

# The Best Golf of **Australia** Escorted 2018 ~ Sydney, Melbourne & Tasmania

9 Nights | 9 Rounds including Royal Melbourne, New South Wales, Kingston Heath, Cape Wickham, Barnbougle & Lost Farm

Party of 20 | January 31- February 9 | WAIT LIST

**Tour Pricing Per Guest** 

Standard Room - Twin Occupancy: \$10,590.00 Upgraded Room - Twin Occupancy: \$11,230.00 Standard Room - Single Occupancy: \$12,390.00 Upgrade Room - Single Occupancy: \$13,580.00

For a variety of very positive reasons, golf in Australia has a better seat than ever in the premier league. I visited Australia and Tasmania the past two February's and can say without hesitation that an Australian golf trip is one of the game's top three international destinations along with the British Isles and South Africa. I understand how the Old Course or Ballybunion or Royal Birkdale would come first, but once you've been to the UK, and you know how much you like links golf, you will find this is such a solid trip.

Sydney and Melbourne's Sandbelt are home to three Dr. Alister MacKenzie classics; Royal Melbourne's West Course (World #12 by GOLF Magazine), New South Wales (#37) and Kingston Heath (#28) all of which we'll play along with three striking newcomers including Tasmania's Barnbougle Dunes (#36) by Tom Doak and Barnbougle Lost Farm (#85) by Crenshaw & Coore. The baby of the bunch is on King Island in the Bass Strait where you'll find one of the world's most dramatic and remote seaside locations and two of the most acclaimed new courses to open in years – Ocean Dunes – and Cape Wickham – ranked by Golf Digest just three months after it opened in 2015 as world 24.

For questions and reservations, we welcome the opportunity to assist you personally at **800.344.5257** or Information@PerryGolf.com

# **Detailed** Itinerary

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31: MELBOURNE

This morning fly to Tasmania via private charter.

Today play **Lost Farm** (morning). Located next to Barnbougle Dunes on the northeast coast of Tasmania, this Coore & Crenshaw design opened in December of 2010 with a seaside setting like its neighbor routed among heaving dunes. But that's where the similarities end. The sand dunes at Lost Farm are steeper than those of Barnbougle Dunes and the layout offers more diversity highlighted by the 480 yard, par-4 5th which features a dune side green overlooking the river that separates the two courses and a fairway that twists around the dune and behind it. Finally, your round at Lost Farm features 20 holes vs 18 at Dunes. It is ranked World #85 by Golf Magazine.



Overnight: Barnbougle Lost Farm with breakfast included

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1: TASMANIA

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Overnight: Barnbougle Lost Farm with breakfast included

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2: TASMANIA

Today play **Barnbougle Dunes** (morning). The creation of a small group of dreaming golfers who saw the potential to build the most amazing golf course on the small island of Tasmania a short jump from the mainland of Australia. The golf course meanders through towering dunes and along the beach, where the roar of the ocean and a salty breeze will embrace golfers, plotting their way around one of the world's most natural golf courses. It is ranked World #36 by Golf Magazine.

Overnight: Barnbougle Lost Farm with breakfast included

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3: MELBOURNE

This morning fly to King Island via private charter.

Today play **Cape Wickham** (late morning). The course is situated on King Island, Tasmania, bang in the middle of Bass Strait. This brand new masterpiece opened in October of 2015 after more than two years of construction. It was designed by Mike DeVries with assistance from Planet Golf's Darius Oliver. The unique location obviously lends itself to some spectacular views but the design team have made sure that they optimize the use of the landscape. Sitting alongside Australia's tallest lighthouse, the course features eight holes running adjacent to the coastline – the 11th is almost in Bass Strait! – with all holes enjoying spectacular views of the ocean.

This afternoon play **Ocean Dunes** (9 holes). Ocean Dunes is destined to join the list of 'must go' golf destinations for the travelling golfer, covering 285 acres incorporating rolling dunes and unsurpassed views along 2km of majestic coastline on land made for golf. Two spectacular signature par threes crossing the surging ocean are sure to delight, but with so many 360 degree ocean views from nearly every hole you will certainly never forget Ocean Dunes, King Island.

Following golf return to Melbourne via private charter.

Overnight: The Langham, Melbourne. King River Room with breakfast included.



#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4: MELBOURNE

Journey to golf course (30mins).

Today play **Metropolitan** (early afternoon). Perhaps one of the most underrated courses in Victoria, this course and Royal Melbourne were one in the same until 1901 when part of the membership favored a move to the southern sandhills while the other preferred their inner city home. The new club was formed in 1908; tournament play began in 1930 after a series of Dr. Alister MacKenzie's modifications. Seven Australian Opens later, along with five Australia PGAs plus a host of professional events including the World Golf Match Play Championship have defined Metropolitan as one of the best. You'll notice here how the bunkers are cut into the greens which requires a hand finishing you won't find on a handful of courses anywhere in the world.

Overnight: **The Langham, Melbourne**. King River Room with breakfast included.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5: MELBOURNE

Journey to golf course (45mins).

Today play **Royal Melbourne West Course** (early afternoon). Continually rated as the #1 golf course in Australia, and has been as high as #5 in the world. Currently it is ranked World #12 by Golf Magazine and is the most recognized golf course on the world famous Melbourne Sandbelt. The site remains one of the finest ever found in the world of golf, full of dramatic undulation with fertile sandy soil and a natural rugged appearance. Designed by Dr Alister Mackenzie, the bunkering is spectacular while the rough areas around the tees and bunkers are a mix of native grasses which beautifully and naturally frame each hole, providing great definition and contrast without distracting from the strategy. The greens provide the finest putting surfaces in Australia. Large and beautifully contoured, they are built to accommodate approaches from a number of angles with each progressively more difficult the further the tee shot strays from the ideal line.

Overnight: **The Langham, Melbourne**. King River Room with breakfast included.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6: MELBOURNE

Journey to golf course (30 mins)

Today play **Kingston Heath** (morning). There are seven solid clubs in Melbourne's Sandbelt, Kingston Heath has a lot of people convinced that it's the best because its 'pure' 18 trumps Royal Melbourne's composite 18. We're playing both but wonderfully arguable! Dr. MacKenzie's hand here was designing the bunkers which are essentially ground sculptures and regularly unavoidable. There are ever present. Overall design credit goes to Dan Soutar from Sydney who was charged to design a course that would 'stand the test of time' according to the consult of J.H. Taylor and Harry Vardon who had seen the future of the game with the advent of the rubber-cored ball. It is currently ranked World #28 by *Golf Magazine* and hosted the 2016 World Cup of Golf.

Overnight: **The Langham, Melbourne**. King River Room with breakfast included.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7: SYDNEY

Journey to golf course (30 mins).



Today play **Victoria Golf Club** (morning). Acclaimed by many golfers the world over for it's fine hospitality, Victoria is steeped in tradition and the site of many major tournaments. Always a joy to play with gently contoured fairways that flow through avenues of magnificent trees, it is designed to challenge both the amateur and professional golfer. Certainly a traditional style course of great quality and variety. Peter Thomson was several of many notable members to start their careers here. The course had 3 designers, amongst them, Dr. Alister MacKenzie, and is rated in Australia's top 10. It has hosted a number of major tournaments including the 2010 - 2011 Australian Masters, 2002 Australian Open, multiple Victorian Opens and other National tournaments.

This afternoon fly from Melbourne to Sydney (economy scheduled flight included).

Overnight: The Langham, Sydney. Harbour King Room with breakfast included.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8: SYDNEY

Journey to golf course (25mins).

Today play **New South Wales** (early afternoon). Designed by Dr. Alister MacKenzie (whose next project happened to be Cypress Point), this course is one of the greats ranked #5 in Australia and #37 in the world. Opened in 1928 and situated on the rugged cliffs of La Perouse, it overlooks Botany Bay at the site of Captain James Cook's 1770 landing. The layout is framed by water on three sides and has many characteristics of links golf – undulating fairways, spectacular views and complete exposure to the elements. NSW's four par 3s are considered by many to be the finest collection in the country. No. 6 at 202 yards stands out as one of the game's great 'ocean carry' par 3s not unlike No. 16 at Cypress.

Farewell cocktail party & dinner this evening.

Overnight: The Langham, Sydney. Harbour King Room with breakfast included.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9: SYDNEY

Depart Australia from Sydney Airport. You will cross the International Date Line and arrive in the US on the same date as departing Australia.

# **Golf** Schedule

#### Barnbougle Dunes



Shortly after Tom Doak and Michael Clayton's creation opened in 2004, it shot to the top of the rankings, both in Australia and throughout the world. They carved this links out of the Anderson Bay dunes and the fescue and bentgrasses deliver a unique experience. Stunning panoramic views mark the back nine and the fourth hole features the largest bunker in the Southern Hemisphere. Truly a unforgettable golfing experience in this remote, serene corner of the Earth.



# Cape Wickham

Perhaps the most beautiful course in the world, Cape Wickham is on King Island in the shadow of the tallest lighthouse in Australia. The opening and closing holes are already considered among the best in the world and the views along the Bass Strait are beyond compare. The ocean is in view from every hole, wallabies, wild turkeys and seals dot the landscape, two greens are nestled against the coastline. There's also compelling stretch of inland holes



## The Metropolitan



The Metropolitan Golf Club in southeast Melbourne has earned a sterling reputation across the globe as the best conditioned year-round golf course in Australia. Cockatoos and lorikeets provide the soundtrack for this challenging, beautiful Sandbelt course which features couch grass fairways and large, immaculate bentgrass greens that are mown to the edge of the bunkers. Metropolitan remains a regular host for the major professional tournaments in Australia, such as the Open, the Masters and the PGA.

## Royal Melbourne - West Course

Considered by many the finest course in Australia. This is a strategic gem that demands accuracy off the tee to create the proper angles into the greens, which are heavily undulating and extremely fast. Mackenzie gives golfers multiple strategic options, rewarding the courageous who challenge bunkers to create a better scoring opportunity. No. 5 is a terrific par-3, heavily bunkered and frightening.



# Kingston Heath



Kingston Heath is a phenomenal Sandbelt region golf course, known for its intriguing green complexes and terrific bunkering. Native grasses blend seamlessly into the hazards to create a rugged appearance. The short holes are the centerpiece of this design. No. 15 is the signature hole. It's an uphill par-3 with deep bunkers that protect a small, undulating green. The course is generally ranked among the top 50 in the world and was host to the 2016 World Cup of Golf.

#### Victoria

Not only does Victoria feature an amazing clubhouse, but the golf course is a true, intriguing test loaded with interesting short par-4s, slightly elevated tee shots and bunkers familiar to the Sandbelt region. The course increases in





difficulty and intensity on the back nine. No. 14 is a 156-yard uphill par-3 framed by trees and native areas. A false front defends the green. No. 15 is a 315-yard par-4 guarded by a string of punitive cross bunkers that snare an errant attempt.

#### **New South Wales**



New South Wales Golf Club delivers an unforgettable experience as one of the top courses in the world. Surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and located in the Botany Bay National Park, this delightful links also offers a beautiful view of the stunning Sydney skyline as golfers finish their round. The 6th hole, a par-3 measuring 193 yards, is memorable and penal. Water and rocks protect a tiny green to the left and a steep slope defends the right side.

# **Accommodations**

# The Langham, Melbourne



The Langham, Melbourne has undoubtedly the most enviable location on the banks of the famous Yarra River, Located in Southbank, this 5-star deluxe hotel is situated amid a variety of al fresco cafes, lively restaurants, bars and boutiques and on the footstep to the National Gallery of Victoria, the Arts Centre, Federation Square and the Botanical Gardens. The classically elegant design is instantly evident from the grand marble staircase, cascading fountains and magnificent chandeliers but above all the refined and genuine service synonymous of the Langham name. Melba Brasserie is an interactive dining experience not to be missed. Offering one of the most extensive buffets in the city with views over the Yarra to the famous Flinders Street Station ideal for any occasion. The Chuan Spa is an oasis of wellbeing and Melbournes only Leading Spa of the World is the best place to harmonize you body mind and soul with its East meets West philosophy. Features include aromatherapy steam rooms, saunas, conservatory covered pool, Jacuzzi, movement studio and extensive health club - the perfect compliment to your Langham Hotel, Melbourne experience.

### Barnbougle Lost Farm

Stay on-site and enjoy the stunning views of the Lost Farm course and surrounding coastline hinterland. Lost Farm Lodge combines the convenience of on-site lodging with the comforts of Single and Double Queen suites. These open plan, hotel-style rooms provide a choice of views, with the Ocean View Room or the Course View Room respectively looking out across





Anderson Bay and the Lost Farm Golf Course. Each is only a short stroll from the Lodge Restaurant, Spa, Clubhouse and first tee.

# The Langham Sydney



The Langham Hotel Sydney is built like a grand Australian home and has a colonial ambience blending well with its location near Sydney's historic Rocks and central business district. Boasting of a premium location close to the bustling heart of the city, this hotel enjoys the pleasant views of the vibrant Sydney harbour and the world famous Harbour Bridge. All rooms and suites at Hotel Langham are well maintained and furnished with essential amenities. Air conditioning, private bathroom and telephone is available in every room. The Galileo Restaurant of The Langham Sydney serves delicious dishes in a French style with international influences. Globe Bar is an ideal place to relax with a fine drink.