

# BALLARAT



**Please note:** Hosted buyers and media wishing to participate in the Ballarat tour will arrive in Melbourne on Friday 17 February. Delegates will spend one night in a Melbourne hotel, and will be collected on Saturday 18 February to commence tour.



<b>Arrival:</b>	Melbourne, Friday 17 February, 2012
<b>Tour Departure Date:</b>	Saturday 18 February, 2012
<b>Tour Departure Time:</b>	08:30am
<b>Tour Date:</b>	Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 February, 2012
<b>Tour Duration:</b>	Two Days / One Night
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.visitballarat.com.au">www.visitballarat.com.au</a>

With its leafy boulevards, heritage buildings and world class attractions, Ballarat offers the best of both worlds; the relaxed atmosphere of a country town with contemporary and functional facilities

Whether you want to inspire a sales team, reward a loyal customer base or enrich a workplace culture, you'll find that Ballarat's combination of living history and visitor services never fail to inspire and delight delegates. As well as boasting all the facilities, services and accommodation every business event needs, Ballarat has a unique sense of living history that makes every event memorable.

Offering a variety of venues, from boutique heritage hotels to a tranquil resorts, Ballarat has a place to suit your group.

Ballarat's activities and incentives for delegates are as diverse and exciting as its living history. Every conference needs time out, and in Ballarat time out means rediscovering the gems of the past whilst enjoying all of today's pleasures.

Get caught up in gold fever at Sovereign Hill, cuddle a Koala at the Ballarat Wildlife and Reptile Park or admire artistic treasures at the Art Gallery of Ballarat, regional Australia's finest.

Boasting some of the best food and wine experiences in Victoria, Ballarat has many unique eateries overflowing with atmosphere which will tantalise your tastebuds with a superb range of locally made produce, complemented by local cool climate wines.

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## DAY ONE ITINERARY

### MORNING

- ❖ Depart **Melbourne** for **Ballarat**
- ❖ Arrive at **Ballarat Wildlife Park** for an interactive tour and an Australian wildlife experience that will last a life time

Set in 16 acres of beautiful peppermint gum woodland, experience close encounters of the furry kind with koalas, kangaroos, emus and other native animals.

Web: <http://wildlifepark.com.au/>

### LUNCH

- ❖ Enjoy lunch at **Mercure Ballarat Hotel and Convention Centre** and a site inspection of the unique property.

The Convention Centre is one of the regions largest and reputable for its versatile meeting and convention facilities.

The stylish hotel in a garden setting, sits opposite Sovereign Hill, 5 minutes from the business district and Ballarat goldfields attractions. Mercure Ballarat offers 71 well-appointed rooms with facilities including two restaurants, a bar, conference rooms, snooker, a terrace, fireplaces, a day spa, outdoor pool, gym, squash and mountain bikes.

Web: [www.mercureballarat.com.au](http://www.mercureballarat.com.au)

### AFTERNOON

- ❖ Pan for gold at the world-class attraction, **Sovereign Hill**.

Live the excitement of life on the Australian goldfields during the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, as you tour the Australian award winning attraction. Afternoon tea will be included.

Web: [www.sovereignhill.com.au](http://www.sovereignhill.com.au)

- ❖ Check-in to your over-night accommodation at **Craig's Royal Hotel**.

Situated in the heart of historic Ballarat, Craig's 41 boutique accommodation rooms still retain significant features of rich history adding to a unique stay for each guest. As one of early Victoria's most renowned hotels, Craig's Royal Hotel has been hosting events for over 150 years.

Web: [www.craigroyalhotel.com.au](http://www.craigroyalhotel.com.au)

### DINNER

- ❖ Enjoy dinner at the **Lydiard Wine Bar**

Offering boutique regional wines and an exquisite shared style menu featuring local produce, your dinner at the **Lydiard Wine Bar** will leave you with a truly memorable experience

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## EVENING

- ❖ Be captivated by the sound and light spectacular at **Blood on the Southern Cross**.

Set under the night sky at Sovereign Hill, the spectacular presents the dramatic story of the 1854 Eureka Uprising, a battle between gold miners and Government forces.

Web: [www.sovereignhill.com.au](http://www.sovereignhill.com.au)

- ❖ Depart Blood on the Southern Cross and return to your overnight accommodation.

## DAY TWO ITINERARY

### MORNING

- ❖ Start the day with a filling breakfast at **Craig's Royal Hotel**, before checking-out to continue your tour.
- ❖ Visit the **Art Gallery of Ballarat**

Home to a comprehensive collection of Australian art, the **Art Gallery of Ballarat** covers the period from the earliest European contact in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century to cutting-edge contemporary art. It also boasts a busy program of touring exhibitions

### LUNCH

- ❖ Arrive at **Novotel Forest Resort** for a site inspection of the 4 ½ star luxury resort, followed by a scrumptious lunch.

Situated on 150 acres of bushland, Novotel Forest Resort features 144 beautiful accommodation rooms, ten state-of-the-art meeting rooms to cater for intimate groups or sophisticated functions.

Web: [www.novotel.forestresort.com.au](http://www.novotel.forestresort.com.au)

### AFTERNOON

- ❖ Depart Novotel Forest Resort and travel back to **Melbourne**.