

Premium Small Group Tour departing 28th Feb 2019



Avalon 2019

A leisurely paced, small group 15-day tour escorted from NZ by aviation enthusiasts Kevin & Melanie Salisbury.

Featuring

Australian International Airshow at Avalon Gold Pass x 2, Shrine of Remembrance, B24 Liberator Restoration Museum RAAF Museum, Australian National Aviation Museum, Old Aeroplane Company, Naked Racer & Antique Motorcycles Powerhouse Museum Sydney, Gosford Classic Car Museum, Fighterworld, Luskintyre Aircraft Restoration, NSW Rail Museum, HMAS Albatross - Fleet Air Arm Museum, Historic Aircraft Restoration Service

Tour Itinerary – Avalon 2019

Day 1 – Thurs 28th February **Melbourne Arrival** **(D)**

We depart today on our Qantas flight QF156 at 2.05pm, arriving in Melbourne at 4.15pm. We will transfer to our hotel for our 7 night stay. This evening we will have a welcome dinner.

Day 2 – Fri 1st March **Avalon Evening Airshow** **(B)**

Friday at Avalon is the final trade Day. If you have a business card you may make your own arrangements to the show by public transport. Our coach will take us to the show for the 2pm start and the show ends at 9pm when we will return to the hotel. We have Gold Pass tickets. Alternatively, you can stay in Melbourne.

Day 3 – Sat 2nd March **At leisure or optional Avalon Airshow** **(B)**

You may return for a second day at the airshow by public transport or stay in Melbourne for a day at leisure

Day 4 – Sun 3rd March **Avalon Airshow** **(B)**

This is our group day at the airshow with Gold Pass tickets.

The Australian International Airshow has a strong focus on military aviation, featuring aircraft from the Royal Australian Air Force, United States Navy and the United States Air Force. Representatives from other air arms have also appeared at the airshow on many occasions, including aircraft from the Royal Air Force, Japan Air Self-Defense Force, Republic of Singapore Air Force and many others. It has been said by air show organizers to be the largest air show in the southern hemisphere.

Day 5 – Mon 4th March **Shrine of Remembrance** **(B)**

This morning we spend time at the stunning Shrine of Remembrance. Built in 1934, the Shrine is the Victorian state memorial to Australians who have served in war and peacekeeping operations. The rest of the day is yours at leisure.

Day 6 – Tues 5th March **B24 & RAAF Museum** **(B,L)**

We head to the RAAF Museum at Point Cook. Here we will see the restoration of de Havilland Mosquito PR Mk XVI, A52-600, which is now underway. The aircraft is the only surviving RAAF-operated Mosquito with a wartime operational history, and the only PR Mk XVI left anywhere in the world. We will have a BBQ lunch at the B24 Liberator Restoration Museum and see the intricate restoration work proceeding in one of the impressive World War II hangars on the old Werribee airfield. This is the only remaining Liberator in the Southern Hemisphere and is one of only eight still existent in the world. We will be treated to an engine running during the afternoon.
Or stay in Melbourne if you prefer

Day 7 – Weds 6th March **Australian National Aviation Museum/ Naked Racer/Old Aeroplane Co** **(B)**

We spend the morning enjoying one of the most significant collections of aircraft and engines in Australia, followed by lunch at the Naked Racer Café, surrounded by antique motorcycles. In the afternoon we continue on to the Old Aeroplane Company for tour of the hangars here.
You can stay in Melbourne today if you like.

Day 8 – Thurs 7th March **Flight to Sydney /Powerhouse** **(B,D)**

This morning we will transfer to the airport for our 11.00am flight to Sydney, arriving at 12.25pm for a 2 night stay. Once settled in we will walk to the Powerhouse Museum. Some of the exhibits are changeable so we look forward what is on display as well as the transport exhibition. Later this evening is our twilight dinner at Sydney Tower Buffet, the 360-revolving restaurant with uninterrupted views of the city

Day 9 – Fri 8th March **At Leisure** **(B)**

Today is at leisure. We will venture up into the Blue Mountains but if you have been before you can make your own arrangements for the day.

Day 10 – Sat 9th March **Classic Car Museum/ Luskintyre Aircraft Restoration** **(B)**

Heading North today we will stop at Gosford and the largest classic car collection in the Southern Hemisphere, before continuing to Luskintyre Airfield, home of the Tiger Moth. Here we will be shown around the restoration hangars and the small museum. We continue to Newcastle for a 2-night stay.

Day 11 – Sun 10th March **Fighter World** **(B)**

The display at Fighter World, located at the home of Air Combat Group - RAAF Williamtown, is fundamental to the telling of the Air Combat Group story and the Defense of Australia. In the afternoon we will pop over to Fort Scratchley. You can spend the day in Newcastle if you prefer.

Day 12 – Mon 11th March **NSW Rail Museum** **(B)**

Today we will be relocating to Wollongong South of Sydney with a lunchtime stop and an afternoon visit to NSW Rail Museum in Thirlmere. Since 1975 the historic town of Thirlmere has been home to a significant rail heritage collection, including over 100 rolling stock items, associated with the history of the railways in NSW. We stay in Wollongong for 2 nights

Day 13 – Tues 12th March **RAAF Albatross Museum** **(B)**

We start our day with a visit to Kiama Blowhole and lighthouse, before heading towards Nowra and HMAS Albatross, home of the Royal Australian Navy's Fleet Air Arm, the largest operational Naval establishment and the Navy's only Air Station. We will stop on the way to look at the Sir Charles Kingsford Smith Memorial & Lookout. If you prefer, you can stay in Kiama and be picked up on the way back. Alternatively, you can spend the day in Wollongong.

Day 14 – Weds 13th March **Historic Aircraft Restoration Service** **(B,D)**

We have a guided tour through the hangars at HARS and hear about their current projects including the Southern Cross Replica. There is a great collection of flying and static aircraft along with engine & cockpit displays. We then move on to Sydney for our last night. This evening is our farewell dinner.

Day 15 – Thurs 14th March **Flight home** **(B)**

This morning we will shuttle to the airport for our departing flight. QF 143 departs at 10.30pm, arriving in Auckland at 3.40pm give time for connecting domestic flights if required.

15 Day Tour including economy flights from Auckland

\$ 5499 per person twin share

\$ 1650 single room supplement if required

\$500 non-refundable deposit required on booking with full balance due by 30th November 2018

For bookings after 30th November, the full balance payable within 7 days

Please ask if you would like any variations to the above arrangements. We are quite flexible! Costs subject to availability.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Inclusions

Economy airfares on Qantas
Accommodation with private facilities.
Transfers
Private Coach Transport
All breakfasts
Dinners as stated
Tour Escorts from NZ
Sightseeing as stated
Gold Passes for the Avalon Airshow Days

Not Included

Upgrade to Premium Economy/Business Class
Accommodation upgrades
Insurance
Shuttle or flights to Auckland
Some meals
Passport and visa charges
Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, beverages,
telephone calls etc
Optional excursions

Tour Features

Leisurely paced, small group, max 24 guests, unique itinerary, quality accommodation, escorted from NZ, flexible return date.

Tour costs - Tour costs are based on specially negotiated airfares on which special conditions apply, and on twin share accommodation. Costs are based on a minimum number of 14 passengers. For passengers travelling alone, a single supplement is payable, or there is the possibility of a same sex room share. If you cannot be matched, the single supplement is payable.

Fitness - A reasonable level of fitness is required to make the most of the museums and sightseeing. Due to the nature of some of our hotels you may be expected to manage a set of stairs; however, we will manage your luggage on these occasions. Hotels may have showers over the bath.

Reservations and Payment - Your reservation will be confirmed on receipt of a non-refundable deposit of \$500. Final balance is due by 30th November 18 or within 7 days if booked after 30th Nov 18

Changes to Tour Costs - Tour costs are based on exchange rates as at June 2018 and are subject to change. Airfares are based on group departures and taxes correct as of June 18. Should these costs change it may be necessary to make a surcharge on the tour. Once full payment has been received, no surcharge will be made in respect of currency or fuel surcharges. However, changes imposed by governments or their agencies are not covered by this guarantee.

Changes to Itinerary - If improvements can be made to the itinerary or circumstances beyond our control make it necessary to make changes, we reserve the right to do so.

Cancellation refunds and flight changes - Notice of cancellation must be in writing. Changes to flights once ticketed will incur charges. After final balance has been paid, the following scale of charges will apply.

Insurance - For cancellations, we regret that we are not able

to make refunds against any unused part of the tour. It is therefore essential that you have sufficient insurance to cover your loss. We strongly recommend a complete and comprehensive travel insurance policy. We accept no responsibility for any loss caused through insufficient or lack of insurance cover.

Optional Return Dates - The international airfare on which this tour is based allows individual passengers to return independently on a space available basis.

Passports and Visas - A current passport is essential. NZ passport holders do not need visas. Non AU/NZ passport holders must be in possession of a visitor visa and re-entry permit.

Cancellation period	Fees as a percentage of tour price
Up to 30 th Nov 18	Loss of deposit
1 st Dec – 31 st Dec 18	50%
After 31 st Dec 18	100%

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