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# **Rotary International Convention 2023, Melbourne Australia 13-Day Experience**

May 21, 2023 - June 02, 2023

# Trip Summary

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## May 21 – Los Angeles

- Coach Charter - Lowe's Hotel to LAX
- Depart Los Angeles

## May 23 – Sydney, Australia

- Arrive at Sydney airport
- Coach Charter - Sydney Airport to Parkroyal Darling Harbour Hotel
- Hotel check-in and breakfast
- City Sights and Southern Beaches tour
- Sydney Opera House tour
- Magistic Express Dinner Cruise (*drinks are not included*)

## May 24 – Discover Significant Aboriginal Sites

- Ku-ring-gai Chase heritage site tour - discover significant Aboriginal sites
- Sydney Oyster Farm tours - 18 premium oysters per person, fresh tiger prawns, in-water oyster tasting experience with refreshment

## May 25 – Adelaide, Australia

- Coach Charter - City Hotel to Airport
- Depart Sydney
- Arrival in Adelaide - The wine and festival capital of Australia
- Coach Charter - Adelaide Airport to Crowne Plaza Hotel
- City Sights and Hahndorf tour
- Lunch in Adelaide Hills
- Cleland Wildlife Park – Private Koala Encounter Experience

## May 26 – Wine Blending and Sampling

- d'Arenberg Cube Alternative Realities Museum
- Wine blending class - 750 ml sample bottle of your blend
- Lunch at Maxwell Winery
- Wirra Wirra Winery - wine tasting

## May 27 – Melbourne, Australia

- Coach Charter - City Hotel to Airport
- Depart Adelaide
- Arrive in Melbourne
- Coach Charter - Melbourne Airport to AC Southbank Hotel
- Free time

*Attend the Rotary International Convention. No Soca Islands' events are scheduled in deference to the Rotary Convention activities. Recommended activities are listed below. The cost of attending the activities below is not included.*

## **May 28 – RI Convention Opening Ceremony and District 7030 Fellowship**

- RI Convention Opening Ceremony
- House of Friendship
- **District 7030 Fellowship Lime**

## **May 29 – RI Convention, Day 1**

- RI Convention Plenary Session
- President Recognition Luncheon (*Rotary-ticketed event*)
- RI Convention Breakout Session **OR** Melbourne Cricket Ground tour
- RI Convention Club Host Hospitality
- Free time

## **May 30 – RI Convention, Day 2**

- RI Convention Plenary Session **OR** Melbourne Foodies Tour
- RI Convention Breakout Session **OR** Melbourne City Sights Tour
- Streets of Melbourne – South Wharf
- Free time or 7030 activity

## **May 31 – RI Closing Ceremony**

- Melbourne Hot Air Ballooning
- Imagine What's Next Rotary Luncheon (*Rotary-ticketed event*)
- RI Convention Closing Ceremony
- Farewell Melbourne Dinner

## **June 01 – Free day**

- The day is free for you to enjoy

## **June 02 – Goodbye Melbourne**

- Coach Charter - City Hotel to Airport
- Early morning flight from Melbourne to Los Angeles
- Arrive in Los Angeles

## Tuesday, May 23 – Sydney, Australia

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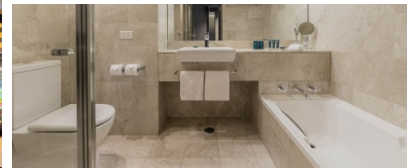
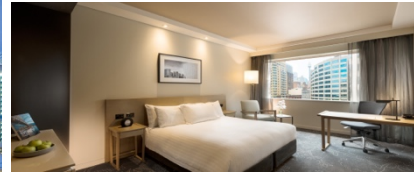
Soak up Sydney's gorgeous harbour, seductive outdoor lifestyle and great natural beauty. Cruise under the Sydney Harbour Bridge or wave at the Opera House as you ride a ferry across the harbour to Manly. Lose yourself in the cobblestone cul-de-sacs of The Rocks or in the markets, boutiques, cafes, and pubs of Paddington. As well as a world-famous harbour and more than 70 sparkling beaches, Sydney offers fabulous food, festivals, and 24/7 fun.



### Check-in at The Parkroyal Darling Harbour Hotel

This property is located on the city side of Darling Harbour, a short distance from the restaurants and bars of Darling Quarter, and two kilometres from Circular Quay. The spacious guest rooms and suites have a contemporary design, with a cityscape or darling harbour view.

- Superior Room for 3 Nights
- Includes: Full breakfast daily, portorage, and Wi-Fi
- Out: Thursday, 25 May 2023



### Sydney Sightseeing - City Sights and Southern Beaches

Firstly, visit the Rocks - Sydney's birthplace and see fascinating relics and buildings of the city's turbulent past. Pass the picturesque Botanical Gardens, the Conservatorium of Music, the Art Gallery, and Mrs. Macquarie's Chair. Then it's back to the city's commercial centre, Darling Harbour, and Chinatown before travelling through Kings Cross and the exclusive suburbs of Double Bay, Rose Bay, and finally Watson's Bay for a spectacular view of the Pacific Ocean from The Gap. Arrive at famous Bondi Beach for a brief stop before returning to the city via Paddington to view its restored 19th Century Colonial Terraces.





## Sydney Opera House Tour

More than 60 years ago, Jorn Utzon designed what is now considered one of the greatest buildings of all time. You will be taken inside one of the working venues to experience the magic behind the world's most extraordinary opera, ballet, symphony, and dramatic performances. An immersive digital sight and sound experience provides unforgettable moments from past Concert Hall performances and guides you through the history and future of this performance space.

**Note:** The Sydney Opera House Tour includes up to 200 steps. Flat, enclosed rubber-soled shoes must be worn. While on a tour, all bags larger than an A4 size will need to be cloaked.



## Magistic Express Dinner Cruise

Two-hour Harbour Cruise (*including boarding time*) onboard the prestigious Magistic cruising restaurant. Experience spectacular Sydney Harbour by night, aboard a stylish catamaran with fully air-conditioned, climate-controlled interiors and state-of-the-art amenities. Start your evening with a stroll on the outer decks and enjoy your favourite drink from the bar (*cash bar*). Numerous photo ops of the harbour's greatest attractions including the Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Sit back and enjoy an outstanding multi-cuisine buffet dinner, freshly prepared onboard.



## Wednesday, May 24 – Ku-ring-gai Chase Tour

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### Ku-ring-gai Chase Tour

Heritage-listed Ku-ring-gai Chase is the second oldest national park in Australia. Explore the rainforests and mangroves which sit by stretches of ocean and discover significant Aboriginal sites.



### Sydney Oyster Farm Tours

Guided tour with an oyster farmer for an in-water oyster-tasting experience with refreshments and waders to wear on the day. Each person will receive 18 premium oysters and fresh tiger prawns. On this two-and-a-half-hour experience, you will undertake a boat tour out to the oyster farm leases, and then you will slide into waders and disembark at one of the newer oyster leases where you will be met by more farmers who will guide you to your in-water table.



*Note: In the event of rain, fresh live oysters will be harvested from a nearby unaffected estuary.*

## Thursday, May 25 – Adelaide, Australia

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The wine and festival capital of Australia, Adelaide is a place to experience the buzz, culture, and convenience of a city without the frustrations. The city centre, surrounded by parklands, is a charming blend of historic buildings, wide streets, groovy shops, and a huge variety of street cafes and restaurants. The city also provides a great launching point to the many attractions surrounding Adelaide, including world-class wine regions, the Australian Outback, Kangaroo Island, and much more.



### Check-out from The Parkroyal Darling Harbour Hotel



### Depart Sydney for Adelaide



### Check-in at The Crowne Plaza Hotel

This property is located between North Terrace and Rundle Street in the city centre, in Adelaide's premier entertainment and cultural hub in the East End precinct. The hotel is part of the 36-story Frome Central Tower One, which also features residential apartments and ground-floor retail and dining options. Guests enter the hotel via the porte-cochere entrance at street level before taking an elevator to the hotel's lobby which is on the 10th Floor of Skydeck, offering panoramic views. The spacious guest rooms are located from level 3 to level 20 within the building. All guest rooms have floor-to-ceiling windows and have been carefully designed with zones to enable both comfort and connectivity.

- Standard King Low Floor (was Superior Room) for two nights
- Includes full breakfast daily, portorage, and Wi-Fi
- In: Thursday, 25 May 2023 / Out: Saturday, 27 May 2023





## Adelaide Sightseeing - City Sights and Hahndorf Tour

This introduction to Adelaide offers an insight into this city with a unique blend of Cultural heritage, olde world charm and new world sophistication. Enjoy the magnificent architecture along North Terrace, the gracious homes of North Adelaide and the hustle and bustle of the city centre and Adelaide Casino. Travel through the Adelaide Hills and explore the quaint historic German village of Hahndorf. Visit the unique arts and crafts stores and art galleries. Before returning to Adelaide, take in the splendid scenery of the Adelaide Hills and the views of the city below.



## Cleland Wildlife Park – Private Koala Encounter Experience

Visit Cleland Wildlife Park and feed kangaroos as they laze, wander wetlands, and surround yourself with over 130 species of Australian wildlife. Cleland Wildlife Park is one of only a few places in the world where visitors can hold a koala.





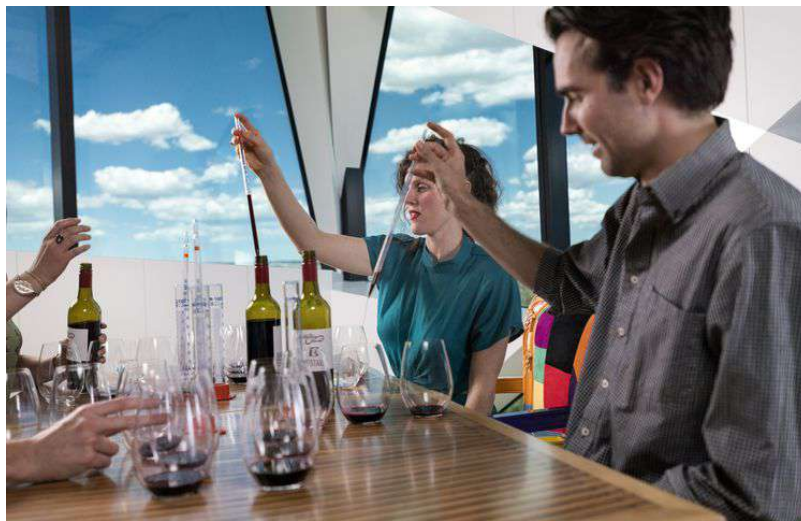
## Friday, May 26 – Wine Blending and Sampling

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### d’Arenberg - The Blending Bench

The d’Arenberg Cube is a five-storey, multi-function building set among Mourvèdre vines. The building has the optical illusion of floating in a vineyard, each level with spectacular views overlooking the rolling hills of Willunga. Enjoy “The Blending Bench”, which is a hands-on, interactive experience where you play winemaker. A palette of wine parcels, each with distinctive flavours and textures, is melded in search of balance, fullness, and finesse. We did the physical work – picking, crushing, fermenting, foot treading, basket pressing, and barrel aging, and you get to create a wine that is truly unique. You then bottle, name, and label a 750ml sample to take home and show off to your friends.



### Maxwell Winery – Lunch

A hidden gem in McLaren Vale, the restaurant at Maxwell is a must-do when visiting the region. Our restaurant offers a memorable culinary experience promoting seasonal produce from local suppliers. Every dish is carefully crafted and presented, while views of the winery, vineyards and the Fleurieu Peninsula lay just through the window.



### Wirra Wirra Winery – Wine Tasting

Wirra Wirra is a 125-year-old working winery steeped in history. Tread the wine-stained bricks of the cellar and experience a private tasting with our friendly team. Learn the stories behind the wines and the late Greg Trott who created the first-ever Church Block in this intimate back-of-house winery tour. The stories come to life over a seated wine-tasting flight in the Cellar Door, complete with local cheese.

## Saturday, May 27 – Melbourne, Australia

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There is a lot to love about Melbourne - just ask the locals. This sophisticated world city in the southeast corner of mainland Australia inspires a deep passion in those who live there. Ranked as one of the world's most liveable cities, Melbourne is famous for its vibrant energy, restaurants, fashion boutiques, café filled laneways, cool bars, unbeatable galleries, spacious parks, and village-like inner suburbs, each with its own special character. Melbourne is less than 200 years old and never sits still. Modern, cutting-edge designs add to the fascinating mix of heritage architecture and ensure the skyline is constantly changing.



### Check-out from The Crowne Plaza Hotel



### Depart Adelaide for Melbourne



### Check-in at The AC Southbank Hotel

Connect with Melbourne, Australia like never before at AC Hotel Melbourne Southbank. Design-focused, yet welcoming and pet-friendly, our hotel was created for guest who is intentional in everything they do. Through overthinking every element of your stay in Melbourne Southbank, AC provides everything you need and nothing you don't. Standard King Low Floor (was Superior Room) for two nights

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**END OF ARRANGEMENTS**