



# Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa



## Tour of Eastern Australia



# Senior Golfers' Society of Australia

## Welcome to Australia

On behalf of the President, Directors and Members of the Senior Golfers' Society of Australia it is with much pleasure that we welcome you to Australia for what will be the fourth tour of our country by a team from the Senior Golfers' Union of South Africa.

With 12 of some of the finest courses in our country to play we know that you will experience Australian golf at its best. More importantly, together, we will get to further the great tradition of Seniors' hospitality between our countries as you and your partners meet and play with many of our members and their partners. The dining and touring activities each of the host States has arranged will provide further opportunities to meet our Seniors family and to cement the bonds between our Societies. Each of your hotels is conveniently located in downtown CBD and within easy reach of many of each city's finest restaurants, bars and entertainment options.

Having enjoyed the 2017 South African tour it has been a privilege to be involved in organising this tour for you. You set a very high benchmark and, while we can't offer lions or elephants, we are sure that the unique attributes of Australia, the standard of our courses and the hospitality of your hosts will ensure a memorable trip for all.

Gary Lee

SGSA Honorary Secretary and Chairman of the Tour Organising Committee

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# October Average Weather

## Brisbane










Beautiful one day- Perfect the next

TEMPERATURE		21°C	70°F
HIGH TEMPERATURE		25°C	77°F
LOW TEMPERATURE		17°C	63°F
DAY TEMPERATURE		22.6°C	73°F
NIGHT TEMPERATURE		19.9°C	68°F
SUNSHINE HOURS		9 HOURS	
RAINFALL		90 MM	
RAINFALL DAYS		10 DAYS	
SEA TEMPERATURE		22°C	72°F

## Melbourne

TEMPERATURE		15°C	59°F
HIGH TEMPERATURE		20°C	68°F
LOW TEMPERATURE		10°C	50°F
DAY TEMPERATURE		16.7°C	62°F
NIGHT TEMPERATURE		13.8°C	57°F
SUNSHINE HOURS		8 HOURS	
RAINFALL		65 MM	
RAINFALL DAYS		14 DAYS	
SEA TEMPERATURE		13°C	55°F

## Sydney

TEMPERATURE		18°C	64°F
HIGH TEMPERATURE		22°C	72°F
LOW TEMPERATURE		14°C	57°F
DAY TEMPERATURE		20.7°C	69°F
NIGHT TEMPERATURE		18.5°C	65°F
SUNSHINE HOURS		9 HOURS	
RAINFALL		88 MM	
RAINFALL DAYS		13 DAYS	
SEA TEMPERATURE		18°C	64°F



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# Programme Summary

Sat 8th October - Sunday 30th October

Queensland						
Date	Flight Details	Accommodation	Activities	Transport	Evening	Location
Sat 8th	Arrive ex Sydney	Royal on the Park	Free Day	Coach	Meet and greet	
Sun 9th		Royal on the Park	Free Day	CityCat/Taxi	Canapés and refreshments	Don and Lindy Frasers' Home
Mon 10th		Royal on the Park	Brookwater GC	Walk/Taxi	Dinner	Queensland Club
Tue 11th		Royal on the Park	Hope Island	Coach	Free Evening	
Wed 12th		Royal on the Park	Free Day		Free Evening	
Thur 13th		Royal on the Park	Royal Queensland GC	Coach	Free Evening	
Fri 14th		Royal on the Park	Indooroopilly	Coach	Canapés and refreshments	Indooroopilly Golf Club
Sat 15th	Melb QF 0615 0915					
Victoria						
Date	Flight Details	Accommodation	Activities	Transport	Evening	Location
Sat 15th	Arrive ex Brisbane 1240	RACV Club	Meet and Greet RACV	Coach from Airport		
Sun 16th		RACV Club	Free Day		Welcome Cocktail Party	RACV Club
Mon 17th		RACV Club	Royal Melbourne GC	Coach		
Tue 18th		RACV Club	Metropolitan GC	Coach	Dinner	Metropolitan GC
Wed 19th		RACV Club	Yarra Valley Wine Tour	Coach		
Thur 20th		RACV Club	Kingston Heath GC	Coach	SGSV Annual Dinner	West Brighton Club
Fri 21st		RACV Club	Flinders GC	Coach		
Sat 22nd	Sydney QF 0438 1130			Coach to Airport		
New South Wales						
Date	Flight Details	Accommodation	Activities	Transport	Evening	Location
Sat 22	QF 0438 arrives 1255	Raddison Blu	Meet and Greet	Coach	Own Arrangements	
Sun 23		Raddison Blu	Free morning	Coach	Welcome Cocktail Party	RSYS
Mon 24th		Raddison Blu	Elanora Country Club	Coach	Free evening	
Tue 25th		Raddison Blu	Concord Golf Club	Coach	Free evening	
Wed 26th		Raddison Blu	Harbour Cruise on The JW	Coach	Free Evening	
Thur 27th		Raddison Blu	The Australian Golf Club	Coach	Free Evening	
Fri 28th		Raddison Blu	Manly Golf Club	Coach	Farewell Dinner	Manly Golf Club
Sat 29th		Raddison Blu	Free Day		Own Arrangements	
Sun 30th	Depart			Coach		

# Detailed itinerary

**Saturday 8th October**

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## **Arrival**

If you are arriving from Johannesburg via Sydney on the Qantas flight QF QF 536 at 1635 you will be met at the Brisbane Domestic Airport by a delegation of Queensland Seniors and transported by coach to your hotel, The Royal on the Park, Botanic Gardens Brisbane. Travellers arriving on other flights will need to make their way to the hotel.

**Accommodation     The Royal on the Park. Botanic Gardens Brisbane**



Check-in is only guaranteed from 1400 but the hotel will endeavour, where possible, to make rooms available earlier. The evening is free and yours to enjoy at one of the many busy restaurants on the Brisbane Waterfront. This will provide an opportunity for you to catch up with your fellow travellers many of whom you may not have seen for some time. Feel free to contact the Queensland tour organisers for answers to your questions and to help with restaurant choices.

Your hotel rate includes a full buffet breakfast which is served in the ground floor dining room from 6 am.

**Sunday 9th October**

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## **Free Day**

Sleep in, relax and get to know downtown Brisbane. Take the chance to recover from jet lag as you have a busy schedule ahead. A representative from the SGSQ will be on hand in the morning to answer any queries. A local travel agent will also attend to assist with any local trips you might like to undertake.

### **4 pm to 7 pm: Canapés and Refreshments**

Local member, Don Fraser and his wife Lindy will be your hosts at their home overlooking the Brisbane River. Weather permitting, transport to the event will be by CityCat ferry ride for about 35 minutes along the Brisbane River leaving at 3.10 pm from Riverside Ferry Terminal, with taxi connections to take you from the Brett's Wharf stop to their home. (Note – redevelopment works at Waterfront Brisbane may entail a change in transport arrangements)

SGSQ Members and partners will join you for a relaxed meet and greet.

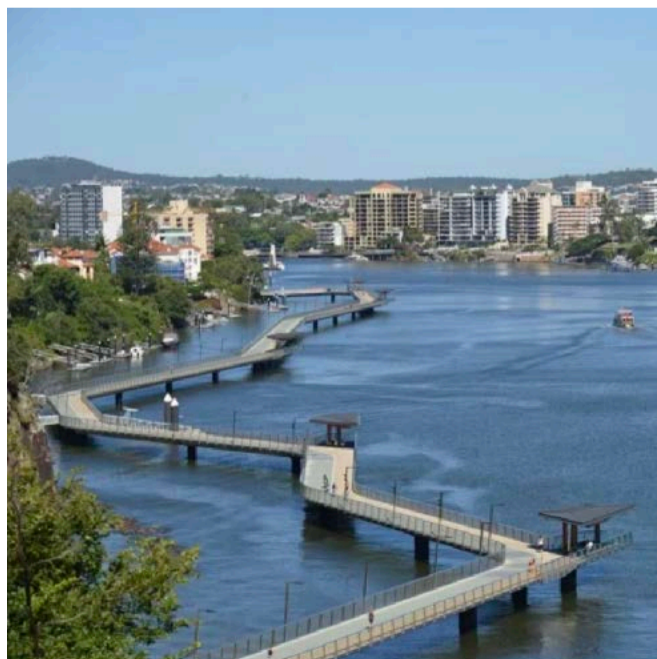
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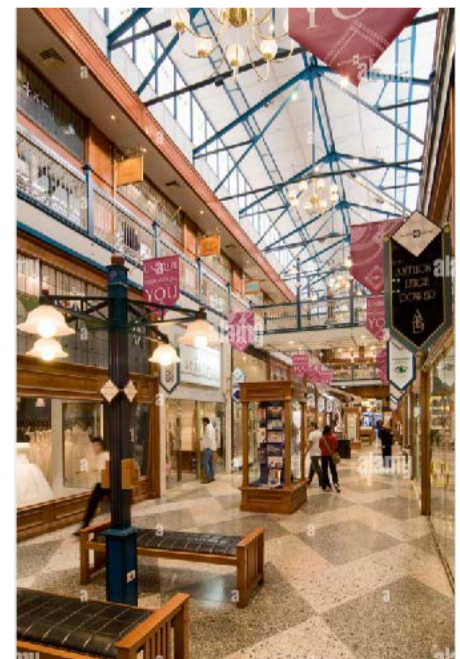
Brisbane



Botanic Gardens



Brisbane River Walk



Brisbane Arcade



**Monday 10th October**

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### **Departure**

Your bus will leave the hotel at 0630 for your 0800 tee time.

**Fact:** The 2020/22 Brookwater Women's Champion is Ashleigh Barty - Former World Tennis Number 1



When Brookwater opened in 2002 there was much fanfare with many visiting golfers quick to draw comparisons with the home of the Masters, Augusta National.

The undulating terrain, creative bunkering and sloping putting surfaces fuelled appraisals of the design crafted by Greg Norman and then design chief Bob Harrison – both of whom are devotees of the work of Dr Alister MacKenzie, who created Augusta.

But the truth is this par-72 is an original, just 30 minutes' drive south west of the Brisbane CBD. It boasts an overwhelming Australian feel and even the occasional kangaroo bounding across a fairway. The Norman and Harrison design is one of Australia's most spectacular inland courses and has been well-entrenched in national course rankings for 17 years. Its latest ranking came in January this year when it finished at No.11 on Golf Australia's Top-100 Public Access Course list, an improvement on its two previous standings.

### **Evening**

Enjoy a short walk up Alice Street for dinner with your hosts at the Queensland Club at 6.30 pm. The Queensland Club is a heritage-listed club house at 19 George Street, Brisbane City. It was designed by Francis Drummond Greville Stanley and built from 1882 to 1888 by J Smith & Sons. It was added to the Queensland Heritage Register on 21 October 1992.

**Dress:** Jacket and Society tie.





**Tuesday 11th October**

## **Hope Island**

Today we venture south to the Gold Coast to play the Links at Hope Island. Your coach will leave the hotel at 9.30 am. Located on the Gold Coast just 20 minutes from Surfers Paradise and 60 minutes from the Brisbane CBD, Links Hope Island Golf Course is the centrepiece of Hope Island Resort. With its 5-Star facilities and consistent rankings as one of Australia's top ten resort courses, Links Hope Island Golf Course will give you a taste of golf on the Gold Coast.

Non playing ladies are welcome to join the trip and the coach will take you into Surfers Paradise for shopping and sight seeing while the others are golfing. You will join the golfers after their game for drinks and snacks before returning to your Brisbane hotel.



**Aerial perspective of the coast along Surfers' Paradise**

**Evening: Free**

## Free day

Yours to enjoy all that Brisbane has to offer. Relax in and around the hotel or venture further afield. There are many options available to your hosts will have arranged a selection for you in your welcome pack. Some possibilities to start you thinking include:



### **1. From Brisbane or Gold Coast: Moreton Island Full-Day Trip**

Cruise across Moreton Bay by ferry on this full-day Moreton Island trip. Join a guided snorkeling

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### **7. From Brisbane: North Stradbroke Island Day Trip with Sunset**

Spend the day on North Stradbroke Island with a guide. Enjoy scenic walks, beautiful lakes, and relaxing

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## Lone Pine Sanctuary

Today is a day to relax and enjoy one of Brisbane's iconic tourist attractions. Making your way to the Cultural Centre pontoon, by foot (a 20 min walk through the Botanic Gardens. Why not start early and enjoy a leisurely stroll the gardens?) or by cab for a 10:00 AM departure on the cruiser Miramar. The 75 min cruise will take you through some of Brisbane's most exclusive riverside suburbs arriving at the sanctuary at 1115. You will have plenty of time to explore all of the experiences offered by the sanctuary before retiring by coach at 2:15 PM. The afternoon and evening are yours to enjoy.



Thursday 13th October

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### Royal Queensland Golf Club

Your coach will leave the hotel at around 7.00 am for the 20 min ride to Royal Queensland Golf Club. Passing the famous Breakfast Creek hotel, the recently completed Kingsford Smith Drive takes you alongside the Brisbane River providing excellent views. You will be joined by Queensland Seniors and their partners for a Shotgun start at 8.00 am. Drinks and sandwiches/wraps will follow golf and you will be returned to your hotel for a free evening. This might be good night to try out some more of Brisbane's excellent riverside restaurants.



The Royal Queensland Golf Club was founded in 1920 by a group of prominent citizens of Brisbane who obtained a lease of land occupying 420 acres (in today's terms 170 hectares) – since reduced to around 240 acres (97 hectares) – fronting the Brisbane River in an area known as Parker Island.

The original course was designed by Carnegie Clark, the Australian Open Champion of the day, and was opened by the Governor-General Lord Forster in 1921. It is said that he had a handicap of +3.

The services of the eminent Scottish golf architect Dr Alister MacKenzie were later retained during his visit to Australia in 1926. His major focus was greens and bunkers, with the short 8th hole (pre 2007) providing an excellent example of his work and design philosophy.

**Construction of the new Championship Course** was completed in December 2007 and it is currently rated the 22nd in Australia. The new Royal Queensland layout was designed by Michael Clayton, following the State Government's decision in 2005 to build a second Gateway Bridge over the famous course. Michael Clayton describes the new layout and the philosophy of the design as follows:

There are very few shots on the course where the architecture dictates where the golfer must play. At most of the two and three shot holes the test from the tee is of accurate driving to position as opposed to simple straight hitting.

Royal Queensland is not a course where players will grow bored. The best lines to take from the tees and the best shots to play vary from day to day depending on the wind, the position of the flag, the state of one's game and the state of a match. That is the essence of making the game interesting on more than just a superficial level and Royal Queensland is a course that captures that spirit."

**Evening: Free**

Friday 14th October



## Indooroopilly

After a leisurely breakfast you will be picked up from your hotel for the ride to today's golf venue. Tee times are arranged from 11 am and a lunch pack will be provided.



## Indooroopilly Golf Club

The club was established in 1926 at St Lucia and later moved to its current location in the secluded Long Pocket area, home to 321 acres of pristine golf course.

Indooroopilly Golf Club delivers a premium, yet traditional golfing experience, with 36 holes of championship golf to challenge and excite, plus clubhouse facilities to match.

Set in a tranquil parkland location bordering the Brisbane River, the Club offers flexible and accessible membership opportunities for players of all ages and abilities in a relaxed and friendly environment just ten minutes from the heart of the city.

Members and their guests can enjoy six different 18 hole course combinations, with our West Course being ranked among the country's top 100 by both Golf Australia and Golf Digest magazines.

**Traditional names:** Like many other place names in Brisbane, and around Australia, "Indooroopilly" was derived from the name used by the traditional owners the Yugara people and comes from their words "nyindur" meaning leeches and "pilli", meaning gully. Interestingly, it was as early as the 1840's that surveyors and place name gazetteers were instructed to keep traditional names as long as they were pronounceable and melodic

**Evening:** Enjoy Canapés and refreshments with your Queensland hosts after golf at the club. Given your early start the next morning you will be returned to the hotel early in the evening to prepare for the next leg of your trip

Saturday 15th October

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## Melbourne flight

Your coach will depart the Stamford Plaza at 0700 for the 0915 flight QF 0615 to Melbourne. The flight arrives in Melbourne at 1240, a 2 hour 25 minute flight. (Brisbane does not adjust time for daylight saving which will have commenced in Melbourne.)

You will be met at Melbourne Airport by representatives of the Victorian Seniors and transported to your Melbourne accommodation, The Royal Automobile Club of Victoria.

Flight	Departure	Date	Time	Terminal	Arrival	Date	Time	Terminal	Cabin	Airline
QF0615	Brisbane ( BNE )	15Oct22	09:15	D	Melbourne ( MEL )	15Oct22	12:40	1	Economy	Qantas Airways



Farewell Brisbane

**Saturday 15th October**

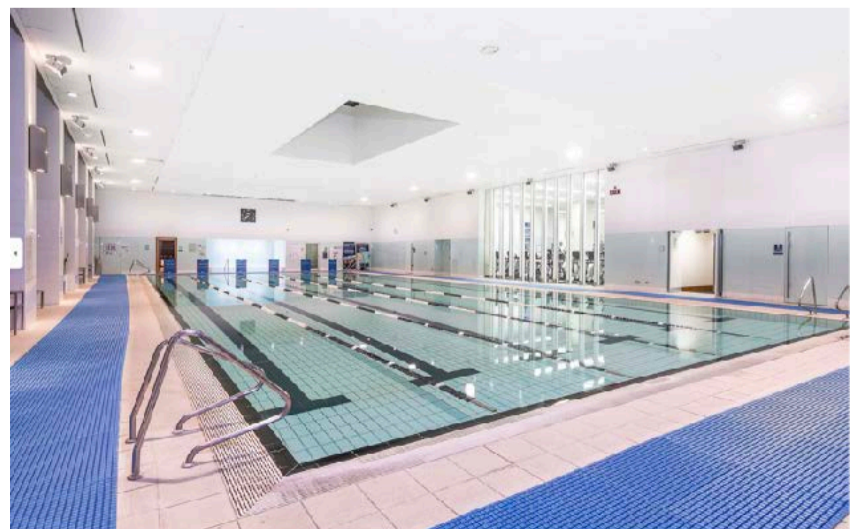
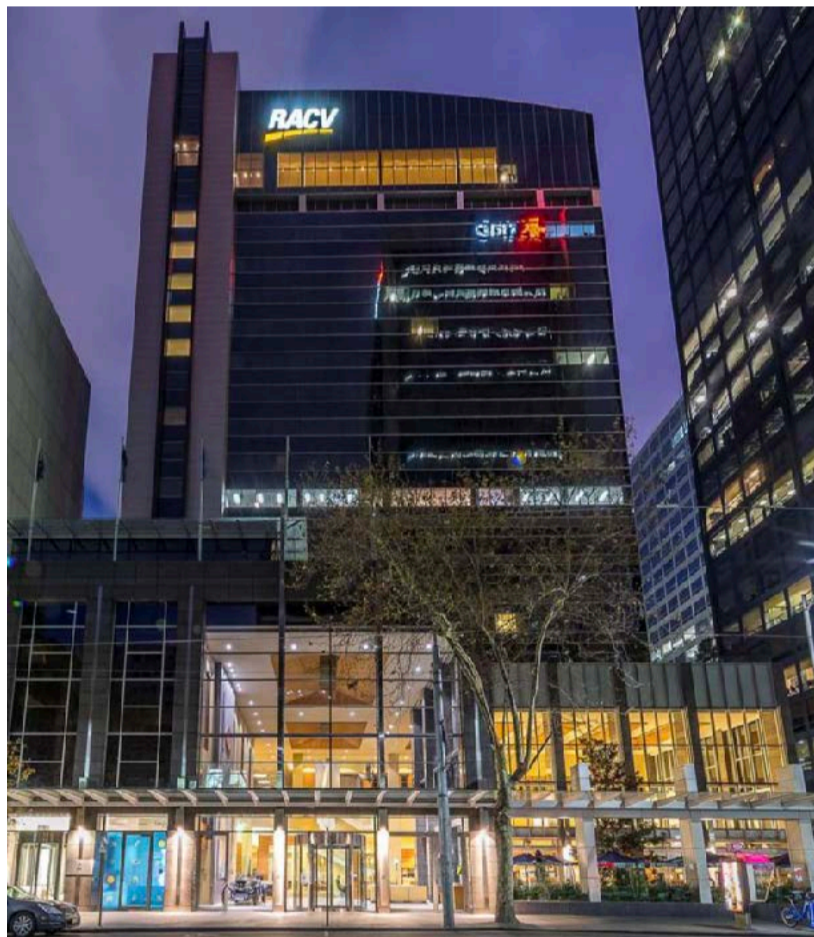
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## **Arrive Melbourne**

Your Qantas flight is scheduled to arrive at Melbourne airport at 12.40 pm. You will be met by a delegation of Victorian Seniors and escorted to your coach for the 30 min trip into the CBD to your accommodation for the week the RACV Club.

## **The Royal Automobile Club of Victoria**

RACV City Club is just a stone's throw from Melbourne's retail precinct, Federation Square, theatres and major event venues. Conveniently positioned in the heart of Melbourne's CBD at 501 Bourke Street, the RACV City Club caters for the social, leisure and business needs of all Club Members and visiting Member's Guests. To see everything on offer at the club go to <https://www.racv.com.au/travel-leisure/racv-club/city-club.html>. The day and evening are yours to enjoy. The Club offers a range of bars and dining options. Melbourne, of course is famous for its restaurants, bars and lanes so there is plenty to choose from for your evening meals. Your SGSV hosts will be on hand with suggestions.

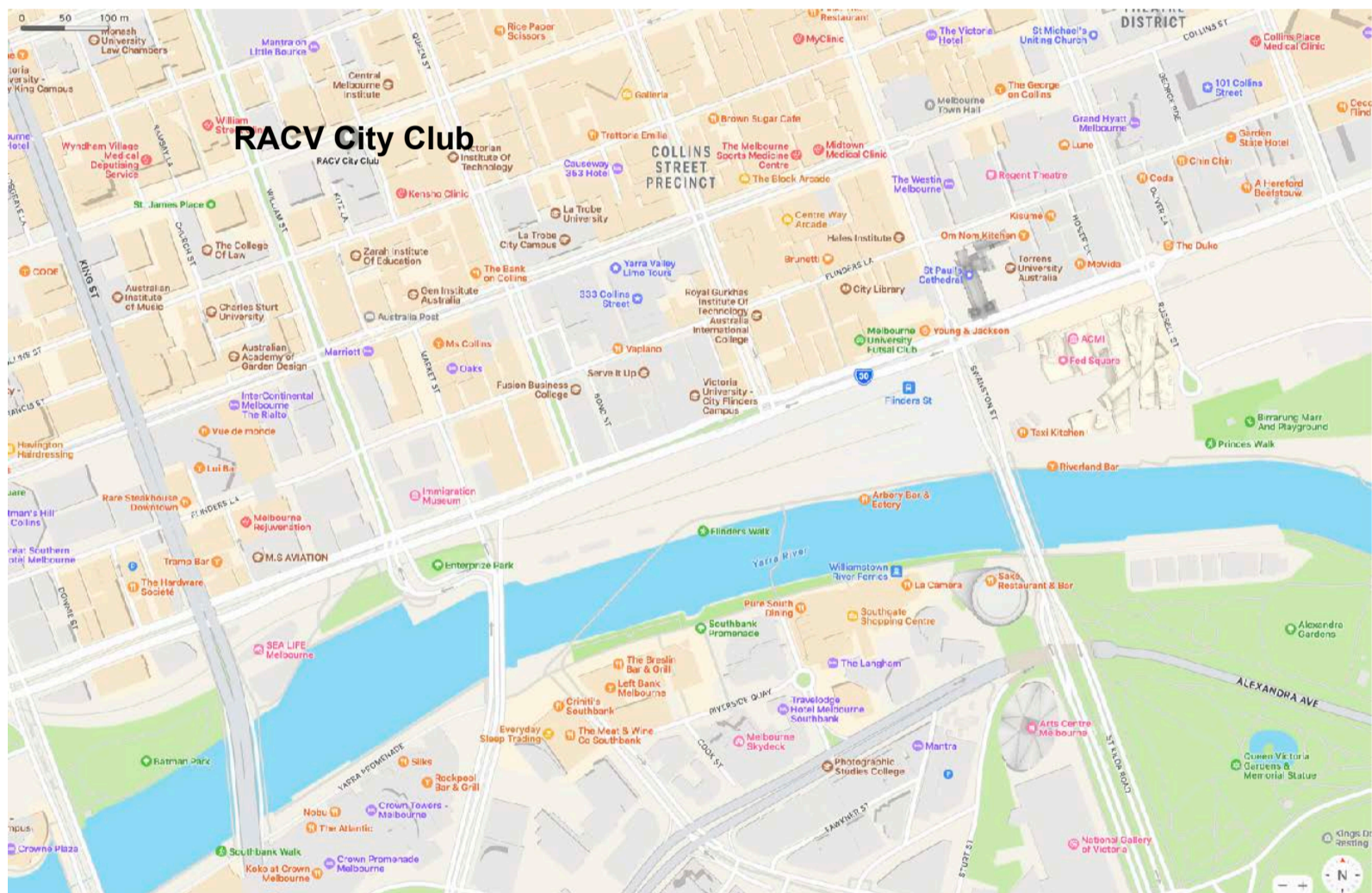


**Sunday 16th October**

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## Free Day

Your day, to explore the Melbourne CBD or venture further if you wish. The RACV club is located within easy walking distance of many of Melbourne's finest attractions. Walk across the Yarra River and explore the restaurants and cafes of Southbank or venture into the Crown Casino where apart from the gaming temptations there are several very good restaurants and there is sure to be some form of entertainment taking place. Further West, and back across the river you will find Federation Square with its cultural and eating opportunities. A little further West and you will find yourself at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, where you will also find the National Sports Museum, and close by, the Melbourne Tennis Centre. Melbourne, of course has a number of Museums and Galleries and some of them are listed below. And if all of the walking is too much the City Circle tram circumnavigates the CBD, is free and provides a perfect way to get around.



## Evening

Tonight members of the Senior Golfers' Society of Victoria and their partners will welcome you to the rooftop of the RACV for cocktails and canapés. The function will run from 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm and the evening will be yours after then. Being Sunday a lot of restaurants will be closed so it might be a good night to tryout one of the dining options the RACV Club offers.

## Highlights and attractions

ACMI <https://www.acmi.net.au>

Melbourne Museum

National Gallery of Victoria

Ian Potter Centre NGV - First major centre dedicated to Australian Art



**Monday 17th October**

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## **Royal Melbourne Golf Club - West Course**

Today after breakfast at the RACV club and a leisurely morning you will be picked up at 11.00 am and travel to RMGC for a light lunch and the start 4 days of golf on some of the best courses in the country. Welcome to Melbourne's famed Sand Belt. And what better than to start with Australia's number 1 ranked course. To quote from Golf Australia: "Simply as good as golf gets in Australia. Sublime architecture matched by great conditioning and wonderful vegetation management ... it has width, amazing green complexes and some of the best bunkering on the planet. One of the few courses anywhere that still asks questions of the world's best but is playable by all." Ranked number 5 in the world by Golf Digest, Royal Melbourne is surely a golfing experience to be savoured for a long time.

Golf will be followed by snacks in the clubhouse with fellow Seniors after which you will be returned by coach to the RACV Club.

Dress code: Golf attire

### **Evening Free**

Dine in at the RACV or time to sample some of the area's many restaurants.







**Tuesday 18th October**

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## **Metropolitan Golf Club**

Your coach will pick you up from the RACV at 11.00 am for the 30 minute ride to the Metropolitan Golf Club. Following a light lunch when you will be joined by local Seniors members, golfers, men and ladies, will tee off from 1.00 pm. Light snacks and drinks will be served in the clubhouse after golf. You will be returned to your hotel at around 7.00 pm.

**Dress:** Golf attire

All the sand belt courses are celebrated for the rugged beauty and challenge : their bunkering, many from the sketchbook of the itinerant Alister MacKenzie. Metropolitan has many common features to the other benchmark courses. Whereas you marvel at the expanse of sand at Royal Melbourne and the rugged edges of Kingston Heath, many of Metropolitan's bunkers are cut into the greens' edges in the most stunning way. There is simply no better hand finishing of a golf course to be found anywhere else in the world.



**Evening:** Free

**Wednesday 19th October**

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## **Yarra Valley Wine Tour**

It's the birthplace of Victorian wine. And despite its 170-year legacy, it's far from old. In fact, it's a hub for innovation and home to some of the most progressive, dynamic winemakers in the world.

Only an hour's drive from the heart of Melbourne, the Yarra Valley is an epicurean adventure for those with a passion for wine, food and breathtaking landscapes. It's an unforgettable experience where craft and country come together to create cool-climate quality of international renown

Over eighty wineries span the Yarra Valley, each of which express the diversity of its terroir, the passion of its producers, a mastery of traditional practices and a rebellious instinct to push the boundaries.

No other region in the world can boast the same consistent quality found in this internationally awarded range of wine varieties, which includes Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, Cabernet Sauvignon and – Australia's best-kept secret – the Yarra Valley Shiraz. And with plenty of emerging varietal wines gaining popularity and prestige, there's something for everyone in the Yarra Valley.

Your coach will pick you up from the RACV at 0900 for a full days tour of the Yarra Valley. Starting with morning tea at one of the valley's wineries your tour will include a gourmet lunch and plenty of opportunity to sample the many wines and wares the valley has to offer. Returning to the city at around 5 pm you will have time to freshen up and explore more of Melbourne's restaurants and nightlife.

**Evening:** Free



## Kingston Heath Golf Club

Enjoy a leisurely start to the day at the RACV as today is a long one. You will be picked up at 11.00 am and taken to Kingston Heath for a light lunch followed by golf commencing from 1.00 pm. After golf and drinks your coach will take you to the West Brighton Club where you will join the Victorian Seniors for their annual dinner. You will need to bring evening wear (Jacket and Seniors tie for men) with you and change after golf. Non playing ladies will be picked up from the RACV to join the golfers for after game drinks.

This a small, flat property and is oft compared with Merion because of how the course fits so adeptly into a small property, 50 acres in this case. There is a fascinating read [here](#) from Golf Course Architecture about the history and evolution of the course. The work of the last 30 years in taking out trees, exposing the sand and restoring the bunkers has meant that this course really is now one of the very best in the world.

Royal Melbourne is routed over quite hilly terrain - the use of the two rises is one of the things that makes it special. In comparison, there are no hills at Kingston Heath and the ground is pretty flat with just a few undulations. Kingston Heath is sometimes called the best flat course on earth, maybe the Old Course would have a thing or two say about that, but I do get the point! The link below is worth reading to understand better the masterpiece that is Kingston Heath. Today you play the last of 3 of Melbourne's sand belt courses. Each reflects the value of this area to great golf course design and each has its own unique character. You are sure to leave with amazing memories.



## Evening

Join Victorian Seniors and their partners for their Annual Dinner at the West Brighton Club.

Mike Happell, the current chairman of the Melbourne Cricket Club will be the after speaker. Your coach will return you to the RACV for a well earned rest.



**Friday 21st October**

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## Flinders

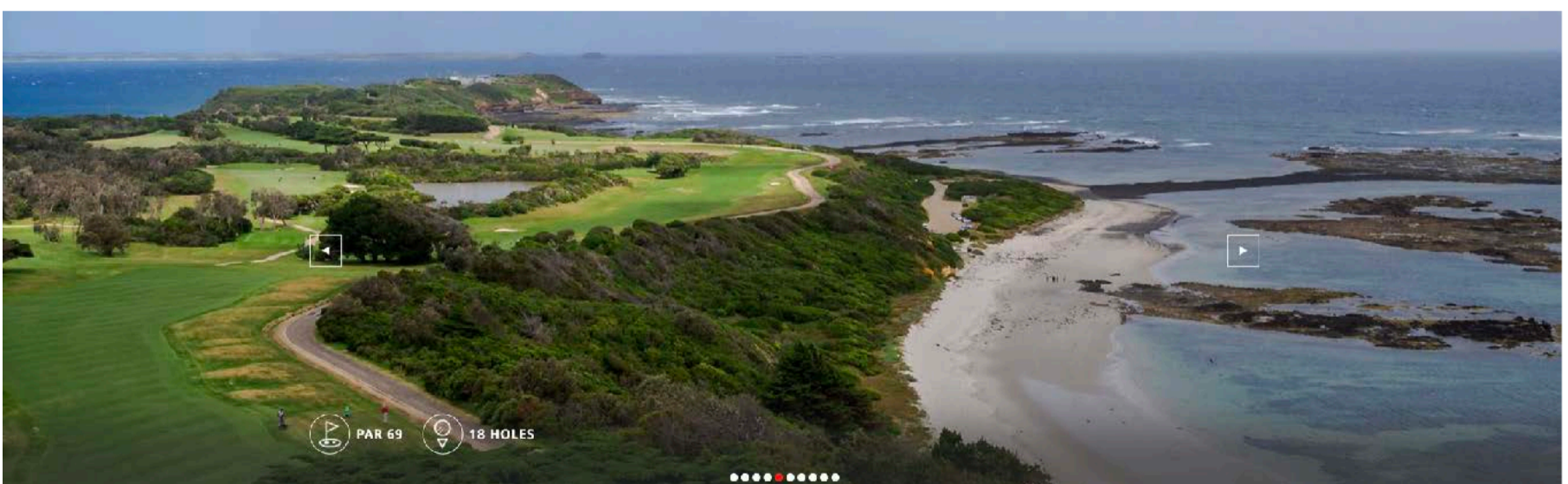
This morning your coach will collect you at 10.00 am for the 1.30 hour drive to the Flinders Golf Club. The trip will take you through Melbourne's South Eastern suburbs and down the Mornington Peninsula to Flinders which is located on the Western entrance to Western Port Bay. Flinders is one of the Mornington Peninsula's most charming villages, with an historic streetscape shaded by broad verandahs, excellent eateries, gourmet produce stores, boutique shops, galleries, antique outlets, a famous golf course and coastal walks. This pretty seaside village was first settled in 1854, and is named after the explorer Captain Matthew Flinders. Flinders fronts onto the calm waters of Western Port in the west with a small yacht club and a 250m long pier popular for fishing. Monuments dedicated to George Bass and Matthew Flinders who were the first explorers in the area overlook the pretty sheltered beach and offer spectacular views across Western Port to Phillip Island. On the southern side of West Head, the ocean breaks over the basalt rocks of Mushroom Reef Marine Sanctuary which is home to one of Victoria's best intertidal and sub-tidal rock platform reefs, popular for beach-combing, diving and snorkelling. It borders the Mornington Peninsula National Park that offers a rugged coastline of cliffs and ocean beaches from Flinders to Cape Schanck along its southern frontage onto Bass Strait. To the west of Flinders, just off Boneo Road, is The Blowhole which includes walking tracks along the rocky coastline and over huge basalt boulders.

Non playing ladies will join the coach trip and, after lunch with the golfers, enjoy a guided scenic tour of the area.



## Flinders Golf Club

The course is over 100 years old with top playing conditions and modern facilities. Perched high on the cliff tops, views across Western Port Bay to Phillip Island and the rugged Bass Strait coastline provide a stunning panorama. A classic coastal links, the famous cliff top coffin hole is a true golfing highlight. Golfers can often see hang gliders launching off nearby cliffs and riding the ocean thermal uplift. The layout and design of this course is reminiscent of the great links courses of Scotland and Ireland.



## Evening

Drinks and snacks will be served after golf and your coach will return you to the RACV for your last night in Melbourne. As your Sydney flight departs at 11.30 am, meaning a 9.30 am departure from the Club for the airport, this might be a night to recover and prepare for your trip to Sydney and your last week in Australia.

## Saturday 22nd October

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### Sydney

Your journey to Sydney begins with an early departure by coach from The RACV Club to catch your 1130 flight to Sydney. You will be met at the Airport by NSW Seniors and taken to your hotel for the week, The Radisson Blu in Sydney's CBD.

#### Itinerary

Flight	Departure	Date	Time	Terminal	Arrival	Date	Time	Terminal	Cabin	Airline
QF0615	Brisbane (BNE)	15Oct22	09:15	D	Melbourne (MEL)	15Oct22	12:40	1	Economy	Qantas Airways
QF0438	Melbourne (MEL)	22Oct22	11:30	1	Sydney (SYD)	22Oct22	12:55	3	Economy	Qantas Airways



#### Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

Built in the early 1900s, Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney is 20 minutes' walk from the historic Rocks district. The shopping options of Pitt Street Mall and the Queen Victoria Building are within 15 minutes' walk. Wynyard Train Station and bus stops are within 2 minutes' walk. Boasting a swimming pool and free WiFi, the Radisson Blu, is just 15 minutes' walk from Circular Quay, where you can visit the Sydney Opera House and the Museum of Contemporary Art, or view the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

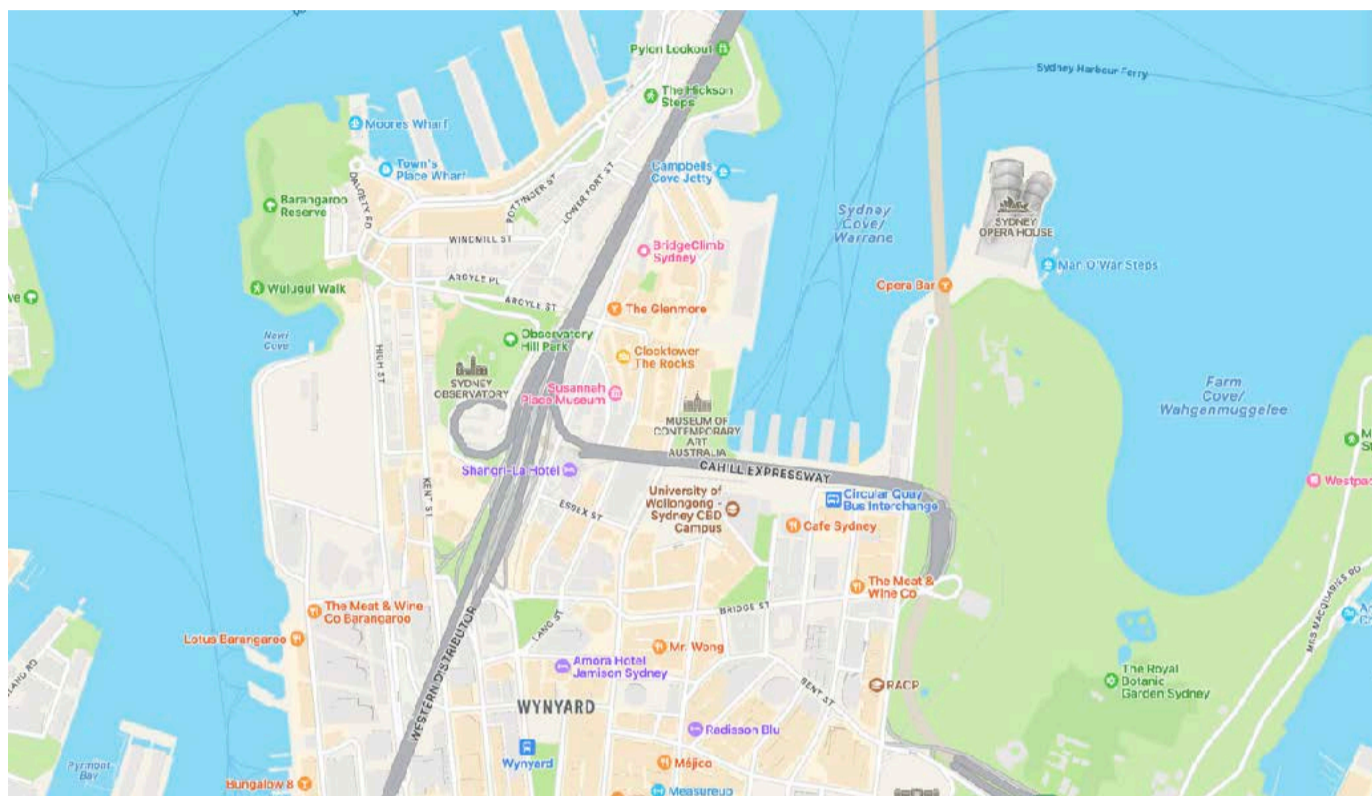
Each room offers a marble bathroom with a walk-in shower, bathrobes and guest toiletries. Some rooms also feature a separate bath tub. All rooms feature lovely décor and a flat-screen TV with satellite channels.

**Evening:** Free

**Sunday 23rd October**

**Morning: Free**

Centrally located in O'Connell St the hotel is ideally situated to explore downtown Sydney. Darling Harbour, Circular Quay and the Opera House and the Botanic Gardens are all within easy walking



**Afternoon:**

After lunch you will be picked up for a coach tour of Sydney including a visit to the famous Bondi Beach. The tour will conclude at the Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron in Kirribilli for your welcome to Sydney Cocktail Party.

**Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron**

Founded in 1863 the Squadron moved to its current location in Kirribilli in 1902. Kirribilli is on the traditional land of the Cammeraygal people. The aboriginal meaning of Kirribilli is "Good fishing Spot". Kirribilli House, the secondary official residence of the Prime Minister of Australia is located 500 metres around the point from RSY. This evening you will be joined by members of the NSW Seniors and their partners for your official welcome to Sydney. Cocktails and light snacks will be served between 4 pm and 6 pm and you will be returned to your hotel by around 7.00 pm.

Dress: Smart casual suitable for bus tour. Jacket for Cocktail Party.



Monday 24th October

## Elanora Country Club

Golfers and non playing partners will be picked up mid morning for the one hour journey north to the Elanora Country Club. Elanora Country Club is a private member's Club in the Northern Beaches of Sydney. The beautiful bushland setting makes for the ideal place for member's and their guests to relax and enjoy all the facilities the Club has to offer, including one of Sydney's best golf courses, multiple dining options from casual lunch through to fine dining, along with an active Bridge, Bowls and Tennis programme. An excellent video of the club can be found at <https://www.elanoracc.com.au/cms/>

Following lunch for all in the dining room, the non golfers will be taken by coach for a tour of the Palm Beach and Pittwater area. Golfers will join members of the NSW Seniors, teeing off from 1.00 pm. After golf the touring ladies will rejoin you for drinks and snacks. Given the longish trip back to the hotel, tonight might be one for recovery. Of course, for those so inclined there are plenty of excellent dining options close to the hotel.



## Palm Beach

There's a reason that Palm Beach doubles up as the setting for Summer Bay, the fictional beach in TV show Home & Away, the golden sand and sparkling blue sea make it look too good to be true. But there's more than just sea and sand here, explore Barrenjoey Head, Sydney's northernmost seaside point and lots more.

What makes Palm Beach, a narrow peninsular, so spectacular is its unbeatable location. It won nature's lottery and is surrounded by water on three sides: [Pittwater](#) to the west, the Pacific Ocean to the east, and Broken Bay to the north at the mouth of the [Hawkesbury River](#), which meanders inland to historic [Windsor](#).





**Tuesday 25th October**

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## **Concord Golf Club**

After enjoying your breakfast at the Radisson, and perhaps a walk around the area, your coach will collect golfers at around 11 am for the 30 min trip to Concord. There you will be met by NSW Seniors, enjoy a light lunch and tee off from around 1 pm. Drinks and snacks will be served after golf before you are returned to your hotel in time for dinner in the city.



Founded in 1899, Concord Golf Club is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious clubs. Members first played on a 9-hole then a 14-hole course – the last four were played twice to make 18. By 1907, the present 18-hole course had been created and this was restructured in 1916 by Dan Soutar after more land was acquired.

Fast forward some eighty years until 1996 when course architect Ross Watson was appointed to oversee the refurbishment of all tees, fairways, greens and bunkers – quite an overhaul of the course which saw it ready to face the modern day game in the new millennium.

Located near the Olympic site at Homebush, the course has hosted a number of professional tournaments, such as the Australian PGA, New South Wales Open, ANZ Championship and the 2004 Australian Ladies Open, won by Laura Davies.

Determined to cement Concord's position in the upper echelons of the Australian Top 100, the club persuaded Tom Doak to completely renovate the course. Work started in September 2017 and in October 2018 the refashioned layout opened for the members.

**Evening: Free**



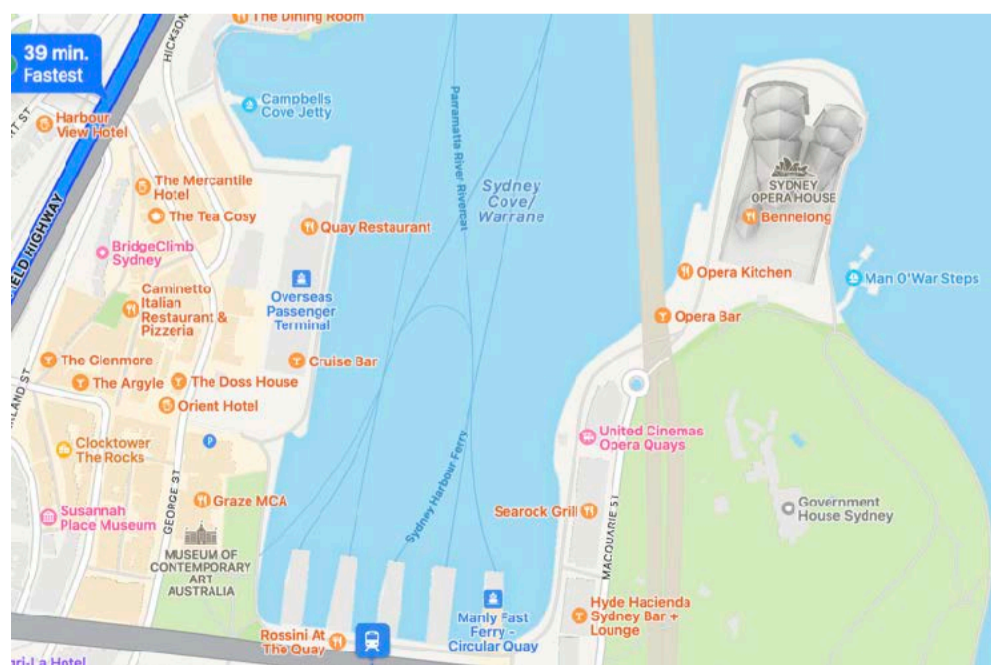
Wednesday 26th October

## Sydney Harbour Cruise

What is a trip to Sydney without a Harbour Cruise. Today's private cruise will depart from Circular Quay at midday and you will enjoy lunch and drinks on board the MV JBW during your 4 hour cruise of the harbour. Your hosts will meet you in the hotel lobby at 11 am before leading you on a 30 minute stroll down the hill to Circular Quay. Of course, cabs/Ubers are available for those not wanting to walk. The boat will return to Circular Quay at around 4 pm. You can return to the hotel or you might choose to wander around the Rocks area the site of some of Sydney's earliest settlements.

Considered by many as the gem of Sydney Harbour, MV JBW is a perfect Sydney Harbour Cruise Boat. This 70 foot marvel is adorned in mahogany panelled interior wood works, carefully crafted fittings and elegance beyond measure. This ship is a harmonious blend of traditional and modern, mixing old craftsmanship with modern equipment, bringing about an atmosphere that is expansive, luxurious and cozy. Multi-level elegance is a hallmark for this vessel. Top level is an al fresco dining area to feast beneath the stars and gaze at the lights. Mid level is humble yet loud, cushioned seats, lavish interiors, modern facilities and handiwork beyond compare is what will surprise you upon entering.

**Evening: Free**



Thursday 27th October

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## The Australian Golf Club

An early pick up for golfers today as our tee times at the Australian start from 8.00 am. Breakfast is available in the hotel from 6.00 am and the extra effort of the early start is well worthwhile to play this magnificent course.

The Australian Golf Club is a private Member's Club located 6km from the heart of the Sydney CBD. Inaugurated in 1882 it is the oldest club in existence in the Commonwealth. It moved to its current location in Kensington in 1903 and Dr Alister MacKenzie was commissioned to update the Australian layout. With financing from the late Kerry Packer, Jack Nicklaus completely redesigned the course in 1976 to what is now the current championship livery. It has since hosted the Australian Open in 2014, 2015, 2017 and 2019. The Club is scheduled to host the 2023 Australian Open tournament.

Following golf you will enjoy lunch in the clubhouse and then return to the CBD for a free afternoon. Alternative arrangements will be made for non-playing ladies.

**Evening:** Free





**Friday 28th October**

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## **Manly Golf Club**

Today will be your last game in Australia and what better place to end than at the Manly Golf Club. Your bus will collect you at 11.00 am and take you via the Spit Bridge to the club for a light lunch prior to golf. As tonight's farewell dinner will be at the club you will need to bring evening attire (Jacket and Seniors' tie for men) with you on the bus. Non-playing ladies will be escorted to Circular Quay later in the afternoon to catch the Manly Ferry and to arrive by cab in time to join the golfers after game drinks prior to the dinner.

Founded in 1903 and celebrating their Centenary in 2003, Manly Golf Club is one of Sydney's original foundation clubs, boasting a rich golf history, steeped in tradition. In a stunning location just a few blocks from Manly's famous and iconic beaches, Manly Golf Club is a jewel in the crown of Sydney's north shore. The manicured fairways have hosted Championships featuring many of golf's immortals – in the 1971 NSW Open Jack Nicklaus laid claim to the course record with a brilliant round of 62, and in 1978 Greg Norman fired a fine 64.



## **Evening**

Tonight you will be joined at the Manly Golf Club by NSW Seniors and their partners for the final event of your Australian Tour, your Farewell Dinner.

## Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th October

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### Saturday

A free day for you to explore Sydney and finalise any last minute shopping requirements.

### Sunday

Breakfast at leisure and check out from the hotel. Any late departure requests will need to be made individually.

Depending on individual travel arrangements, a coach from the hotel may be arranged if the majority of the party is travelling together. Alternatively, Sydney Airport is an easy 30 min taxi/Uber ride away.



### Royal Sydney Golf Club

The one that got away! Unfortunately, RSGC will be in the middle of major renovations at the time of your visit. Perhaps this picture will inspire you to return again some time when the Australian Seniors will be delighted to welcome you and any of your fellow South African Seniors. If you are visiting on an individual basis take a look at the SGSA website [sgsa.online](http://sgsa.online), where you will find access to current fixtures and contacts in all of the States and the ACT.

From all of the members of the Senior Golfers' Association of Australia and our partners.

**Farewell**