

**SOUTHERN**  
*Steam*  
**SPECTACULAR**  
MAY 2021

**Rail**  
the greatest steam hauled  
heritage rail tour in Australia's  
history

No less than eight steam  
locomotives. A true celebration of  
Australian steam - spectacular!

AN UNPARALLELED STEAM  
HAULED RAIL ADVENTURE  
FROM MELBOURNE TO  
COUNTRY VICTORIA



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from \$2,990\* pp twin share



This tour is an unparalleled journey through country Victoria by train. Hauled by no less than eight steam locomotives, one dating back to 1888, with select sections of the journey having two or even three locomotives at a time! Come with us on the steam hauled adventure of a lifetime!

## ITINERARY MAY 2021

### TUESDAY 18TH

Optional - check in to your hotel for the night  
Batmans Hill on Collins

### WEDNESDAY 19TH

**R711, R761, K153, K190**

Early morning departure. The train will head to Ballarat then Maryborough. Stop at Wycheproof then Sea Lake for your transfer to Swan Hill. Evening at leisure to explore  
Overnight: Swan Hill Resort or Comfort Inn - **B,L**

### THURSDAY 20TH

**R761, K153, K190, Y112**

Morning free then return to Wycheproof to join the train right in the middle of the main street for the return trip to Melbourne via Gheringhap  
Overnight: Batmans Hill on Collins - **B,L,D**

### FRIDAY 21ST

**D<sup>3</sup> 639**

Join your train at Southern Cross Station for a short journey to Newport and a private inspection of the heritage rail yards. This is a fascinating and rare insight into where the trains live and are maintained. Return mid afternoon with the rest of the day at leisure  
Overnight: Batmans Hill on Collins - **B,L**

### SATURDAY 22ND

**A<sup>2</sup> 986, R761 / J549**

Enjoy double headed steam to Castlemaine where you will change for the short trip to Maldon. Free time to explore this charming town and enjoy lunch as you wish. Coach to Bendigo for the night  
Overnight: Mercure Schaller - **B**

### SUNDAY 23RD

**A<sup>2</sup> 986**

Your morning is free to explore. The train makes a short journey to Echuca. Disembark and transfer to the port where you will enjoy an afternoon Murray River paddlewheeler cruise with refreshments. There will be time to explore before our farewell dinner at a local restaurant  
Overnight: Quest or Mercure Echuca - **B,D**

### MONDAY 24TH

**A<sup>2</sup> 986, R761**

The train returns to Bendigo to pick up locomotive R761 before returning to Melbourne's Southern Cross Station and the end of your adventure mid afternoon - **B,L**



Enjoy a Murray River cruise aboard a paddle steamer from Echuca



R711 & R761 make a thrilling sight as they thunder towards Ballarat



K153 & K190 of 1922 steam 'double headed' through the Victorian countryside. Both locomotives feature as part of this tour.



Maldon - a beautiful heritage town where you will have time to explore as you wish

A<sup>2</sup> 986 built in 1907 is the only survivor of the 125 A<sup>2</sup> class built. This will be the first time in over 60 years an A<sup>2</sup> has hauled solo to Echuca.



## INCLUSIONS

### 6 Days

- Daylight steam hauled heritage rail journeys from Melbourne to Sea Lake, Wycheproof to Melbourne, Melbourne to Newport return, Melbourne to Castlemaine, Castlemaine to Maldon, Bendigo to Echuca and Echuca to Melbourne
- 2 nights Melbourne accommodation with breakfast daily
- 1 night Swan Hill accommodation at local motels with breakfast
- Private inspection of the Newport Heritage Rail yards with lunch
- 1 night Bendigo accommodation at a local hotel with breakfast
- Murray River paddlewheeler cruise
- 1 night Echuca accommodation at local hotels with breakfast
- Farewell dinner and drinks reception
- Group transfers throughout
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Cruise Express Tour Managers

## FARES FROM MELBOURNE

### TWIN

EXCURSION : \$2,990\* pp

TOURIST : \$3,190\* pp

FIRST CLASS : \$3,390\* pp

### SOLO

EXCURSION : \$3,490\*

TOURIST : \$3,590\*

FIRST CLASS : \$3,790\*



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