

Wool! Wine! Wildlife! Workshops! Q&A



I pulled over to take this adorable pic while driving on the left in Victoria!

Knitting Down Under! October 2022

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Can I bring a companion who doesn't knit?

Absolutely! Non-knitters 21 and over are very welcome to join us and will get a \$100 discount.

How big will the group be?

So that every knitter receives personalized attention from Jane, there is a limit of 18 Knitters. The trip will go with a few as 14 participants, including non-knitters. The total group limit is 24.

What about Covid-19?

Our journey will follow all protocols mandated by Australian and municipal ordinances.

I will not be taking deposits until it is announced that Australia is open for tourism. At that time, I will confirm the exact dates and require a \$1,000 deposit per person. Based on the time frame going forward, the balance will be due between 90 and 60 days before departure.

Do I need to get vaccinated?

Yes, all tour participants must provide proof of vaccination with their deposit and will likely need proof to enter Australia as well.

Can you match me up with a roommate?

Yes, call me Yenta! Considering the additional cost of single occupancy, I am happy to introduce you to other travelers who are interested in sharing a room. I have had a few requests already. Let me know asap so we can start the matchmaking!

How do the costs compare to the US or Europe?

GREAT NEWS! Currently the AUD COSTS JUST 74 CENTS US, so everything is 25% OFF!!!

For comparison one EURO is \$1.18 US, so a trip to Europe costs you 20% more dollars.

Best of all, tipping is discretionary. 20 % is consider excessive and "too American." If you tip your server 10%, it is 7.4% US, and you will likely get a very sincere thank you and a big smile! Retail prices include tax, and you can get a VAT refund for larger purchases. I found Australian made goodies and souvenirs to be surprisingly reasonable, so I indulged! **{get those UGGs you've been pining for!!!}**

Will the trip be strenuous?

Not strenuous, but some days will include a fair amount of walking and several long days packed full of activities. There will be stairs on our coach and some days we will be getting on and off numerous times. There will be some flexibility to sit out some of the activities. I am happy to do whatever I can to accommodate your needs. For adventurers, the Blue Mountains offers world class hiking and there are guided hiking tours available.

What about special diets?

Let me know your dietary restrictions and I will do everything I can in advance to accommodate you, however you might need to contact some of our venues directly in advance. I can give you contact information when we get closer to the departure date. Australian menus usually have indicators of allergens in the ingredients to make things easier and staff are usually very willing in most restaurants to help you.

What's the weather going to be like?

The seasons are reversed south of the equator, so it is Summer Down Under! NO cold, snow and ice! It can get quite hot, especially in the cities, although it can also be moderate. The mountain retreat will be cooler than the cities.

Should I bring a swimsuit?

Absolutely! All three of our hotels have indoor pools. Best of all, a gorgeous garden setting outdoor pool in the Blue Mountains... which I can't wait to jump in and then knit poolside! On our last day we will travel to Geelong which has a beautiful, calm bay with a swimming area, and we will have a few hours of free time in the afternoon. I'm looking forward to swimming then, because my last trip there I regret that I didn't have my suit with me that day.

Are we going to a beach?

Yes! We will visit a beach in Sidney on our day tour, although it will be a brief stop. We will be on the beach in Melbourne for the Sunset Penguin Parade, and possibly a beach boardwalk earlier that day.

Can I arrive a day early?

Yes, I have reserved rooms to arrive in Sydney on January 15. You can have more time to adjust to the time change and get to see and do more in Sydney! Let me know asap if you want early arrival.

Are upgraded hotel rooms possible?

Yes, I can arrange hotel upgrades for you, let me know asap if you are interested.

So we're starting in Sydney and ending in Melbourne... what should I do about the flight home? Does this mean I can't get a round trip fare?

You should be able to price out overseas air from to SYD and return from MEL as a multi-city trip. Alternatively, there are many flights daily from Melbourne to Sydney and it may cost less that way.

When should I book the airfare?

At this point I advise you not to look at airfare because there are very few flights, and you will be shocked by the fares! Once Australia is open there will be many more flights and prices should come down quickly as they ramp up travel.

Is there a travel agent to help us?

Yes, I have an Australian travel agent who has made some of our arrangements and they are very responsive and professional.

Can we extend our trip? Of course, although you would be making those arrangements on your own, or you can contact our travel agent.

What about travel insurance?

Travel insurance is mandatory and must include repatriation. Many companies have policies with cancel for any reason if you purchase the policy within 10 days of your initial deposit. I can provide you with a website that offers comparisons of the better reviewed travel insurance companies once I start taking deposits.

Can I get a refund if I cannot make it?

Yes, if the tour is cancelled. Otherwise, all payments are non-refundable. I am requiring travel insurance for all participants so your expenses may be refunded depending on your policy.



Here I am snuggling with a laid-back Kangaroo at a wildlife sanctuary.