coast



8.00 am - Coach departs Hilton

9.45 am - Arrive at The Wharf, Mooloolaba for morning tea

10.45 am - Coach to the Australian Zoo

11.45 am - Lunch - Warrior Restaurant

1.30 pm - Crocodile show and private Moon buggy tour of Zoo with guides

5.00 pm - Coach returns to Hilton

The Wharf - Mooloolaba



The Australia Zoo

Most of you will be familiar with the Irwin Family through the “Crocodile Hunter” TV series and its various offshoots. The Australia Zoo story begins with the marriage of Steve to Terri Raines, a girl from Eugene, Oregon. Instead of a honeymoon, the couple took the chance to embark on a crocodile rescue mission, filming this experience. This became the first episode of The Crocodile Hunter documentary series.

As the popularity of The Crocodile Hunter grew, Steve and Terri changed the name of their now growing wildlife park to ‘Australia Zoo’. Their mission was to make this zoo the very best in Australia, if not the world! Extensive efforts were made to create habitats, so that all zoo animals could be exhibited in natural environments.



Evening - Free

Thursday 9th March - Brisbane Golf Club



- 9.15 am - Coach departs Hilton
- 11.00 am - Golf 2 Tee start
- 5.00 pm - Coach returns to Hilton
- 6.00 pm - Transfer to Hosts for dinner



Established in 1896, The Brisbane Golf Club is a premier golfing destination thanks to the vision of our founding Members. With great foresight, these pioneers of Australian golf built an exceptional golf course together with traditions and culture that has created the unique combination of challenging golf with unparalleled fellowship among members. Many decades later, the Club enjoys the benefits of their enthusiasm and energy every day.

Our heritage-listed Clubhouse stands proud and was recently voted in the Top 25 Clubhouses in Australia. The current Clubhouse is our second after an accidental fire in 1909. The Clubhouse is open seven days a week and caters for weddings and events.

Our Members, most importantly, adore our 18-hole championship golf course. Our golf course is like no other and we are regarded as one of the country's most improved golf courses. We are ranked in the top 100 golf courses in Australia according to both Golf Australia and Australian Golf Digest magazines. Recently the Club appointed, David Mason as its course superintendent. David was previously at Metropolitan Golf Club in Melbourne which is ranked number 12 in Australia.

We are the only golf course in Australia to have 'Champion' greens, a putting surface which is installed on over 700 golf courses in the United States.

The Brisbane Golf Club has hosted the Isuzu Queensland Open on a record 21 occasions and is currently the home of the Brisbane Junior Amateur Championships. In 2020, the Club jointly hosted the Australian Amateur Championships.

Evening - Home hosted dinners

This evening you will dine in groups at the homes of local Seniors where you will be joined by your hosts, other Seniors and their partners. Transport arrangements will vary and will be advised later. Pre-dinner drinks will be served from 6.30 pm.

Dress - Queensland Casual



Friday 10th March - Royal Queensland Golf Club

6.30 am - Coach departs Hilton

8.00 am - Golf - Shotgun start

1.00 pm - Farewell Lunch and presentations

4.00 pm - Transfer to Hilton Brisbane

An early start today for your last official Queensland event. Today's event will be the second leg of the USSGA/SGSA trophy and golf will commence with a shotgun start at 8.00 am. Following golf will be a Farewell Lunch and presentation in the clubhouse.

Dress: Golf attire



The Royal Queensland Golf Club was founded in 1920 by a group of prominent citizens of Brisbane who obtained a lease of land occupying 420 acres (in today's terms 170 hectares) – since reduced to around 240 acres (97 hectares) – fronting the Brisbane River in an area known as Parker Island.

The original course was designed by Carnegie Clark, the Australian Open Champion of the day, and was opened by the Governor-General Lord Forster in 1921. It is said that he had a handicap of +3.

The services of the eminent Scottish golf architect Dr Alister MacKenzie were later retained during his visit to Australia in 1926. His major focus was greens and bunkers, with the short 8th hole (pre 2007) providing an excellent example of his work and design philosophy.

Construction of the new Championship Course was completed in December 2007 and it is currently rated the 22nd in Australia. The new Royal Queensland layout was designed by Michael Clayton, following the State Government's decision in 2005 to build a second Gateway Bridge over the famous course. Michael Clayton describes the new layout and the philosophy of the design as follows:

There are very few shots on the course where the architecture dictates where the golfer must play. At most of the two and three shot holes the test from the tee is of accurate driving to position as opposed to simple straight hitting.

Royal Queensland is not a course where players will grow bored. The best lines to take from the tees and the best shots to play vary from day to day depending on the wind, the position of the flag, the state of one's game and the state of a match. That is the essence of making the game interesting on more than just a superficial level and Royal Queensland is a course that captures that spirit."

Royal Queensland has hosted numerous Australian Opens, Players and PGA Championships. It has been selected as the golf venue for the Brisbane Olympics 2032.

Evening - Free

Saturday 11th March - Fly Brisbane to Sydney

7.30 am - Complete checkout and load coach

8.00 am - Coach departs Hilton for Brisbane Airport

10.10 am - Depart Brisbane

12.45 pm - Arrive Sydney Airport (NSW Seniors to meet at airport and assist as required)

1.30 pm - Transfer to Shangri-La hotel - The Rocks Sydney

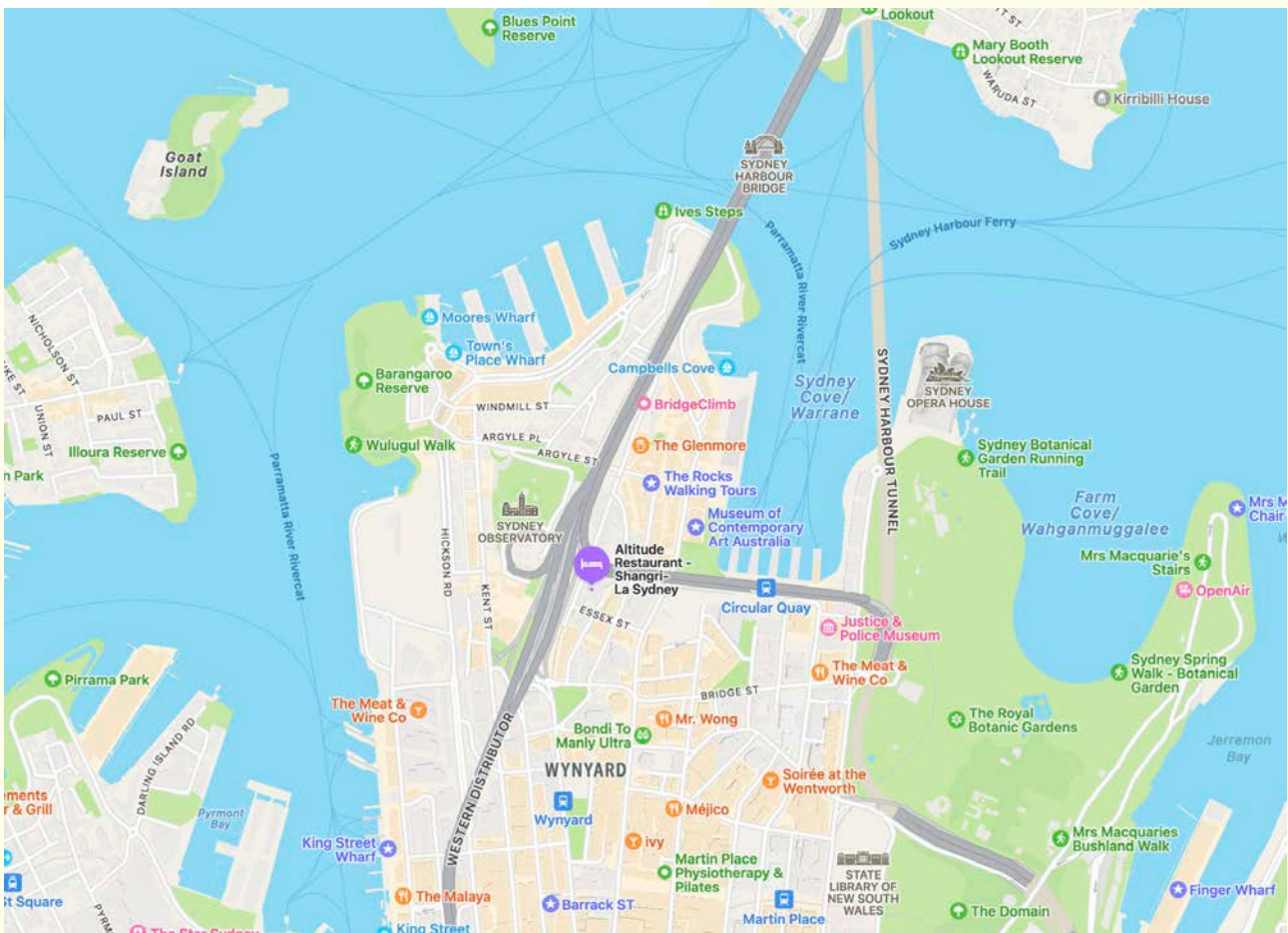
Itinerary

Flight	Departure	Date	Time	Terminal	Arrival	Date	Time	Terminal	Cabin	Airline
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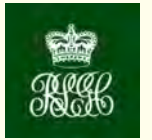
Shangri-La Sydney; an elegant sanctuary above a distinctive harbour city. Positioned in the dress circle of the historic Rocks district, the panoramic views of Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge enhance the luxurious glamour of Sydney's destination hotel. Soaring 36-levels, Shangri-La Sydney features 564 elegantly appointed guest rooms and suites, award-winning dining experiences, and Chi, The Spa, an urban oasis in the heart of the city.

- 564 rooms and suites, overlooking stunning Sydney Harbour
- 1 restaurant and 1 bar on level 36, with spectacular city views
- Unparalleled 270-degree views of Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House



Sunday 12th March - Free Day

- Welcome Cocktail Party - Royal Sydney Golf Club



1.30 pm - Coach transfer to Royal Sydney Golf Club and Eastern Suburbs tour. (Bondi Beach etc)

4.00 pm - Welcome Cocktail Party - Dress - Jacket, no tie, for men. Equivalent for ladies

6.00 pm - Coach return to Shangri-La hotel

Your coach will take to some of the highlights of Sydney's Eastern Suburbs en route to Royal Sydney Golf Club for your Welcome Cocktail Party.

From an original base of twenty members in 1893, the Royal Sydney Golf Club has developed into the one of the largest sporting clubs in the world with its influential membership now totalling almost 6,000. Despite humble beginnings inland near the present Concord Golf Club, the club's founders were determined to develop a seaside golf links and moved almost immediately to a new home in the Bondi sand hills with a plan to extend its nine hole course east toward the ocean. Sandhill encroachment however forced the club to instead gradually shuffle west across Old South Head Road, until the present site was acquired in 1909 and a new 18 hole course developed. A product of slow meticulous evolution the golf course is devoid of the signature of any marquee designer and has instead matured through almost 100 years of sensible club management. Located on one of the most expensive pieces of Real Estate in the country, the billion dollar Rose Bay property is perfectly positioned a block from Sydney Harbour and a kilometre from the Pacific Ocean. The terrain is accordingly ideal for a links with the eastern side of the property elevated and tilted toward the centre of the course which, although narrow and much flatter, does not lack minor and interesting undulation. Two thirds of the course run North-South through this middle section yet pleasingly these holes are among Royal Sydney's best.

The character of the golf course has developed from a classic links through periods of Parkland reform to the unique mix of both styles that members presently enjoy. During the 1960's the club planted substantial amounts of trees and the feeling by the late 70's was that the original links charm of Royal Sydney had been lost. As the cycle continued a large number of trees were then removed with the stunning final hole a vivid example of how the two styles were intertwined. The tee shot is played through a chute of mature gums to a dogleg where the trees end and a large open rolling green, framed by the magnificent clubhouse, is presented.



Evening: Free

Monday 13th March - Elanora Country Club



10.45 am - Coach transfer to Elanora

11.45 am - Light lunch

1.00 pm - Golf

6.30 pm - BBQ dinner on the Terrace Dress - Golf attire/Smart Casual

8.45 pm - Coach returns to Shangri-La



You will be picked up mid morning for the one hour journey north to the Elanora Country Club. Elanora Country Club is a private member's Club in the Northern Beaches of Sydney. The beautiful bushland setting makes for the ideal place for member's and their guests to relax and enjoy all the facilities the Club has to offer, including one of Sydney's best golf courses, multiple dining options from casual lunch through to fine dining, along with an active Bridge, Bowls and Tennis programme. An excellent video of the club can be found at <https://www.elanoracc.com.au/cms/>



Tuesday 14th March - The Australian Golf Club



11.30 am - Coach transfer to The Australian Golf Club

12.15 pm - Light lunch

1.30 pm - Golf

6.00 pm - Drinks after golf and change for dinner

7.00 pm - Dinner in the clubhouse

9.30 pm - Coach return to Shangri-La hotel

Dress - Jacket and Seniors tie for men. Equivalent for ladies

The Australian Golf Club is a private Member's Club located 6km from the heart of the Sydney CBD. Inaugurated in 1882 it is the oldest club in existence in the Commonwealth. It moved to its current location in Kensington in 1903 and Dr Alister MacKenzie was commissioned to update the Australian layout. With financing from the late Kerry Packer, Jack Nicklaus completely redesigned the course in 1976 to what is now its current championship livery. It has since hosted the Australian Open in 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2019. The Club is again scheduled to host the Australian Open in 2023.



Wednesday 15th March - Private Harbour Cruise

The Motor Yacht JBW

12.15 pm - Guided walk to Circular Quay

12.30 pm - Harbour Cruise

3.30 pm - Walk to Shangri-La hotel

Dress - Casual with comfortable shoes

Sydney Harbour Cruise

What is a trip to Sydney without a Harbour Cruise. Today's private cruise will depart from Circular Quay at midday and you will enjoy lunch and drinks on board the MV JBW during your 3 hour cruise of the harbour. Your hosts will meet you in the hotel lobby at midday before leading you on a 15 minute stroll down the hill to Circular Quay.

The boat will return to Circular Quay at around 3.30 pm. You can return to the hotel or you might choose to wander around the Rocks area the site of some of Sydney's earliest settlements.

Considered by many as the gem of Sydney Harbour, MV JBW is a perfect Sydney Harbour Cruise Boat. This 70 foot marvel is adorned in mahogany panelled interior wood works, carefully crafted fittings and elegance beyond measure. This ship is a harmonious blend of traditional and modern, mixing old craftsmanship with modern equipment, bringing about an atmosphere that is expansive, luxurious and cozy. Multi-level elegance is a hallmark for this vessel. Top level is an al fresco dining area. Mid level is humble yet loud, cushioned seats, lavish interiors, modern facilities and handiwork beyond compare is what will surprise you upon entering.



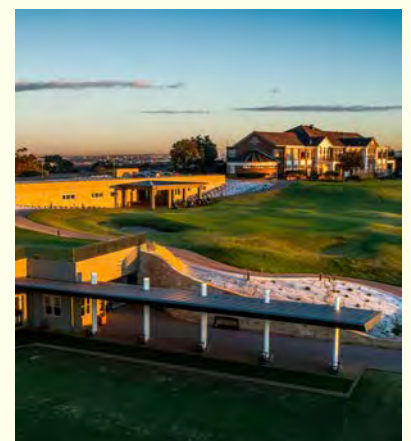
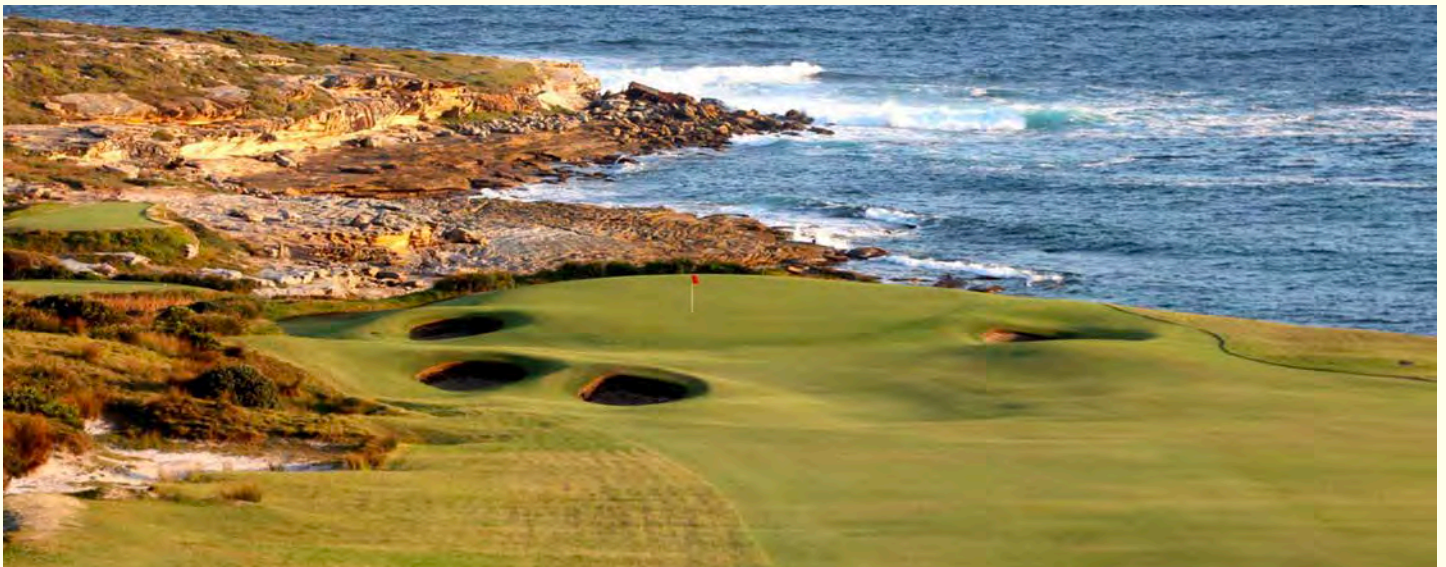
Evening: Free

Thursday 16th March - New South Wales Golf Club



- 11.00 am - Coach transfer to NSW Golf Club
- 12.30 pm - Lunch
- 1.30 pm - Golf - USSGA/SGSA Trophy - Final round.
- 7.00 pm - Dinner Jacket, no tie. Equivalent for ladies
- 9.30 pm - Coach return to Shangri-la

New South Wales (NSW) is one of the most spectacular courses in Australia and it's one of the toughest tests of golf in the country. If you have been fortunate (or should we say unfortunate) to try and play NSW in any sort of wind, you will certainly know what we mean. It has lost some of its undergrowth with the bushfires that went through the area a few years ago but the panoramic views that have resulted will leave you spellbound. Initially Dr Alister MacKenzie designed New South Wales in 1926. MacKenzie was responsible for probably the most famed cliff-top ocean course in all of world golf – Cypress Point in the USA – two years after he created the layout here at La Perouse. The NSW course overlooks Botany Bay, where Captain James Cook first sailed in to Australia in 1770. The course was built some 150 years later with the assistance of another famous architect, Eric Apperly, who was largely responsible for the bunkering and ensuring that MacKenzie's vision became a reality. The tough par three 2nd soon gives you a flavour for the stern test of golf ahead. Each of the four par threes are set in different directions, which means that you will be tested by the wind that will hit you from all directions – just like the great links courses in the British Isles. Whilst not a pure links course, NSW's rugged terrain combined with lightning fast greens demand the very best from a golfer both physically and mentally.



Friday 17th March - Royal Sydney Golf Club



- 11.00 am - Coach transfer to Royal Sydney Golf Club
- 12.00 pm - Lunch - Golf attire
- 1.00 pm - Golf. Multi-tee start
- 6.00 pm - After golf drinks and change for dinner
- Dress - Jacket and Seniors Tie for men. Equivalent for ladies
- 6.45 pm - Coach departs for Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron
- 7.30 pm - Drinks on Terrace followed by Farewell Dinner
- 10.30 pm - Coach return to Shangri-La

Your final formal day of the tour and a busy one it will be! Golf at Royal Sydney Golf Club and Farewell Dinner at Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron. Two of Sydney's icons.

At the end of your golf round there will be time for a drink in the bar but you will need to be changed into evening wear, the bus loaded, and on your way to the Squadron by 6.45 pm. Golf clothes and clubs can be left on the bus

Royal Sydney Golf Club

Royal Sydney features two superb golf courses: the Championship Course and the Centenary Course. Facilities includes the 18 and 9 hole courses, two golf practice areas, an indoor golf studio, 18 tennis courts, two bowling greens, two croquet lawns, two squash courts, a Fitness Centre as well as an elegant Clubhouse.

The Centenary Course was designed to utilise every golf club in the bag for the competent golfer. The undulating terrain features tight fairways and small contoured greens. Water comes into play on six of the nine holes, presenting a challenge to the golfer.

The Championship Course is an 'old-fashioned course with undulating fairways that are heavily bunkered; it is a tough test of golf, especially in any wind. There are no gimmicks, tricks, chasms of watery caverns.

The Club has recently received approval to proceed with a major renovation of the main course. Work is expected to commence in 2024

Both the Men's and the Women's Australian Opens, PGA and Amateur Championships have been hosted at the The Royal Sydney.

Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron

Founded in 1863 the Squadron moved to its current location in Kirribilli in 1902. Kirribilli is on the traditional land of the Cammeraygal people. The aboriginal meaning of Kirribilli is "Good fishing Spot". Kirribilli House, the secondary official residence of the Prime Minister of Australia is located 500 metres around the point from RSYS.

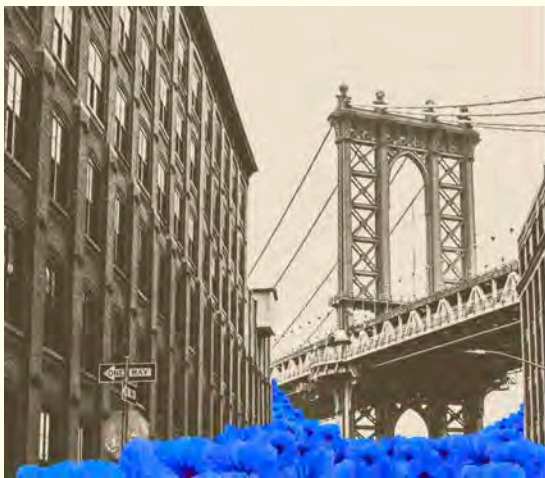


Saturday 18 March to Tuesday 21st March - Shangri-La Sydney

Your rooms at the Shangri-La are booked through Monday 20th March and you will check out Tuesday morning with all but one couple proceeding to Tasmania to play the Bass Strait Triangle. The same coach service you have used through the week has been organised to transfer you to Bankstown airport for your flight to Tasmania

Sydney is yours to enjoy for the next 3 days. Your hosts are certain to have identified and recommended activities and destinations for you. The location of your hotel is ideal for exploring the Harbour shoreline, and the CBD. Public transport is within easy access. If you are looking to take in a show at the Opera House the performance of Rhapsody in Blue coincides with your weekend. Tickets are selling fast and it would be wise to book before you leave the USA.

<https://www.sydneysydneyoperahouse.com/events/whats-on.html?fromDate=2023-03-19&toDate=2023-03-19>



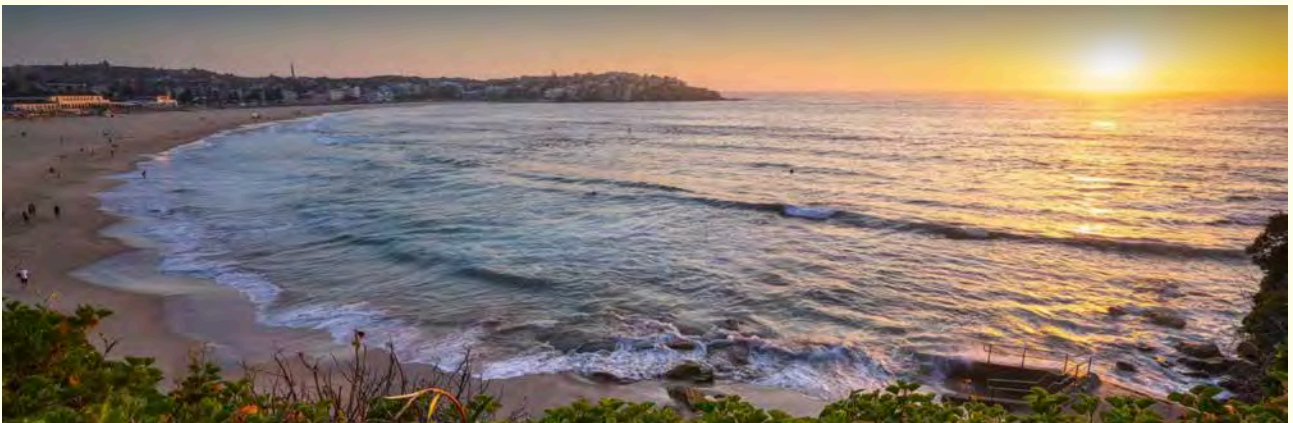
RHAPSODY IN BLUE

NEW YORK STORIES

Australian pianist Simon Tedeschi brings Gershwin's jazz-era masterpiece to life, while Bernstein's music from *West Side Story* paints a different picture of New York.

Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House	
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Sat 18 March, 2023, 7:00pm <small>Only 5 Seats</small>	<input type="button" value="BOOK"/>
Sun 19 March, 2023, 2:00pm <small>Tickets Selling Fast</small>	<input type="button" value="BOOK"/>

Venue
Concert Hall, Sydney Opera House



Bondi Beach



Sydney Opera House

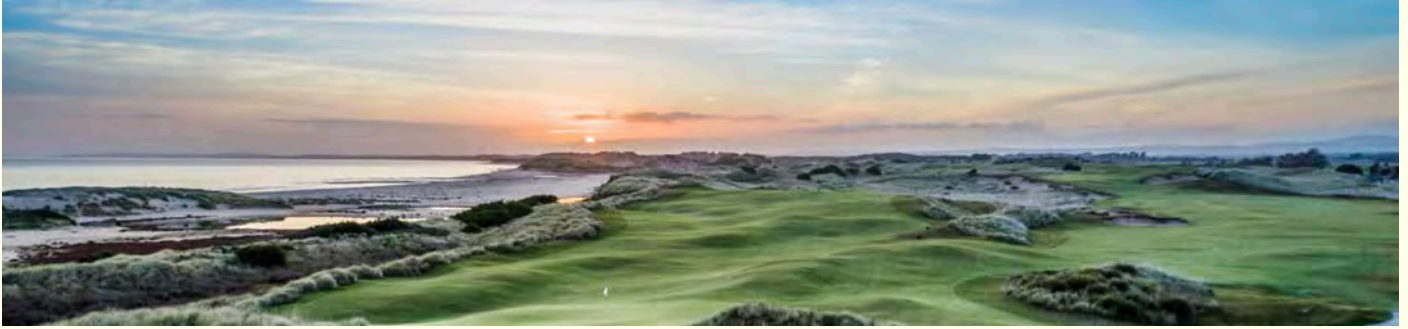


Sydney Harbour Bridge

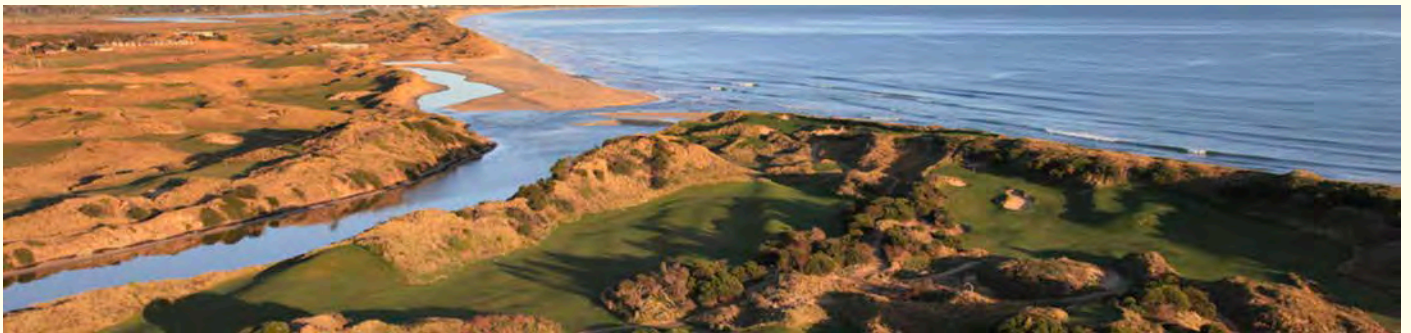
Tuesday 21st March Fly King Island - Barnbougle

6.30 am - Load coach for transfer to Bankstown Airport

7.00 am - Coach departs



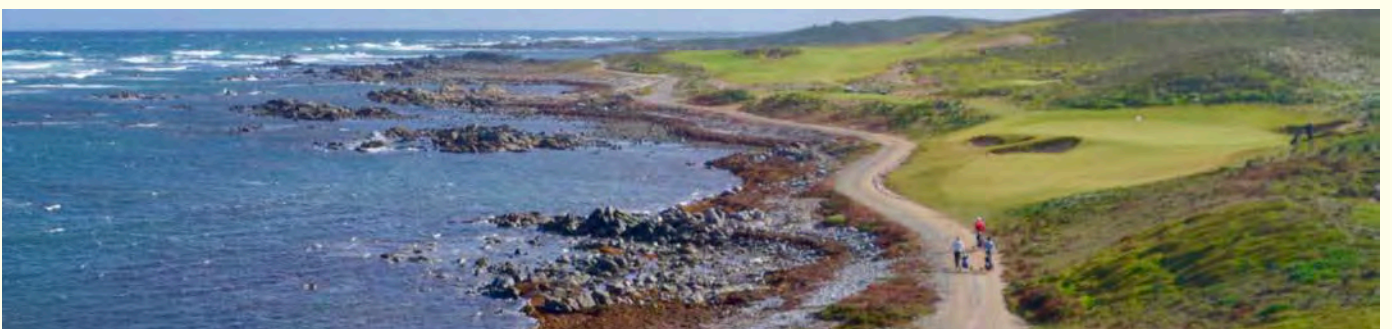
Barnbougle Dunes



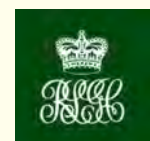
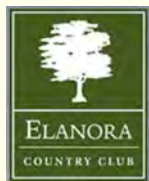
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