



Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

Featuring the magical 'Gardens by Twilight' event

5 Days | Tuesday 16 to Saturday 20 March 2027

Embark on a memorable five-day journey from Perth to Melbourne, where you'll be immersed in the city's stunning gardens at this vibrant time of the year. Enjoy leisurely visits to iconic spots like Fitzroy Gardens, Royal Botanic Gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance. Explore the seaside suburb of St Kilda, perhaps stroll the Esplanade or take a walk out on the Breakwater Pier to spot the colony of penguins. Visit Rippon Lea Estate, rich in history with a magnificent 14 acres of gardens. Discover Melbourne at your own pace, with time to explore lively Federation Square, historic arcades or the bustling Queen Victoria Market. Experience the magic of the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show by day and the enchanting Gardens by Twilight event by night. This is one of the world's premier horticultural events, showcasing stunning floral displays, innovative garden designs and expert demonstrations. Set within the beautiful Carlton Gardens, it offers visitors an inspiring celebration of nature's beauty and creativity.

Highlights

- Discover world-class floral displays and garden designs at Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show
- Live music and illuminated gardens after dark during Gardens by Twilight
- Rippon Lea Estate – mansion tour and garden explore
- Beautifully curated botanical landscapes at Royal Melbourne Botanical Gardens
- Historic Fitzroy gardens and the 18th-century Cooks' Cottage

Inclusions

- Pre/post transfers (ex Perth, WA)
- Airfares and taxes (ex Perth, WA)
- 7 meals
- 4 nights' accommodation
- Tours and attractions
- Professional Villa Tour Leader

Your holiday itinerary (ex Perth, Western Australia)

Day 1. Perth to Melbourne (D)

We collect you from home and transfer you to the Perth Airport for your flight to Melbourne. Upon arrival, settle in to your hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner.

Four nights: Vibe Hotel, Melbourne

Day 2. Fitzroy Gardens, St Kilda and Rippon Lea Estate (BD)

Begin your day by wandering through the peaceful Fitzroy Gardens, home to the historic Cooks' Cottage and the stunning Conservatory, bursting with seasonal floral displays. Nearby, there's also the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Remembrance, a serene and moving tribute with lovely views across the city. Enjoy lunch at leisure in the seaside suburb of St Kilda before visiting the gardens and mansion of Rippon Lea Estate. Built in 1868, it housed Mr and Mrs Sargood, their 9 children, 7 maids, a butler, 7 gardeners, a coachman and a groom. There are 14 acres of heritage gardens with a lake, a lookout tower, historic orchard, sweeping lawns and the largest fernery in the Southern Hemisphere. It is also dahlia season so there will be bursts of colour to enjoy!

Day 3. Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (BD)

Today is dedicated to the breathtaking Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show, one of the world's leading garden events. Enjoy a full day immersed in spectacular floral displays, innovative landscape designs, gardening exhibits and boutique stalls, all set within the beautiful heritage-listed Carlton Gardens. Later in the day, you may return to the hotel via a scheduled coach transfer or choose to make your own way using Melbourne's convenient tram network.

Day 4. Melbourne at leisure & Gardens by Twilight (B)

Today is yours to explore Melbourne at your own pace. You may choose to discover the vibrant Federation Square, home to a range of cultural attractions (own expense). Take a stroll through Melbourne's historic arcades and laneways, browse the bustling Queen Victoria Market or enjoy some retail therapy in the city's renowned shopping precincts. Whatever your interests, your professional Tour Leader will be on hand to offer recommendations and assistance throughout the day. This evening, we visit the Melbourne International Flower Show for the magical Gardens by Twilight event. Enjoy live music, beautifully lit floral displays and a fantastic selection of food stalls where you can dine at your leisure (own expense).

Please note: Your day ticket to Melbourne International Flower Show allows "leave and come back" in one day. If you wish to visit during the day, please ask your Tour Leader for a ticket. Additional please see security guard on the way out to get a pass out/stamp.

Day 5. Melbourne to Perth (B)

Bid farewell to Melbourne and commence the journey home to Perth. Upon arrival we will see you safely home.

Itinerary subject to change. Terms and conditions apply. Call 08 9754 2026 for details.

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Cost per person twin share (inc GST)

Price: \$ 3,445

Single option: \$ 480

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Active

For travellers comfortable with full sightseeing days. Building on *Moderate* requirements, these tours feature more activities, extended periods of standing and walking, and nature-based excursions. You must be able to walk confidently over uneven surfaces at a steady pace and negotiate busy transport terminals. Expect feature walks for up to 3 hours, and activities that may include small aircraft, vehicles, vessels and watercraft. Not suitable for travellers requiring walking aids or assistance from others.

Please note that this tour requires:

- The ability to board and disembark planes and river cruise vessel without assistance.
- The capability to manage and handle your own luggage at airports.
- Comfort with attending an evening event, which may have limited lighting on the grounds.