



THE DRAMA OF LA TRAVIATA WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Opera on Sydney Harbour

5 Days | 3 - 7 Apr 2020 | AUD\$5,200pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE*

EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Spend 2 nights at the award-winning Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park and 2 nights at the luxurious Lilianfels Blue Mountains Resort & Spa
- ✦ Premium tickets to Verdi's *La Traviata* opera performance, including superb seating and dinner
- ✦ Explore Scenic World in the Blue Mountains and the Three Sisters at Echo Point, Katoomba
- ✦ Tour one of Australia's oldest historical buildings, Elizabeth Farm
- ✦ Enjoy a private tour of the spectacular Mayfield Gardens and a visit to the Norman Lindsey Gallery
- ✦ Enjoy all the excitement of Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour with new friends while enjoying your own room with no single supplement charge
- ✦ All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

"Highlights were the ease of travelling. An excellent tour and leader who went beyond her duties to make sure everyone was catered for."

Mrs Pam Mison, Valentine, NSW

Bill Peach Journeys is pleased to announce that the 2020 Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour will be a spectacular production of Verdi's *La Traviata*. Experience the joy and heartache of the world's most popular opera while enjoying a 3 course meal. Raise a glass as the sun sets over the Opera House and Harbour Bridge while you sit back and enjoy the quintessential operatic experience.

This delightful sojourn also includes an exploration of the World Heritage Blue Mountains region. Known for its dramatic scenery, it encompasses steep cliffs, eucalyptus forests and waterfalls. Exploring Scenic World, we will enjoy incredible vistas of this picturesque wilderness via the Scenic Railway, Skyway and Scenic Cableway. We will be captivated by the one million hectares of tall forests, cliffs, canyons and the iconic Three Sisters sandstone rock formation. Touring also includes visits to Elizabeth Farm, Norman Lindsay's Gallery and the stunning Mayfield Private Gardens. This fully escorted journey includes luxury accommodation, all meals, transfers, touring and A Reserve tickets to the Handa Opera. This journey is sure to sell out, so don't delay!

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 | ARRIVE SYDNEY

Transfer from Sydney Airport to our award-winning accommodation at the Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park located in the city's vibrant shopping and business precincts.

A special welcome dinner this evening will be hosted by your Journey Director. This evening immerse yourself in the atmosphere as the sun sets over Sydney's spectacular skyline, a magnificent backdrop as dusk falls. *La Traviata* by Verdi is based on *La Dame aux Camélias*, a play adapted from the novel by Alexandre Dumas. The title *La Traviata* translates to 'The Woman Who Goes Astray'. A ravishing visual spectacle accompanies Verdi's score which offers flying melodies, rousing drinking songs and heartbreaking duets. This amazing opera is set on a floating, mirrored stage and involves a fireworks display and a breathtaking 9 metre high chandelier with 10,000 Swarovski crystals, all enjoyed from your platinum seating. A project of such scale gives new meaning to the lavish finery and decadence audiences have come to expect of *La Traviata*. Afterwards, transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight: Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park

DAY 2 | ELIZABETH FARM

This morning we depart to visit Elizabeth Farm. Built in 1793 it was the family home of wool pioneer, John and his wife Elizabeth Macarthur. Today, it is a historical estate

and museum which features a colonial bungalow with verandah and a stunning 1830's style garden. This afternoon enjoy an optional walking tour of Sydney before dinner.

Overnight: Sheraton Grand Sydney Hyde Park

DAY 3 | SYDNEY - BLUE MOUNTAINS

Departing Sydney we drive to the Blue Mountain's town of Faulconbridge to visit the Norman Lindsay Gallery and Museum, a heritage-listed former residence and farmlet of the illustrious artist. We will view the controversial Lindsay's works and landscaped Roman-style gardens.

At the Hydro Majestic Hotel we indulge in the grand tradition of high tea with panoramic views over the Megalong Valley. Next we explore the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains at Scenic World where we will enjoy a nature-based experience like no other. From the Scenic Railway, Skyway and Scenic Cableway we will enjoy epic panoramas of wilderness, waterfalls and escarpment. We check into our luxury accommodation Lilianfels, which beautifully reflects the romance of a bygone era offering awe-inspiring scenery and manicured gardens.

Overnight: Lilianfels Blue Mountains

DAY 4 | BLUE MOUNTAINS

This morning we drive to Oberon and visit the spectacular Mayfield Gardens in autumn splendour where we enjoy a guided tour through the family's private gardens

with a resident horticulturist. Next we drive to Katoomba to view the iconic Three Sisters at Echo Point, an unusual sandstone formation representing 'three sisters' who, according to Aboriginal legend, were turned to stone. An exceptional farewell dinner this evening as we enjoy a 5 course dégustation menu at multi award-winning Darley's Restaurant at Lilianfels Resort.

Overnight: Lilianfels Blue Mountains

DAY 5 | DEPART SYDNEY

After a leisurely breakfast, we transfer to Sydney airport. Saying a fond farewell to new friends, we take away memories of a delightful Opera Sojourn.



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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