



# Whale Watching Tour

## Sunday: Day One

The High Country Motel will welcome package holiday guests at Sydney Central Station at 9.30 am (or Canberra Jolimont Centre at 3.00 pm), in our fully air-conditioned coach. After leaving the station we travel the well worn Monaro Highway to Cooma in the Southern Highlands. Passing through places you may find on your travel map of Royalla, Michelago, Colinton, Bredbo and Bunyan. You will be kept interested and entertained with eyes glued to the unusual passing scenery of the Monaro plains, arriving at the motel in time for a delicious 3 course dinner.

## Monday: Day Two

Today we head up to the mountains. First we visit Yarrangobilly Caves where we tour the 2 million year old beauty of Jillabenan Cave possibly Australia's most beautiful cave and the most accessible for all ages including wheelchairs. We then take the scenic route up through the tall timbers of the hardwood forests of the Alpine and Mountain Ash Trees before arriving at the naked landscape of the goldfields of Kiandra, and join the locals for a picnic lunch at Cabramurra. After lunch we head back down to Adaminaby to view an unusual work of art, and grab a cup of coffee or an ice-cream. We depart the park and arrive back at the motel in time for a chat and drinks and yet another delightful dinner as we share our final night together with new found friends, and old acquaintances.



### **Tuesday: Day Three**

A nice relaxed start with breakfast, a chance for us to recover from our earlier adventures. First up there will be a short tour around our old historic town, which includes our major icon buildings, before arriving at the nostalgic Cooma railway station. After this we go up to the Snowy Hydro Information Centre, for an informative audio visual display about the Snowy Mountains Scheme. After a delicious lunch back at the Motel, we venture down town to the local lock up, the Cooma Correctional Centre Museum; this is a delightful presentation bringing you up to date with one of the oldest government department, along with the early settlers and their exploits in Australia.



Then it's time to roam the shops or perhaps you would enjoy an ice-cream whilst viewing our flags of many nations, a tribute to those who worked on the Snowy Scheme and the pictorial mosaics depicting our local regional history. We return to the motel a little earlier where you can enjoy a relaxed drink at the bar before dinner.

### **Wednesday: Day Four**

We travel down to the sea we encounter Nimmitabel a small town full of unusual things, and on the fringe of our local rain forest, before dropping a short distance down Brown Mountain to Pipers Lookout, this will give us a great view of the coastal plains and the valleys of Bega and Kameruka, from here hopefully we will catch a late but glorious sun rise. Meandering further down the mountain we find Bemboka, another little town. A Morning tea break on the edge of the Columbo Creek sounds good, before moving on to Bega, Wolumla, Merimbula, Pambula and of course Eden

where we board the award winning 'Cat Balou' and head out to sea. On returning to shore, we relax a little, regain our land legs, and enjoy a light lunch, before checking to the fascinating Killer Whale Museum. From here we venture back to the high country via Merimbula, with a short stop at the cheese factory in Bega, (if time permits) on route. We arrive back in Cooma for dinner..



### **Thursday: Day Five**

There are things to do and places to see as we head out in the opposite direction towards the highest peaks in Australia. Travelling the Kosciuszko Road, we venture through Berridale and Jindabyne, true tourist towns. We meander up the mountains and we pass by Waste Point, Sawpit Creek, Wilsons Valley, Smiggins Hole and Perisher Valley .Finally we arrive at Charlotte's Pass to view Mount Kosciuszko, set amongst the highest peaks that we will see, learning how Strzelecki came to give this mountain its name. We will see and learn short histories, of pioneering people and their achievements within the pictorial and majestic highlands of our young country, yet oldest country geographically speaking. Returning once again to enjoy a pre-dinner drink and delicious meal.

### **Friday: Day Six**

After breakfast in the morning, we say good-bye to the friendly staff at the motel. Before we return to Kingston Railway Station or Sydney Central Station, we catch a last glimpse of our Nation's Capital before heading towards Sydney.

*Please note days may be changed around, due to weather conditions, and to allow the best possible viewing of the Whales. All Tour itineraries are subject to change without notice.*



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