

# ENHANCE YOUR 'FESTIVAL OF OPERA AND MUSIC' EXPERIENCE

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## SYDNEY

24 - 26 November 2009

### Tue 24 November 2009

### Arrive Sydney

Arrive Sydney and check-in to the 4.5-star Sydney Harbour Marriott Hotel. Optional evening performance by The Australian Ballet at the Sydney Opera House of *Concord* – A triple bill by three of the most exciting choreographers working in ballet today: Alexei Ratmansk, Wayne McGregor, and Nacho Duato (additional cost A Reserve ticket AUD 120 per person).

### Wed 25 Nov

### Sydney

Full day at leisure to explore Sydney on your own.

Sydney's many highlights include the Harbour Bridge, the Opera House, Centrepoint Tower, The Rocks, the stunning harbour and the white sands of Bondi, Manly and beyond.

This evening, attend a concert at the City Recital Hall by the Australian Chamber Orchestra featuring artistic director and lead violin, Richard Tognetti and pianist Dejan Lazic. The programme will include Brett Dean's *Testament* and Beethoven's *Piano Concerto No. 4* and *Symphony No. 4*. (B)



Richard Tognetti. Photo Paul Henderson-Kelly

### Thu 26 Nov

### Board the Orion / Depart Sydney

Embarkation day! Transfer from your hotel to the Orion for your 'Festival of Opera and Music' cruise to Hobart. (B)

### Tour Price:

Per person, twin share	AUD 499
Single supplement	AUD 330

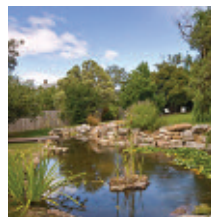
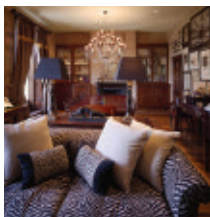
## HOBART

01 – 03 December 2009

### Tue 01 December 2009

### Arrive Hobart

Arrive Hobart aboard the Orion. After disembarkation, board your coach and commence a sightseeing tour including the highlights of Hobart. Tasmania's capital has a distinct old world charm with hidden secrets of cultural diversity. The Derwent River is Hobart's heart and Mount Wellington rises above in spectacular glory. You will also travel to Richmond, one of Australia's most original historic villages dating back to the 1820s. Afternoon arrival at the luxurious 5-star Islington Hotel in time for this evening's gourmet dinner. (D)



Islington Hotel, Hobart

### Wed 02 Dec

### Hobart

This morning, depart Sullivan's Cove on a cruise along the picturesque Hobart Harbour, River Derwent and the magnificent waters of the D'Entrecasteaux Channel on its way past Bruny Island to Peppermint Bay.

This fully guided half day cruise on board the luxury catamaran, *Peppermint Bay II*, provides a real connection with the Tasmanian lifestyle. Take in the glorious scenery, dotted with sea eagles and sun basking seals. Flat screen plasma televisions beam back images from



View of Hobart from Mt Wellington

under the water via unique spy ball cameras, allowing passengers to see the abundance of sea life in clear, calm waters: playful dolphins, floating fish farms, sea gardens with giant kelp, crayfish, weedy sea dragons and puffer fish are just some of the beautiful sea creatures seen on any given day.

The Peppermint Bay Cruise includes a shore excursion to Peppermint Bay. Savour the majestic views of Bruny Island from the sun-drenched terrace or stroll in the extensive grounds exploring the sculptures, fish race and herb garden. Shop for treasures in the Providore, visit the Art Gallery or just enjoy the quiet, picturesque village of Woodbridge. Return to your hotel in Hobart mid-afternoon. (BL)

### Thu 03 Dec

### Depart Hobart

Post-cruise tour arrangements conclude after breakfast. (B)

### Tour Price:

Per person, twin share	AUD 695
Single supplement	AUD 355

# MELBOURNE

01 – 04 December 2009

## Tue 01 December 2009

## Arrive Hobart / Melbourne

Arrive Hobart aboard the Orion. After disembarkation, board your coach and commence a sightseeing tour including the highlights of Hobart and historic Richmond. Richmond is set in gently undulating country on the banks of the Coal River and it has become one of the most popular tourist attractions in Tasmania. The village has 45 buildings listed on the National Estate and this well-preserved Georgian township offers a rare insight into the types of buildings in which some of Australia's earliest settlers lived, were incarcerated, prayed and drank! At the conclusion of the tour you will transfer to the airport to connect with your flight to Melbourne (included in the package price).

Melbourne is widely regarded as the cultural and fashion capital of Australia and is renowned for its fine restaurants. Your accommodation in Melbourne will be at the 4-star Crown Promenade Hotel. (B)

## Wed 02 Dec

## Melbourne

After breakfast, visit the Johnston Collection, a Fine and Decorative Arts Museum in East Melbourne. The collection is the legacy of William Robert Johnston, an antique dealer and collector of beautiful things. He loved objects that were unusual and visually arresting. He had a sharp eye for the beauty created by the harmonious balance of line and form. He delighted in arranging objects together to create extraordinary interiors. It is pure indulgence to be amongst the Collection.



Photo: Franco Gaica

This evening attend an Opera Australia performance of *A Streetcar named Desire* at the State Theatre (pictured above) featuring Teddy Tahu Rhodes, Yvonne Kenny and Stuart Skelton. (B)

## Thu 03 Dec

## Melbourne

Full day at leisure to explore Melbourne on your own.

This evening attend an Opera Australia performance of director Jim Sharman's exuberant new production of *Così fan tutte* at the State Theatre. (B)

## Fri 04 Dec

## Depart Melbourne

Post-cruise tour arrangements conclude after breakfast. (B)

## Tour Price:

Per person, twin share  
Single supplement

AUD 1,185  
AUD 330

## ALL TOUR PRICES INCLUDE:

- Accommodation as per itinerary, including breakfast daily
- Meals as per itinerary (L – Lunch, D – Dinner)
- Hotel portorage
- A-reserve tickets (or best available) to performances specified
- Guided sightseeing and activities specified including entrance fees
- Private transfer between your hotel and the Orion in Sydney and Hobart

## TOUR PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- International or domestic flights (except as specified in Melbourne package)
- Airport transfers on arrival in Sydney or departure in Hobart
- Items of a personal nature (i.e. laundry, telephone, etc)
- Travel insurance

## ORION ADVENTURES ... NORTH & SOUTH

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