

# Melbourne Cup Tour 2023



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MELBOURNE CUP  
CARNIVAL 2023

# 2023 MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL



## Being there, it's everything!

Greetings everyone!

We are ready to rip into another exciting Lexus Melbourne Cup carnival for 2023.

Personally it's not only enjoyable catching up with our regular travellers but it is very special also to welcome new friends. The excitement will go to another level this year with the optional extra final day of the VRC Spring Carnival which features great races like the "Champions Sprint" (won last year by the kiwi Roch 'n' Horse who beat the mainly kiwi owned world class sprinter Nature Strip). I stayed on after our tour departed to attend the last day for the first time for many a year and I can confidently recommend it's well and truly worth staying around for.

Our tour packs a punch each year and the friendships that have started and continued with so many of our groups over the last 32 years for me is a pleasure to be part of.

If the Melbourne Cup is on your bucket list please join me and my co tour leaders Chris, Kel and Marilyn for lots of fun and entertainment and enjoy the ultimate Cup tour experience you will never forget. By all means stay the 4 race days with me, you won't regret it!

Cheers  
Des

## ESCORTED 5-DAY KIWI TOUR | 06 November to 10 November 2023

### PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class airfare from New Zealand to Melbourne
- All airline levies and fuel surcharges, Australian and New Zealand departure taxes
- Airport transfers in Melbourne (applies to group flights only)
- 4 nights accommodation
- Cup Eve Gala Dinner including beverages with racing personalities
- Return coach transfers to Flemington Racecourse as per itinerary
- Reserved Hill Stand\* seats on Lexus Melbourne Cup Day & Kennedy Oaks Day
- Post-cup celebration
- Full Day Tours - A choice of a trip to a country race meeting at Kyneton for the running of the Kyneton Cup (race course admission at own cost) OR trip to a Yarra Valley Winery lunch included cost \$90 per person OR trip to Living Legends lunch included Cost \$60 per person
- Farewell gathering
- \$10 Lexus Melbourne Cup Sweepstake ticket
- Des's 32yrs. celebration bet - \$1000 bet for 1 lucky person on their pick in the Cup
- Sporting Tours travel pack
- Tour hosts Des Coppins, Chris Hammonds and Kel Munro
- (subject to minimum numbers)

\*The Hill Stand is covered, however the front and sides of the stand are subject to weather conditions Package extensions available, contact us today with your requirements

## ITINERARY

### Monday, 06 November

Depart from New Zealand for Melbourne. On arrival you will be transferred to your selected hotel. This evening we meet for our Cup Eve Gala Dinner and Racing Show which includes complimentary beverages and dinner. Hosted by Des Coppins with special guests.

### Tuesday, 07 November

It's Lexus Melbourne Cup Day! Following breakfast we transfer to Flemington for the Lexus Melbourne Cup. Fun, fashion and frivolity will be on the cards as we celebrate Australia's most famous race day. After the last race we return you to your hotel for a post cup celebration.

### Wednesday, 08 November

Today is at leisure. As an optional extra you are welcome to join Sporting Tours at the fun country race meeting at Kyneton for the running of the Kyneton Cup (racecourse admission at own cost). This is an all-day event that runs from 10am - 7pm

Or join us on a tour to a Yarra Valley Winery for wine tasting and lunch cost \$90 per person.

Or tour to Living Legends home of retired champion race horses such as Fields of Omagh, Brew, Efficient, Apache Cat. Depart 10am return 2pm lunch included Cost \$60 per person.

### Thursday, 09 November

It's Kennedy Oaks Day at Flemington, traditionally known as 'Ladies Day' for the glamorous fashions. Return transfers to Flemington are provided. Join us at the "Farewell Gathering" this evening to say goodbye to some new friends.

### Friday, 10 November

Today we return to New Zealand. We'll be transferred to Melbourne International Airport for our return flight home.



If you're making your own flight arrangements, we recommend you arrive into Melbourne no later than 4pm to be in time for the cup eve dinner

# ESCORTED 8-DAY PHAR LAP TOUR | 03 November to 10 November 2023

## PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:

- Return economy class airfare from New Zealand to Melbourne
- All airline levies and fuel surcharges, Australian and New Zealand departure taxes
- Airport transfers in Melbourne (applies to group flights only)
- 7 nights accommodation
- Welcome drinks & nibbles
- Cup Eve Gala Dinner including beverages, with Racing Personalities
- Return coach transfers to Flemington Racecourse as per itinerary
- Reserved Hill Stand\* seats on Penfolds Victoria Derby Day, Lexus Melbourne Cup Day
- & Kennedy Oaks Day
- \$10 Lexus Melbourne Cup Sweepstake ticket
- Post- Lexus Melbourne Cup celebration
- Tour of well-known racing stable and visit Dingley Hotel for lunch with Gary Willets.
- Full Day Tours - A choice of a trip to a country race meeting at Kyneton for the
  - running of the Kyneton Cup (race course admission at own cost)
  - Or trip to a Yarra Valley Winery lunch included cost \$90 per person
  - Or trip to Living Legends lunch included Cost \$60 per person
- Des's 31yrs. celebration bet - \$1000 bet for 1 lucky person on their pick in the Cup
- Farewell gathering
- Sporting Tours travel pack
- Escorted by tour hosts Des Coppins, Chris Hammonds and Kel Munro
- (subject to minimum numbers)
- The Hill Stand\* is covered, however the front and sides of the stand are subject to weather conditions
- Package extensions available, contact us today with your requirements

## ITINERARY

### Friday, 03 November

Depart from New Zealand for Melbourne. On arrival you will be transferred to your selected hotel. This evening we meet for welcome drinks where you can get to know your tour escorts and fellow tour members.

### Saturday, 04 November

This morning we make our way to Flemington Racecourse for Penfolds Victoria Derby Day and experience fun, fashion and a few flutters. After the last race we will transfer you back to your hotel. 6.30 -7.30 pm Happy Hour drinks in hotel function room

### Sunday, 05 November

This morning we visit a well known racing stable and then on to the Dingley Hotel for lunch with well known jockey Gary Willets. Lunch is included, drinks at own cost.

### Monday, 06 November

This morning you are invited to attend the Sporting Tours Social Bowls Tournament (entry fee at your expense) This will be held at the nearby City of Melbourne Bowls Club from 9.00am -12.00

Bowls will be provided by the host club and refreshments will be available from the club bar. It will be a great opportunity to mix with fellow tour members in what promises to be a fun morning with fun prizes. This evening we meet for our Cup Eve Gala Dinner and racing show hosted by Des Coppins with special guests.

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## PRICING

HOTEL	Standard Package Cost			Land-only Package Cost*			Extra night cost pp		
	SGL	DBL/TWN	TRPL	SGL	DBL/TWN	TRPL	SGL	DBL/TWN	TRPL
<b>ESCORTED 5-DAY KIWI TOUR 2023   06 NOVEMBER TO 10 NOVEMBER 2023</b>									
<b>Mercure Welcome</b>	\$4,480	\$3,835	NA	\$3,535	\$2,890	NA	\$324	\$162	NA
<b>Pullman Melbourne on Swanston</b>	\$4,920	\$4,055	\$3,850	\$3,975	\$3,110	\$2,905	\$424	\$217	\$165
<b>ESCORTED 8-DAY PHAR LAP TOUR 2023   03 NOVEMBER TO 10 NOVEMBER 2023</b>									
<b>Mercure Welcome</b>	\$5,995	\$4,865	NA	\$5,050	\$3,920	NA	\$324	\$162	NA
<b>Pullman Melbourne on Swanston</b>	\$6,765	\$5,250	\$4,890	\$5,820	\$4,305	\$3,945	\$424	\$217	\$165

## TAB Champions Stakes Day Package

Includes:

2 nights accommodation | Reserved Hill Stand Ticket for TAB Champions Statkes Day Return race day transfers & airport transfer Sunday 12 Nov (group flight only).

TAB CHAMPIONS STAKES DAY EXTENSION PACKAGE		
HOTEL	SGL	DBL/TWN
<b>Mercure Welcome</b>	\$930	\$610
<b>Pullman Melbourne on Swanston</b>	\$1,150	\$720

\*Triple costs on request for other room configurations please contact SPORTING TOURS | \*Land-only packages exclude airfare, airline levies and fuel surcharges, departure taxes and airport transfers. PLEASE NOTE: STANDARD PACKAGE COSTS ARE BASED ON AIR FARES EX AUCKLAND. SURCHARGE OF \$35 FOR DEPARTURES EX WELLINGTON.

## ACCOMMODATION

### Mercure Welcome Hotel

3.5 star property located in the heart of Melbourne. Vibrant Bourke St Mall is right on your doorstep, other attractions like Federation Square, Southbank, Her Majesty's and Regent Theatres, Queen Victoria Markets and Melbourne Central Shopping Complex are just a short stroll away.



### The Pullman Melbourne on Swanston

5 star Melbourne's newest upscale hotel, boasting contemporary style that plays on the senses. Located in the heart of Melbourne, Pullman Melbourne on Swanston is the perfect destination



## INTRODUCING YOUR HOSTS



**DES COPPINS**

Des was the host for Trackside Radio and Sunday's popular 'Track Talk' program, Des has been involved in racing for the past 41 years as a journalist, TV presenter and talk back host. He has escorted our Melbourne Cup tours for the past 31 years.



**KEL MUNRO**

Kel is an avid horse racing fan, and 2023 will be his 41st Melbourne Cup tour. Kel is our Melbourne Cup specialist who has a vast knowledge of the Melbourne Cup Carnival.



**CHRIS HAMMONDS**

Chris is the CEO of Sporting Tours and the youngest member of the team. Chris has co-hosted this tour for the last few years and is the facilitator of your travel arrangements.



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**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** All pricing is in NZD and is per person. All packages are subject to availability at the time of booking. Packages are on sale until sold out or sales period finishes. Prices are correct at time of publication however are subject to change until full payment is received or due to events outside of our control, such as currency fluctuations and supplier price increases. A minimum non-refundable deposit of \$650 per person land only, \$850 full package is required to place a booking. Full payment dates will be advised upon booking. Cancellation fees apply. In the event that Government Alert Level restrictions apply due to COVID-19, and the tour is cancelled, we will do all possible to provide a refund or credit for services paid. All payments made are non-refundable, travel insurance is required. All prices are based on cash, credit card payments will incur merchant fees. Accommodation is based on consecutive nights. For further details please refer to the full terms and conditions on our website.