



# THE ROMANTIC DRAMA OF WEST SIDE STORY WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour - West Side Story

5 Days | 8 - 12 Apr 2024 | AUD\$5,995pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE\*

## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Spend 2 nights at the award-winning Shangri-La Sydney and 2 nights at the voco™ Kirkton Park Hunter Valley, a luxurious boutique estate
- ✦ Premium Reserve Tickets to Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour - **West Side Story**, including superb seating and a 3 course premium dinner
- ✦ Explore the **Ramses & the Gold of the Pharaohs Exhibition**, exclusive to the Australian Museum
- ✦ Partake in a private paint & sip art class over-looking vineyards guided by an award-winning instructor
- ✦ Enjoy a private tour of Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens and a private tour of the Hunter Valley Gardens
- ✦ Wine & chocolate tasting at acclaimed Keith Tulloch Wines & artisan chocolatier Cocoa Nib
- ✦ All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner including lunch at iconic Catalina Rose Bay, hatted Muse Kitchen & a Welcome Dinner at Shangri-La's Altitude
- ✦ Enjoy all the excitement of Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour with new friends while enjoying your own room with no single supplement\* charge
- ✦ 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."*

Pam Mison, Valentine, NSW

Described as one of the top four open-air opera events in the world, the annual Opera on Sydney Harbour is a highlight of the Australian cultural calendar. Join Bill Peach Journeys to experience **West Side Story** at **Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour**. Sit back and enjoy this modern day Romeo and Juliet unfold. On the mean streets of New York's West Side, two rival gangs strut their stuff. But when a Jet falls for a Shark, the stage is set for a rumble. Their wistful love story is studded with iconic songs including 'Somewhere', 'Maria', 'I Feel Pretty', 'America', 'Cool' and 'Tonight'. A night to remember with premium seating, a three course dinner, a live orchestra hidden beneath the dramatic stage and fireworks.

In Sydney, return to the comfort of your luxury accommodation, the Shangri-La Sydney. Sydney touring will include the **Ramses & the Gold of the Pharaohs Exhibition** and a private tour of Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens. We will also explore the many delights of the Hunter Valley based at the boutique estate, voco™ Kirkton Park for two nights. This is a luxury Sojourn that ticks all the boxes, do join us!

## FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you 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 starts, your seamless travel

experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.

## ABOUT SOJOURNS

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

These programmes range from celebrating Easter and Christmas to world class events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.



### DAY 1 | ARRIVE SYDNEY

Transfer from Sydney Airport to the luxurious Shangri-La Hotel Sydney. An elegant sanctuary above the distinctive harbour city, the Shangri-La is positioned in the dress circle of the historic Rocks district, the panoramic views of the 'Emerald City' enhancing the luxurious glamour of this iconic five star Sydney hotel. A welcome dinner this evening will be hosted by your Journey Director at award-winning Altitude Restaurant where the exceptional cuisine is complimented by unparalleled views of the Sydney Opera House and the Sydney Harbour Bridge unfurling below.

Overnight: Shangri-La Sydney or similar

### DAY 2 | SYDNEY

This morning, step back 3,300 years, across the sands of the Sahara Desert to Ancient Egypt ruled by the most celebrated pharaoh in the country's storied history. Experience one of the greatest collections of its kind in this Australian-first exhibition, **Ramses & the Gold of the Pharaohs**, exclusive to the Australian Museum.

Today's lunch is at Catalina's, a Sydney dining institution famed for its incredible meals and unrivalled views of Sydney Harbour and Rose Bay. Following lunch, we enjoy a private tour of the highlights of Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens before returning to the hotel to enjoy ample time to prepare for this evening's Opera.

This evening, immerse yourself in the atmosphere as the sun sets over Sydney's

spectacular skyline, a magnificent backdrop as dusk falls. Enjoy a delicious three course dinner before proceeding to your Premium seating for the dramatic performance, **West Side Story**, hailed as the greatest Broadway musical of all time. The remarkable collaboration between Bernstein, Laurents, Robbins and Sondheim produced a timeless masterpiece. It features unforgettable songs including 'Maria', 'Tonight', 'Somewhere', 'America' and 'I Feel Pretty', universally adored for generations. A modern retelling of Romeo and Juliet, this tragic love story tells the tale of two young people whose happiness is destroyed by the hate of two enemy camps in New York City's urban jungle, the Jets and the Sharks. Afterwards, transfer back to your hotel.

Overnight: Shangri-La Sydney or similar

### DAY 3 | SYDNEY - HUNTER VALLEY

Today we head to the picturesque Hunter Valley north of Sydney. Following lunch at acclaimed Restaurant Cuveé at Peterson House Winery, we enjoy a delightful afternoon of sipping premium local wines, sampling regional cheeses and taking an art class from the folks who won best Hunter Valley Tourism activity for 2023! Gazing over the spectacular Tuscan-inspired view, we will try our hands at painting our very own wine country masterpiece. This afternoon, check-in to the luxurious voco Kirkton Park Hunter Valley, set on 70 acres of manicured

gardens with rolling countryside views and the Brokenback Ranges in the distance.

Overnight: voco Kirkton Park Hunter Valley

### DAY 4 | HUNTER VALLEY

After breakfast, we visit the Watershed Gallery, which showcases artwork by regional artists. Lunch today is at award-winning Muse Kitchen followed by premium wine and artisan chocolate tasting at Keith Tulloch and Cocoa Nib. Enjoy a private tour through the highlights of the Hunter Valley Gardens plus time to explore Hunter Valley Village. Tonight's farewell dinner is at award-winning Amanda's on the Edge Restaurant.

Overnight: voco Kirkton Park Hunter Valley

### DAY 5 | DEPART HUNTER VALLEY

Transfer back to Sydney Airport following a leisurely breakfast. Saying a fond farewell to new friends, we take away memories of a delightful Sojourn.



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

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

For more information please call our Reservations Team on

1800 252 053 (Australia) or +61 2 8336 2990 0800 445 700 (New Zealand)

or visit [billpeachjourneys.com.au](http://billpeachjourneys.com.au) [www.facebook.com/BillPeachJourneys](http://www.facebook.com/BillPeachJourneys)

Bill Peach Journeys Pty Ltd. ABN 11 054 959 152. Travel Agents Licence Number 2TA 003 547

