

## ROSS GARDEN TOURS

# 25TH ANNIVERSARY MELBOURNE FLOWER SHOW 24 - 27 MARCH 2020

### ITINERARY

*Admire new trends, world class designer gardens, meet designers and surround yourself by a Royal Exhibition Building filled with flowers during Australia's grand garden show. This year's theme is the 'best of the best', celebrating past gold medal-winning designers. We've included a visit to The Royal Botanic Gardens and a day trip to the picturesque Yarra Valley. It's a rejuvenating four day short break.*

#### DAY 1 Tue 24 March

##### Arrive Melbourne

Group flight departs from Sydney - meet up with your Ross Tour Leader, Carolyn Dwyer at Melbourne Airport. First up it's the Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne with a guided tour. We'll see the famous Children's Garden, Perennial Border, Rose Garden, Arid Garden, Guilfoyle's Volcano, the Lake System, Fern Gully and the Forest Walk. It's a beautiful oasis in the heart of the city. This afternoon check into our hotel, the Marriott, which is perfectly located to explore Melbourne's great restaurant scene. We've planned a welcome dinner in the hotel tonight.

**Accommodation: Marriott Hotel, Melbourne**

#### DAY 2 Wed 25 March

##### Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show

Spend a full day exploring the 25th anniversary Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, which is staged within the world heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and

surrounding Carlton Gardens. The theme this year is 'The Best of the Best'. The silver anniversary of the Show is all about celebrating the exemplary designers who have taken out the event's top awards in previous years. Visitors can expect a show unlike any they've seen before. Each show garden will be a representation of the designer's unbridled, unique vision. Wear comfortable shoes because there's plenty to see and lots to buy. There will be colour, flowers, people, designers, new plants and a great buzz. Our hotel is just a few blocks away.

**Accommodation: Marriott Hotel, Melbourne**

#### DAY 3 Thu 26 March

##### Yarra Valley Gardens

Travel into the Yarra Valley this morning to Lubra Bend with a Guilford Bell house set amongst an old established garden of camellias, magnolias and oaks. The property occupies 4kms along the Yarra River frontage with native trees lining the banks. An exciting new dry garden has been

designed and installed by Phillip Johnson. Rocks, waterfalls and an extensive cascade lead down to the river. It's a wonderful blend of classic and modern; peaceful yet stimulating using an exciting palette of Australian plants.

This afternoon we visit Coombe Estate, former home of world famous Australian opera singer Dame Nellie Melba in 1921. We love the newly opened restored garden, restaurant and gallery. The classic heritage home is situated among seven acres of stunning gardens. Visitors are treated to a world-class dining experience featuring award-winning Coombe Farm wines, against a historic and picturesque backdrop.

**Accommodation: Marriott Hotel, Melbourne**

#### DAY 4 Fri 27 March

##### Melbourne - Home

We've left the morning free for shopping or exploring the world-class galleries and museums of Melbourne. Afternoon flight home.

### DETAILS

- Tour escorted by Carolyn Dwyer
- Return group airfare Sydney to Melbourne
- Luxury air-conditioned motorcoach throughout tour
- Stay at the Marriott Hotel, Melbourne
- Breakfast daily
- 1 Lunch
- 1 Dinner
- Entrance fees to all gardens and sightseeing including Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, Coombe - The Melba Estate, Royal Botanic Gardens and Lubra Bend garden

### PRICE

- Twin Share land only \$1,895 pp
  - Twin Share including air \$2,275 pp
  - Single Supplement \$795
- All prices in Australian dollars. Prices based on minimum 15 passengers. Air price is based on departure from Sydney.

### DISCOUNTS

- Earlybird \$50 - Pay by 25/11/19
- Previous Traveller \$25
- Garden Clinic Member \$25

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