



Rotary Friendship Exchange Bus Tour Fri 27th – Sun 29th October 2006

D9800 has a team of 24 Rotarians and partners visiting us from Sweden and Iowa USA, from 14th – 31st October. At the end of the Exchange they will be taken on this bus tour. I would like to invite D9800 Rotarians and partners to join us for a great International Fellowship experience. There is a limited no. of seats available, so get in early.

Friday 27 Oct 8.30am Depart Melbourne by luxury coach. Head South to the Great Ocean Road, (one of the great drives in the world) starting 145kms from Melbourne. Pass through Torquay (Surfing Capital) then visit Australia's famous surf beach Bells Beach (featured in the movie Point Break) and home to the World Surfing Championships. Morning tea at Anglesea. Lunch at the Otway Ranges treetop café in a National Park that has just finished building the world's largest canopy walk above a beautiful rainforest, 25 metres above ground. There is also a 47 metre lookout tower. If people are not able or do not wish to do the canopy walk they can sit in the café or walk through the rainforest. The Otway Ranges are home to lush tree fern gullies and towering mountain ash forests.

Along the way we will stop along the Shipwreck coast, visiting the Twelve Apostles, limestone monoliths rising from the ocean floor; and also view the Loch Ard Gorge, site of a very tragic shipwreck. 160 ships have been wrecked along this coastline. London Bridge is also here. (You can do an optional helicopter flight along the coast here; I did it a couple of years ago and can highly recommend, I think that it cost around \$90). We will stop overnight in Warrnambool and that evening, attend a Spectacular Laser Sound and Light show at the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village, winner of many awards. The show provides a graphic account of the Loch Ard shipwreck. We will then dine at Pippis by the Sea restaurant. Overnight All Seasons Motor Inn Warrnambool.

Sat 28 Oct 8.30am Early morning visit to Flagstaff Hill maritime Museum. Departing Warrnambool, we then head west to Tower Hill for a guided geology walk. 30,000 years ago a huge volcano reshaped this area; creating a lake and islands with the area having many koalas and emus. Tower Hill was Victoria's 1st national park, gazetted in 1892. We continue on to the Grampians, there should be many wildflowers blooming. Lunch is at the award winning Royal Mail Hotel in Dunkeld. The afternoon is in Halls Gap, the tourist centre of the majestic Grampians. Dinner will be at The Balconies with Jazz musicians. Overnight accommodation is at the Grampians Motel.

Sun 29 Oct 9am A full morning of activities at Brambuk Cultural Center and Park. BBQ lunch of our National Symbols!! And other bush tucker. Then on to Seppelt's Great Western Winery. Arrive back into Melbourne in the early evening.

Cost is \$500 p.p. this includes 5 Star Luxury coach, 2 nights accommodation, all meals, and all entry fees.

Up to August 20 (overseas until October 18 from then)

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