

Personal Itinerary prepared for MORTONS WINE FLIGHT: AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND 2016





Dear Steve and Sharon,

On behalf of the team it is our sincere pleasure to present your travel documents for our International Morton's Wine Flight to Australia and New Zealand.

There's no denying it - Australian and New Zealand wines are popular. They exported more than \$3 billion worth of wine to the world. As you will soon discover on our rounds their winemakers have been blending 'old world' specialties with 'new world' techniques to produce exceptional flavorful wine.

We kick things off with a private dinner on the evening of September 6th in Melbourne before starting our journey to the Yarra Valley on the morning of the 7th September. We have chosen the Langham Hotel overlooking the banks of the Yarra River, for our accommodations In Melbourne. Airport to hotel transfers have been arranged to coincide with your respective arrival times.

Enjoy Melbourne at your leisure in and around the city. We will meet in the lobby of the Hotel at 530pm to enjoy our dinner at Bellota with host Kate McIntyre and wines from Moorooduc Estate in the Mornington Peninsula Your itinerary detailing each day's winery and other side excursions will be included in your travel pack.

What to Pack? It really is casual all the way in Australia and New Zealand. City restaurants we suggest smart casual. Wineries in the valleys are akin to "Napa casual" attire. September is cooler so for the ladies don't forget to pack sweaters or a shawl to keep the chill at bay. For men a light jacket, and/or sweater will be a good addition. The weather in Australia will be in the mid 60's range dropping to the upper 40's in the evenings, so again bring a wrap, sweater or coat for the evenings.

We have planned a fairly intensive wine tour (one or two a day) peppered with optional side excursions and free time. You will taste between 90-120 wines on the trip so spitting when tasting is not frowned upon. Drink a lot of water and pace yourself.

I, Tammy and the travel team look forward to creating an enjoyable experience for you both. My cell phone is 561-703-7307 if you need to reach me for anything.

Sincerely,

Tylor Field, III

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About your Australia & New Zealand Wine Flight

AUSTRALIA

While there are more than sixty distinct wine regions around Australia there are six key areas that continuously produce the best of the best. We are visiting three of these. Over the 9 full days we plan to experience wines from 17 wineries either on property or at restaurants convenient to our proximity to the wineries. Our three main stops will include:

Yarra Valley

The Yarra Valley is Victoria's oldest wine growing area with the first vines being planted in 1837. Internationally recognized as one of the world's best wine producing regions, the Yarra Valley is a thriving tourist hub and home to more than forty cellar doors. The diverse soils and cool climate means that a wide variety of grapes across many different styles can thrive here.

While the region produces many standout wines, the **Chardonnay**, **Pinot Noir** and **sparkling wine** produced here provides a benchmark for Australia and the rest of the world.

McLaren Vale

Just 35km south of Adelaide, McLaren Vale is nestled between the ocean and the Sellicks Hill Range. Another one of Australia's exceptional maritime regions, McLaren Vale's most outstanding export is **Shiraz**. Full of explosive berry, spice and licorice flavors McLaren Vale Shiraz is densely colored, full bodied and a firm favorite of many wine lovers.

Other varietals that do extremely well in McLaren Vale are **Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Grenache**, **Chardonnay** and **Sauvignon Blanc**.

Barossa Valley

Arguably Australia's most famous wine region, the Barossa is home to more than 150 wineries and 755 grape growers. History and tradition play an integral role in the winemaking industry here which has been nurtured and developed for the last century and a half.

The most famous of all Barossa Valley wines is **Shiraz**. Full-bodied, fruity and rich, Barossa Valley Shiraz has soft tannins which make it a favorite among wine lovers. The Barossa also produces stunning examples of **Riesling**, **Semillon** and **Cabernet Sauvignon**.

NEW ZEALAND

Over the three full days we will be covering Auckland on North Island and Marlborough on South Island experiencing wines from 5 wineries either on property or at restaurants convenient to where we are staying.

New Zealand red wines are typically made from a **blend of varietals** (**Cabernet Sauvignon**, **Merlot**, and much less often Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Malbec), or Pinot noir.

New Zealand's rise on the international wine scene was predicated on a single grape variety from a single region: **Sauvignon Blanc** from Marlborough. The first plantings are scarcely 30 years old, but they have defined an entire country's wine image. That list is now expanded to include stalwarts like **Chardonnay**, **Gewürztraminer**, **Pinot Gris** and **Riesling**.



Overview of Hotel, Wineries, Hosted Wines and Excursions by City/Region and Dates;

Experiencing 17 winery visits, 25 total lunches and dinners and daily breakfast, as you journey through some of Australia and New Zealand's finest wine growing regions, and certainly the most beautiful. We include winery excursions as well as optional wildlife and cultural excursions to round off an immersive experience we trust you will enjoy and return home with fond memories.

Accommodation as follows: Melbourne (2 nights), Yarra Valley (3 nights), Adelaide (3 nights), Barossa Valley (2 nights), Sydney (2 nights) | Auckland (2 nights), Marlborough (2 nights).

AUSTRALIA

Hotel in Melbourne

September 6th - 7th

Langham Hotel, 1 Southgate Avenue, Southbank, Melbourne Victoria.

Dinner on 6th at Bellota Wine Bar & Restaurant ft. Moorooduc Estate wines with Kate McIntyre

Hotel in the Yarra Valley (Victoria)

September 7th - 10th

Balgownie Estate & Spa Hotel for 3 nights

Wineries in the Yarra Valley (Victoria)

September 7th, 8th, and 9th

Giant Steps Levantine Hill Winery Fowles Wine Tahbilk De Bortoli

Dinner at Quince (Healesville Hotel) ft. wines from local producers

Yarra Valley Excursion (Optional)

September 09th

A early morning private tour and animal interaction at Healesville Sanctuary to view Australia's most endangered animals.

Hotel in Adelaide

September 10th - 13th

Intercontinental Hotel for 3 nights

Wineries in McLaren Vale (Adelaide)

September 10th, 11th and 12th

Shaw & Smith Mollydooker Mitolo d'Arenberg Yangarra



Australia cont.../

Hotel in the Barossa Valley

September 13th - 15th

The Louise for 2 nights

Wineries in the Barossa Valley

September 13th and 14th

Torbreck Tait Wines Two Hands St. Hallet

Hotel in Sydney

September 15th – 17th

The Four Seasons for 2 nights

Wines in Sydney

September 15th Dinner

Dinner at Bridge Eleven (prev. Rockpool) ft. Brokenwood wines with iconic winemaker lain Riggs.

NEW ZEALAND

Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand

September 17th – 19th

Sofitel Viaduct Harbour Hotel for 2 nights.

Morning Excursion

September 18th Morning/Lunch

A Maori Heritage Experience. 3 hour excursion / or take some free time to explore Auckland. We will have some free time before our dinner departure at 4pm

ineries near Auckland, New Zealand (North Island)

September 18th Dinner

Kumeu River

Hotel in Marlborough, New Zealand (South Island)

September 19th – 21st

Chateau Marlborough for 2 nights

Wineries in Marlborough, New Zealand (South Island)

September 19th and 20th

Villa Maria Love Block Cloudy Bay



MORTON'S WINE FLIGHT AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND DAY TO DAY SUMMARY

	ARRIVE IN MELBOURNE All times sho					
Monday September 05						
	Enjoy your pre trip days and evenings in the city of Melbourne at your own leisure. Daily Breakfast in the exclusive Club Level Lounge Address: 1 Southgate Avenue Southbank, Melbourne					
Private Group Dinne	er in Melbourne					
Tuesday September 06						
	Restaurant Address: 181 Bank Street, South Melbourne	DRESS SMART CASUAL				
MELBOURNE TO	YARRA VALLEY					
Wednesday September 07	Enjoy breakfast at exclusive Club Level lounge, The Langham.	CHECK OUT DAY Check out of the Langham Hotel				
09:15am 09:30am						
11:00am	We arrive at GAINT STEPS for tour, tasting and lunch.					
2:00pm	After lunch we journey along the Melba Highway to our hotel, Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa to check in. <i>Travel Time 15 minutes</i> Enjoy some free time after check in to relax at the hotel.	Check in to the Balgownie Estate Vineyard & Spa				
4:20pm 4:30pm						
8:00pm						
Thursday September 08 08:20am 0830am	07:00am: Enjoy breakfast at Rae's Restaurant located in the hotel. Group to assemble in hotel's lobby area. Depart The Balgownie Hotel by luxury coach for FOWLES FAMILY Vineyards . The excursion includes coffee stop at the Cellar Door, brief drive through Upton Road Vineyard, harvesting herbs and vegetables for lunch, clay pigeon shooting with Olympic Gold medalist Russell Mark. Tasting "Farm to Table" wines. Followed by a lunch complemented by "Ladies who shoot their lunch" wines.	FULL DAY OUTING All day Winery visits and excursions Take warm clothing for evening				
4:45pm 8:30pm	We journey on to TAHBILK WINERY for tasting and dinner. Drive Time 27 minutes Return to Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort& Spa Drive Time 1 hour 35 minutes Overnight stay at Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa	DRESS CASUAL				
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YARRA VALLEY	cont./	
Friday September 09	07:00am: Enjoy breakfast at Rae's Restaurant located in the hotel.	
08:30am	Group members who opted in for the Sanctuary excursion: Assemble in hotel's lobby area. Depart The Balgownie Estate Hotel for Healesville Sanctuary to interact with some of Australia's iconic animals. Drive Time 23 minutes each way. Private excursion duration: 1 hour.	Australia's Iconic and endangered Wildlife Private Excursion with game rangers and an interactive experience.
11: 00 am	Group members who opted out of the Sanctuary excursion: Luxury Bus will collect you outside from hotel to join group All depart for DE BORTOLI WINES for barrel tasting and lunch. Leanne De Bortoli will be welcoming us. Drive Time: 6 minutes	Tastings and Lunch
2:30pm	Return to Balgownie Hotel to relax and freshen up before dinner.	2 hours Free time
4:30pm 4:40pm	Assemble in hotel's lobby area. Depart The Balgownie Estate Hotel for QUINCE at the Healesville Hotel for dinner pairing from local producers. Drive Time 15 minutes	DRESS CASUAL
8:00pm	Return to hotel for overnight stay at Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa	
YARRA VALLEY 1	O ADELAIDE (MCLAREN VALE)	
Saturday		CHECK OUT DAY

Saturday September 10	7:00am: Enjoy breakfast at Rae's Restaurant.	CHECK OUT DAY Check out of the
08:15am	Group meets in Hotel lobby with luggage Depart the Balgownie Hotel for Melbourne Airport	Balgownie Estate Vineyard Resort & Spa.
11:40am 12:30am	Drive Time: 1 hour 10 minutes Check in and/or proceed through security Depart Melbourne Airport on Qantas #6830 for Adelaide Arrive at Adelaide Airport. Collect checked baggage and board luxury coach for Shaw + Smith Winery.	FLYING DAY
2:00pm 4:00pm	Arrival at SHAW + SMITH WINES for lunch tour and tasting. Drive Time 48 minutes Depart for Intercontinental Hotel in Adelaide for check in. Drive Time: 46 minutes	
7:00pm	Assemble in hotel's lobby area for casual fun dinner at MotherVine in the city Drive Time: 5 minutes Walk Time: 20 minutes Address: Mother Vine, 22-26 Vardon Avenue, Adelaide SA 5000 Transport will be provided. Walking option – please inform us if you are meeting us at the restaurant.	Casual, fun dinner in the city of Adelaide. DRESS CASUAL
9:30pm	Return to hotel for overnight stay at the Intercontinental Hotel.	



ADELAIDE (MCL	AREN VALE) cont/				
Sunday September 11	From 6:30am: Enjoy breakfast at Riverside Restaurant.	FULL DAY OUTING			
	Enjoy some free time this morning.	Bring along warm layers for cooler weather later in the			
11:30am	Group meets in Hotel lobby. Depart Intercontinental Hotel for McLaren Vale wine region - home to sustainable winegrowing, world-class wines and culinary experiences. South Australia's viticultural origins began in McLaren Vale and their region's Mediterranean climate continues to drive the region's wine style and diverse food culture. Drive Time 45 minutes				
12:30pm	Arrival at MOLLYDOOKER WINES for tour, lunch and wine tasting.	Fun Fact: Mollydooker is Aussie slang for a lefthander.			
4:30pm	Journey 15 minutes south to Victory Hotel to enjoy sea views and dinner with wines by MITOLO WINES . Drive Time: 15 minutes	DRESS CASUAL			
8:00pm	Return to hotel for overnight stay at the Intercontinental Hotel. Drive Time: 50 minutes				
Monday September 12	From 6:30am: Enjoy breakfast at Riverside Restaurant.	FULL DAY OUTING Bring along warm			
0945am	Group meets in Hotel lobby. Depart Intercontinental Hotel for McLaren Vale wine region. Drive time 50 minutes				
11:00am	11:00am Arrival at d'ARENBERG for tour, lunch and wine tasting.				
2:30pm	DRESS: CASUAL				
8:00pm	Return to hotel for overnight stay at the Intercontinental Hotel. Drive Time: 50 minutes				
Tuesday	From 6:30am: Enjoy breakfast at Riverside Restaurant.	CUTOK OUT DAY			
September 13 09:20am 09:40am	Group meets in Intercontinental Hotel lobby with luggage Depart Intercontinental Hotel for the Barossa Valley Drive Time: 1 hour into the valley Arrival at TORBRECK WINES for tour, lunch and wine tasting.	CHECK OUT DAY Check out of the Intercontinental Hotel. Welcome to the			
11:00am	Depart for The Louise Hotel to check in. Drive Time: 2 minutes	Barossa Valley			
2:00pm	Free Time to relax at the hotel and freshen up before dinner.	2 hours of Franchisco			
4:30pm	Group departs for TAIT WINES for casual dinner Drive Time: 20 minutes	2 hours of Free time DRESS: CASUAL			
4.30pm	Return to hotel for overnight stay at The Louise Hotel.				
8:00pm					



BAROSSA VALLEY cont/ AND SYDNEY					
Wednesday September 14	Enjoy in-room breakfast served in your suite.	LAST DAY IN THE			
10:45am	Group meets and departs for our first winery of the day. Drive Time: 5 minutes	BAROSSA VALLEY			
11:00am	Arrival at TWO HANDS WINES for tour, lunch and tasting from their Garden, Single Vineyard, Flagship Series and Twelftree wines.				
2:00pm	Return to The Louise Hotel for free time and freshen up before final dinner in the Barossa. Drive Time: 5 minutes				
3:30pm	Group meets and departs for ST. HALLETT . Our experience here will include a site tour, vertical and barrel tasting and 3 course dinner at their cellar door Wines: Eden Valley Riesling, Faith Shiraz, Old Vine Grenache and Old Block 6L Drive Time: 13 minutes	DRESS: CASUAL			
9:00pm	Return to hotel for overnight stay at The Louise.				
Thursday	Enjoy in-room breakfast served in your suite.	CHECK OUT DAY			
September 15 08:45am					
09:00am	09:00am Depart The Louise for Adelaide Airport Drive time 1 hour 15 minutes				
	Check in for Qantas Flight #7520				
12:25pm	12:25pm Scheduled departure to Sydney				
2:45pm	2:45pm Arrival at Sydney. Retrieve check bags and board coach (Australia Wide) to your hotel. Travel Time 40 minutes				
	Check-in to the FOUR SEASON HOTEL in Sydney				
	Free time to relax and freshen up for dinner.				
6:45pm	Group meets in Hotel lobby before setting out to dinner venue.				
6:50pm for 7pm reservations	7pm Igin Rigas will be personally attending our dinner to present his wines.				
	Return to hotel for overnight stay at The Four Seasons				
Friday September 16	From 6:30am: Enjoy breakfast at Pei Modern Restaurant at The Four Seasons.				
	FREE DAY and FREE EVENING for all to take in the sights and sounds of Sydney	Own Arrangements			
	Overnight stay at The Four Seasons				



	NEW ZEALAND			
Saturday September 17	From 6:30am: Enjoy breakfast at Pei Modern Restaurant at The Four Seasons.	CHECK OUT DAY Check out of The Four		
08:30am 08:45am	Group meet in the Four Seasons Sydney Hotel with luggage Depart The Four Seasons for Sydney Airport Travel time 40-60 minutes Check in for Qantas Flight #145	Seasons Sydney FLYING DAY		
12:30pm 5:35pm	12:30pm Scheduled departure to Auckland			
	Check-in to the SOFITEL VIADUCT HARBOUR HOTEL in Auckland Freshen up for dinner.			
Dinner reservations: 7:30pm	Dinner has been arranged in THE CELLAR private dining venue located inside the hotel. Wines presented by WITHER HILLS from Wairau Valley.	DRESS: SMART CASUAL		
	Overnight stay at the Sofitel Viaduct Harbour Hotel.			
Sunday September 18	Open from 6:30am, enjoy full breakfast at the Lava Restaurant.			
08:45am	Group meets in Hotel lobby for a sightseeing and cultural tour.	AUCKLAND		
09:00am	09:00am Depart The Sofitel Hotel for a morning of scenic and cultural touring. Excursion time Approximately 3 hours			
	Return to the Sofitel to relax and to freshen up before dinner. Free time to enjoy the hotel or nearby north wharf within walking distance.			
4:00pm	Group to meet in hotel lobby and depart for evening winery and dinner. Travel Time 35 minutes			
5:00pm	Dinner and wines enjoyed at KUMEU RIVER WINES with Paul Brajkovich - the best chardonnays in New Zealand according to Michael Cooper (Buyers Guide to NZ) and Harvey Steiman (Wine Spectator)			
8:00pm	Return for overnight stay at The Sofitel Auckland Viaduct Harbour Hotel Travel Time 35 minutes	DRESS: CASUAL		
AUCKLAND TO MA	ARLBOROUGH (BLENHEIM SOUTH ISLAND)			
September 19 05:30am 05:45am	Breakfast to go can be arranged on request. Group meet in the Sofitel Hotel lobby with luggage Depart The Sofitel for Auckland Airport Travel time 35 minutes	CHECK OUT DAY Check out of The Sofitel Auckland		
	6:20am Check in for Air New Zealand Flight #5819 08:00am Scheduled departure to Blenheim Airport (Marlborough) 09:25am Arrival at Blenheim. Retrieve check bags and board coach (Richies) to Picton for a boat cruise and lunch around the Marlborough Sounds - VILLA MARIA WINES.	FLYING DAY BOATING AND WINERY Bring along warm layers for cooler weather later in the day		
	We have arranged a full day that includes cruising the Marlborough Sounds onboard mv Odyssea, savoring Villa Maria wines with lunch and dinner at various locations prepared by Villa Maria's very own Chef J Mary. Check in at Chateau Marlborough in the afternoon. Overnight at CHATEAU MARLBOROUGH			



New Zealand Co	ont/	
Tuesday September 20	Open from 7:00am, enjoy full breakfast at Quench Restaurant.	
11:30am	Group meets in Hotel lobby.	
11:40am	Depart Chateau Marlborough	
12:00pm	We join Erica Crawford from LOVEBLOCK WINES for a lunch at Arbour Restaurant featuring their delectable award winning wines. Travel Time 10 minutes	
2:45pm	We journey on to CLOUDY BAY to enjoy a tour of their vineyard and wine tasting. Travel Time 5 minutes	Please bring; - Jacket - Clothes to layer flat heeled shoes
6:00pm	Return to Chateau Marlborough to freshen up before dinner. Travel Time 10 minutes	(vineyard and cellar tours)
7:00pm	Group to meet in hotel lobby and depart for evening dinner at Cloudy Bay Treehouse hosted by Senior Winemaker Tim Heath and Winemaker Victor Joyeux. Travel Time 10 minutes	
10:30pm	Return for overnight stay at Chateau Marlborough Hotel	
Wednesday September 21	Open from 7:00am, enjoy full breakfast at Quench Restaurant.	CHECK OUT DAY Check out of the Chateau Marlborough
07:30am	Group on the Air New Zealand flights departing at 09:25 and 09:50 am to meet in lobby with luggage	FLYING DAY
07:40am	Depart for Blenheim Airport Travel Time 10 minutes	
08:00am 09:25am 12:45pm	Check in for Air New Zealand Flight #8028 via Wellington to Qeenstown Scheduled departure to Queenstown via Wellington (change of aircraft) Scheduled Arrival at Queenstown Airport for seperate post trip. [Refer seperate itinerary for post trip details] *flights shown subject to change by AA – please check updated schedules.	
	WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND SIE ASSAUTE HOUT HOLE	
	WE WISH YOU A SAFE AND PLEASANT FLIGHT HOME	



WEATHER FORECASTS:

MELBOURNE	YARRA VALLEY	YARRA VALLEY	YARRA VALLEY	ADELAIDE	ADELAIDE
06 September	07 September	08 September	09 September	10 September	11 September
Partly sunny 59° Lo 44°	Partly sunny 56° Lo 35°	Partly sunny 58° Lo 34°	Mostly sunny 59° Lo 33°	Partly sunny 69° Lo 44°	Mostly sunny 64° Lo 49°
ADELAIDE	BAROSSA	BAROSSA	SYDNEY	SYDNEY	AUCKLAND
12 September	13 September	14 September	15 September	16 September	17 September
Clouds & sun 69° Lo 43°	Mostly sunny 70° Lo 40°	Partly sunny 66° Lo 45°	Plenty of sun 68° Lo 51°	Sunny all day 72° Lo 52°	Some rain 61° Lo 50° (Travel day)
AUCKLAND	MARLBOROUGH	MARLBOROUGH	AUCKLAND		
18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September		
Most sunny 62° Lo 51°	Partly sunny 62° Lo 49° Boating Day	Sunny 63° Lo 54°	Partial Sun 63° Lo 53°		

Source: Accuweather.com (intended as a temperature guide - subject to change at any time)

What to know before You Go

VISA (ETA Required)

U.S. passport holders traveling to Australia for tourism for less than 90 days **require** an **Electronic Travel Authority (ETA)**.

No VISA required for New Zealand for US passport holders.

Entering Australia

PASSPORT – A valid passport with a validity period of at least 6 months from your return date. DUTY FREE CONCESSIONS – Restrictions apply, click <u>HERE</u> for full advisory

Weather

Australia experiences temperate weather for most of the year but the climate can vary due to the size of the continent. Australia's seasons are opposite to the USA. It will be Spring in September. As a general rule, pack lighter clothing for the day and some warm layered clothing for the cool evenings.

Melbourne and Yarra Valley – Lows of 46°F Highs of 63°F

Adelaide, McLaren Vale and Barossa Valley – Lows of 49°F Highs of 66°F

Sydney -- Lows of 53°F Highs of 73°F

Dress wear

It really is casual all the way in Australia and New Zealand. We are planning a welcome dinner at a private venue in Melbourne and farewell dinner at a restaurant in Sydney where smart casual would be suggested. Most lunches and dinners planned are at wineries with a handful at restaurants in the wine country so casual clothing with comfortable shoes is recommended. As a general rule, pack lighter clothing for the day and some warm layered clothing for the cool evenings. Pack a light raincoat and travel umbrella especially for Melbourne it tends to rain there often. Laundry service is available at every hotel stop along the way.

Money

Australia's currency is Australian Dollars (AUD) and currency exchange is available at banks,



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hotels and international airports. The most commonly accepted credit cards are American Express, Bankcard, and Diners Club, MasterCard, Visa, JCB and their affiliates.

Goods and Services Tax

Australia has a Goods and Services Tax (GST) of 10 per cent. You may be able to claim a refund of the GST paid on goods bought here if you have spent AUD\$300 or more in one store, no more than 30 days before departing Australia. Tourist Refund Scheme facilities are located in the departure area of international terminals. For more detailed information see Australian government information on the Tourist Refund Scheme.

Shopping

You'll find large department stores, arcades, malls, and gift and souvenir shops across Australia. Trading hours vary across the country but shops in tourist and city areas are generally open until 6pm. In Australia you are covered by Australia's consumer protection laws which require businesses to treat you fairly. For those spending pre trip day/s in Melbourne be sure to visit Queen Victoria Markets and/or the Laneways. In Sydney explore the city's colorful convict history in <a href="https://doi.org/10.100/journal.

Tipping and bargaining

Hotels and restaurants do not add service charges to your bill. In up market restaurants, it is usual to tip waiters up to ten per cent of the bill for good service. However, tipping is always your choice. It is not custom to bargain in Australia.

Health Requirements

Please consult your physician before you travel to Australia and/or New Zealand for advice on health precautions. For full recommendations visit Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website.

Anyone who has any special medication should take enough supplies to last the visit. (bring Doctor's prescription).

Cell Phone Use

Cell Phones – if you are bringing a cell phone check that you're on an international roaming plan and your network includes Australia. Local phone rentals can be purchased as well. Calling from Australia – You dial 0011, followed by the US code, area code of the city and the number of the person you wish to call.

Luggage Allowance

As you will be traveling on aircraft within Australia a different set of weight restrictions apply as follows:

• One piece checked baggage maximum of 44 lbs plus one small item of hand luggage, per person. Soft sided baggage recommended (no hard shell)

Hotel Check In Times

In accordance with global practice most hotel and lodge check-in/out times are as follows:

Check-in: 14h00
 Check-out: 10h00

Electricity

The electric current used in Australia is 240 volts AC, 50 hertz. Sockets take two or three flat, not rounded, prongs. North Americans and Europeans will need to buy a converter before they leave home



Introduction to Australia

In terms of land area, Australia is approximated to be about 7,692,024 sq.km and is the 6th largest nation in the world after Brazil, Canada, China, The USA and Russia. However, population wise, the country has a relatively smaller population than most of these nations. The interesting thing about Australia is that it is the only nation that governs an entire continent and a couple of outlying islands.

Australia is a nation of many contrasts. For instance, mainland Australia is not only the largest island but it also is the smallest and flattest continent on the planet. It lies between 10 degrees and 39 degrees south latitude, and its highest point is Mount Kosciuszko, which is only about 2,220 meters high. The continent is the driest occupied landmass on the earth. The mainland's interior experiences some of the driest weather and has the lowest rainfall measurements with about half of its land being arid or semi-arid.

However, the fertile parts of the nation are effectively utilized and well-watered; making Australia food source for the world despite the dry weather. Cattle and sheep are grazed in the drier parts of the country; however, care needs to be taken as some of the grazing lands became deserts when cycles in Australia turned into drought. Apart from the great Outback, other great places to explore when in Australia is its coasts. The nation has been forced to become more of a coastal country because of the harsh interior conditions. The interesting thing is that most of the nation's population lives within 20 kilometers of the ocean. While the hot and arid conditions are quite harsh for those inland, they are quite welcome to those along the coastal region

Residents and citizens of Australia are known as Australians, and there were about 23,130, 900 people living in the nation as of 2013. Now, the interesting thing about the nation, however, is that about one out of every four Australian was born in another country, or either one or both of their parents was born overseas. Only 2% of the population is made up by indigenous citizens and these are the Torres Strait Islanders and the Aboriginals. Australia's capital is Canberra. Sydney is the largest city in the country.

Economy wise, Australia is amongst the wealthiest nations in the world despite its sharp contrasts. It uses the Australian Dollar, denoted as AUS and its economy is the 12th largest in the world. In 2014, the nation had the 5th highest per capita income in the world. It also has the 2nd highest human development indexes in the world and ranks highly in different aspects of health, economic freedom, life, and the protection of political rights and civil liberties.











Introduction to New Zealand

New Zealand is an island country located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean comprising two main landmasses (the North Island and the South Island) and numerous smaller islands. The geography of New Zealand is highly varied, from snowcapped mountains to lowland plains. The total area of New Zealand is 268,680 km ² (+ / - the size of Italy).

It is also known as "the land of the long white cloud" or "Aotearoa" in Maori.

The government system is a parliamentary democracy and a Commonwealth realm; the chief of state is the queen of the United Kingdom, and the head of government is the prime minister. New Zealand has a free market economy in which the prices of goods and services are determined in a free price system

The North Island contains active volcanoes and has significant geothermal activity. Its highest point, Mount Ruapehu (2,797 m), is also an active volcano. This part of the country is heavily influenced by Maori culture. The island offers diverse landscapes from white or black sand beaches in the north to magnificent snow-capped mountains in the center of the island.

South Island is the largest, with the Southern Alps almost running its entire length. The highest point of the Alps is Mount Cook at 3,754 meters

Maori art, traditional songs and dances became popular again in the late 20th century, particularly the "Kapa Haka" (singing and dancing), woodcuts and weaving. Maori **tattoos** (ta moko) are a tradition still in existence today and are admired around the world because of their appearance and symbolic significance.

Sports are very important in New Zealand. The national sport is rugby thanks to the famous "All Blacks" who represent the pride of the country. The "Haka", originally a traditional **Maori** war dance, is performed with great conviction by the players before each **All Blacks** game.

Rugby is not the only sport played here, other popular sports are cricket, football, rugby league, netball, skiing, snowboarding, water sports, ... and of course bungee jumping, which has given New Zealand a name for extreme sports.



Auckland









Wines & Wineries on your Itinerary

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MOOROODUC ESTATE

Moorooduc Estate offers some of the finest of Mornington Peninsula wines.

Established in 1982 by Richard and Jill McIntyre, Moorooduc Estate is a small, family run wine business that has developed an enviable reputation for complex and food friendly wines.

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GIANT STEPS

YARRA VALLEY

Giant Steps is a privately owned, estate based, Yarra Valley grower and winemaker. Giant Steps has forged a reputation for delivering some of Australia's most consistent, over-performing, varietal wines.

These wines have received global acclaim and established a strong reputation in restaurants and fine wine stores around the world.

YARRA VALLEY | Tour, Tasting & Lunch | Sept 07



LEVANTINE HILL

A magnificent vineyard estate in the Yarra Valley, taking its name from the Levant, the blessed, ancient biblical lands.

Rising from the shores of the Yarra River at 75 meters and peaking at 225 meters above sea level, Levantine Hill vines thrive in looking out over steep clay loam slopes, at similar elevations to the Grand Cru vineyards of Chablis, France.

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fowles wine

Fowles Wine is family owned and the first Victorian winery to win the Great Australian Shiraz Challenge trophy for Australia's Best Shiraz.

Our vineyards and winery are located in the dramatic granite landscape of the Strathbogie Ranges wine region, Victoria, Australia. Our Cellar Door, awarded 'Hall of Fame' status by the Victorian Tourism Awards. Fowles Wine is led by Matt Fowles, with Winemaker Victor Nash heading up our winemaking team.

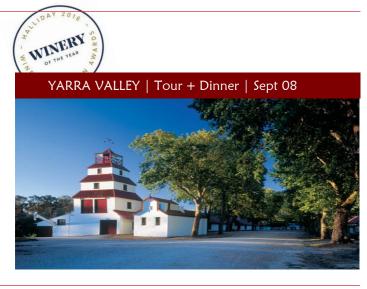


TAHBILK

Established in 1860 Tahbilk is one of Australia's most beautiful and historic family owned wineries.

Purchased by the Purbrick family in 1925, the vineyard has some 200 hectares under vine which includes the rare French Rhone Valley whites of Marsanne, Viognier and Roussanne; and the Rhone reds - Shiraz, Grenache and Mourvedre.

Also planted are the traditional varieties Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay, Riesling, Semillon, Sauvignon Blanc and Verdelho





De Bortoli Wines bought this vineyard and winery in 1987, inheriting some of the oldest plantings in the Yarra Valley.

Since then the Yarra Valley Estate, managed by Leanne De Bortoli and her husband, De Bortoli Wines' chief winemaker Steve Webber, has grown to 240 hectares. Planted with a wide range of varieties including Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Sauvignon, Shiraz and Viognier many of our vineyards are now managed using healthy soil-focused biological farming.





HEALESVILLE HOTEL
Healesville · Yarra Valley

A delightful 4 course dinner is being being prepared showcasing some of the fantastic Yarra Valley produce, cooked over red gum coals on a wood-fire grill in the garden.

Wines will be available from an assortment of highly acclaimed Yarra wine producers.



SHAW+SMITH

Shaw + Smith began over a long lunch in 1989 when cousins Martin Shaw and Michael Hill Smith decided to realise a long held dream to make wine together. They specialise in Sauvignon Blanc, M3 Chardonnay, cool climate Shiraz and Pinot Noir. Adelaide Hills forms a narrow corridor 70 kilometres long and 30 kilometres wide.

The undulating topography offers a wide diversity of strikingly beautiful patchwork of vineyards, forests, beef and dairy farms, apple and pear orchards.

David Le Mire will be our host at the tasting room and has invited us to their restaurant in the city - MotherVine - for a fun casual dinner.





We are one of the few left handed husband and wife winemaking teams in the world, so when we started making our own wine in 2005 we named it Mollydooker, which is Aussie slang for a lefthander.

We live by our motto "We make wines that make people go WOW through attention to detail and commitment to excellence". This defines the work that we do on a daily basis to bring you wines of consistent quality year after year.



$M\ I\ T\ O\ L\ O$

The first wine we produced, the 2000 G.A.M. Shiraz was named after my children Gemma, Alex and Marco. Since then we have added another ten wines to the range each with its own distinct personality and story.

My Italian heritage runs strongly through the range: we use the Italian varietals Vermentino and Sangiovese; and we use the Italian appassimento technique of drying fruit to make our Jester Cabernet and Serpico wine. But perhaps most importantly of all, our wines are made to suit the Italian foods of my homeland.





One of the most significant wineries in McLaren Vale, d'Arenberg was established in 1912 when Joseph Osborn, a teetotaler and director of Thomas Hardy and Sons, sold his stable of prize winning horses to purchase the property that now houses the winery, cellar door and d'Arry's Verandah Restaurant.

Chester Osborn, fourth generation family member and Chief Winemaker, has forged a reputation for producing strikingly individual wines and melding tradition and innovation.





The Yangarra philosophy centres around producing wines solely from our single-vineyard estate, where our bush-vine Grenache is the keystone variety.

Yangarra Estate is devoted solely to producing wines from the best grape varieties of the southern Rhone. Since 2000 Winemaker, Peter Fraser has been the winemaker and driving force behind Yangarra Estate Vineyard.



TORBRECK

BAROSSA VALLEY

In July 2002 the historic Hillside property was acquired by Torbreck and is one of the original Barossa properties. Vast and picturesque it contains some magnificent old and ancient vineyards that will further our source of premium quality fruit.

A new winery and administration facility was completed in 2008 using the best available equipment and then bottled 'on the estate' using our own bottling line ensuring complete control of all aspects of production - a new benchmark of wine quality established in the Barossa Valley.





The inspiration behind Tait Wines was Giovanni Tait (1927-1997). Giovanni Tait migrated to Australia from Italy in 1957 to take up work as a cooper in the Barossa Valley. We are a family owned winery The Tait name has been involved in the wine industry for more than 100 years, and it was not until his sons grew older that his dream came to reality.

His vision for TAIT was to be a traditional winery using all the old winemaking methods to produce hand crafted wines. The family acknowledges their father's vision by dedicating the estate grown Cabernet Sauvignon in his honor. This wine reflects all of Giovanni's qualities of age, depth of character and full of life.





TWO HANDS WINES

1999- Two guys Michael Twelftree and Richard Mintz got talking at a friend's engagement party and the idea for 'Two Hands' was born. The original aim was, and still is, to make the best possible Shiraz-based wines from prized growing regions throughout Australia.

We strive to produce wines that reflect their origin. "Winemaking for me is a labour of love, a passion, and a craft. I have walked every vineyard, made every picking decision and tasted every individual barrel of each wine we've ever produced." Michael Twelftree





The St Hallett story is rich with booms and near busts, dreamy visionaries and loyal workhorses, ingenuity and tradition.

Throughout the 70 year odyssey there have been a few unerring constants: an absolute dedication to the Barossa; a love of Shiraz; and a promise to 'do it once, do it right'



BROKENWOOD

AUSTRALIAN CRAFT AT ITS FINEST

Established in 1970 Brokenwood Wines is one of Australia's most reputable premium wine labels. Consistently listed as a 5 star winery,

Brokenwood is home to the famous Graveyard Vineyard Shiraz, the highly acclaimed ILR Reserve Semillon, and the popular Cricket Pitch Range all of which Iain Riggs their Winemaker will present to us at our Bridge Eleven dinner.



ELEVEN BRIDGE



Located at the northeast tip of the South Island in Marlborough - a place of rugged natural beauty, with vineyards bordered by the ocean and the Wither Hills mountain ranges.

This is one winery we wont be getting to so we are bringing them to us for our first night in Auckland to complement the 3 course meal to be enjoyed in the underground "The Cellar" situated in the Sofitel Viaduct harbour.



KUMEU RIVER

Kumeu River, our story of how the Brajkovich family came to New Zealand; brought wine making knowledge with them from Croatia to their new adopted home; and went on to be a founding family of the New Zealand wine industry.

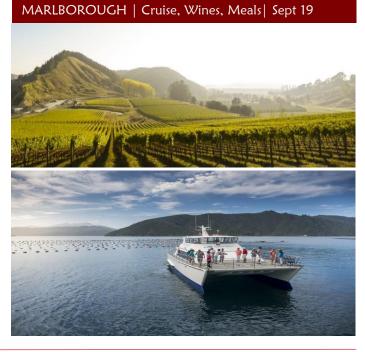
Today, the winery produces around 250,000 bottles annually from 30 hectares of its own vineyards in Kumeu, and another 10 hectares from local growers. The vineyard has gone on to become the globally recognised benchmark for non-Burgundy produced Chardonnay.





Villa Maria has been New Zealand's most awarded winery for over 30 years. Founded in its current owner and Managing Director, Sir George Fistonich, Villa Maria is 100% New Zealand and family owned.

In 1961, at just 21 years of age, George Fistonich leased five acres of land from his father in Mangere, Auckland and started off with just an acre of vines. He harvested his first grapes in 1962 and made his first wine under the name Villa Maria. George has spent five decades at the forefront of New Zealand's wine industry that he helped develop. As an icon of the New Zealand wine industry, we are known for bold and industry-changing initiatives.





Back in 2004, this was a wild piece of land, untamed and hidden from the world. Kim and Erica had both been working in the wine industry for most of their lives and wondered what they could do with this wildness: how would the unique terroir translate to flavours in wine?

"Here in New Zealand land is precious; the economy largely depends on agriculture. As grape growers and wine farmers, we are custodians of this land. We must take care of it, restore soil balance and fertility without commercial fertilisers and chemical protection. We have learnt that the rhythm of the land is immoveable, that we need to submit to it and respect it to get the best from it". Erica



CLOUDY BAY

Established in 1985, Cloudy Bay was one of the first five wine makers to venture into Marlborough. At the time, it was almost an unimaginable place to set-up a vineyard.

But Cloudy Bay's founder - David Hohnen - was convinced of its potential to produce great wine and invested in the best land of the region. Since then, Marlborough has risen to become New Zealand's leading wine region, as well as one of the finest winemaking locations in the world.





Hotels on your Itinerary

HE LANGHAM

MELBOURNE

Sweeping vistas of the Yarra River and Melbourne skyline. Outstanding location amidst the city's captivating Arts and Leisure district. A sanctuary nestled on the famous Southbank Promenade.

Every room a haven of plush understated elegance, handcrafted furniture and rich fabrics. The Signature Langham Blissful Bed and generous marble bath make for a most pleasurable stay.

Club privileges:

- Access to our exclusive Langham Club Lounge on the 24th floor
- Deluxe continental breakfast selection.
- All-day tea, coffee & pastries as well as traditional afternoon tea.
- Pre-dinner drinks and hors d'oeuvres served in the lounge.
- -Access to Health Club & Wellness Centre







Located in the Heart of the Yarra Valley less than an hour from the Melbourne CBD, Balgownie Estate 5 star Rated Wines and Vineyard Resort & Spa is a Boutique Luxury Resort set on 30 Hectares surrounded by Vineyards and breathtakingly beautiful views.

Based on the principals of Quality, Wellbeing and Lifestyle providing Sustainability and Accessibilty. Hangouts: Rae's Restauarant for breakfast. Bills Wine & Cocktail Bar.







InterContinental Adelaide provides city centre accommodation and is located conveniently beside the banks of the River Torrens. Adjacent the Adelaide Festival Centre, Convention Centre, Casino and directly opposite Adelaide Oval.

A quick walk from the hotel door will lead you into the cultural area of North Terrace, home to many attractions including the Parliament House, botanical gardens, the Art Gallery of South Australia and the Museum. Less than five minutes to Rundle Mall shopping. Get a real sense of your amazing surroundings as you gaze across the truly breathtaking view of our beautiful city from your luxurious guest room suite.







Food, wine, luxury accommodation and a genuine welcome await you at The Louise Barossa Valley. Ideally situated in the heart of the legendary Barossa wine country and breathtaking vineyard views. Enjoy views from your private terrace, gas log fireplaces, spacious marbled ensuite.

Premium features and amenities such flat screen TV's with DVD players, BOSE iPod docking stations, complimentary wired and wireless internet access, a fully-stocked mini-bar and mini-fridge (charged on consumption), a large fully-tiled ensuite bathroom with spa tubs for two, walk-in rain showers, towel rail heaters, separate toilet area, dual hand basins, also a walk-in robe area with luggage store and breakfast tables both inside and outside.







Be swept away by the beauty of the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge and Opera House on the doorstep of Four Seasons Hotel Sydney. The best located five-star luxury hotel in Sydney's CBD, Four Seasons Hotel Sydney places you among the city's vibrant shopping and business precincts, and next to popular The Rocks district and Circular Quay, overlooking Sydney Harbour.

Features include: Endota Spa, Fitness Centre, Heated outdoor pool.

Hangouts: Pei Modern for breakfast. Brain Bar





SOFITEL AUCKLAND VIADUCT HARBOUR

Positioned amid Auckland's leading commercial, restaurant & entertainment precinct, this luxury hotel blends the French 'art de vivre' with the pure beauty of New Zealand's largest city. Sofitel Auckland places guests in the heart of Central Auckland between the upscale Viaduct Harbour lifestyle development & the attractions of the new Wynyard Quarter. A short 15 walk away from the heart of Auckland City, the hotel overlooks the shimmering Waitemata Harbour.

Lava Dining delivers flavour & flair with an innovative menu, tastefully blending the best local produce with a refined French touch. Serving breakfast daily from 6am. Hangout: Sabrage Bar.

The hotel is located on 21 Viaduct Harbour Avenue, on the corner of Viaduct Harbour Avenue and Halsey St in Auckland's Viaduct.









Chateau Marlborough

Chateau Marlborough offers luxury 5 star Blenheim hotel accommodation in the heart of one of New Zealand's most famous wine regions. The only 100% locally owned and operated Qualmark rated hotel in Marlborough,

Chateau Marlborough is the only 5 star Hotel in the top of New Zealand's South Island; overlooking Seymour Square Gardens and it's only an easy 2 minute walk to Blenheim's town centre.



Hosts & Travel Team



As the owner and operator of more than 450 properties, including more than 40 unique brands such as Landry's Seafood, Chart House, Saltgrass Steak House, Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., Claim Jumper, Morton's The Steakhouse, McCormick & Schmick's, Mastro's Restaurants and Rainforest Café.

Add four Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino locations to the mix, along with numerous hotel properties and other entertainment destinations, you can see how Landry's have vaulted into position as one of America's largest dining, entertainment, gaming and hospitality companies.



Morton's has grown to over 69 restaurants, but the vision is the same today as it was when they opened their first restaurant in Chicago back in 1978. Quality. Consistency. Genuine Hospitality.

Driven by the desire to provide genuine hospitality for their guests and employees they offer a setting where people truly care about one another. The level of respect and enthusiasm that runs through the entire Morton's organization is evident in many ways, including the longevity of their staff. Morton's local and



Timeless Destinations LLC are well versed in the world of specialized wine flight tours to locales in the USA and abroad. Owned and operated by South African expatriates, with over 50 years of travel experience combined. Timeless Destinations have operations in the USA, South Africa, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand.

Timeless Destination's vision is to deliver unique travel experiences for their valued clients wishing to combine a sense of adventure, with the love for food, wine and travel. Timeless Destinations endeavors to do so in a setting that is memorable, luxurious and fun.









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