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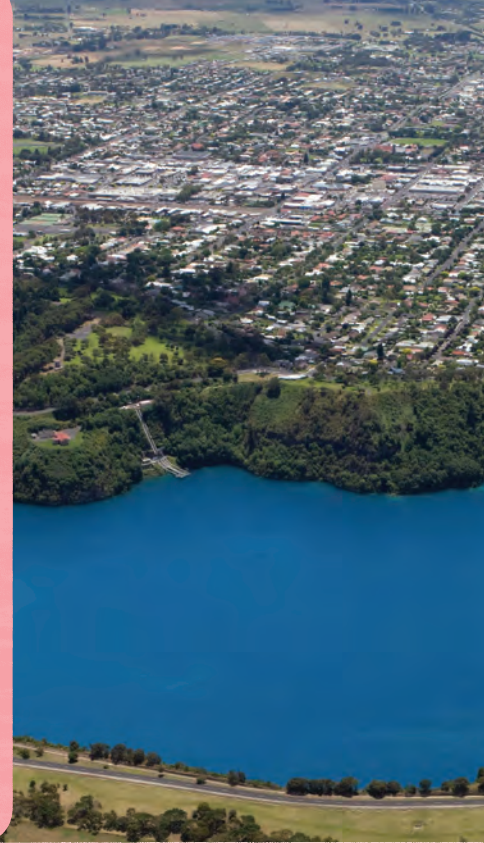
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**Mount Gambier is the major service centre for the Limestone Coast. A thriving progressive community, residents enjoy a quality lifestyle, with city facilities and services, many attractions, a wide range of accommodation, shopping and entertainment are surrounded by volcanic craters, lakes, limestone and underground aquifers.**

Mount Gambier is famous for its "Blue Lake" which changes colour dramatically each year. The Blue Lake is just one of the lakes within the three craters of the volcano. The city also boasts beautiful parks and gardens, caves and sinkholes. An interesting mix of galleries, museums and markets provides an insight into the culture and arts of the town. With fresh local food and wines available at many cafes and restaurants, everyone's tastes are catered for.

For those AUSTimber visitors seeking alternative or additional entertainment, the Organising Committee has developed a program of tours in conjunction with the Lady Nelson Visitor and Discovery Centre.



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## **1 Full Day Tour Penola, Coonawarra, Wineries and Caves.**

**Price \$80.00 // Capacity 46**

Depart Mount Gambier at 8am, drive to Naracoorte Caves and choose between the following two tours.

**Tour 1 Victoria Fossil Cave**

**Tour 2 Wonambi Fossil Centre**

Morning Tea at your own expense at Naracoorte Caves

Enjoy Wine Tasting at two of Coonawarra's most popular wineries, Wynns and Balnaves.

Lunch is at your own expense in one of the many cafes and restaurants in Penola. Spend some time strolling the streets of Penola and Petticoat Lane and visit the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre.

Tour the historic town of Penola with a local guide provided, and return to the Lady Nelson Visitor Information Centre, arriving at 4.30 pm

## **2 Full Day Tour Craters to Coast and River (for the fit and fancy)**

**Price \$80.00 // Capacity 46**

Depart Mount Gambier at 8.30 am for the seaside town of Port MacDonnell, take a tour with a local guide.

Discover the history of the coast, with its many shipwrecks, and the fishing industry at the Port MacDonnell Maritime Museum.

Take a scenic coastal route to the town of Nelson, just over the Victorian Border, for lunch at your own expense at the Nelson Pub.

Cruise the Glenelg River aboard the Nelson Endeavour.

Return to Mount Gambier via the spectacular Laughton Park Gardens for Devonshire Tea.

Arrive at the Lady Nelson Visitor Centre at 4.30 pm.





**3 Half Day Tour  
 Mount Gambier City Tour**  
 Price \$50.00 // Capacity 46

What better way to see the Blue Lake City than to jump on a coach?  
 Start at 9.30 am by touring the Lady Nelson Visitor and Interpretive Centre,  
 then tour the Blue Lake Pumping Station. Wander the spectacular cave gardens,  
 and enjoy morning tea in the newly renovated City Hall. Visit Engelbrecht Cave,  
 returning to the Lady Nelson Visitor Centre at 12.30 pm.

**4 Full Day  
 Gourmet Extravaganza**  
 Price \$280.00 // Capacity 20

Depart Mount Gambier at 9.30 am for Holla-Fresh Herbs,  
 for an informative tour to learn more about how Holla-  
 Fresh has become one of the biggest herb producers in  
 Australia with exports ranging from local supermarkets to  
 national chains.

Coach transfer via the scenic Woakwine Windfarm.

Settle in for an unsurpassed dining experience at The  
 Tasting Room at Mayura Station featuring 100% Full Blood  
 Wagyu Beef accompanied by local wines and specifically  
 sourced boutique beer.

Return to the Lady Nelson Visitor Centre, arriving 4.30 pm.

**5 Mount Gambier  
 Night Lights Tour**  
 Price \$20.00 // Capacity 20

Meet at Lady Nelson for a tour of the facility at 7.30  
 pm. Visit the spectacular gardens at Umpherston  
 Cave and see if you can spot one of the possums  
 who reside in the cave walls.

Visit Sexton Cottage at the Lake Terrace Cemetary,  
 then on to the Blue Lake Pumping Station.

Take in panoramic views of the City and the lakes  
 from Potters Point, and return at 9.30 to the RSL  
 Club in the Centre of Mount Gambier for those who  
 wish to continue their evening entertainment, or take  
 the short taxi ride to the Lady Nelson Visitor Centre.

*Freebies*  
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Enjoy the natural beauty of Mount Gambier and  
 district on foot. The many walks listed below  
 provide opportunities to take in the unspoilt  
 beauty and the abundance of wildlife in the area.

**Telford Scrub Conservation Park** - Located north of Mount Gambier, this park is an  
 "island" of native vegetation in a "sea" of farming land and pine forest.

**Dry Creek Native Forest Reserve** - 20 minutes drive south east of Mount Gambier,  
 offers two walking trails. **Creekbed Walk** (2.7km or 3.9km return) or **River Walk**  
 (3.1km or 3.3km return)

**Penambol Conservation Park** - Choose between two walks through the park.  
**Wombat Walk** (4.5km - 2 hours) meanders through the eastern portion of the park  
 where many species of birds, animals and flora may be observed. **Butterfly Walk**  
 (1km - 25mins) passes through mainly stringybark and swamp gum woodlands.

**Piccaninnie Ponds** - Enjoy the wildflowers in spring and the natural beauty of this  
 unique site where the crystal clear water emerges from the underground system up  
 through submerged caverns and underwater gardens.

**Great South West Walk** - This truly great walk, of approximately 250km, has been  
 developed and maintained by a tireless group of volunteers. Also offering a series  
 of smaller 'loops' for those looking for a shorter walk.



Bookings for all tours can be made through the on-line booking system at [www.austimber2012.com.au](http://www.austimber2012.com.au), or via booking forms available for download. Payment can be made online with PayPal or Credit Card, or invoices can be issued on request.

Numbers are limited on all tours, so please book early to ensure your place. Please note tours may be cancelled or amended depending on bookings numbers. Full refund will be available in the case of cancellation.

Tours will all be fully escorted by a local tour guide.

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