The Emirates Melbourne Cup is an unparalleled celebration of world class thoroughbred racing, glamorous fashions and fine food and wine in a truly exhilarating atmosphere. Join this exclusive escorted tour and enjoy the company of like minded horse racing enthusiasts. You're guaranteed to have an unforgettable time at this spectacular event along with some unique experiences along the way!

Event Dates 01 Nov 2016

**Tour Dates** 29 Oct - 02 Nov 2016

Venue Flemington
Race Course





# **Escorted Tour**

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#### **INCLUDES**

- Meet and greet at Melbourne International Airport\*.
- Return transfers from airport to hotel\*.
- Four nights accommodation at the 5 star Stamford Plaza Melbourne.
- · Daily breakfast.
- Half day excursion including visit to horse farm & stud and Living Legends tour followed by lunch at a country pub.
- Morning excursion to see trackwork with a Group I winning trainer, stable visit and BBQ breakfast.
- Official Call of the Card luncheon with live entertainment.
- Premium hospitality at the 2016 Emirates Melbourne Cup Day, including food and beverage.
- Services of experienced tour escort and horse racing expert.

\*based on set flight arrival and departure times. Limited places.

## Your host

Join horse racing expert John McGauran and other passionate horse racing fans on this exclusive small group trip.

John is a fantastic tour escort with immense knowledge and connections in the world of horse racing as well as being a social, professional host who creates a great atmosphere throughout the entire tour.

John lives and breathes horse racing, and he has lead a number of popular trips including tours to Royal Ascot, Kentucky Derby and the Hong Kong International.

### Your accommodation

The Stamford Plaza, Melbourne is a luxury, all-suite hotel located in the heart of the Melbourne CBD, at the 'Paris end' of Little Collins Street. Each suite features a separate living area and kitchen or kitchenette, and marble bathroom with spa bath.

The hotel has a high-end bar/lounge and a restaurant. There's also a modern fitness area with floor-to-ceiling windows, and covered rooftop swimming pool with views over Melbourne's skyline.

# Not what you're looking for?

Let us know what you're after and we can put together a package for you. We also have independent packages to the 2016 Melbourne Cup Carnival.

## Take off with us

Let us know when you want to fly and we'll provide the best airfare options and prices.









# **Itinerary**

### Saturday 29 October

Arrive at Melbourne International Airport with a meet and greet and transfer to your hotel\*. This evening join us for hosted welcome drinks and the chance to get to know your tour escort. The rest of the evening is yours at leisure, a great chance to enjoy some of the local restaurants, bars and pubs that Melbourne has to offer.

## **Sunday 30 October**

After breakfast this morning we leave for our horse farm and stud visit, followed by a guided tour of Living Legends. Take the chance to rub noses with some favourite retired champion race horses including previous Melbourne Cup winners. After lunch at a country pub we head back to Melbourne with a stop at the DFO outlet mall to drop off those keen to hunt out some bargains. (Shoppers to make their own way back to the hotel). The remainder of the day is at leisure.

### Monday 31 October

We head to Flemington Race Course early this morning to catch trackwork with a Group I winning trainer, visit their stables and enjoy a delicious BBQ breakfast. The rest of the morning is at leisure. Then join us to experience a taste of the action when Australia's biggest punters collide with bookmakers at the traditional Call of the Card luncheon at the Crown Palladium. Witness the first official bets from the likes of Alan Eskander and Tom Waterhouse at this thrilling event. You'll also enjoy a fabulous three course lunch and live entertainment. Alternatively, check out the annual Emirates Melbourne Cup Parade which takes place from noon down Swanston St, finishing at Federation Square. The evening is yours to enjoy and relax before the world's richest handicap race tomorrow.

### Tuesday I November

It's Emirates Melbourne Cup Day and time to celebrate Australia's most famous horse race. After breakfast we depart for the race course in time for the first race at 10.30am. Experience Flemington's outstanding hospitality with delicious food and beverages in a premium location, and access to big screen TV, bookmakers and tote betting. Your tour escort will be on hand to offer his racing knowledge and share a few tips. After the last race we return to our hotel for you to reflect on a thrilling day of racing.

### Wednesday 2 November

After breakfast this morning we head back to Melbourne International Airport\*. After check-in it's time for us to say goodbye!

\*Based on flights arriving in to Melbourne around 5.00pm on Saturday 29 October and departing at 11.50am on Wednesday 2 November.





\*Terms & Conditions: Prices are correct as at 25 January 2016 and are subject to availability & are subject to change without notice. Sales period: Valid for sale from 25 January 2016 until 31 August 2016 unless otherwise stated, withdrawn or sold out prior. Event conditions: A 50% deposit is required at the time of booking. Full payment is required by 31 August 2016. If payment is not received by the due date packages may be auto-cancelled. Cancellation fees apply. Attendance conditions apply to tickets and attendance at the 2016 Emiriates Melbourne Cup Day. All prices are per person, in NZ Dollars, unless otherwise stated. All prices are based on payment by cash or EFTPOS only. Selected travel dates apply. Minimum & maximum stay restrictions may apply. Seasonal surcharges & blackout dates may apply depending on date of travel. Prices are valid for new bookings only. Accommodation, holiday packages, cruises & tours are based on twin share unless otherwise stated. Packages are based on consecutive night stays. Accommodation star rating is based on Flight Centre ratings & is a guide only to the overall quality of the property. The accommodation, event tickets & any other components included in your holiday are provided by suppliers, carriers & hotelliers with their own terms & conditions visit www.flightcentre.co.nz/bookingterms. For full event terms & conditions visit http://www.flightcentre.co.nz/promotions/sports-and-events