




Autumn in the Macedon Ranges with Stephen Ryan 2025

8 APR – 11 APR 2025

Code: 22549AU

Tour Leaders **Stephen Ryan**

Fitness Level 

Level 1 - Active

For people with active lives and good mobility

Visit some of Mt Macedon's finest hill station gardens. View historic Bolinda Vale with an Australian style landscape designed by Phillip Johnson, and Oak House gardens designed by Sam Crawford.

Overview

Photo Credit:

The first image on this web page are of the gardens of Bolinda Vale, Victoria, courtesy of Simon Griffiths see [Simon Griffiths Photography](#)

Spend 4 days with horticulturalist and plantsman, [Stephen Ryan](#), exploring the spectacular gardens of the Macedon Ranges in Autumn. Stephen is both the President of the Mt Macedon Horticultural Society and Patron for the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria (RHSV).

- Visit private gardens, several of which are rarely open to the public, Stephen's own garden, Tugurium, and a number of Mt Macedon's spectacular 19th-century 'hill station' gardens.
- Explore four hectares of established gardens at the historic working cattle property, [Bolobek](#), with owner Brigid Robertson.
- Visit historic [Bolinda Vale's](#) garden hosted by Lady Susannah Clarke.
- Meet Landscape Designer, [Sam Crawford](#), to view her picturesque gardens at [Oak House](#).
- Dine at the [Bistro Terroir](#), Daylesford, operated by Chef Matthew Carnell, formerly a chef at a Michelin 2 star restaurant in France.
- Stay at the historic [Hotel Bellinzona](#) a welcoming retreat located in the spa town of Hepburn Springs.
- Limited to 16 participants.

Hill Stations of Mt Macedon

In the late 19th-century Mt Macedon became the region in which to establish a number of 'Hill Stations' or summer residences for the then Governors and their key staff. Standing at an elevation of 1101 metres, Mt Macedon provided a much cooler climate than Melbourne. This tour explores a selection of Hill Station gardens for which Mt Macedon is rightly famous; the National Trust has stated that this area has the largest concentration of such gardens anywhere in Australia. Most properties were established in the late 1800s and so predate federation. What are Hill Station gardens? They are usually large properties with substantial homes built by the wealthy of colonial Melbourne to escape the summer heat of the city, much like those of the British Raj in the foot hills of the Himalayas. They were playgrounds that would unashamedly show off the wealth and power of their owners who happily competed with each other to own the grandest house with the rarest plants.

More About Stephen Ryan

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Leaders



Stephen Ryan

Horticulturalist, nurseryman, collector, prolific writer and award-winning broadcaster. President of the Mt Macedon Horticultural Society, and Patron for the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria (RHSV), Stephen brings his profound knowledge to ASA garden tours.

Stephen Ryan is the newly appointed Patron for the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria (RHSV). He is also the President of the Mt Macedon Horticultural Society, one of the oldest gardening clubs in Victoria.

Horticulturalist, author and broadcaster, Stephen started working in his father's nursery at the age of ten and at the same time joined the Mt. Macedon Horticultural Society. By the age of 19 he was the president and still is to this day. After completing a Gardening and Turf Management apprenticeship, and achieving an Award of Merit as the top Victorian apprentice he subsequently was awarded two scholarships, one in the United Kingdom and the other in New Zealand. On Stephen's return to Australia he ran his family nursery until he started his own nationally recognised nursery Dicksonia Rare Plants a few years later in 1980 and has been a passionate plant collector ever since.

Having started with writing articles for magazines and newspapers, Stephen's media presence has developed to the stage where he does a regular radio slot with Melbourne's 3CR station. In 2002 Stephen was awarded a Radio Laurel by the Horticultural Media Association for his segments on ABC Radio 774 3LO. Stephen has often appeared on a variety of television programs, however he is best known for his role for three years as host on ABC Television's *Gardening Australia*.

Stephen lectures and holds seminars both in Australia as well as overseas which have included a lecture that was translated into Spanish as he spoke to an audience in Argentina. As a plant hunter and traveller he has travelled to many places in the world such as Namibia, India, Oregon, England, Ireland, South Africa, Peru, New Guinea and France as well as the aforementioned Argentina. He has also led tours into Madagascar and France.

He has published three books on rare plants that have received rave reviews and his manual contains over 2000 plant entries of rare plants available in temperate Australia. He also contributed to the two large tomes produced in Australia *Botanica* and more recently *Flora*. Stephen's garden and nursery hold three national plant collections, *Cornus*, *Sambucus* and *Acanthus*, for the Garden Plants Conservation Association of Australia. In 2001 the Royal Horticultural Society of Victoria recognised Stephen with a John Pascoe Fawcner Gold Medal for "Distinguished Service to Horticulture". Since departing *Gardening Australia*, Stephen is now writing for a New Zealand magazine *Weekend Gardener*, and has started writing another book, which will be on the development of his own garden, 'Tugurium'.



Itinerary

The following itinerary describes a range of gardens which we plan to visit. Several are accessible to the public, but others require special permission which may only be confirmed closer to the tour's departure. The daily activities described in this itinerary may change or be rotated and/or modified in order to accommodate alterations in opening hours and confirmation of private visits. Participants will receive a final itinerary, together with their tour documents, prior to departure. The tour includes breakfast, lunches & dinners indicated in the itinerary where B=breakfast, L=lunch and D=dinner.

Hepburn Springs - 3 nights

Day 1: Tuesday 8 April, Melbourne – Mt Macedon – Hepburn Springs

- Bolobek, a historic garden with designer flair: visit with owner Brigid Robertson
- Alton, one of Mt Macedon's finest terraced hill stations
- Welcome dinner at the Hotel Bellinzona

Meeting Point: Corner of Orrong Road and Fulton Street, Armadale at 8.30am. This is 500m from the Toorak Station, 80m from the tram stop on High Street and 450m from the tram stop on Malvern Road.



We leave Melbourne for the green heart of the Macedon Ranges to meet Brigid Robertson, who bought Bolobek, a historic working cattle property, with husband Hugh in 2006. This garden was laid out in the early 1900s and today demonstrates how a creative design style can be overlaid on an earlier garden landscape. Bolobek is on the Victorian Heritage Register because of the quality of its design, artistry and plantings. Brigid will share stories of the people that made the garden and we'll admire its geometric design, which focuses on attractive bark, soft green foliage and white flowers. At this time of the year the borders will be burgeoning and the oaks and poplars will be turning every shade from yellow to red.

This afternoon we visit Alton, an 1870s Mt Macedon garden which surrounds a Venetian Gothic home, known as the gingerbread house. Established by Sir George Verdon, at various times Victoria's treasurer and Agent General, it is considered one of the finest terraced hill stations in the region. The garden features an amazing collection of over 600 trees of which 24 are listed on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees including the towering Sitka Spruce or *Picea sitchensis* which comes from the Pacific north-west and Canada. There is also an English garden influenced by noted Royal Botanic Gardens directors Baron von Mueller and W. R. Guilfoyle. At this time the deciduous trees should be spectacular and include an impressive collection of maples as well as oaks and beech.

We arrive in the spa town of Hepburn Springs in the late afternoon, and following some time at leisure enjoy a welcome dinner at the hotel's restaurant. (Overnight Hotel Bellinzona, Hepburn Springs) LD

Day 2: Wednesday 9 April, Hepburn Springs – Daylesford – Mt Macedon – Hepburn Springs

- Wombat Park, Daylesford
- Sequoia, Mt Macedon
- [Glen Rannoch](#), Mt Macedon

A leisurely morning drive brings us to Wombat Park in Daylesford. The gardens are noted for the impressive

selection of mature trees in the 'old garden' established by William E. Stanbridge from the early 1850s and the 'new garden', created by his daughter Florence to complement the distinctive Edwardian homestead designed by Rodney Alsop in 1910.

From Daylesford we continue to Mt Macedon where we begin with a visit to the gardens of Sequoia. This garden is around 5 acres and up until 10 years ago was mainly a paddock. It has some impressive large conifers including a giant Sequoia in one part of the property but the rest is new. The whole paddock was terraced with flights of stairs between and now has bank after bank of stunning flowering trees, shrubs and perennials. A truly remarkable feat in such a short time.

We end the day with a visit to Glen Rannock. Dating back to 1873, this is the third oldest hill station in Mt Macedon. The name 'Glen Rannoch' means fern or bracken which has relevance to its location on the ridge. The garden features massive Monkey Puzzles, Hoheria, and Western Hemlock which are listed on the National Trust Register of Significant Trees. There are also grand Atlantic Cedars, beeches, poplars, maples, chestnuts and a green-flowering cherry tree, as well as impressive flowering shrubs such as rhododendrons, azaleas, viburnums and Stewartia (to name a few) which line moss-covered steps and paths leading to various garden rooms and outbuildings. On a clear day you can see the You Yangs in the distance from above the garden in the lookout.

This evening is at leisure for you to enjoy dinner at one of the restaurants in Hepburn Springs. (Overnight Hotel Bellinzona, Hepburn Springs) BL

Day 3: Thursday 10 April, Hepburn Springs – Clarkefield – Mt Macedon – Daylesford – Hepburn Springs

- [Historic Bolinda Vale](#): garden hosted by Lady Susannah Clarke
- [Oak House](#), private gardens of Landscape Designer, [Sam Crawford](#)
- [Duneira Estate](#)
- Shepherd's Bush
- Farewell Dinner at Bistro Terroir, Daylesford

This morning we visit the gardens of Bolinda Vale owned by Sir Rupert Clarke and Lady Susannah Clarke. Since 2005 the gardens have been transformed and include both an English-style garden and an Australian-style landscape designed by Phillip Johnson. An outline of the gardens kindly prepared by Susannah may be viewed [here](#).

Just down the road from Bolinda Vale is the picturesque country property, Oak House which takes its name from the two superb examples of English oaks, *Quercus robur*, which were probably planted in the mid-19th century. This once neglected rural garden has been transformed by landscape designer Sam Crawford who moved here nine years ago. Accompanied by Sam, we enjoy a walk through her beautiful garden to learn more about the process of its design. Sam is the Rural Selection Co-ordinator for Open Garden Victoria. In October 2020, her gardens were featured in *Countrystyle* which may be viewed [here](#).

Lunch will be hosted by the Mt Macedon & District Horticultural Society at their hall which is located at the Mt Macedon Golf Club.

The Duneira Estate includes an 1875-historic Victorian homestead set in 16 acres at an altitude of 820 metres. The English style gardens which are considered to be of 'outstanding cultural significance' by the National Trust of Australia, include a sequence of walled gardens, rolling lawns and several trees listed on the Register of Significant trees of Victoria. The Elm Avenue is referred to as 'one of the best surviving examples of a private formal avenue in Victoria' and feature Dutch Elms which date back to the planting

period of Suetonius Officer in the 1870s. Maples are a particular favourite in this garden and will be a blaze of colour in autumn.

Nearby we visit Shepherd's Bush which is now home to Kevin Edwards, the Treasurer for the Mt Macedon District Horticultural Society and his partner Chris Williams who is the head gardener of Bolobek. Situated at 865 metres above sea level, this is the highest main residence on Mt Macedon. The 3-acre garden which is known for its spring and autumn display, includes European and North American plants.

This evening we enjoy a farewell meal at Bistro Terroir in Daylesford operated by Chef Matthew Carnell, formerly a chef at a Michelin 2-star restaurant in France.. (Overnight Hotel Bellinzona, Hepburn Springs)
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Day 4: Friday 11 April, Hepburn Springs – Mt Macedon – Melbourne

- Durrol Garden
- Cameron Lodge
- Tugurium
- Tieve Tara
- Dicksonia Rare Plants

This morning we visit Durrol, another of Mt Macedon's stately hill stations whose 1901 Edwardian weatherboard residence was razed to the ground by fire in 2018 but a new home on the same footprint and with a similar style has been reinstated. The property itself dates back to 1854 when it was purchased by Charles Barns Boatman. It was later developed and named 'Durrol', by the then Melbourne Stock Exchange chairman, William Foster Wood and his wife Clara, before being sold to Stanley Allen in 1919 and still belongs to his daughter! The gardens, which are considered of National significance, were designed by the great 20th-century landscape designer Edna Walling for Mrs Stanley Allen in 1925 and feature typical elements such as axial planning, stone paving, circular gardens, rectangular pools, softened by herbaceous plants and hedged boundaries. There is a wonderful balance between this intensively maintained garden and the surrounding open bushland. Our autumn visit should coincide with the best of the deciduous trees in colour including Lindens, oaks and maples.

In 1916 William Cameron, a director of British American Tobacco, established his retreat, Cameron Lodge, with gardens inspired by the Romantic models that were fashionable in Europe. He also erected the memorial Cross on the top of Mt Macedon with his own money to give locals work through the depression and to commemorate the dead of the Great War, it was viewable from his study! The Romantic allusions were further enhanced by the gentle mountain stream, Turritable, which runs through the estate. We will tour this magnificent 10-acre colonial garden which features an original summer pavilion, a Temple of Winds designed by Joan Anderson in 1932, and Roman baths in its lower garden.

Next we visit Tugurium, Stephen Ryan's own garden which he developed from a vacant burnt block after the Ash Wednesday bushfires of 1983. Over the years he has created soil and added mulch to establish an informal garden. The garden is a culmination of decades spent collecting plants and placing them in stimulating combinations of foliage, texture and colour. The garden features winding paths that will take you through woodland plantings, two large and one small tranquil pools and circular lawn, with a small orchard and nearby vegetable garden rounding out the space. Craig Lidgerwood's stunning botanic art will also be on display.

Following lunch at Tugurium we visit Tieve Tara (Gaelic for side of the hill), a 6 acre garden at 751 Mt. Macedon Rd. This gracious garden has long sweeping lawns looking down over two sizeable lakes, one of

which has a Monet style bridge. The large perennial border was designed by David Glenn for the previous owners and the Japanese garden was done by renown master gardener Fumio Ueda. Much of the unusual plant material scattered around the garden was supplied and placed by Stephen Ryan.

Before returning to Melbourne we visit Stephen Ryan's rare plant business, Dicksonia Rare Plants, which displays over 2000 different plants from tiny bulbs, desirable climbers, as well as icon shrubs and trees from all over the world.

We are scheduled to arrive back in Melbourne at approximately 5.30pm where our tour ends. BL

Accommodation

Accommodation at the winery includes rooms with en suite bathroom.

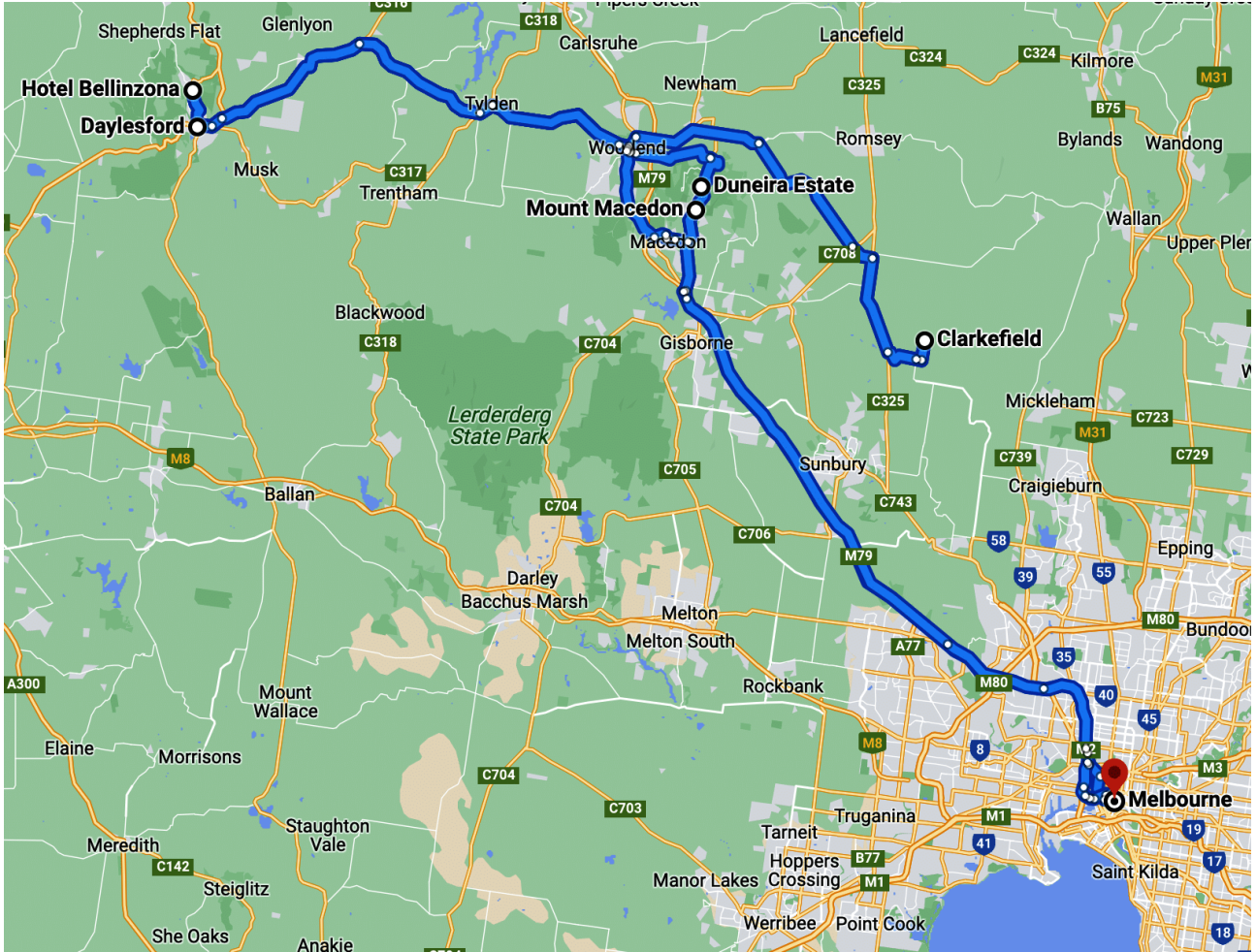
- Hepburn Springs (3 nights): 4-star Hotel Bellinzona – a welcoming retreat located in the town centre. bellinzona.com.au

Note: Hotels are subject to change, in which case a hotel of similar standard will be provided.

Single Supplement

Payment of this supplement will ensure accommodation in a double/twin room for single occupancy throughout the tour. People wishing to take this supplement are therefore advised to book well in advance.

Tour Map



Tour Price & Inclusions

AUD \$3160.00 Land Content Only

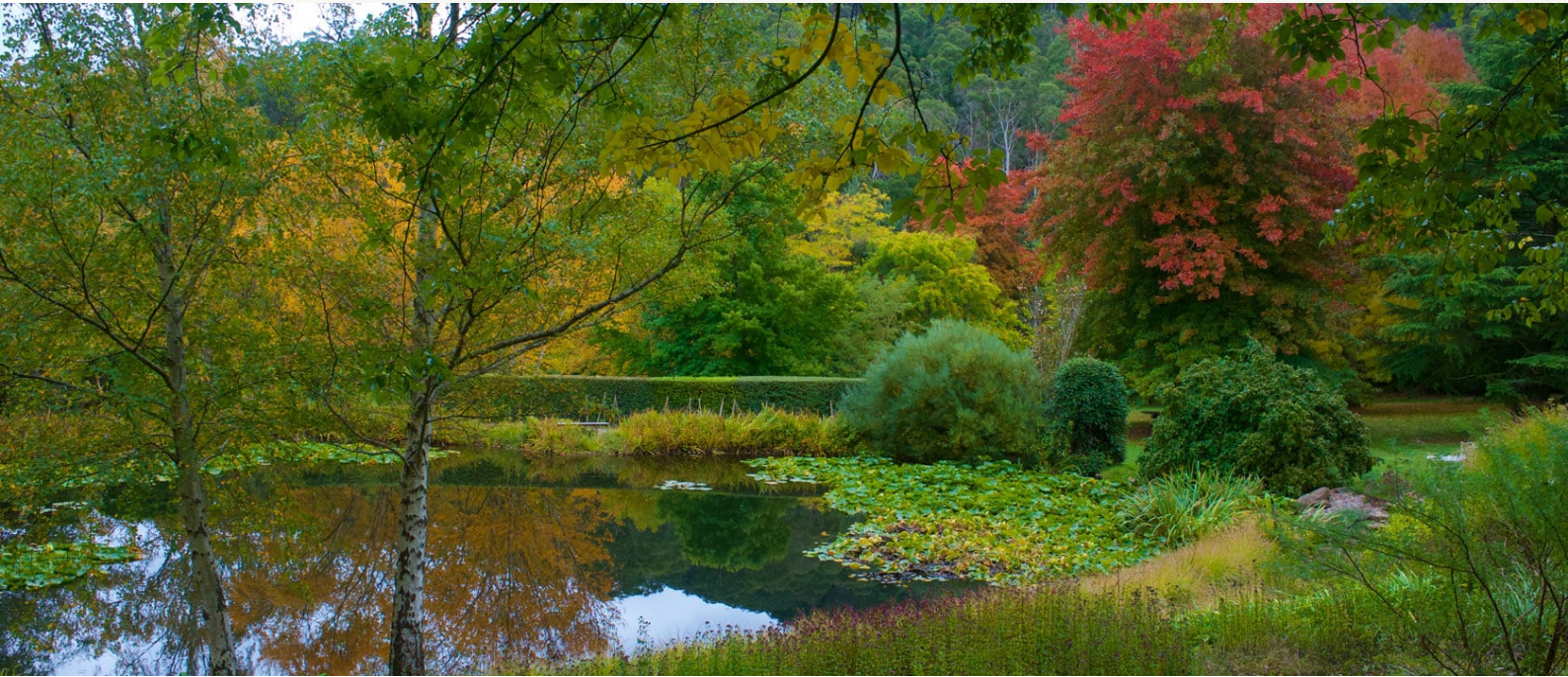
AUD \$395.00 Single Supplement

Tour Price (Land Content Only) includes:

- Accommodation in twin-share rooms with private facilities at the 4-star Hotel Bellinzona in Hepburn Springs
- Meals as indicated in the tour itinerary where: B=breakfast, L=lunch & D=dinner
- Drinks at welcome and farewell meals. Other meals may not have drinks included
- Transportation by air-conditioned coach
- Lecture and site-visit program
- Entrance fees
- Use of audio headsets for site excursions
- Tips for the coach driver and restaurants for included meals

Tour Price (Land Content Only) does not include:

- Personal spending money
- Luggage in excess of 20kg (44lbs)
- Travel insurance
- Porterage



Fitness Criteria & Practical Information

Fitness Level 

Level 1 - Active

For people with active lives and good mobility

You must be able to:

- manage at least four to five hours of physical activity per day with ease.
- walk at an easy to regular pace over uneven and hilly terrain. The most challenging part of this tour is exploring hill station gardens several of which are spread over steep terrain. The gardens at Alton are the most difficult. They are spread over several terraces connected via steep pathways and numerous staircases.
- climb a few flights of stairs without duress.
- board/alight coaches with steep steps unassisted.
- cope with a daily schedule which generally involves an early-morning departure (between 8.00-8.30am), concluding in the late afternoon (between 5.00-5.30pm).
- manage your own luggage at the hotel.

Fitness Levels

Please also view the fitness criteria required for our tours, graded from Level 1 to Level 3, at www.asatours.com.au/fitness-level/

All ASA tours are active programs suitable for people with a good level of mental and physical fitness and good mobility. They are not suitable for people who lack stamina, have difficulty walking at the group's pace or who have mobility issues. An unavoidable aspect of every tour is the need to manage walking, stair-climbing and standing for long periods of time.

It is a condition of travel that all participants agree to accept ASA's directions in relation to their suitability

to participate in activities undertaken on the tour, and that ASA retains the sole discretion to direct a tour participant to refrain from a particular activity on part of the tour. Before enrolling on an ASA tour please read the fitness requirements carefully.

Booking Conditions

ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM

Please complete the ASA RESERVATION APPLICATION and send it to Australians Studying Abroad together with your non-refundable deposit of AUD \$500.00 per person payable to Australians Studying Abroad.



Reservation Application

TOUR NAME _____
TOUR DATES _____

Please complete **one application, per person in block letters and sign**. Parental signature is required for participants under 18 years of age. Please mail this form with the appropriate deposit to: **P.O. Box 8285, ARMADALE, VICTORIA, 3143**. On receipt of this Reservation Application and deposit, ASA will process your booking and if approved, send you a tour confirmation.

Applicant Details (as in passport)

TITLE Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr Other _____
FIRST NAME _____ Preferred FIRST NAME _____
MIDDLE NAME _____ SURNAME _____
POSTAL ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ COUNTRY _____ POSTCODE _____
TEL. (AH) () _____ TEL. (BH) () _____ Mobile Tel: _____
EMAIL address _____
Date of birth ____ / ____ / _____ GENDER Male Female

Covid Certificate

It is a condition of travel that all ASA travellers are fully vaccinated against Covid-19. Participants must send ASA a copy of their vaccination certificate at the time of submitting their Reservation Application Form.

A copy of my current Covid certificate is enclosed.

Travel Plans

I will be arranging my airfare independently and taking the Land Content Only option.

Please contact ASA if you require any assistance with pre- or post-tour accommodation.

Tour Accommodation (rooming preferences)

I/we would like: a twin-bedded room a double-bedded room a room for sole occupancy

I am travelling: on my own with a friend/family member Travel Companion _____

Meals

I do not have any specific dietary requests

Please **X** the box if you **CAN NOT** eat any of the following:

fish poultry red meat dairy products

eggs pork nuts

Other _____

Allergies: Refer to the Medical Information

Correspondence

Your preferred method of correspondence Postal Mail Email Address _____

Emergency Contact Details

Note: this person **MUST** be available by telephone and be present in Australia for the duration of your tour with ASA

Name _____ Relationship to Traveller _____

Address _____

TEL. (AH) () _____ TEL. (BH) () _____ Mobile Tel: _____

EMAIL address _____

The purpose of seeking this information is to assist ASA to determine, where necessary, whether ASA is able to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate your specific needs and whether your health and safety (or that of your fellow travellers) is likely to be compromised given your choice of tour. It will also assist you and ASA if you fall ill or have an accident whilst travelling.

- ASA reserves the right to decline your Reservation Application if this Medical Information section is not completed properly and may reject or cancel your reservation, or terminate your participation on any tour, if ASA subsequently learns that you have failed to make full and proper disclosure.
- ASA is committed to protecting the privacy of your personal information. ASA's privacy policy is available for viewing at www.asatours.com.au
- If ASA has any concerns about the information you have provided, it will contact you to request clarification before considering your Application.
- ASA requires you to consider carefully your limitations in light of ASA's Physical Endurance Star Rating System in ASA's Brochure and Itinerary when choosing your tour.
- If you are not likely to satisfy ASA's Participation Criteria (see below), ASA, in its sole discretion, may reject your Reservation Application.
- It is a condition of your tour that you agree to accept the directions of ASA's Tour Leaders in relation to your suitability to participate in activities planned on tour.
- ASA reserves the right to cancel your participation on a tour if your behaviour is in ASA's opinion causing undue distress or damage to any person or their property.
- If your participation is discontinued during a tour, ASA will assist by arranging your onward travel (if required) at your own cost, but you will not be refunded for forfeited parts of the tour.
- ASA tour groups are not accompanied by a medical practitioner. ASA recommends that you see your doctor for advice about your specific needs while overseas. You may also wish to contact a travel and vaccination clinic for advice. www.traveldoctor.com.au tel: 1300 658 444; www.travelvax.com.au tel: 1300 360 164.
- Travel insurers require you to declare all existing medical conditions.
- Please carry a complete list of medications with you during the ASA tour. Include **generic names** of each medication (consult your local pharmacy for information).

Please mark **X** in the YES or NO box to every question below and provide details where necessary:

Participation Criteria

To participate in an ASA tour, you must be reasonably fit, in good health and able to participate in all activities without assistance from Tour Leaders or other tour members. **You must also be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.** If you require assistance, a fit and able travel companion must undertake to accompany and assist you with all tasks for the duration of the whole tour. The responsibility of the Tour Leader is to ensure that the larger group enjoys a relaxing and informative journey, and he or she cannot be relied upon to provide ongoing individual assistance to any one guest.

- | | YES | NO |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Can you walk and stand unassisted for at least 2-3 hours a day in hot, humid conditions? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 2. Can you walk unassisted on and over uneven surfaces? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 3. Can you climb at least 3 flights of stairs and/or walk up and down steep slopes unassisted? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 4. Can you walk at a steady pace and no less than 1km every 15 - 20 minutes unassisted? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 5. Can you organise, manage and carry your own luggage? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 6. Can you follow and remember tour instructions and meet punctually at designated times and places? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 7. Can you administer your own medication? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |
| 8. You do NOT have impaired vision or hearing which may impact your capacity to participate on this tour? | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

Mobility and Fitness

As many of ASA's international sites do not provide access to wheelchairs or similar mobility aids, we regret that ASA tours are not suitable for people who require the use of a walking frame, wheeled walker, wheelchair or motorised scooter.

1. Do you suffer from any medical conditions that may compromise your mobility and/or fitness to participate on this program? YES NO
 If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

Allergies and/or Food Intolerances

ASA will make reasonable endeavours to organise meals to suit you, provided that you give ASA adequate notice of your specific dietary requirements or allergies. You may be required to research dietary alternatives, as not all destinations may be able to offer suitable food substitutes.

1. Do you have any food allergies or intolerances? YES NO
 If yes, please specify

2. Have you ever had an anaphylactic reaction to anything? YES NO
 If yes, please specify

Do you carry an epipen? YES NO

3. Do you have any other allergies or reactions to anything, including medical drugs? YES NO
 If yes, please specify

Existing Medical Conditions

You alone are responsible for managing any existing medical conditions, your medication and any medical equipment that you may need when on your tour. Please plan for contingencies and take extra medication, dietary supplements and/or fully charged batteries for medical equipment if your health and safety depends on these. You should take into consideration that power sources at some destinations may be unavailable, inadequate, inconvenient or unreliable.

1. Have you any significant medical conditions that may impact your capacity to complete this tour? YES NO
 If yes, please specify

If yes, how will you manage this on tour?

2. Do you require some form of powered medical aid, such as a CPAP machine? YES NO

These machines may not be operable on certain international flights, modes of transport, in remote or other areas with inadequate or unreliable power sources without a fully charged independent long life battery or batteries.

Diabetics: You may be travelling and sightseeing for many hours at a time. Insulin dependent diabetics must carry extra supplies of insulin (as this medication cannot be obtained in some destinations), regulators, applicators, storage and refrigeration equipment, as well as any necessary supplements. Accommodation may not provide refrigerators in rooms.

3. Are you diabetic? YES NO

Are you insulin dependent? YES NO

4. Do you suffer from travel sickness? YES NO
 Remember to use an appropriate medication while on tour.

Declaration

I declare that: I have read and understood the ASA Tour Itinerary, Reservation Application and Booking Conditions. I am aware of ASA's terms as relating to refunds, cancellations, responsibility and liability. I understand that ASA relies upon this declaration when considering this Application. I accept the inherent dangers, risks and uncertainties in travel and those beyond ASA's control and understand they may occur before or during any tour. I have made full and complete disclosure and have not knowingly withheld any medical information about myself from ASA. I have completed this Reservation Application honestly and accurately. I warrant that I am able to participate independently in all activities described by ASA in the itinerary without assistance from any person.

I will advise ASA in writing if any aspect of my fitness and or health conditions change materially at any time before my departure date. I understand and accept that the itinerary, accommodation and lecturers scheduled for this tour may change.

I agree and consent that ASA may give my personal information in this Reservation Application to tour service providers and relevant authorities as required by law, but only for the purpose of making bookings with and engaging services associated with the tour. I understand that if I do not consent to the use of my personal information for this purpose, ASA will decline my Reservation Application.

In consideration of ASA's acceptance of my Reservation Application, I irrevocably release and indemnify ASA from all claims that I, or any other party, may have against ASA its employees, invitees, agents and contractors, however arising in respect of any loss, damage, injury, death or expense incurred in the course of booking, preparing for, travelling to, on and from or cancelling any tour.

I release and indemnify ASA with respect to:

1. Every general risk to which I or my personal belongings may be exposed in the course of preparing for, travelling to, on or from any ASA tour;
2. Every special risk, in particular medical risks, to which I may be exposed in the course of preparing for, travelling to, on or from any ASA tour arising from, including, but not limited to:
 - a. intermittent power cycles and/or the temporary or permanent loss of power (beware CPAP or any other medical machine users);
 - b. dietary, food or other allergies (ASA cannot guarantee that traces of items to which you are allergic are not present in food or drink you are served, medication you are administered or other substances with which you may come into contact);
 - c. any event or situation that may compromise the administration of necessary medication or my health, safety and wellbeing generally; and
 - d. any event or happening beyond ASA's control
3. All claims arising as a result of my or ASA's cancellation or termination of any tour, part of a tour or of my continued participation on a tour for any reason (subject to ASA's refund conditions below).

Limitation of Liability

ASA is not a carrier, event or tourist attraction host, accommodation or dining service provider. All bookings made and tickets or coupons issued by ASA for transport, event, accommodation, dining and the like are issued as an agent for various service providers and are subject to the terms and conditions and limitations of liability imposed by each service provider. ASA is not responsible for their products, services, terms and conditions. If a service provider cancels or does not deliver the product or service for which you have contracted, and does not give a refund, your remedy lies with the service provider, not ASA.

ASA will not be liable for any claim (e.g. sickness, injury, death, damage or loss) arising from any change, delay, detention, breakdown, border closures, cancellation, failure, accident, act, omission or negligence of any tour service provider or authority however caused (contingencies). You must take out such travel insurance as is available against such contingencies.

ASA's liability in respect of any tour cancelled or changed will be limited to the partial refund of amounts you have paid, less an administration fee of \$500 and other costs and charges of third party service providers. No compensation will be payable to you by ASA where ASA cancels or changes a tour, or any part of a tour.

ASA reserves the sole discretion to cancel any tour or to modify itineraries in any way it considers appropriate and in the best interests of health, safety and wellbeing of tour participants. Tour costs may be revised, subject to unexpected price increases or exchange rate fluctuations.

Booking Conditions

DEPOSITS

A non-refundable deposit of \$500.00 AUD per person is required to reserve a place on an ASA tour.

CANCELLATION FEES

If you cancel your booking the following charges apply:

More than 75 days before departure: your initial deposit of \$500.00 is non-refundable.**

75-31 days prior 50% of total amount due

30-0 days prior 100% of total amount due

**\$250.00 of this amount (ie 50% of your deposit) may be credited to another ASA tour departing within 12 months of the original tour you booked. We regret, in this case early-bird discounts will not apply.

We take the day on which you cancel as being that on which we receive written confirmation of cancellation.

UNUSED PORTIONS OF THE TOUR

We regret that refunds will not be given for any unused portions or services of the tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation, flights or transfers.

WILL THE TOUR PRICE OR ITINERARY CHANGE?

If the number of participants on a tour is significantly less than budgeted, or if there is a significant change in exchange rates ASA reserves the right to amend the advertised price. We shall, however, do all in our power to maintain the published price. Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of ASA make it necessary to change airline, hotel or to make amendments to itineraries. We will inform you of any changes in due course.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

ASA requires all participants to obtain comprehensive travel insurance. A copy of your travel insurance certificate and the **reverse charge** emergency contact phone number must be received by ASA no later than 75 days prior to the commencement of the tour.

FINAL PAYMENT

The balance of the tour price will be due 75 days prior to the tour commencement date.

PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY, PRINT AND SIGN BELOW

I accept the conditions on this booking form I have read the information about the physical requirements of the tour in the detailed itinerary and confirm that I am able to meet these requirements

Applicant's Signature

Print Full Name

Dated

Tour / Course Name

Name of Traveller 1

Name of Traveller 2

I have enclosed a payment to the value of \$

 (including CC or bank fee if applicable) for this tour

The above amount is payable for:

- Intention to Travel Tour Deposit
- Balance of Payment Upgrade from Intention to Travel to a Deposit
- Travel Insurance Other (eg. Airfares, Accommodation)

International Payments

Welcome to our international travellers! If you are making a payment and do not have an Australian bank account/credit card, we can only accept payment as follows:

- via credit card with the applicable fee - the credit card company/bank will set the exchange rate
- via bank transfer; please give your surname and tour code (eg. Smith 21705) as a reference and ask your bank to allow for all charges.

Bank cheques or personal cheques will not be accepted.

By Cheque (accept Australian cheques only)

Please make cheques payable to *Australians Studying Abroad*

Direct Deposit or Internet Banking

You will need to:

1. Provide your bank with ASA's bank details (see below) and the amount you wish to transfer OR make a direct deposit through any ANZ branch
2. Include any fees levied by the banks
3. Provide a reference number (Mobile or last name recommended).
4. Complete section below, including confirmation no. (given when transaction completed).

Australians Studying Abroad bank details

Bank ANZ
Branch 420 St Kilda Road, Melbourne Vic
Swift Code ANZBAU3M
BSB 013-423
Account No 3472-32759

Bank confirmation No.

Reference used: Mobile or last name recommended

Date Money Transferred

Credit Card Payment

Credit card fees apply: Mastercard, Visa & American Express 2%

Please debit my: Mastercard Visa American Express

I authorise ASA to debit my credit card for the amount due plus the applicable fee as above

Credit Card Number

Expiry Date

 Security Code (CVC)

Bank the Card is linked to (eg. NAB or ANZ)

Cardholders Name

Cardholders Billing Address

Postcode

State

 Country

Phone

Email

Cardholders Signature
