

# Premium Small Group Tour departing 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 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, Historic Aircraft Restoration Service, HMAS Albatross - Fleet Air Arm Museum

### Tour Itinerary – Avalon 2019

#### **Day 1 – Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> February** **Melbourne Arrival** **(L in flight & Supper)**

We depart today on our Qantas flight at 1.45pm, arriving in Melbourne at 4pm. We will transfer to our hotel for our 2 night stay. This evening we will have a welcome meet & greet function.

#### **Day 2 – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> March** **Optional Avalon or Werribee Zoo** **(B)**

Friday at Avalon is trade Day. If you have a business card you may attend the show in the morning, otherwise it is an afternoon/evening show for the public.

Alternatively, our hotel is next to the Werribee Open Range Zoo where you can spend the day and walk back to the hotel.

#### **Day 3 – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March** **Avalon** **(B)**

This is our group day at the airshow.

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. After the show we head into Melbourne for a 5 night stay.

#### **Day 4 – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> March** **Optional Avalon** **(B)**

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

#### **Day 5 – Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

<b>Day 8 – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Flight to Sydney /Powerhouse</b>	<b>(B,D)</b>
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		
<b>Day 9 – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>At Leisure</b>	<b>(B)</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		
<b>Day 10 – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Classic Car Museum/ Luskintyre Aircraft Restoration</b>	<b>(B)</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.		
<b>Day 11 – Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Fighter World</b>	<b>(B)</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.		
<b>Day 12 – Mon 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>NSW Rail Museum</b>	<b>(B)</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 3 nights		
<b>Day 13 – Tues 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Historic Aircraft Restoration Service</b>	<b>(B)</b>
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. Alternatively you can spend the day in Wollongong.		
<b>Day 14 – Weds 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>RAAF Albatross Museum</b>	<b>(B,D)</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. This evening is our farewell dinner.		
<b>Day 15 – Thur 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Flight home</b>	<b>(B)</b>
Our last day sees us heading up to Sydney Airport with a stop at the Sublime Point Lookout to farewell the area. QF 145 departs at 12.15pm, arriving in Auckland at 5.25pm		

## 15 Day Tour including flights

### \$ Cost to be confirmed

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

For bookings after 30<sup>th</sup> 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 Pass for the Avalon Airshow on Saturday

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> November 18 or within 7 days if booked after 30<sup>th</sup> 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, Australian and UK passport holders do not require visas. Non-NZ passport holders must be in possession of a re-entry permit. Passports and visa are not the tour operator's responsibility.

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

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