

# Melbourne Cup Carnival and Gardens of Victoria



November 2025



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**Victoria has long been known for as the garden state and this tour combines many of their stunning gardens and the race that stops the nation™ The Lexus Melbourne Cup. This is a bucket list tour not to be missed.**

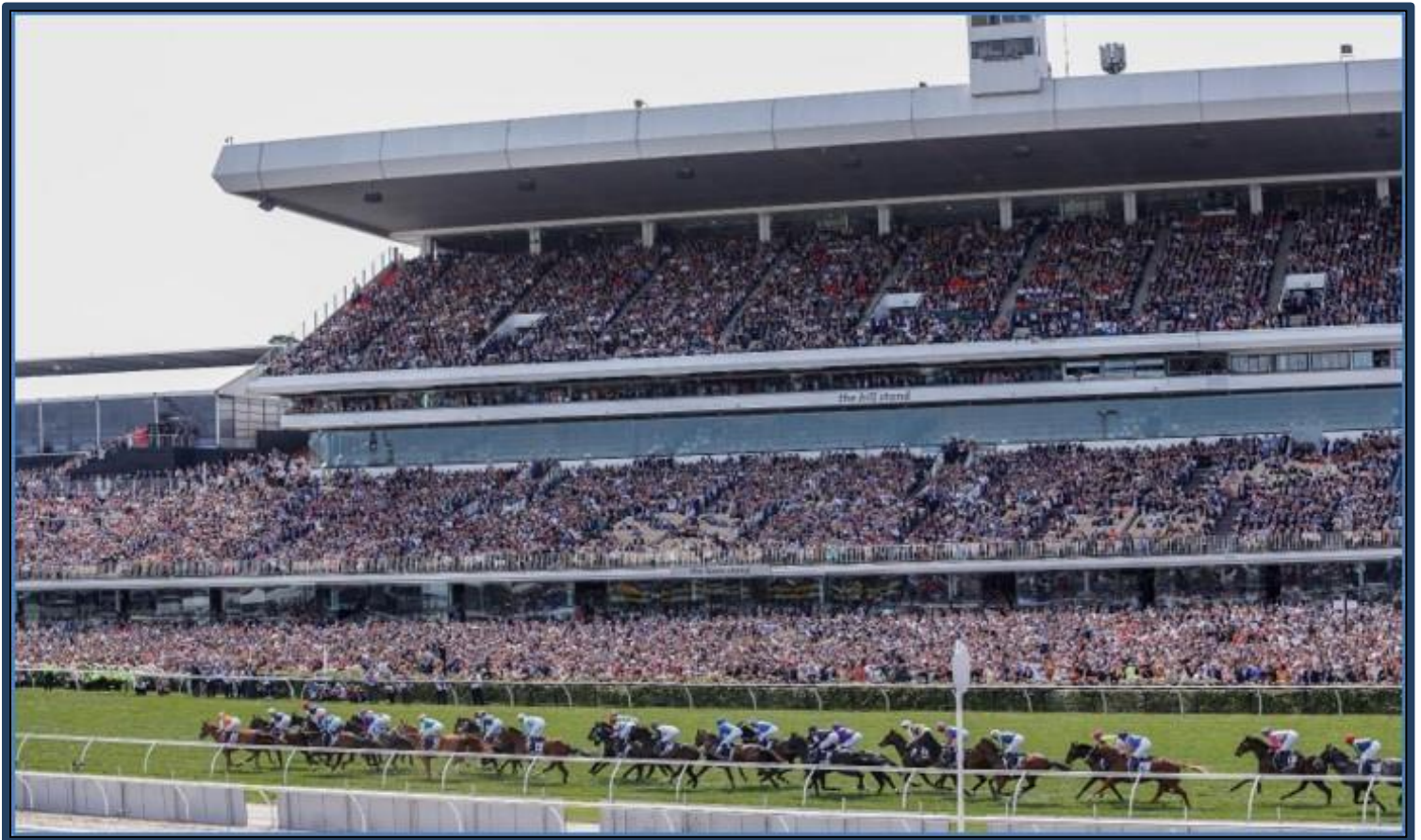
The Melbourne Cup carnival is an undeniably fantastic feast for racing enthusiasts. You will experience the race from the comfort of your reserved hill stand seating overlooking the winning post.

Included also, is Ambassador's exclusive Melbourne Cup Eve dinner at the Crown Casino where you can enjoy a fabulous dining experience in the company of you and fellow travellers and special guests.

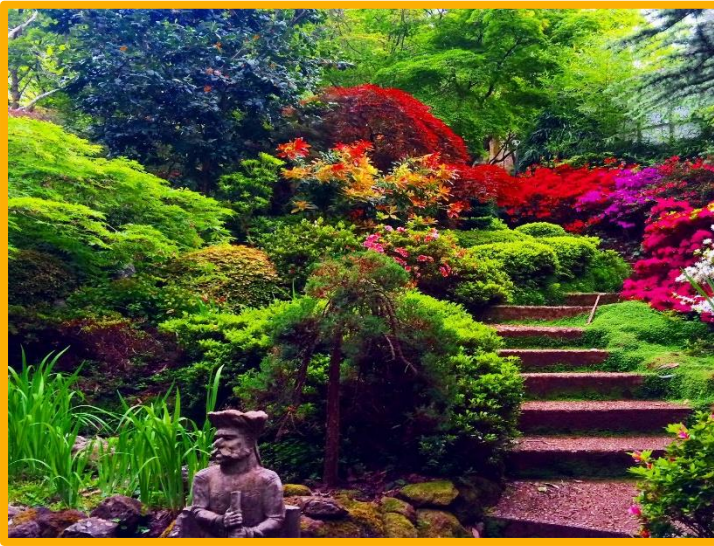
Your tour will include visits to some of Victoria's most iconic and attractive gardens that Melbourne has to offer.

Join us to experience the ultimate balance between the beauty and excitement. Visiting the historic Fitzroy Gardens and Melbourne botanical gardens one of the world's renowned spots. As well as the magnificent Dandenongs and the Victoria State Rose Gardens whilst witnessing first hand the thrill of the Spring Racing Carnival.

We can't wait to have you join us for this unforgettable experience.







## The Garden State

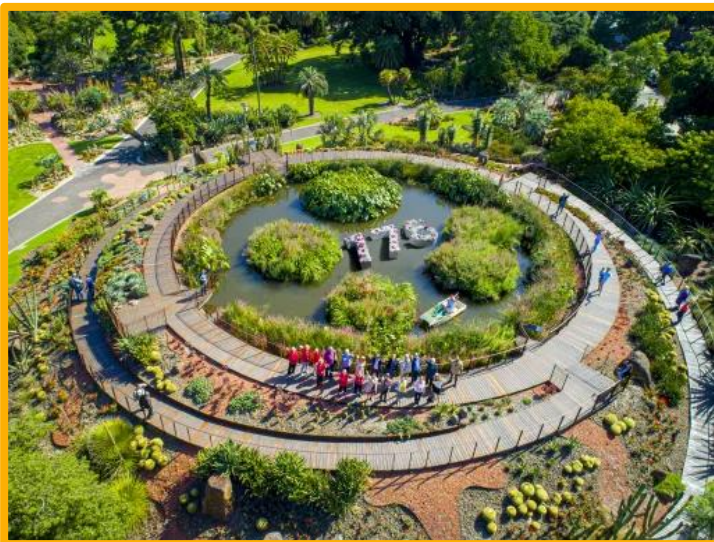
**One of Melbourne's most historic and beautiful Gardens, the Fitzroy Gardens were originally set aside as a reserve in 1848. The Layout follows a classic Victorian-era design together with a diverse and layered landscape. The Melbourne botanica Gardens attract 1,900,00 visitors annually for a reason. It is a treasured part of cultural life and a valuable asset to the heritage rich city.**

With its stunning vistas, tranquil lakes and diverse plant collections, the Gardens are a place of continual discovery and delight.

At the Dandenong Gardens witness an explosion of colour as flowers burst into bloom throughout the magnificent gardens of the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges.

Swap the rugged bushland around the region for more manicured surrounds, with the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges boasting some of Melbourne's greatest gardens.

The Victoria State Rose Garden, located in the prestigious grounds of Werribee Park, is an internationally acclaimed garden and a winner of the World Federation of Rose Societies Award for Garden Excellence. The garden was the first rose garden outside of Europe to receive this award.







The River Room at the Crown Casino will once again play host to Ambassador Travel's exclusive Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner. You will be able to experience what promises to be a fantastic evening to be remembered when you join one of our Melbourne Cup Carnival Tours.

What better way to prepare for 'the race that stops a nation'<sup>TM</sup> than to attend this special event in the company of fellow racing enthusiasts and our special guests. Your evening will include a delicious 3-course meal served with beverages and a plentiful supply of fun throughout the evening, with sweeps and numerous prizes to be won



## Entertainer | Des Dowling

The year's Ambassador's Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner will be a special treat with the help of comedian Des Dowling. After his early years as a news and current affairs reporter for the ABC, Channel 7 and Channel 9, he decided making people laugh, rather than making them cry was a far more noble way to earn a living.

Des has carved out a career as a top line comedian and corporate entertainer travelling the length and breadth of Australia. He's headlined at Australia's premier comedy clubs and performed his own sold comedy/sketch show at the Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

## Entertainer | George John

Once again and back by popular demand, Ambassador Travel is pleased to have the talented George John heading at this year's Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner.

With a true love of music, George presents a huge repertoire of songs that is sure to have you singing along and up out of your seat on the dancefloor.

George has been entertaining us for many years now with songs from the likes of Neil Diamond, Johnny Cash, Elvis and many others. Always open to request, George is sure to be a crowd favourite yet again.



## Day 1, Friday 31 October

### BRISBANE / SYDNEY – MELBOURNE

Make your way to the domestic airport for your flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival you will be transferred to your centrally located hotel. This evening, you are invited to join your fellow travellers for Melbourne Cup Carnival Welcome Drinks..

**Accommodation:** **Melbourne**

## Day 2, Saturday 1 November

### MELBOURNE

Today you visit the historic Fitzroy Gardens, dating back more than 150 years, this is an historic addition to Melbourne's green spaces with its Victorian-era design. Continue on the the Melbourne Botanical Gardens here you will enjoy a leisurely lunch before witnessing the tranquil waters and diverse plant collections first hand upon open air bus tour and your punt cruise along the artificial lake. Return to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

**Accommodation:** **Melbourne**

## Day 3, Sunday 2 November

### MELBOURNE

Today you travel to the beautiful Dandenong Ranges to visit the spectacular Cloudehill Gardens with a guided tour of the gardens before enjoying a wonderful lunch in their Seasons Restaurant. After lunch, tour the Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden with extra time to take a self-guided tour with map or simply sit and soak up the stunning gardens. Returning to your hotel around 5pm, tonight is at your leisure.

**Accommodation:** **Melbourne**

## Day 4, Monday 3 November

### MELBOURNE

This morning you will tour the magnificent Victoria State Rose Gardens. Enjoy morning tea whilst surrounded by the internationally acclaimed garden. This afternoon is free to soak up the Spring Carnival atmosphere of Melbourne, shop or perhaps prepare for tonight's exclusive Melbourne Cup Eve dinner held at Crown Casino. The evening includes live entertainment, a wonderful meal, and interviews with racing personalities. Tonight, will be an evening to remember in preparation for Australia's greatest race meeting.

**Accommodation:** **Melbourne**

## Day 5, Tuesday 4 November MELBOURNE

Transfer to Flemington Racecourse to bask in the excitement and atmosphere of Australia's richest and most famous raceday of the year. The \$7.3 million Lexus Melbourne Cup is a truly spectacular event to witness in person, each year creating a new legend and bringing the entire country to a standstill.

**Accommodation:** **Melbourne**



## Day 6, Wednesday 5 November

### MELBOURNE – BRISBANE/SYDNEY

Today you will be transferred to Tullamarine Airport for your return flight home. Please note you are welcome to extend your stay and take in further sights of Melbourne or enjoy a day at Flemington for the Ladies Oaks day, the choice is yours.

This concludes your Melbourne Cup Carnival Tour with us



## Cost Per Person

	Ex BNE / SYD	
	Twin Share	Single Supp.
<b>Marriott</b>	<b>\$5,295</b>	<b>\$995</b>
<b>Grand Chancellor</b>	<b>\$4,795</b>	<b>\$795</b>

## Tour Includes

- » Return economy class fares
- » Return airport / hotel transfers on group flights
- » Return hotel / casino transfers for Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner
- » Return hotel / racecourse transfers on racedays
- » Accommodation on twin share basis
- » Admission, racebook & reserved Hill Stand seating
- » Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner at Crown Casino
- » Welcome Drinks      » Breakfast Daily
- » Visit to Historic Fitzroy Gardens
- » Open air bus tour of Melbourne Botanical Gardens
- » Punt ride on Melbourne Botanical Gardens Lake
- » Guided Tour of the Spectacular Cloudhill Gardens
- » Visit to Dandenong Ranges Botanic Garden
- » Visit to Victoria State Rose Gardens
- » Lunch on day 2 and 3      » Morning Tea on day 4
- » Assistance throughout
- » GST

## Not Included

- » Items of a personal nature      » Travel Insurance
- » Airline & Airport Taxes (approx. \$85 per person)
- » Meals other than listed      » Optional tours

Cost based on a minimum of 10 passengers ex Brisbane & Sydney with Virgin. Fares from other Australian ports and business class airfares available on request





## Marriott Hotel

### Superior First Class

A superior first class accommodation, the Marriott Hotel is located in the city centre on the corner of Exhibition & Lonsdale Streets. Positioned in the Theatre District, the hotel is in proximity of Lygon Street and Chinatown and a short walk to major department stores. The hotel offers you an extensive range of facilities, with spacious guest rooms and suites as well as the Essence Restaurant for quality dining.

## Hotel Grand Chancellor

### First Class

An ideal choice of accommodation for travellers seeking a great value hotel in key location, opposite Marriot.

Centrally located in the Theatre district within close proximity to shopping arcades, restaurants and nightlife. Hotel has a flight of stairs at entrance with no portorage on offer. Clients will be required to carry their own luggage into hotel via stairwell.



## Airline | Virgin

Your airfares are based on Virgin Group Fares, but should you wish to depart from any other city than those listed, we are able to offer special fares from all Australian Virgin ports, subject to availability at the time of booking. For **passengers wishing to make use of their frequent flyer points or other means of transport, we are able to offer land-only packages. Please contact one of our experienced travel consultants for assistance.**





# Discover the Beauty Of The Gardens of Victoria



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