

BALLARAT GOLD BOOM

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver(s)
- ◆ Accommodation & Meals (as indicated)
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as selected)

Discover the rich heritage of Victoria's historic Goldfields, as you are taken on a journey dating back to the 1850s. Witness many of the original buildings and architecture and hear tales of the exciting Gold Rush Era.

DAY 1:-

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Board your coach to begin your **3 Day Ballarat Gold Boom Tour**. On arrival in Ballarat we will visit the **Eureka Centre**.

The Eureka Centre is located at the historic site of the 1854 Eureka Stockade rebellion, in the grounds of the Eureka Stockade Memorial Gardens. It is home to the Eureka Flag - one of Australia's most revered cultural artefacts.

The Centre provides teachers and students with tools and experiences to deepen their understanding of the Eureka Stockade and the profound political reforms that followed. Led by professional educators, these programs give students and teachers the opportunity to view the original Eureka Flag and explore the interactive Eureka Stockade exhibition.

Their Educational programs are designed to deliver curriculum outcomes in History, Civics and Citizenship and English, and can be adapted to meet the specific curriculum needs of individual groups.

Afterwards we visit the **Ballarat Tramway Museum**, where we take a ride on an authentic Ballarat tram [most over 100 years old] which ran Ballarat's public transport until 1971. Buy real tickets from their volunteers in authentic uniforms. Travel as people have been doing since 1887, on 1.3km of original track through the beautiful Botanical Gardens on the west side of Lake Wendouree. The return trip takes approximately 20 minutes.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Ballarat)

DAY 2:-

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If you ever wondered where the milk in our fridge comes from, well this morning we are going to find out. We travel a short way to Dunnstown, to the **Inglenook Dairy**. Here we go on an interactive dairy tour to learn and experience the whole process of how the milk in your fridge is made. Go along and learn about the industry, help hand rear a calf, milk some cows, watch milk get processed & bottled and make some butter.



Afterwards we enjoy an Inglenook Dairy milkshake, before boarding our coach again, this time for **Sovereign Hill**, where we spend the rest of our day.

Gold was discovered at Poverty Point in 1851 by John Dunlop and James Regan, who found a few ounces while panning in the Canadian Creek. By the following year, there were around 20,000 diggers searching in the shafts of the **Ballarat** goldfields. By 1855, **Ballarat** was a municipality, a borough by 1863 and a city in 1871.

Sovereign Hill depicts Ballarat's first ten years after the discovery of gold there in 1851. It was officially opened on 29 November 1970. Sovereign Hill is a goldfields town with shops, hotels, a theatre, schools, factories, a gold diggings and underground mines to explore.

With so many educational activities on offer, you will have no problem filling your day. Some examples are:-

- An Education Session in Classroom
- Red Hill Mine Tour
- Gold Pouring Demonstration
- Gold Panning at Creek
- Candle Dipping Demonstration

We return to our accommodation for dinner before going back to Sovereign Hill for **AURA**, their totally new immersive theatre experience.

Over 64 acres, hundreds of stunning projections create an immersive storytelling experience that transports you back in time. The Wadawurrung creation story is told with projections on a magnificent lake, gunfights and protests erupt under the night sky, and the gold rush is brought to life as never before.

Overnight:- Accommodation as selected (Ballarat)

Choose from the following Activities or Add on an extra might:-

- ◆ Kryal Castle—Educational Programs
- ◆ Ballarat Botanical Gardens
- ◆ Tuki Trout Farm
- ◆ Art Gallery of Ballarat—School Program
- ◆ Donegan's Farm

After breakfast this morning, we visit the **Ballarat Wildlife Park**.

The Park currently holds around 400 species of animals, including free-roaming kangaroos and emus that can be handfed. Most of the animals are native to Australia including koalas, wombats, quokkas, echidnas and both saltwater and freshwater crocodiles. Some foreign animals include the Indian star tortoise, the American alligator and the Aldabra giant tortoise. The park was also home to the oldest-known living wombat in captivity, Patrick, who died in 2017 aged 32.



Today we enjoy lunch at **Lake Wendouree**. There will be time for the students to have a play on the playground before we board our coach for the last time on this tour.

Arriving back at school by 3.00pm approximately (depending on location of school) and ending our **3 Day Ballarat Gold Boom Tour**.

MEAL LEGEND:-

B	Breakfast
PL	Packed Lunch
D	Dinner

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