



Melbourne Cup Carnival Racing Tour

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It is my great pleasure to invite you to join our tour to Melbourne for the running of the Lexus Melbourne Cup - Australia's most spectacular thoroughbred racing event. Celebrate the legendary characters and history of this cultural phenomenon that is part of our Australian identity. This year, 'the race that stops a nation'TM is set to be one of the most spectacular social events in Australia yet again.

The Melbourne Cup Carnival is undeniably a fantastic feast for racing enthusiasts, with the Penfolds Victoria Derby Day, Lexus Melbourne Cup Day, VRC Oaks Day and TAB Champions Stakes Day being just a sample of the superb racing one will experience throughout the carnival. With the stakes once again over a whopping \$8 million the action this year is set to be as competitive as ever.

Our tours include Ambassador Travel's exclusive Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner at Crown Casino, where you can enjoy a fabulous dining experience in the company of your fellow travellers and special guests.

For those arriving on the Friday prior to the Penfolds Victoria Derby Day, join us for welcome drinks at the Marriott Hotel, giving you the opportunity to meet fellow travellers, and in many cases, renew your acquaintances with past friends.

If you would like to design your own tour, you can rely on one of our experienced consultants to make all the necessary arrangements for you. Ambassador Travel is also happy to offer 'land only' packages for those wishing to make use of their Frequent Flyer Points or wanting to use alternative means of transport.

I recommend that you book your tour early to avoid disappointment, as this year's tour will be even more popular than ever.

Once again, I look forward to seeing you in Melbourne for this celebration and the running of the Lexus Melbourne Cup and we are certain you will have a great time and meet some wonderful friends along the way.

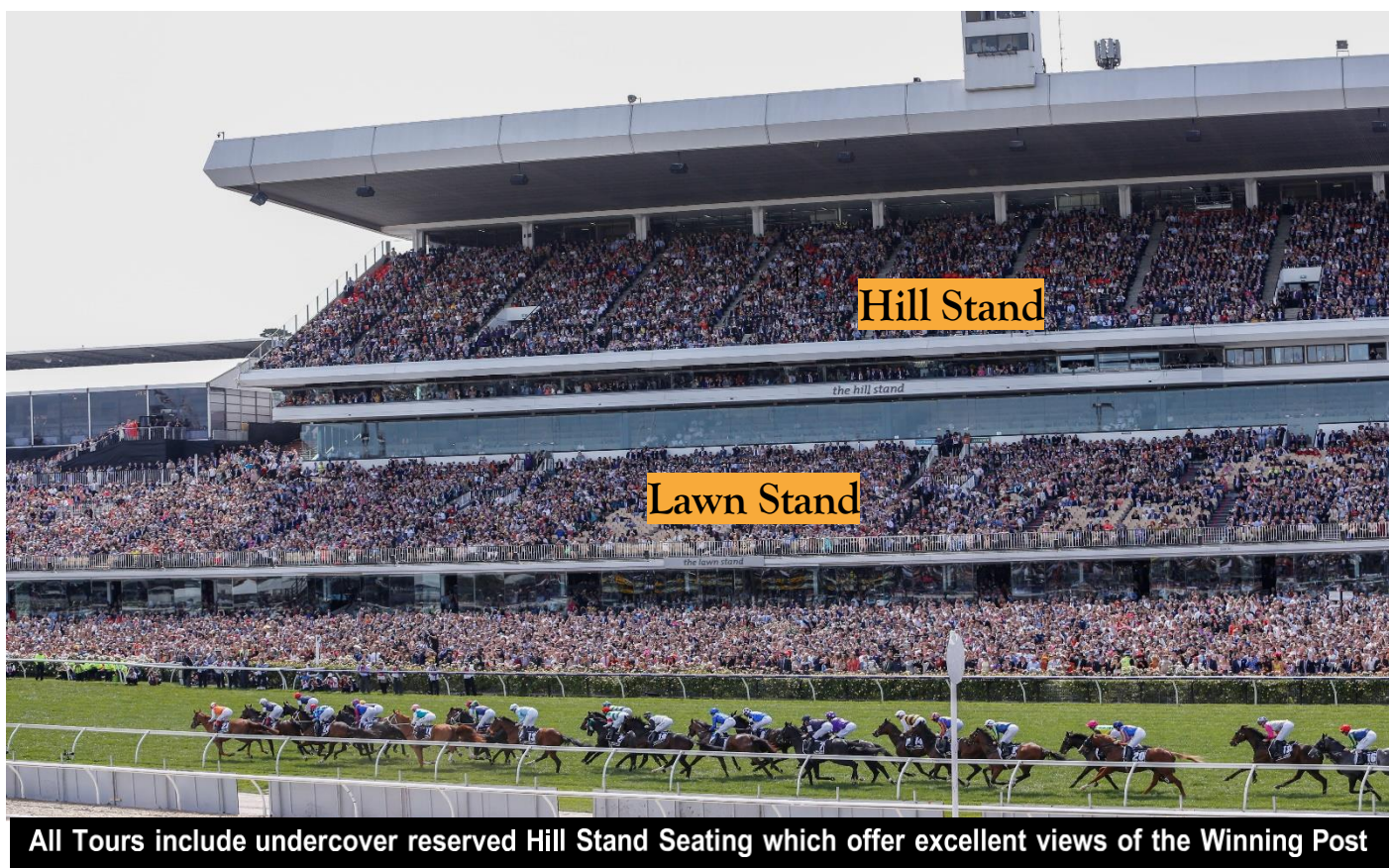


Peter Harney
Managing Director
Ambassador Travel



Take the opportunity to experience the inspiring life story of Tina Turner. The musical features more than 20 of her iconic songs including "Simply the Best", "What's love got to do with it" and "Proud Mary". A celebration of an expectational woman's life, that critics have called "a rock music spectacular" and "Breathtakingly exciting".

We have secured a limited allocation of tickets to Melbourne's final performance on Sunday evening and are offering these to our clients booking on a Melbourne Cup Tour package in this brochure. Cost is \$165.00 per person. Available until sold out. Hurry to secure your seats. Don't miss the opportunity to see the celebration of an expectational woman's life, that critics have called "a rock music spectacular" and "Breathtakingly exciting".



Penfolds Victoria Derby Day



Official Flower for Penfolds Victoria Derby Day is the Cornflower and is considered by many to be the most prestigious day of the Carnival

Lexus Melbourne Cup Day



Official Flower for Lexus Melbourne Cup is the Yellow Rose and sits in the pinnacle of the Australian's racing carnival

VRC Oaks Day



Official Flower for the VRC Oaks Day is the Pink Rose. An occasion for the ladies to express their own signature style.

TAB Champions Stakes Day



Official Flower for TAB Champions Stakes Day is the Red Rose and concludes Melbourne Cup Carnival with a day for the whole family.

Welcome Drinks

Get together with your fellow travellers and racing enthusiasts by joining us for 'Melbourne Cup Carnival Welcome Drinks at the Melbourne Marriott Hotel on Friday the 1st of November, the eve of the Penfolds Victoria Derby.



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Apart from spectacular days of racing excitement one of the highlights on tour is our Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner held in the River Room at the Crown Casino.

Hosted by Guest Sports Commentator and Racing personality Alan Thomas your night will be a fulfilled gala of Entertainment and Racing Chit Chat.





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'[™] 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 | Paul Martell

Back by popular demand, this year's Ambassador's Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner will be a special treat with the help of comedian Paul Martell. Voted Comedian Of The Year at the Australian Variety artists "Mo" awards presentation a record eight times,

Paul Martell is a master craftsman and a multi-talented performer who captivates the audience with his fast pace Irish wit and life-like impressions that range from Columbo to Charles Bronson, Jack Nicholson and many more.



Entertainer | Jim Cassidy

Dual Melbourne Cup winner, Australian and New Zealand Hall of Fame inductee Jockey, Jim 'The Pumper' Cassidy will entertain you with tales that made him a favourite with the punters, trainers and journalists. but rarely officialdom.

With over 34 years in the saddle, Jim won over 100 Group Ones in Australia and partnered one of our all time favourites Might and Power to several notable victories.



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.



**Day 1, Sunday 3 November
BRISBANE / SYDNEY – MELBOURNE**

Make your way to the domestic airport today for your flight to Melbourne where upon arrival you will be transferred to your centrally located hotel. This evening is at leisure for you to enjoy the various sights of Melbourne or simply relax in your hotel.

Accommodation: Melbourne

**Day 2, Monday 4 November
MELBOURNE**

With no scheduled program during the day, you may spend the day relaxing, shopping, or join an optional tour. This evening, you will be transferred to our exclusive Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner at Crown Casino. In the company of like-minded people enjoy an evening of dinner, live entertainment and interviews with racing personalities. Tonight will be an evening to remember in preparation for Australia's greatest race meeting.

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Cost Per Person

	Ex BNE / SYD	
	Twin Share	Single Supp.
Marriott	\$2,995	\$695
Grand Chancellor	\$2,695	\$495

Tour Includes

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- » Return hotel/casino transfers for Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner
- » Return hotel / racecourse transfers on raceday
- » Accommodation on twin share basis
- » Admission, racebook & reserved Lawn Stand seating
- » Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner at Crown Casino
- » Breakfast Daily
- » Assistance throughout
- » GST

Not Included

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

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Accommodation: **Melbourne**

Day 7, Thursday 7 November

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Accommodation: **Melbourne**



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Cost Per Person

	Ex BNE / SYD	
	Twin Share	Single Supp.
Marriott	\$4,995	\$1,295
Grand Chancellor	\$4,495	\$ 995

Tour Includes

- » Return economy class airfares on Group Flights
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Accommodation: **Melbourne**

Day 9, Saturday 9 November MELBOURNE

Recognised as the Carnival's family day, TAB Champions Stakes Day is the fastest growing race meeting of the Carnival with crowds topping 80,000 in recent years. The Melbourne Cup Carnival concludes with TAB Champions Stakes Day which features many other Group 1 races. At the conclusion of this final raceday, you will be transferred back to your hotel.

Accommodation: **Melbourne**

Day 10, Sunday 10 November MELBOURNE

This morning you will be transferred to Tullamarine Airport for your return flight home. This concludes your Melbourne Cup Carnival Tour with us.



Cost Per Person

	Ex BNE / SYD	
	Twin Share	Single Supp.
Marriott	\$5,895	\$1,795
Grand Chancellor	\$5,195	\$1,295

Tour Includes

- » Return economy class airfares on Group Flights
- » 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
- » Breakfast Daily
- » Welcome Drinks
- » Assistance throughout
- » GST

Not Included

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

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There are a host of options including exclusive marquees, superb restaurants, and alfresco enclosures, across various price points, there really is something for everyone. Below are some of the many options available. Should you require any further information and details please contact our office at your convenience.

Skyline Restaurant*

The Skyline Restaurant is located on level 3 of the Hill Stand overlooking the Winning Post. Enjoy amazing views of the racecourse and city skyline with a five course degustation dining and beverage package included. With hillstand seats included you can watch the race on the television from your table or step outside to your reserved seat.



Makybe Diva® Marquee*

The Makybe Diva Marquee is a first class dining facility with views of winning post, racecourse and city skyline. This stylish marquee located in the Hill Enclosure is superbly appointed to ensure a premium raceday with a dining and beverage package included.



*Subject to Availability

Optional Day Tour



Sun 3rd Nov | Wed 6th Nov

\$295 Per Person

Horses, Beer & Wine Optional Day Tour

This morning travel to Woodlands Historical Park, which preserves a landscape very similar to what early European settlers would have encountered. Home to one of Australia's first kit-houses: a prefabricated timber house brought from Britain in the 1840s where you will enjoy morning tea before your tour of Living Legends, also within Woodlands Historic Park.

Living Legends is home to some favourite retired champion racehorses such as Fields of Omagh, Silent Witness, Apache Cat, Brew, Efficient, Twilight Payment, Redkirk Warrior (GB), Peniaphobia (IRE), Fawkner, Almandin and Tom Melbourne to name just a few.



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