SPRINGTIME IN DAYLESFORD
WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Victorian Galleries and Gardens


**EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Spend 3 nights at the multi award winning Lake House in Daylesford
- Explore Goulburn Valley including the charming town of Nagambie and cruise the Goulburn River
- Discover the charm and history of Gold Rush towns, Bendigo and Ballarat
- Unearth the treasures of the Heide Museum of Modern Art, Mitchelton's Aboriginal Art Gallery and Bendigo & Ballarat's art galleries
- Visit picturesque Hepburn Springs, Australia's largest mineral springs and tour breathtaking Daylesford
- Explore the magnificent Noorilim Estate & gardens
- Delight in the springtime beauty of Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens and Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm
- All meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Enjoy touring with new friends while enjoying your own room with no single supplement charge
- Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

Bill Peach Journeys invites you to enjoy a delightful springtime sojourn in the spectacular Goulburn River and Daylesford regions. Explore the magnificent Noorilim Estate and gardens and cruise the Goulburn River on a riverboat cruiser. Spend 3 nights at the award-winning tranquil Lake House overlooking Lake Daylesford enjoying the lush landscapes and natural springs which exude the welcoming ambiance for which this unique property is renowned. We visit the picturesque town of Hepburn Springs, a haven for artists and acclaimed for its restorative healing waters. We will discover the history of the region while exploring the fascinating Gold Rush towns of Bendigo and Ballarat including visits to their comprehensive art galleries. Immerse yourself in yesteryear as we marvel at the heritage buildings, statues, monuments and gardens of these two historical towns reminiscent of their grand and gracious past. This 7 day sojourn is a truly unique insight into the tastes and enchanting countryside of Victoria as we explore the gardens, galleries and so much more of these breathtaking regions.

**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.

“**A truly magical experience. I cannot wait to do it all again next year.”**

R. Manning, Mosman, NSW
Day 1 | Arrive Melbourne
Transfer from Melbourne Airport to the luxurious Intercontinental Melbourne. A timeless heritage building, the hotel was built in 1891 and began as the famous Melbourne wool stores. Your Journey Director hosts the welcome dinner tonight, a perfect chance to meet your fellow travellers. Overnight: Intercontinental Melbourne

Day 2 | Melbourne - Goulburn Valley
Visit the Heide Museum of Modern Art before transferring to the regional town of Nagambie. Here we will see the statue of undefeated racing champion Black Caviar then visit the Nagambie Brewery offering spectacular views of Lake Nagambie. Next we tour Noorilim Estate which features a magnificent country mansion surrounded by 22 acres of picturesque botanical gardens. This afternoon we visit the Aboriginal Art Gallery at Mitchelton to enjoy a private with tour with the curator. Overnight: Mitchelton Hotel

Day 3 | Goulburn Valley
Today we will experience the beauty of the Goulburn River cruising along its waters in style. Linking Mitchelton and Tahbilk, two of Victoria’s best-loved wineries, we will take in the scenic inland waterways, tranquil rolling green hills and sweeping bends of the mighty Goulburn River while sampling the local produce and wine. Overnight: Mitchelton Hotel

Day 4 | Hepburn Springs & Daylesford
This morning we transfer by road to Daylesford which boasts the highest concentration of mineral springs in the country. Sitting at the foothills of the Great Dividing Range, Hepburn Springs is Australia’s largest mineral springs famed for its spa treatments. Visit Wombat Hill Botanic Gardens perched high on the summit of an extinct volcano offering panoramic views. Arrive this afternoon at the Lake House, your accommodation for the next three nights. Set on six acres of abundant and fruitful gardens that extend down to the waters of Lake Daylesford and provide guests with immediate access to the lake shore and the Wombat State Forest beyond. Overnight: Lake House

Day 5 | Bendigo
After breakfast we journey to the impressive small city of Bendigo. It has one of the finest collections of Victorian buildings of any inland city in Australia as the streets are awash with huge granite edifices. One of the best ways to explore the city is on the infamous talking tram, which runs through the heart of the city uncovering much of its fascinating past. We will also explore the Bendigo Art Gallery. Overnight: Lake House

Day 6 | Ballarat
Explore Ballarat, a city established when in August 1851, gold was discovered in Ballarat creating the biggest gold rush the world has ever seen. Explore Ballarat’s grand Victorian streetscapes of opulent “Boomtown” architecture and hear fascinating tales from the past. Explore the Art Gallery of Ballarat before visiting the Lavandula Swiss Italian Farm famed for its historic homestead and European style gardens featuring lavender. Tonight’s farewell dinner is at the Lake House. Overnight: Lake House

Day 7 | Depart Melbourne
Transfer to Melbourne airport or city. Saying a fond farewell to new friends, we take away memories of a delightful Victorian Sojourn.

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