

Premium Small Group Tour departing 28th Feb 2019

Avalon 2019



A leisurely paced, small group 8-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

Tour Itinerary – Avalon 2019

Day 1 – Thurs 28th February Flight to Melbourne (D)

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

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

Friday at Avalon is the final Trade Day. Our coach will take us to the show in the morning and the show ends at 9pm when we will return to the hotel. We have Gold Pass tickets. Alternatively, you can stay in Melbourne.

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

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

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

We spend another day at the airshow with Gold Pass tickets.

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

This morning we visit 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. Evening optional excursion to Jersey Boys Show.

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 a visit to the Naked Racer Café, full of antique motorcycles. Later we continue on to the Old Aeroplane Company for a tour of the hangars here. You can stay in Melbourne today if you like. Evening optional excursion Victoria Night Markets

Day 8 – Thurs 7th March Flight to Auckland (B,L)

This morning we will transfer to the airport for our lunchtime flight home arriving 5.55pm or your onward arrangements.

8 Day Tour including economy flights from Auckland

\$ 2695 per person twin share

\$ 850 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, Welcome Dinner, One lunch
 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
 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.

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 Nov 2018 and are subject to change. Airfares are based on group departures and taxes correct as of Nov 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. We can help with these.

| 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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