

## **THE *SOUTHERN AURORA* TO THE MELBOURNE CUP**

*Sunday 3 November – to Wednesday 6 November, 2013*

By rail in style to The Cup via Victoria's famous Great Ocean Road & Otway National Park.

Get a rails run to the 2013 Melbourne Cup Carnival aboard our ever-popular, annual Southern Aurora® tour to the 'race that stops a nation'.

Relive the excitement and glamour of stylish rail travel aboard the famous Southern Aurora on a relaxing, feature-packed Rail Escape™ to the Emirates Melbourne Cup – with a day exploring the Great Ocean Road and Otway Rainforest.

### Journey Highlights

- Fine food and comfortable, nostalgic travel aboard the legendary Southern Aurora®.
- Go direct to the course for the race that stops a nation – the Melbourne Cup.
- Reserved grandstand seating and 'The Precinct' entertainment at The Cup.
- Victoria's Great Ocean Road – see the Twelve Apostles, Memorial Arch and Loch Ard Gorge.
- Otway Rainforest and Tree Top Walk – 30 metres above the forest floor.
- All-inclusive package, unpack once and relax.

The Cup Carnival is a renowned spectacle of food, fun, fashion, glamour and horse racing – don't miss being there for the race that stops a nation.

Our stylish package makes it easy, with access to the fashionable 'The Precinct', and reserved grandstand seating for the big race.

A comfortable coach transfer takes you direct to Flemington – enjoy live entertainment and a superscreen view of the morning races in a relaxed setting amidst market tables, chairs and umbrellas. A selection of take-away and gourmet refreshments are available for purchase nearby.

If you're feeling lucky, betting facilities and bookmaker are also at hand. Racecourse admission and a racebook are included. There's plenty of time and space to soak up the excitement – and you'll have a great vantage point for the big race.

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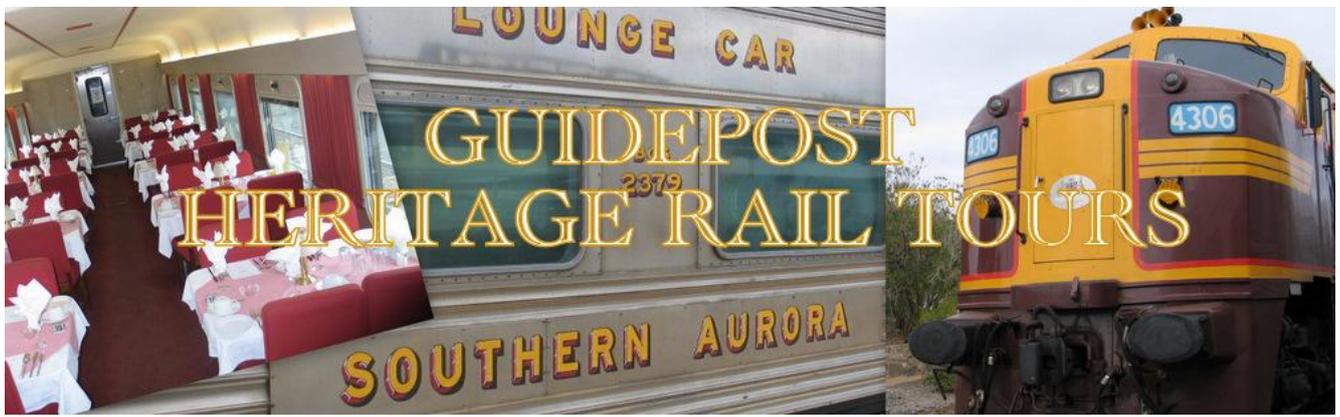
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Day 1 Sunday, November 3 (D) Depart Sydney Central

- Twilight 'dinner in the diner' in the Southern Highlands.
- Depart from Sydney Central at around 1300 hours.
- 'Welcome Aboard' champagne in the Lounge Cars.
- Scenic afternoon journey into the Southern Highlands.
- Twilight 'dinner-in-the diner' travelling through the Southern Highlands.
- Restful night aboard en route to Geelong.

Day 2 Monday, November 4 (B/L/D) Great Ocean Road, Twelve Apostles & Loch Ard Gorge.

- Otway Rainforest & Tree Top Walk.
- Full breakfast on-board.
- Transfer to comfortable touring coaches at Geelong.
- Travel the Great Ocean Road, there's time to take in the spectacular rock formations, cliffs and beaches at selected locations en-route. Pass the seaside villages of Torquay, Lorne and Apollo Bay.
- Enjoy lunch and rainforest tranquillity at the Otway Fly – an elevated walk through and above the rainforest canopy – the longest and tallest tree top walk in the world.
- Return to the Great Ocean Road for the scenic drive through Port Campbell and then on to the Twelve Apostles for an afternoon view and Loch Ard Gorge – hear stories of shipwreck amidst towering limestone cliffs.
- Return to Geelong via the express inland route through Colac.
- Reboard Southern Aurora at Geelong for dinner onboard and an express journey into the night.

Day 3 Tuesday, November 5 (B/D) The excitement of the Emirates Melbourne Cup.

- Emirates Melbourne Cup Day champagne breakfast on-board.
- Coach transfer direct from Southern Aurora to and from Flemington Racecourse.
- Admission to 'The Precinct' featuring live entertainment, superscreen race viewing.
- Reserved grandstand seats – a whole of course view of the big race.
- Celebration dinner on-board Southern Aurora.
- Effortless overnight journey back into NSW.

Day 4 Wednesday, November 7 (B) Return journey to Sydney through the Southern Highlands.

- Full breakfast on-board amid the Spring splendour of the Highlands.
- Arrive Sydney Central at around 12.00 midday.

**Cost \$1,995 per person twin share or single**

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