

## **BALLARAT WINTER FESTIVAL**

**(FEATURING WINTER WONDERLIGHTS)**  
*Stay Put Tour*



**Tue 16<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July - 4 days/3 nights**

### **The Tour Price Includes:**

- Home Pick Up and Return (T&C's apply)
- Luxury Coach Travel with full commentary
- Tour Escort
- 3 Nights Quality Motel Accommodation
- All Touring and Entrance Fees as per Itinerary
- Most Meals as per Itinerary

### **Tour Highlights:**

- Sovereign Hills Winter Wonderlights (Day & Evening)
- Ballarat Tramways Museum
- Historic Tram Ride around Lake Wendouree
- Ballarat Art Gallery
- Avalon Nursery
- Cyril Callister Museum (The man who invented Vegemite)
- Ferry from Sorrento to Queenscliff with Morning Tea

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Get set to be mesmerised as traditional Christmas carols fill the air, Christmas trees and decorations line the Main Street, and faux snow falls. Every winter, Sovereign Hill throws an enormous Christmas-themed party as part of the Ballarat Winter Festival (a city-wide winter party). There's Christmas trees and decorations on Main Street and fake snow everywhere. The most spectacular bits are definitely after dark with huge light projections, everything's lit up and snow falls from the sky.

**Join us and be part of the winter celebrations in Ballarat.**

### Day 1. Tue 16 July: Home - Ballarat

(MT/D)

Good morning and welcome aboard. Let's begin our journey to Ballarat with a **ferry crossing from Sorrento to Queenscliff**. We'll enjoy a **delicious Morning Tea** whilst on board. From Queenscliff we travel to Ballarat. Our arrival we'll enjoy a lovely lunch at **Beechworth Bakery** Ballarat. With Ned Kelly pies and Savoury Scones and Beestings on the menu, there's something for everyone. This afternoon we are in for a treat with a personal tour guide to show us around the **Ballarat Tramway Museum**, ending with ride in one of the historic trams to take in the **sights of the Gardens and Lake Wendouree**. Next, we head to our motel, The Bell Tower Inn, with an indoor heated salt water swimming pool and spa – just the thing for these chilly winter days. After settling in, dinner will be in the motel restaurant. Rest up tonight in readiness for your full day of wonderful winter Christmas in July tomorrow.

Overnight: Bell Tower Inn, Ballarat (3 nights)

### Day 2. Wed 17 July: Sovereign Hill

(B/D)

After a **hearty breakfast** and a later than usual start, we are off to Sovereign Hill. **Christmas in July at Sovereign Hill** is a full day of fun and activities topped off by a magical **evening Wonderlights show**. During the day, Sovereign Hill will ring to the tune of traditional carols, with Christmas trees and colourful decorations lining Main Street. 'Hands-on' activities, a full theatre program, faux snow falls, and delicious treats will bring Christmas cheer to all. Lunch today is available at Sovereign Hill at your own expense. By night, as the sun sets and the snowflakes fall, Main Street will be transformed by sparkling grand-scale images and a whole array of new 'Winter Wonderlights' dancing brightly along its familiar façades. Venture into the magically lit garden and you will be greeted by St Nicholas himself. After the lights have faded on the Wonderlight show we head back to our Motel for a late dinner. (there will be an option for guests to return to the motel for a couple of hours prior to the Wonderlights evening show if the wish)

Overnight: Bell Tower Inn, Ballarat



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### Day 3. Thu 18 July: Ballarat

(B/L/D)

After another hearty breakfast and a relaxed pace to the morning we make our way to the **Cyril Callister Museum** in Beaufort. Cyril was the Australian chemist & food scientist who **invented Vegemite**. When the salty black paste first rolled off the production line in 1923, Australians hated it. Today, it can be found in eight out of 10 Australian pantries and fridges. Vegemite's rise from zero to national icon spanned two world wars, a depression and a polio epidemic. It is a lesson in what can be achieved with perseverance, resilience and integrity. After an informative visit here we head to **Sticks Café in the Avalon Nursery** for a relaxed lunch and stroll among the plants. We head back to Ballarat and spend some of the afternoon visiting the **Ballarat Art gallery**. Returning to our motel with some time to relax we head out again for our **farewell dinner at a local restaurant**.

Overnight: Bell Tower Inn, Ballarat

### Day 4. Fri 19 July: Ballarat to Home

(B/L)

After another hearty, cooked breakfast we bid farewell to the Bell Tower and begin to make our way home. We stop for Morning Tea enroute before arriving at **Russo Estate Winery** for a fabulous **3 course lunch**. With full bellies and fabulous memories, we head home enjoying being delivered directly to our door. Another great trip away with great people and Daytripper Tours



**Tour Cost from: \$1475-per person Twin Share  
(\$225.00 single supplement)**

*Minimum numbers required.*

*Tour Price is Valid for Travel during 2024.*

*Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

**\$300pp deposit required to secure your seats....**

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