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CHRISTMAS IN MELBOURNE WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourns Christmas

5 Days | 24 Dec – 28 Dec 2018 | AUD\$4,995pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE*

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Stay 2 nights at the luxurious centrally located The Westin, Melbourne
- ✦ 2 nights at the iconic Chateau Yering, a heritage-listed mansion in the Yarra Valley wine region, featuring elegant Victorian-style suites in a garden setting
- ✦ Visit heritage-listed Rippon Lea House and Gardens heralded as Australia's last suburban 19th century estate
- ✦ Enjoy Spectacular views of the Dandenong Ranges from 'Skyhigh' Mount Dandenong
- ✦ Visit Coombe, once home of Dame Nellie Melba, set within seven acres of stunning gardens
- ✦ All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner including a Christmas lunch
- ✦ Spend Christmas with new friends while enjoying your own room with no single supplement charge
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

"A truly magical experience. Bill Peach Journeys really know how to do luxury travel."

A. Murray, Hervey Bay

This delightful five day Sojourn will enjoy the cosmopolitan flavours of Melbourne as we celebrate Christmas with new friends. There will be a chance to explore this vibrant metropolis from the luxurious Westin Hotel's prime location. Before arriving in the beautiful Yarra Valley, we visit the heritage-listed Rippon Lea Estate and we enjoy spectacular views of the Dandenong Ranges at 'Skyhigh', originally founded as a survey point due to its panoramic vistas. We sample European hand crafted chocolate in a private tasting before checking into the iconic and gracious Victorian mansion, Chateau Yering, sitting grandly on its own 250 acre estate.

We also visit Coombe in the Yarra Valley, the former home of Dame Nellie Melba. Set within seven acres of stunning gardens, the Melba Estate is a fitting tribute to this much loved Australian icon. No trip to the Yarra Valley would be complete without tasting some delightful local produce, on this occasion, wine and gin. Our Christmas journeys always fill fast, so book today to avoid disappointment!

ABOUT SOJOURNS

Our Sojourn programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, events or experiences.

These programmes range from cruising New Zealand's North Islands to world class events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.

FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn

with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you even leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won't even need to carry your bags.

Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey begins, your seamless travel experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.



DAY 1 | MELBOURNE

Transfer from Melbourne Airport or your home in metropolitan Melbourne to the luxurious Westin Hotel. Explore this vibrant metropolis this afternoon at leisure from the Westin Hotel's prime location, walking distance to many Melbourne attractions and galleries. Your Christmas Eve welcome dinner will be hosted by your Journey Director tonight, a perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers.

Overnight: The Westin Melbourne

DAY 2 | MELBOURNE

After breakfast at leisure, there is the opportunity to attend church services for those so inclined. Lunch today will be a special affair as you join your fellow travellers to revel in the festivity and flavours of a Christmas feast. For those interested, there will be an optional short walk to view the famous Myer Christmas window displays.

Overnight: The Westin Melbourne

DAY 3 | MELBOURNE - YARRA VALLEY

Following a leisurely breakfast, transfer to Rippon Lea Estate in the bayside suburb of Elsternwick. Heralded as Australia's last suburban 19th century estate, Rippon Lea House and Gardens was included on Australia's premiere heritage listing, the National Heritage list in 2006. Completed in 1868 the house was built for Frederick Sargood who had made his money

selling soft-goods on the goldfields. The property was a large, self-sufficient farm with an elaborate underground watering system. Being a Victorian man of vision, the house had its own electricity supply and unusually for its time, it also had internal toilets. A fascinating glimpse into days past in a house where there were seven maids, a butler, seven gardeners, a coachman and a groom.

Today we enjoy lunch with spectacular vistas of the Dandenong Ranges from 'Skyhigh'. Marvel at views from the Melbourne city skyline to the majestic sweep of Victoria's Port Phillip Bay. There will also be time to explore the enchanting English garden and hedge maze.

What better way to spend an afternoon than to sample delightful locally produced sweet treats? We will watch European Chocolatiers hand craft some of their 250 different chocolate products at the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and, of course, indulge in a delicious selection of ice creams and chocolates in a private tasting.

Later this afternoon, we arrive at the heritage listed homestead, Chateau Yering. This gracious Victorian mansion sits grandly on a 250 acre historic estate commanding sweeping views across the Yarra Valley to the Great Dividing Range. Your home for the next two nights offers an exclusive and refined ambience to relax and unwind.

Overnight: Chateau Yering Hotel

DAY 4 | YARRA VALLEY

After breakfast we arrive at Coombe, the former home of famous opera singer Dame Nellie Melba. One of the largest and oldest family estates in the Yarra Valley, it was established in the late 1800's and it is still owned and operated by her descendants, the Vestey family. Not only will we enjoy the seven acres of beautiful gardens and hedges, we will also learn about the history of this site and its significance to not only the Yarra Valley but to Australia as it pays homage to the life of Dame Nellie Melba and her role in Australian history. We will enjoy lunch at Coombe where the very best of available local produce is used to create a mouth watering dining experience. We will also sample wines from their award winning estate.

More tasting pleasure this afternoon as we visit the multi award winning Four Pillars gin distillery and learn the story behind their remarkable success. An afternoon at leisure with time to prepare for our farewell dinner this evening.

Overnight: Chateau Yering Hotel

DAY 5 | YARRA VALLEY - HOME

After a leisurely breakfast, we transfer to the airport. Saying a fond farewell to new friends, we take away memories of an enchanting Christmas Sojourn in Melbourne and the Yarra Valley.

Please contact Bill Peach Journeys or your local travel agent for assistance with airfares.

*Conditions Apply: Single Supplement Free offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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