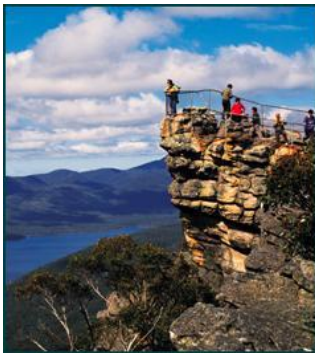


SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS



Please note: Hosted buyers and media wishing to participate in the Southern Grampians 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 the tour.



Arrival: Melbourne, Friday 17 February, 2012

Tour Departure Date: Saturday 18 February, 2012

Tour Departure Time: 9.30am

Tour Date: Saturday 18 & Sunday 19 February, 2012

Tour Duration: Two Days / One Night

Website: www.VisitSouthernGrampians.com.au

With a landscape dominated by the spectacular Grampians mountain range, ancient volcanoes, tranquil rivers, waterfalls and undulating pastoral land dotted with majestic red gums, the Southern Grampians Shire spans the heart of Victoria's renowned "Western District."

Committed to the development and promotion of conference and events in the region, the Southern Grampians Shire is ideally located between Melbourne and Adelaide and has a great variety of exceptional facilities and locations to make any event a memorable one.

*Pre touring is available exclusively to hosted buyers at AIME 2012.

*Bookings can be made directly in the Hosted Buyers zone.

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

DAY ONE ITINERARY

MORNING

- ❖ **Depart Melbourne** for the Southern Grampians region via Sharp Airlines, Essendon Airport arriving at Hamilton Airport.

LUNCH

- ❖ Travel to **Darriwill Farm** for a gourmet lunch and some shopping.

Darriwill Farm is a truly unique and impressive business set up, comprising a retail store specialising in quality gourmet foods, a full delicatessen providing fresh seafood, cheeses, smallgoods and more, unique gifts and Darriwill Farm labelled, local and boutique wines. The walk-through adjoining cafe restaurant features contemporary cuisine, incorporating both local produce priding themselves on serving gourmet, high quality food. At Darriwill Farm Cafe Restaurant you can experience exquisite food in a casual, relaxed atmosphere.

Web: www.visitsoutherngrampians.com.au/darriwill-farm

AFTERNOON

- ❖ Enjoy a tour of **Hamilton Art Gallery** - The widely acclaimed Hamilton Art Gallery offers one of the best gallery experiences in Australia. Discover an amazing collection of silver, porcelain, glass, oriental ceramics, paintings and prints from around the world.
Web: www.VisitSouthernGrampians.com.au
- ❖ Visit **Hamilton Performing Arts Centre** - For major conferences, functions and expos, Hamilton Performing Arts Centre is the perfect choice within the Southern Grampians area. This property is perfectly located in the centre of town.
Web: www.VisitSouthernGrampians.com.au
- ❖ Explore the **Hamilton Exhibition & Conference Centre** - A brand new multi-purpose 1.4 million dollar conference facility which offers a commercial kitchen, 800m² floor space able to be divided into 3 separate spaces.
Web: www.VisitSouthernGrampians.com.au
- ❖ Take a stroll through one of Victoria's most outstanding regional civic gardens, the **Hamilton Botanic Gardens**. Designed in 1881 by Melbourne Botanic Gardens curator, William Guilfoyle, Hamilton Botanic Gardens is recognised as an important part of Victoria's heritage.
Web: www.visitsoutherngrampians.com.au/hamilton-botanic-gardens
- ❖ Check in at **Dunkeld Accommodation**

Originally established in 1855, the hotel retains its historical charm while providing guests with contemporary, architecturally designed facilities that take advantage of the stunning natural surroundings.

SOUTHERN GRAMPIANS

DINNER

- ❖ Enjoy a sumptuous dinner at the **Royal Mail Hotel**

See why the Royal Mail Hotel has been awarded the 2011 *Age Good Food Guide's* Restaurant of the Year, and has won the *Gourmet Traveller's* Regional Restaurant of the Year for the last three years consecutively.

DAY TWO ITINERARY

MORNING

- ❖ Enjoy breakfast at the **Royal Mail Hotel**
- ❖ Visit the **Royal Mail Hotel** Wine Cellar for a tour
- ❖ Depart Royal Mail to **Grampians Retreat** to view this property and take part in outdoor activities. Morning tea included.

The retreat is set on 32 hectares, surrounded by Mt Abrupt, river flats and natural bushland. This property is an ideal location for team building conferences. Lunch provided.

Web: www.grampiansretreat.com.au

- ❖ Return journey to **Melbourne** via coach.