

## Connecting Cultures

Specializes in connecting to culture tours and holidays. The focus is on tours that will touch your heart, connect you to people and places and provide you with life long memories.

The people that are attracted to our tours and holidays are people who are yearning for something that is quiet different to their everyday lives. They are curious about what exists in the real world of diverse cultures, people and places, both in Australia and abroad.

### Details

At 9.30am we will pick up your group from an arranged location in Melbourne city or it's metropolitan areas. You will be dropped off at the same point at 5.30pm.

**Luxury Special for 4 people** – travel in a luxury Statesman Caprice sedan, fitted with deep comfy seats and equipped with DVD players. **\$229 per person**

**Style and Comfort for 5–7 people** – in our stylish Kia Carnival people mover there is enough room for you all to stretch out, and like all our vehicles, lots of storage space. **\$199 per person**

**Group Comfort for 8–11 people** – travel in a modern commuter, has plenty of leg room, panoramic windows, reclining seats with seat belts and headrests. **\$179 per person**

*Door to door services at an extra charge, just talk to us about your needs.*



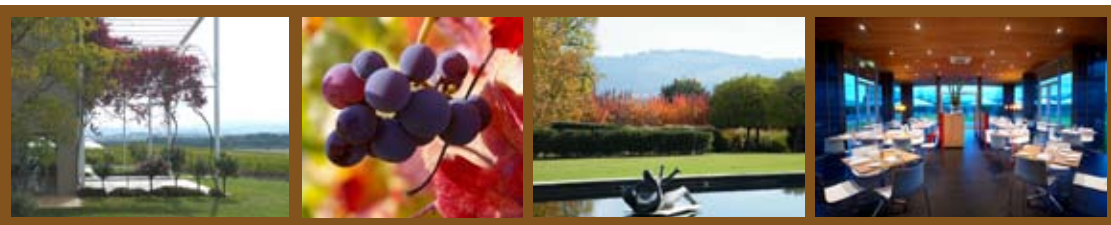
## Yarra Valley Tours

*Experience that journey of discovery, crafted to allow you to come closer to the spirit of place and people within the Yarra Valley.*

- *Unique culture and history.*
- *Victoria's first wine growing district - 160 yrs of rich wine making history.*
- *International award winning wines, sensational unique cellar doors and gourmet foods.*
- *Located just over 1-1.5 hours from the city of Melbourne.*

**So much of your day depends on the quality, passion and personality of your guide and that is why we have simply the best on our team. Our guides are chosen based on their values, beliefs and enthusiasm: vast experience and knowledge of the local area and culture.**

Your Tour Guides/Drivers Ron Thomas and Bill Poppin together have in excess of 50 years experience living and working in the Yarra Valley and are great Ambassadors for the Valley and what it has to offer. Professional and friendly, Ron and Bill will be the perfect guides for your fully escorted Wine Tours. They are your designated drivers so you can sit back, relax, enjoy the scenery, feel safe and travel in style and comfort.



## Yarra Valley Tour One day Tour

**De Bortoli's Winery** is the Winner of the Best Tourism Winery award at the Qantas Australian Tourism Awards 2009. Owned and run by a large Italian family who for generations has produced some of the countries finest wines, using modern biological farming and water saving practices. They also have a strong commitment of responsibility to the environment, and by improving their soils produce healthier fruit which results in better quality wine. De Bortoli's cellar door also has an architecturally designed award winning Italian restaurant, where our guests will enjoy wine and cheese tasting.

**Mandala Wines** an exciting new cellar door and restaurant, beautifully created from recycled materials and is the brainchild of Charles Smedley and his family. The 20 year

old vines have produced varietals that excel in this region: finesse, fruit driven and contemporary, made to be enjoyed with good food and friends.

*A Gourmet 2 course lunch will be enjoyed in the Mandala's ultra-chic restaurant and bar.*

Lunch time Guest Speaker Steve Sadlier who runs a Vineyard Advisory Service, has strong connections in the valley being the fourth generation family to live and work within the valley. Steve is passionate about sharing stories of experiences in reconnecting back to land, place, and the spirit of culture and history within the Yarra Valley.

You will also hear from one of the Smedley family members how *Mandala Wines* came into being, and how it represents the family's circle of life, the

sharing of experiences, and the quest to achieve balance.

**Yering Station** is the winner of the Australian Tourism Awards 'Hall of Fame' for Best Tourism Winery, 2005 and Victoria's first winery set in beautifully kept gardens with dramatic architecture. Yering Station's Winemaker Willy Lunn was the prestigious of 'Winemaker of the Year' at the International Wine and Spirit Competition in London, 2004. The self-guided tour takes in the historic barn, a multi-media experience of winemaking practices, winery and spectacular underground cellar. Enjoy a private group tasting in Yering Station's cellar door while taking in the stunning artwork.

**Coldstream Brewery** completes the day with a visit to this culturally unique brewery, famous for their locally made beers and ciders that are designed for the discerning drinker. Sit back and enjoy a drink, coffee or end of day snack, or join in the 'Meet the Brewer Brewery Tour' and learn about beer and cider food matching in the process!



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## Highlights of tour

- Travel in comfort with our tour drivers/guides to world class wineries.
- Wine and cheese tasting.
- 2 course gourmet lunch with glass of wine.
- Guest speakers over lunch on culture and history
- Visit an unique Brewery with afternoon tea/coffee/nibbles.

## Also available

We offer weekdays or weekend small group charter tours. A great excuse for a fun day out with friends, social groups, hen's days or family celebrations. It's a great way to reward your staff, take time out from work and get to know your work colleagues in a relaxed atmosphere.

**Contact us to find out about our day, overnight and extended stay options.**

There are so many Cultural delights nestled in the Yarra Valley's hills and countryside:

- every 3rd Sunday in the old historic Barn at Yering Station – the *Regional farmers' market* features produce made and grown by the regions best producers.
- nature walks, drives and a memorable visit to Healesville Sanctuary with over 200 species of Australian native wildlife to see in their natural habitat.
- boutique accommodation, superb restaurants, art galleries and cultural/arts events.