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# 2016 MELBOURNE

23rd World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems

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Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre 10–14 October 2016

MEET IN ASIA PACIFIC FOR THE WORLD'S LEADING TRANSPORT TECHNOLOGY EVENT

**ACTIVATING GLOBAL MOBILITY SOLUTIONS** 

ITS—ENHANCING LIVEABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES













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# GREETINGS FROM THE CONGRESS CHAIR

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to Melbourne to participate in the ITS World Congress, 10-14 October, 2016. This is a wonderful opportunity to join more than 7,000 attendees and 300 exhibitors from 60 countries in Melbourne, voted the world's most liveable city for five consecutive years. ITS Australia is delighted to host the 23rd World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems 2016 on behalf of ITS Asia Pacific, ITS America and ERTICO.

"ITS—Enhancing Liveable Cities and Communities" is the theme for the Congress, providing the opportunity to demonstrate why Melbourne is regarded as the world's most liveable city and explore the benefits that ITS delivers to critical elements of our daily life. Australia is at the forefront of development and deployment of ITS technologies in many fields. With a unique landscape and lifestyle, Australia's ITS industry has risen to the challenge of delivering solutions to enhance our economy and communities. Our population is clustered in big cities with large urban areas where ITS technology such as managed motorways and free flow tolling (pioneered in Australia) are leveraged to ensure mobility. Long transport distances across our vast country encourage innovation and adoption of technology across our heavy vehicle fleet, in particular to enhance safety and efficiency.

The resources industry, operating in remote locations, has led the way by embracing ITS technology such as driverless trains and automated vehicles. Improvements in productivity and safety in tough economic conditions has had a positive impact on other industry sectors. The important contribution that ITS can make to benefiting emergency services and minimising harm from natural disasters has also been recognised and is increasingly being deployed to great effect.

By attending the 2016 World Congress in Melbourne, you will have the opportunity to find out more about these innovations, and experience plenary sessions, discussions and meetings with not just Australian ITS specialists, but with those from all over the world.

In collaboration with ITS Asia Pacific, ERTICO and ITS America, ITS Australia has prepared an engaging program. In the tradition of ITS World Congresses there will be plenary, scientific, technical, commercial and interactive sessions as well as a dynamic exhibition. Through our technical tours program we are excited to showcase Melbourne as a leader in this space which will be supported by a demonstrations program featuring leading Australian and overseas applications of the latest ITS technology.

We are also proud of ITS Australia's engagement with several schools and universities around Australia and Asia Pacific to encourage young generational thinking in this space. Scholarships, competitions and challenges for students aged 11-16 years, boys and girls, along with university level hackathons, app and data challenges, essay and video competitions are all aimed at stimulating research, creativity and innovation in our next generation with students presenting their project outcomes at the congress.

The rapidly growing public interest in ITS will see the exhibition opened to the public free of charge for two days plus we will present several "Melbourne Conversations on ITS" where the community are invited to hear first-hand from global industry leaders and ask their own questions.

The 2016 World Congress is truly an opportunity for policy makers, practitioners, researchers and ITS providers to share information on social needs, opinions and technical developments addressing modern transport issues. It will be a chance to network, exchange business cards and re-connect with former acquaintances.

Of course, it is also the perfect opportunity to visit Melbourne and regional Victoria, to travel interstate and to our close neighbour New Zealand. With wonderful food and wine, our unique heritage, animals and landscapes and welcoming culture, I look forward to welcoming you to Australia and the 2016 World Congress.



Brian Negus
ITS Australia President
and ITS World Congress 2016 Chair

# HOST ORGANISATION ITS AUSTRALIA

Established in 1992, Intelligent Transport Systems Australia (ITS Australia) is Australia's only organisation focused on facilitating the development and deployment of advanced technologies across all modes of transport: air, sea, road and rail. ITS Australia is an incorporated, not-for-profit organisation representing members of industry including government, private companies, customer organisations and academia. ITS Australia helps take products to market via direct links to customers and business partners through the global ITS network. This network comprises over 850 ITS organisations and their members: including regional bodies such as ITS America, ERTICO and ITS Asia Pacific. This clustering has encouraged collaboration in research and development, resulting in the promotion of many Australian technologies that have consistently impressed world markets.

www.its-australia.com.au



## **WELCOME**

#### ITS ASIA PACIFIC

On behalf of ITS Asia-Pacific, I would like to welcome you all to the 23rd ITS World Congress in Melbourne.

Fast, safe, reliable and efficient transportation has been one of the most important elements of the society for economic growth and enhanced quality of life. We are now at the outset of an endeavor with a new set of technologies which will change the way we observe phenomena in transportation and act on it.

Penetration of information and communication technologies to our daily life has given significant impact on our society. Highly automated cars will be put into market within a decade, which will dramatically reduce traffic accidents and congestion and also enable aged or challenged people to go out on their own.

Inclusive society, where diverse people in diverse community actively participate in generating values, will enhance both wellness of individuals and economic development. However, technologies alone won't bring about solutions. We need to take integrated approach combining state of the art technologies with social innovations. ITS technologies integrated with social innovations should provide everyone with mobility to fully exercise his or her capacity, enabling sustainable development of the society.

The ITS World Congress in Melbourne is exactly where you find right experts from industries, academic societies and government agencies. Policies, technologies, institutional issues and human factors are all covered with supporting facts and experiences.

I hope the ITS World Congress will trigger a massive process of Enhancing Liveable Cities and Communities.

#### ITS AMERICA

On behalf of ITS America, I am pleased to invite you to attend the 23rd World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) taking place in Melbourne, Australia, from October 10 – 14, 2016.

The theme of the Congress, "ITS—Enhancing Livable Cities and Communities," will address the many benefits that ITS technologies bring to our daily lives and to our increasingly connected global economy.

Building on the success of Detroit and Bordeaux, the 23rd World Congress will take on discussions of how to advance new technologies to increase connectivity, improve mobility and create a safer, more reliable and convenient transportation network. With sessions on topics including open data, automated vehicles, smart cities and new mobile applications, submitting a paper or special interest session proposal is a great way to participate and help generate new ideas for advancing ITS solutions.

The ITS World Congress is an opportunity for policymakers, investors, practitioners, researchers and ITS providers to learn about the latest innovations and discuss best practices with other leaders from around the world. It will be one of the most valuable educational, networking and collaborative global events you'll attend in 2016.

I look forward to seeing you in Melbourne at the 2016 ITS World Congress!

#### **ERTICO**

On behalf of ERTICO – ITS Europe and its Partners, I would like to invite you to attend the 23rd ITS World Congress in Melbourne in 2016. The theme of "ITS—Enhancing Liveable Cities and Communities" will explore the benefits that ITS brings to all aspects of our daily lives such as improving sustainability of travel, reducing congestion, and increasing the performance and competitiveness of all modes of transport. This event will provide an opportunity to share information on big data analytics, smart cities, mobile applications, environmental sustainability, vehicle and network safety, cooperative and automated vehicles, future freight and many other innovations in ITS.

Australia's advanced development and deployment of ITS technologies across many sectors has helped to ensure Melbourne's position as the world's most liveable city for 5 years in a row and as an ideal venue for hosting the 2016 World Congress. European ITS stakeholders are very much looking forward to visiting and engaging in discussions on the role ITS has to play in our future transportation.

I look forward to meeting you in the exciting and vibrant city of Melbourne, and to participating together in the wide range of events planned for the Congress.



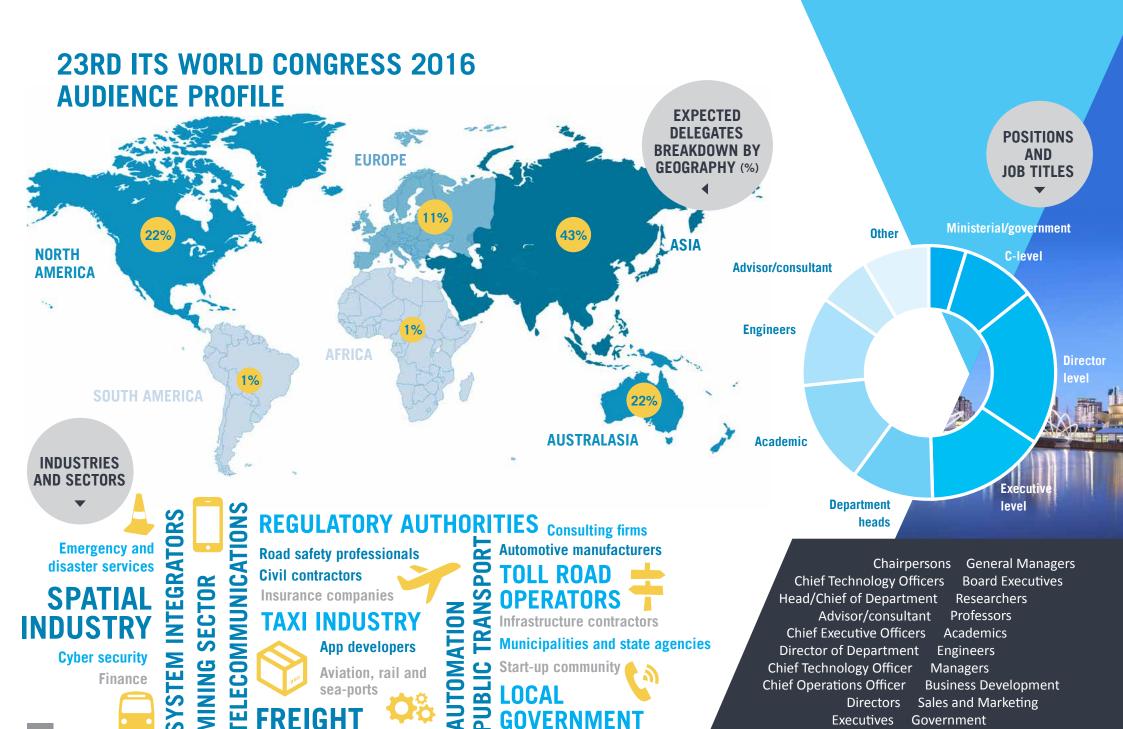
Hajime Amano Secretary General ITS Asia-Pacific



Regina Hopper
President and Chief Executive
ITS America



Hermann Meyer Chief Executive ERTICO - ITS Europe



**Analysts** 

# **FAST FACTS**

Dates: 10-14 October 2016



Venue: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre Melbourne, Australia



Over 7,000 attendees from around 60 countries worldwide



**Official Language:** The official language of the congress will be English with all presentations being delivered in English. Translation services are not provided.



Visit www.itsworldcongress2016.com for the latest information



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#### THE CONGRESS VENUE

The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre is located on the banks of the Yarra River, only a short walk from Melbourne's central business district, and a 20-minute drive to Melbourne International Airport connects MCEC to the rest of Australia and the world.

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre (MCEC)

1 Convention Centre Place South Wharf 3006 VIC

#### **CONGRESS OBJECTIVES**

The World Congress on Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) facilitates and influences global cross-talk of technologies and services towards making the full deployment of intelligent transport systems a smart and sustainable reality.

Surging growth in international demand will ensure that the 23rd ITS World Congress in Melbourne in 2016 will be the largest gathering of ITS researchers, developers and users in the Asia Pacific region for three vears.

The 2016 theme will be to showcase the contribution of ITS to the delivery of liveable cities and communities. Melbourne is the perfect venue to demonstrate this theme, having been named the World's Most Liveable City five times in the last decade. Liveability is enhanced by each of the key areas of ITS contribution, in the delivery of safe transport operations, the support of efficient and productive networks and the improvement of environmental outcomes. We will demonstrate Australian capabilities in each of these areas and invite our ITS colleagues from across the globe to share their advances in delivering desirable society outcomes for the community.

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**Invitation from City of Melbourne Lord Mayor Robert Doyle** 

**Promotional and Destination video** 

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# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

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# 23RD ITS WORLD CONGRESS 2016 PROGRAM THEMES



The promise of Big Open Data is unlimited. The data and technology are there, and open access is increasing. The dramatic increase in data from infrastructure, vehicle and consumer sensors is complemented by organisations opening up access to their previously proprietary data. How do we now deliver the full promise of Big Open Data both within the industry and to consumers? How can we use this data to solve problems such as congestion, improving the practicality of car-pooling, multi-modal journey planning or simply keeping consumers informed? How can we manage issues such as privacy, data ownership and liability?

- Open data management and application
- Data sharing and exchange
- Ubiquitous sensing
- Technology for data collection
- Availability and quality of data
- Data visualisation
- Data fusion
- Predictive analytics
- New business models for traveller information
- Security in an open environment



#### **AUTOMATED VEHICLES AND COOPERATIVE ITS**

There are many problems associated with road use – fatality and injury, congestion, stress, pollution... Could automated and connected vehicles offer a transport nirvana, and if so, how can we get there? What are the barriers remaining on the road to automated and connected mobility and how and when will they be overcome? How will we manage the mixing of automated and legacy vehicles and vulnerable road users such as pedestrians and cyclists? Will the sharing economy mean that cars no longer sit idle for 23 hours a day and what might mobility as a service mean for

- V2X Communication technologies and Cooperative systems
- Human factors and human machine interface
- Field operational tests, pilots and demonstrations
- Positioning, mapping and navigation
- Security and integrity for connected and automated
- Mobility as a service a transport revolution?
- Infrastructure and regulation needs for a mixedcapability fleet



#### **VEHICLE AND NETWORK SAFETY**

The guiding vision of a safe system is that no person should be killed or seriously injured on our roads. How can we use ITS to help make this vision a reality? How can ITS help safer roads and roadsides, safer vehicles, safer drivers and safer speeds to avoid crashes from occurring? How can we improve post-crash responses so that more victims survive? How can we protect our most vulnerable road users?

- Speed advice and restriction
- Technology and system for safety and enforcement
- Advanced driver assistance and support systems
- Human factors
- Emergency pre-emption and notification
- Post-crash response
- Improving safety of vulnerable road users
- e-call
- Roadwork safety and inclement weather management
- Preventative and active safety systems



We all share the world in which we live and we need to care for this world. How can ITS make transport more environmentally sustainable, reducing not only its carbon footprint but also pollution and noise? How can we make active transport more convenient and appealing as part of a more liveable city? How can we help reduce the number of cars with only one occupant? How can we help accommodate the electrification of the vehicle fleet?

- Environmental impact reduction
- · Electro mobility and charging
- Eco driving
- Reducing noise
- · Car sharing, bicycle sharing and ride sharing
- Encouraging active transport and mode shift

#### **SMART CITIES AND NEW URBAN MOBILITY**

Cities continue to be engine rooms of global economic growth as well as prime centres of population growth. How can ITS help cities avoid being the victims of their own success, so that growth does not mean reducing liveability? Can new approaches to pricing help manage demand and provide more sustainable funding? Can next generation traffic management and incident management help smart infrastructure cater for these changing demands as well improve customer journey experiences? How can we make cities friendlier to people through integrated public transport, smarter parking and pedestrian friendly zones?

- Integrated transport system
- · Next generation traffic management
- Transport modelling
- Road user charging
- Travel demand management
- Integrated ticketing and payment
- Incident management



#### **MOBILE APPLICATIONS**

Its a mobile and increasingly connected world. Many of us knew a world where work could be done only at the office, but now every aeroplane, train, bus, café and home can also be a workplace. People demand information anywhere and at any time it is useful to them and the explosive growth of smartphones had led to all-conquering 'app'. As these apps start to appear on our dashboard and our cars use smartphones for infotainment, do any boundaries remain? How can we continue to provide an ever better customer journey experience and move from customers searching for relevant information to that information proactively coming to them?

- Multi modal real time information
- Multi modal journey planner
- Demand responsive public transport
- Taxi and parking reservation
- Real time traffic advisory



#### **POLICY, STANDARDS** AND HARMONIZATION

Successful ITS requires not only smart technologies but also policy and regulatory frameworks, governance and collaboration, defined architecture and standards and successful funding strategies and business models. How can we continue to strengthen these foundations for success and continue to address issues such as liability and privacy?

- · Standardisation and architecture
- Transport policy and strategy
- Regulation and enforcement
- Funding strategies and business models
- Liability and privacy opportunities and challenges for connected and automated vehicles
- · Measuring / Demonstrating the benefits (and costs) of ITS solutions



#### **FUTURE FREIGHT INCLUDING AVIATION AND MARITIME**

Our economies depend on goods moving safely, efficiently and reliably on road, on rail, on water, through the air and through terminals. How can we use ITS to achieve smarter future freight? What role might unmanned vehicles play, on road, on rail, on water, through the air and through terminals? How can we offer seamless multimodal solutions to customers and differentiate solutions for differing needs?

- Freight and fleet management
- Logistics
- Ports and border crossings
- Railway network operation
- Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAS / RPAS / Drones)
- Airspace management and navigation

# **DESTINATION MELBOURNE**

Set on the shores of picturesque Port Phillip Bay, the southern-most city of mainland Australia is Melbourne: a creative, exciting, ever-changing city with extraordinary surprises to be discovered around every corner.

The city has an unrivalled calendar of major events, progressive dining scene, hidden laneways and art spaces, and unique regional escapes are just a short drive away.

Delegates to Melbourne will have no trouble filling their downtime when in town for a business event and will find it easy and convenient to experience the energy and vibrancy of the world's most liveable city.

With regular medal-winning appearances in the Economist's Most Liveable Cities list (taking the top award for the last five consecutive years) Melbourne has a right to be boastful. But despite its temperate climate, safe streets, cosmopolitan lifestyle and beautiful setting, locals remain low-key about their city. They know that Melbourne is Australia's undisputed event, sport, culture and food capital; a city with a European approach to style and a lifestyle that puts it in the fast lane. No need for show.

Australia is famed for being free of social and political turmoil and filled with sun, surf and beaches, unique flora and fauna, and warm, friendly people. And nowhere will you find these qualities more evident than in Melbourne. A modern multicultural, metropolis of four million people, it is a city that has made blending business with pleasure a sophisticated art form and a way of life.

Melbourne truly understands how to conduct business on a global level; however it has also been aptly described as 'Australia's most stylish city after sunset'. There are plenty of things to do in Melbourne. Easily navigated on foot, the city's confidence and success are infectious; whether closing a deal or relaxing with colleagues and new friends.

Melbourne's airport has more than 300 international and over a thousand domestic arrivals per week, providing superb access from across Australia and the world. Integrated public transport and centrally located facilities combine to

make Melbourne the perfect destination.





# REGISTRATION INFORMATION



#### FULLTIME REGISTRATIONS



#### **INCLUDE**



Access to all Congress plenary and concurrent sessions



Access to the exhibition



Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for Tuesday 11 October – Friday 14 October



Ticket to the Welcome Reception



Congress satchel



Namebadge and lanyard



#### DAY REGISTRATIONS



#### **INCLUDE**



Access to all Congress plenary and concurrent sessions on selected day



Access to the exhibition on selected day



Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for selected day



Congress satchel



Namebadge and lanyard



# EXHIBITION VISITORS



#### **INCLUDE**



Access to the exhibition



Namebadge

Note: Exhibition Visitors are welcome to purchase a ticket to attend the Welcome Reception - tickets required.



# ACCOMPANYING PERSON



#### **INCLUDE**



Access to the exhibition



Ticket to the Welcome Reception



Namebadge

DON'T MISS OUT



# **CLICK HERE TO REGISTER TODAY!**

#### **REGISTRATION RATES**

Please note that all prices are in Australia Dollars inc. GST

Please note that 'member' refers to Australian-based staff of ITS Australia members

REGISTRATION TYPE	Earlybird until 5 July 2016	Standard until 5 September 2016	Late from 6 September 2016			
Fulltime delegate	\$1,795	\$1,895	\$1,995			
Fulltime delegate member+	\$1,620	\$1,710	\$1,800			
Fulltime speaker/moderator	\$1,295	\$1,395	\$1,495			
Fulltime speaker/moderator member+	\$1,170	\$1,260	\$1,350			
Fulltime student*	\$395	\$445	\$495			
Fulltime non-OECD ^	\$995	\$1,095	\$1,195			
Fulltime local government municipality**	\$995	\$1,095	\$1,195			
Fulltime Australian public sector^^	\$1,395	\$1,495	\$1,995			
Day delegate	\$600	\$650	\$700			
Day speaker/moderator	\$450	\$500	\$550			
Day student*	\$125	\$150	\$175			
Exhibition visitor	No charge	No charge	\$25			
Accompanying partner – exhibition hall	No charge	No charge	No charge			

<sup>\*</sup>Proof of student status will be required to obtain this rate. Lunches not included with this rate.

Cancellation, Changes and Refund Policy: Refer to www.itsworldcongress2016.com

<sup>^</sup>Non- OECD refers to non signatory counties to the Convention on the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. Please see here www.oecd.org/about/membersandpartners/list-oecd-member-countries.htm for a list of signatory countries. Delegates registering from outside of these countries will be eligible for these rates.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Registrations of this type will only be accepted with an Australian local government municipality email address

<sup>^^</sup>Applicable only to Australian State and Federal Government agencies. Contact the organisers to discuss group discount for bookings of 20 or more

<sup>\*</sup> Discounted member rate only valid for ITS Australia financial corporate member Australia-based staff

MCI Australia are acting as agents for the collection of registration fees and registration management on behalf of the 23rd ITS World Congress 2016.

# SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

#### **WELCOME RECEPTION**

Join your colleagues following the opening ceremony for the opening of the exhibition and a chance to experience some of Victoria's best food and wine.

Date: Monday 10 October 2016

**Time:** 1730 - 2030 hours

Location: Exhibition Hall (MCEC)

Tickets included with Fulltime registration type -

additional tickets can be purchased for exhibitor passes and other guests.

Additional tickets: \$80 (inc.GST)

**Sponsored by Cubic Transportation Systems** 

#### **GALA DINNER**

Join us on a truly immersive dinner experience that will be a celebration of the eclectic and urban style Melbourne is famous for.

The journey will begin as a sit down dinner and as the evening unfolds dazzling spaces filled with magical wonder, mesmerizing music and enthralling entertainment will be discovered.

Date: Thursday 13 October 2016

**Time:** 1830 – 2400 hours

Location: Peninsula at Docklands

Tickets: \$198 per percen (inc. GS)

**Tickets:** \$198 per person (inc. GST)



# **ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation may be booked at time of registration. Group accommodation available (rooms of 9 or more). All rates are in Australian Dollars and include GST.



#### **Clarion Apartments**

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 Studio
 \$237

 One bedroom
 \$258

 Two bedroom
 \$441

Inclusive of internet

850m from MCEC (12 minute walk)



#### **Crown Promenade**

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Standard room \$290

Inclusive of internet
500m from MCEC (seven minute walk)



#### **Crown Metropol**

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Luxe room \$300

Inclusive of internet
170m from MCEC (three minute walk)



#### **Crown Towers**

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Deluxe room \$415

Inclusive of internet
650m from MCEC (nine minute walk)



# Crowne Plaza ★ ★ ★ ★ 1

King/Twin room \$273

Inclusive of internet 230m from MCEC (three minute walk)



#### **Grand Hotel Melbourne**

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**Deluxe studio** \$262 **Deluxe one bedroom** \$293

Inclusive of internet
500m from MCEC (seven minute walk)



#### **Hilton South Wharf**

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Run of house room \$367

Inclusive of internet
Adjacent to MCEC



# Holiday Inn

King/Twin room \$258

Inclusive of internet
550m from MCEC (eight minute walk)



#### Intercontinental Melbourne The Rialto

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Deluxe room

\$321

1.1km from MCEC (17 minute walk)

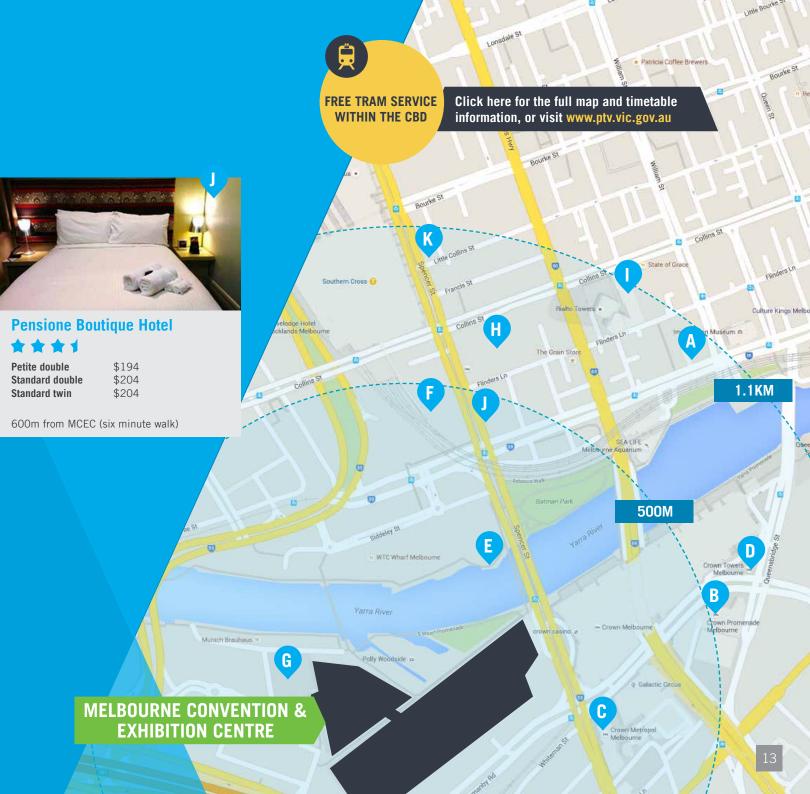


# Vibe Savoy Hotel

Standard room

\$257

Inclusive of internet 850m from MCEC (10 minute walk)



# DESTINATION TOURING OPTIONS

Please note that all tours are dependent on minimum numbers being met

#### **PRE CONGRESS TOURS**



# Tropical North Queensland and Central Australia

**Dates:** Tuesday 4 October 2016 –

Sunday 9 October 2016

**\$1,960** per person twin / double share

**\$2,260** per person single share





#### **Sydney**

**Dates:** Thursday 6 October 2016 –

Sunday 9 October 2016

**\$1,350** per person twin / double share

**\$1,800** per person single share

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Tuesday October 4

Arrive Cairns Airport and transfer to accommodation at Paradise on the Beach Resort, Palm Cove. This beach side resort is set idyllically with golden sand and a palm-fringed beach on the doorstep.

#### Wednesday October 5 (B, L)

Full day tour to the Great Barrier Reef. Transfer by coach along the Captain Cook Highway to Port Douglas where you'll board the boat and travel to the outer reef to snorkel and swim amongst the fish and coral. Late afternoon arrival at Paradise on the Beach.

#### Thursday October 6 (B, L)

A full day tour to Kuranda, travelling by train up the McAlister Range, through 15 tunnels and past the Barron Falls. Enjoy the Kuranda markets, Aboriginal dancers, koala and wildlife park and the Skyrail cablecar.

#### Friday October 7 (B)

Take a morning flight to Alice Springs in Central Australia and check in to The Diplomat Motel. Depart for an afternoon tour of Alice Springs. See the sights and learn about the history and development of this important town.

#### Saturday October 8 (B, L, D)

An early rise for the transfer by road to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Located some 450 kilometres from Alice Springs, the world's greatest monolith rises 348

metres above the desert floor. Arrive early afternoon at the permanent campsite and after lunch visit The Olgas, a cluster of massive rounded rocks. Take a walk through the 'Valley of the Winds' before the spectacular sunset viewing of Uluru. Dinner around the campfire and camping accommodation under the stars conclude the day's program. This is 'soft' camping with a stretcher bed, sleeping bag and sheet provided. Shower facilities are also available.

#### Sunday October 9 (B, L)

Arise early for sunrise viewing of Ayers Rock followed by tour of the base caves and visit to the Cultural Centre. Early afternoon transfer to airport for flight to Melbourne.

Hincludes: Tour of Great Barrier Reef and Kuranda, five nights' accommodation (motel and camping), entry fee to & tour of Ayers Rock, The Olgas and Alice Springs, meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner), transfers, gst. The above package assumes delegates would fly into Cairns on the first day. We would arrange accommodation at Palm Cove, on the northern beaches 20 minutes from Cairns. The cost does not include airfares from Cairns to Alice Springs or Ayers Rock to Melbourne. If arriving before the first day, additional accommodation can be arranged.

#### **ITINERARY**

#### Thursday October 6

Arrive Sydney and transfer to Travelodge. Day at leisure.

#### Friday October 7 (B, L)

Enjoy a morning city sights tour of Sydney, taking in the historic Rocks area, the exclusive inner suburbs of Paddington and Double Bay, noted for their quaintly preserved terrace houses, famous Bondi Beach and the red light district of Kings Cross. A highlight of the day will be the harbour lunch cruise where you'll be introduced to its intriguing history, character and points of interest.

#### Saturday October 8 (B, L)

Another full day tour to the west of Sydney that encompasses the unsurpassed wilderness, beauty and remote bushland of the Blue Mountains plus panoramic views of rugged cliffs and deep forested valleys. There's also a visit included to the Featherdale Wildlife Park plus private time to walk through pristine bushland, lush ferns and temperate forests.

#### Sunday October 9 (B)

Day at leisure to explore some more of Sydney. A suggested activity is The Bridge Climb, a 3 1/2 hour adventure and a never to be forgotten experience on one of the world's most prominent attractions. The climb begins with a comprehensive





#### **Mornington Peninsula Vineyards**

Dates: Friday 7 October 2016

0900 - 1830 hours

**\$195** per person

briefing and safety demonstration that prepares you for the Climb of your Life! The exhilaration and sense of satisfaction achieved by reaching the top is rewarded with breathtaking views. One of the safety requirements is that each walker is breathalysed and carry items such as cameras are not permitted. The cost of the ticket includes a photograph. Afternoon flight to Melbourne.

tincludes: Three nights' accommodation, city sights and harbour cruise with lunch, Blue Mountains tour, entry to Featherdale Wildlife Park, deluxe coach transport, meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner), transfers, gst.

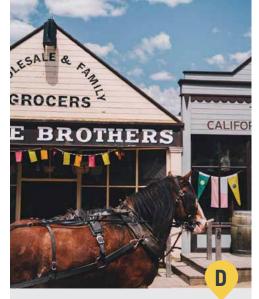
#### Options:

Bridge Climb, prices start from approx. \$250 per person.

The cost does not include the air-fare from Sydney to Melbourne. Recommended flight will be provided at time of booking. Time of Bridge Climb needs to be confirmed when booked

Well known as the most popular summer holiday destination for Melbournians, it's a region that's highly acclaimed for its food and wine. Nestled between the waters of Port Phillip and Westernport Bays, the climate is ideally suited to the production of high quality chardonnay, pinot gris and pinot noir. The enviable food scene that has developed around the vineyards has further heightened the region's wonderful diversity.

+ Includes: Transport, wine tastings with cheese & biscuits at Moorooduc Estate, wine tastings at Yabby Lake, Quealy and Stonier Vineyards, main course a la carte lunch, glass of wine & coffee at Merricks General Store, tastings at Mornington Peninsula Chocolates, bottled water, guide and gst.



# Sovereign Hill and Ballarat Wildlife Park

**Dates:** Saturday 8 October 2016 0800 – 1730 hours

\$164 per person

Travel to the west where much of Melbourne's early wealth was derived, from the goldfields of Ballarat. Break the journey up with a visit to the Ballarat Wildlife Park. Nestled in a native bushland habitat, get up close to many of Australia's native animals such as kangaroos, koalas and emus. Continue on to Sovereign Hill, the recreated gold mining township of the 1850's. Here, you'll visit this perfectly re-created 1850s living museum showcasing the working and living conditions of the Gold rush era.

• Includes: Transport, entry to and guided tour of Ballarat Wildlife Park, entry to Sovereign Hill, Red Hill Mine tour, gst.



#### **Wildlife and Wine**

**Dates:** Sunday 9 October 2016

0900 - 1830 hours

**\$210** per person

Travel through to the north-east of Melbourne through the rolling hills of the Yarra Valley to the Healesville Sanctuary, home to more than 200 species of native animals in a natural bush setting. Enjoy a guided tour of this outstanding facility before arriving at Yering Station for lunch in their superb restaurant. The day concludes at De Bortoli with a wonderful selection of cheeses that will be matched to their estate range of wines.

+ Includes: Transport, entry to and guided tour of the Healesville Sanctuary, wine tasting, main course lunch, glass of wine and coffee at Yering Station, wine tasting with cheese at De Bortoli, guide

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#### **Yarra Valley Vineyards**

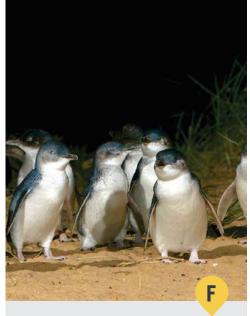
Dates: Saturday 15 October 2016

0900 - 1830 hours

\$195 per person

Visit the beautiful Yarra Valley and enjoy tastings at De Bortoli, Yering Station, Medhurst, Domaine Chandon and Coldstream Hills. Appreciate why this region enjoys such a high profile with its world class production of sparkling and table wines and outstanding food.

+ Includes: Transport, all wine tastings, lunch, glass of wine and coffee at Yering Station, glass of sparkling at Domaine Chandon, cheese platter with tasting at De Bortoli, guide



#### **Phillip Island Penguins**

Dates: Saturday 15 October 2016

1330 - 2130 hours

\$150 per person

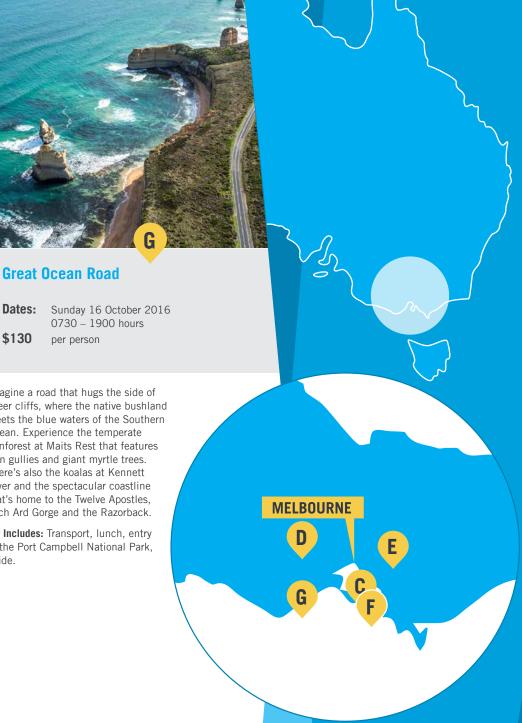
Enjoy the antics of the world's smallest penguins at fascinating Phillip Island. The sight of Australia's largest fairy penguin colony emerging from the surf and waddling up the beach with food for their young brings howls of delight from an enthralled crowd.

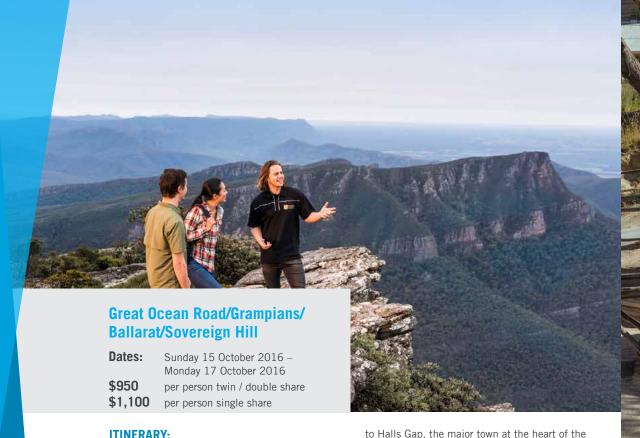
+ Includes: Transport, entry to Koala Conservation Centre, Penguin Parade with Penguin Plus Viewing Platform, guide

Imagine a road that hugs the side of sheer cliffs, where the native bushland meets the blue waters of the Southern Ocean. Experience the temperate rainforest at Maits Rest that features fern gullies and giant myrtle trees. There's also the koalas at Kennett River and the spectacular coastline that's home to the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and the Razorback.

\$130

+ Includes: Transport, lunch, entry to the Port Campbell National Park, guide.





#### **ITINERARY:**

#### Saturday October 15 (L)

Depart Melbourne at 8am and travel to the west through Geelong, the state's second largest city. Not long past Geelong the ocean comes into view and at Anglesea a stop would be made to view the kangaroos that frequent the golf course. Continue onto Lorne where the dual mix of the ocean and the Otway Ranges is breathtaking. Lunch would be taken at Lavers Hill and before the drive through to the rainforest at Melba Gully then to the Shipwreck Coast. The afternoon would feature the coastal rock formations of Loch Ard Gorge, 12 Apostles and The Arch before arriving in Port Campbell.

#### Sunday October 16 (B, L)

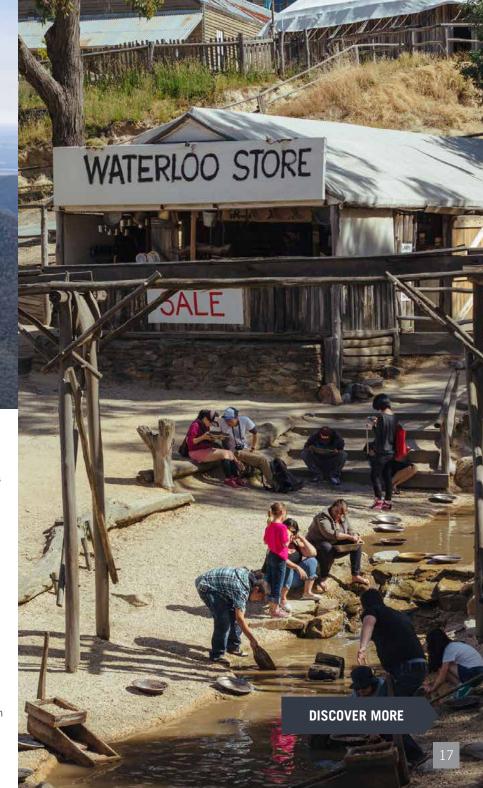
After breakfast travel across to Tower Hill, an extinct volcano and now a State Park. A walk through the park reveals koalas in generous numbers in the gum trees. Late morning continue through to Dunkeld where lunch will be enjoyed at the stylish Royal Mail Hotel. After lunch, a visit would be made to Crombie Homestead where our hosts, Rex & Gay Beveridge will provide an insight into life on the land with their sheep and beautiful garden. Late afternoon transfer through

breathtaking Grampians mountain range.

#### Monday October 17 (B, L, D)

Depart Halls Gap and travel through the Grampians taking in some of the most spectacular scenery the state has to offer. Included in these are The Balconies, Mt Difficult Lookout and The Jaws of Death before transferring through to Ballarat and Sovereign Hill. Sovereign Hill is a recreation of Ballarat's first ten years following the discovery of gold there in 1851. Adjourn to the Charlie Napier Hotel for dinner before experiencing the sound and light show, 'Blood on the Southern Cross'. The show brilliantly recreates the events that lead to Australia's only civil war, the Eureka Stockade on Sunday December 3rd 1854. Return to Melbourne.

+ Includes: Mini-bus transport, two nights' accommodation, meals as indicated (B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner), farm visit at Crombie Homestead, tour of Melba Gully, Port Campbell National Park, Tower Hill, Grampians and Sovereign Hill, entry fees to Sovereign Hill and Blood on the Southern Cross, dinner on the final night at Sovereign Hill, guide, gst.





Date: Saturday 15 October 2016 - Tuesday 18 October 2016

3 Night Hotel Packages		Copthorne Hotel & Apartments (4*)	Heartland Hotel Queenstown (3*)			
Shuttle Bus	\$906	\$557	\$502			

Rates are per person twin share and includes 3 nights accommodation (twin share), daily breakfast and return airport transfers (Private car and extra night available).

Set in the azure seas of the South Pacific Ocean. New Zealand is renowned for its clean green environment and remarkable scenic beauty from rugged mountains and ancient glaciers to beaches. bays and bush. Discerning travellers from all over the world rate New Zealand a destination not to be missed.

New Zealand is more than magnificent landscapes, it is about a people and a society that has a vibrant and rich culture; a melding of a proud Maori heritage and modern European and Polynesian influences.

New Zealanders themselves – friendly and open are proud of their country and its achievements. They have an egalitarian approach to life that visitors find refreshingly calming and welcoming.

New Zealand offers outstanding experiences - including wilderness fly fishing and deep-sea game fishing, hiking and helicopter adventures, diving, hiking, hot air ballooning. skiing and golfing tours, gourmet cuisine, wine trails, house and garden tours as well as sports, cultural and artistic activities. New Zealand is also known for its fine foods and wines. Seafood and top quality agricultural produce form the basis of the exciting and innovative Pacific Rim cuisine.

...rated on a par with Vail in North America, Val Gardena in Italy and Bariloche in South America as one of the leading mountain resort towns of the world. It is promoted as the 'Adventure Capital of the World' - if the scenery doesn't take your breath away, the action will. Set on the shores of Lake Wakatipu, amidst the towering peaks of the Southern Alps, the scenery provides a perfect backdrop for endless activities and an idvllic haven in which to relax.

#### OPTIONAL TOURING

#### MILFORD SOUND

Enjoy a full day trip along the shores of Lake Wakatipu and the rolling countryside to Te Anau where you will stop for a break before continuing to Milford Sound, Board the Milford Mariner or Milford Wanderer for a leisurely two and a-half hour cruise of Milford Sound. View the stunning scenery, including waterfalls, rainforest and the towering peaks. Keep a look out for wildlife. Delicious lunch options and complimentary tea and coffee are available during the cruise.

#### Milford Sound \$217 per person

+ Includes: Return luxury coach transfer from Queenstown to Milford Sound, commentary in English only (interpretation material is available in foreign languages), two and a-half hour Nature Cruise along the full length of the fiord, picnic lunch. Departs Queenstown at approx 0700am

## **BRIDGE BUNGY**

The Kawarau Bridge Bungy (bungee) - home to the original 43 metre Bungy Jump. If you've heard of Bungy, you've heard of the Kawarau... it is where Bungy founders AJ Hackett and Henry van Ash started it all. The world's first and most infamous of leaps is still going strong, with tens of thousands Bungy jumping each year.

At the world's best-loved Bungy site, the choice is yours: tandem or solo, then you can decide whether to bob above the water, touch it, or be fully immersed.

#### AJ Hackett Bungy Queenstown Kawarau Bridge Bungy \$226 per person

• Includes: Return coach transfer from Queenstown to Milford Sound, T-shirt, 1 x bungy jump

#### **QUAD BIKE SAFARI**

a high country sheep station with more than 25kms of varied trails to play on. Go off-road and explore the terrain with your expert guide. Whether you are a complete beginner or an experienced rider, we will kityou out in protective clothing before giving you full training on the bikes and tailoring the trip to suit your ability.

#### Quad Bike Safari \$269 per person

• Includes: Return coach transfer from Queenstown hotel to 'The Station', all safety equipment and clothing. 2hrs on the quad bike.

#### SHOTOVER JETBOAT RIDE

You can't beat the thrill of a Shotover Jet experience. It's an adrenaline rush you'll never forget! From the moment the accelerator hits the floor, your adrenaline hits the roof as you power through the Shotover River and deep into the Shotover River canyons! It's an amazing ride, as the Shotover Canyon walls tower over you, and your driver skilfully whips the boat past rocky outcrops, and skims around crags and boulders.

#### Shotover Jetboat Ride \$145 per person

+ Includes: Return coach transfer from Queenstown to 'The Station'. Shotover Jetboat ride

#### A WINE & GOURMET ODYSSEY

Savour some of Central Otago's internationally acclaimed wine and food on this fabulous odyssey. Relax where art meets science in one of the world's most scenic wine regions. Match premium wines with superb local produce at one of the region's top winery AJ HACKETT BUNGY QUEENSTOWN KAWARAU restaurants. Platters include local produce such as cheese, meats, seafood, breads, dips & more.

#### A Wine & Gourmet Odyssey \$196 per person

• Includes: Return coach transfer from Queenstown, wine tasting at a minimum of four wineries, gourmet platter at top winery restaurant, sightseeing with fully guided commentary including the historic Kawarau Gorge, home of the world's first Bungy jump, learn how wine evolves from the vine to the glass.

## SKYLINE GONDOLA &KIWI HAKA SHOW &

A truly unique New Zealand experience with a scenic gondola ride, Taste of New Zealand Buffet in the Skyline

Restaurant and powerful Kiwi Haka performance. Reputed to be the steepest lift in the Southern Hemisphere, the gondola carries visitors high above Queenstown to the Skyline complex located on Experience the thrill of freedom...Queenstown Hill is Bob's Peak. Sit back and relax as the views from the gondola unfold while you journey to the Skyline complex. Experience the fearsome haka and the stunning poi display. A unique live show performed by Queenstown's leading Kapa Haka group.

### Skyline Gondola & Kiwi Haka Show & Dinner \$137 per

**Includes:** Gondola ride, dinner and live Haka show

<sup>\*</sup>All rates are subject to availability and price change may occur as per currency conversion. Rates are in Australian Dollars.

### **ACCOMPANYING PERSON ADDITIONAL TOURS**





**Dates:** Tuesday 11 October 2016

per person

 $0800 - 1730 \ hours$ 

Travel to the west where much of I

\$164

Travel to the west where much of Melbourne's early wealth was derived, from the goldfields of Ballarat. Break the journey up with a visit to the Ballarat Wildlife Park. Nestled in a native bushland habitat, get up close to many of Australia's native animals such as kangaroos, koalas and emus. Continue on to Sovereign Hill, the recreated gold mining township of the 1850's. Here, you'll visit this perfectly re-created 1850s living museum showcasing the working and living conditions of the Gold rush era.

• Includes: Transport, entry to and guided tour of Ballarat Wildlife Park, entry to Sovereign Hill, Red Hill Mine tour, gst.



#### **Mornington Peninsula Vineyards**

**Dates:** Wednesday 12 October 2016

0900 - 1830 hours

\$195 per person

Well known as the most popular summer holiday destination for Melbournians, it's a region that's highly acclaimed for its food and wine. Nestled between the waters of Port Phillip and Westernport Bays, the climate is ideally suited to the production of high quality chardonnay, pinot gris and pinot noir. The enviable food scene that has developed around the vineyards has further heightened the region's wonderful diversity.

hickness: Transport, wine tastings with cheese biscuits at Moorooduc Estate, wine tastings at Yabby Lake, Quealy and Stonier Vineyards, main course a la carte lunch, glass of wine coffee at Merricks General Store, tastings at Mornington Peninsula Chocolates, bottled water, guide and gst.



#### **Introduction to Melbourne Walk**

**Dates:** Thursday 13 October 2016

0900 – 1200 hours

\$50 per person, based on a minimum of

20 people

The best way to discover Melbourne is on foot with an experienced walking tour guide! The guide will take you on an eclectic journey through this most exciting city. You will discover laneways, arcades, obscure treasures and much more. A little history and attention to amazing architecture will inspire all visitors.

+ Includes: Guided city walk, coffee, gst.



#### **Marvellous Market**

**Dates:** Friday 14 October 2016

0900 - 1300 hours

**\$85** per person, based on a minimum of 20 people

The Queen Victoria Market has been the heart and soul of Melbourne for more than a century. A historic landmark spread over two city blocks, it's a vibrant and bustling inner-city Market which serves the needs of the locals and increasingly, many visitors. It also provides a terrific snapshot into Melbourne's multi-cultural fabric. Relive over 130 years of Melbourne's vibrant history on this heritage tour and gain an insight into Melbourne's Market culture.

+ Includes: Transport, guided market tour, guide, gst.

You must be a registered congress delegate to book any of the Destination Touring Options.

Partners should register as an Accompanying Partner in order to book their tour.

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