



The 12 Apostles, Great Ocean Road

# Melbourne and the Great Ocean Road

for New Zealand's Senior Travel Club

Itinerary especially prepared for

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## 2025 - enquiry

Travelling 12 October 2025 to 19 October 2025

Thank you for your enquiry into our Melbourne Great Ocean Road tour for 2025. We are thrilled to be finally venturing offshore once again, with a tour package specially designed to suit our valued clients. The full itinerary follows.

### Booking

To secure your place on this tour, please call us on 0800 471 227 or alternatively 370 6600, Extn 2.

Your place on this tour is confirmed only by ringing us and acknowledging that you have read the terms and conditions. Secondly, we require your deposit immediately to confirm your booking (amounts shown in the Terms and Conditions).

We need a minimum number for this tour to proceed. Therefore we strongly recommend booking as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. If the tour does not proceed, your payment is of course, fully refundable.

### Passports:

Along with your completed application we require a photocopy of your current passport. If you don't hold a NZ or Australian Passport, you will require a Visa for Australia and a NZ re-entry permit.

### Tour Overview

We discover the best of Melbourne, from its parks and gardens to its gracious buildings, sporting venues, the Yarra River and Phillip Island. This tour also features the Great Ocean Road, one of Australia's most scenic drives. We discover the amazing Twelve Apostles and other incredible formations fashioned by nature, learn about the history of the "shipwreck coast" at Warnambool, and find out about the gold rush of Ballarat and much more.

Please note: We cannot be held responsible for any changes to the itinerary due to closures, inclement weather etc.

### Keeping you Healthy and Safe on a Tranzit Tour

The health, safety and wellbeing of our passengers and team members is our highest priority and we are obligated to take all practicable risk measures to operate safely. As a company, Tranzit Group will always take advice from the Ministry of Health on best practice safety protocols for all contagious conditions, (colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc.) along with accidents and other health concerns and feelings of unwellness.

We encourage our passengers to talk to us if you have any questions regarding mobility, fitness or health. If you have any queries, please call our team. We are happy to answer any questions.

### Travel Insurance

We recommend all passengers take out comprehensive travel insurance with cover for contagious conditions (like colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc) and that passengers familiarise themselves with any limitations the insurance may have around additional costs associated with the requirement to leave a tour or need to cancel.

Additionally, there are also often non-refundable portions included in the tour. You are welcome to use other providers, but we recommend Helloworld Travel, Masterton. They offer both cancellation and full cover for domestic and international travel. Please don't hesitate to call them direct on 06 378 2454, or email them at [masterton@travel.helloworld.co.nz](mailto:masterton@travel.helloworld.co.nz); they will be only too happy to answer your questions or provide you with a quote.

Should there be any part of the itinerary you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to give us a call, as we want your decision to join us to be as fully informed as possible.

Kind regards Ali, Robin and Anil – your Tranzit Tours Team



## Trip Details

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### Day 1 Sunday, 12 October 2025

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#### Tour We Fly to Melbourne

Pack your bags and have your passports ready for a mid-morning transfer to Wellington Airport to catch our afternoon flight to Melbourne. We'll be welcomed on arrival by our friendly coach captain and transferred to our hotel located in the heart of the Docklands district of the city. We'll be based three nights in Melbourne, so we can unpack our bags and settle in, meeting up again for our welcome dinner in our hotel.

Staying at: Crowne Plaza Melbourne (3 nights)  
Meals: Meal in flight, Dinner at hotel



### Day 2 Monday, 13 October 2025

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#### Tour The Dandenongs and Phillip Island

This morning we drive through Melbourne's eastern suburbs into the Dandenong Ranges to take a ride on the historic Puffing Billy Steam Train. As we journey through the ranges onboard the open sided carriages, lush fern gullies brush past and Mountain Ash trees tower overhead. Reboarding our coach, we drive to Phillip Island where on arrival we visit the Koala Conservation Centre. Take a walk along the elevated boardwalk to see the Koala's sleeping and eating amongst the trees. From here we make our way to the western end of the Island to take in the stunning rugged coastline with a visit to the Nobbies Centre, which offers spectacular coastal scenery as well as viewing of the offshore seal colony at Seal Rocks. We enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before heading to Phillip Island Nature Park, recognised as one of Australia's most popular "nature islands" and known as a place of natural beauty, sandy beaches, tranquil wetlands and unique wildlife experiences. We are here for the Penguin Parade. The area is a reserve designed to protect and promote awareness of the Little Penguin. At dusk, the penguins cross Summerland Beach after fishing for whitebait for their young and return to their sand dune burrows. To see them come out of the surf in small groups and waddle up the beach is a unique and fascinating spectacle.

Meals: Breakfast at Hotel, lunch own expense, dinner at Rusty Water Brewery Restaurant

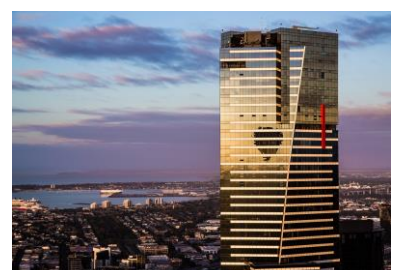


### Day 3 Tuesday, 14 October 2025

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#### Tour Discovering Melbourne

Today we take in the highlights of Melbourne with a sightseeing drive around the city before our visit to the Australian Sports Museum, located at the famous Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG). The museum presents world class exhibitions and sporting artefacts. Lunch will be at



the Belgian Beer Café prior to joining Melbourne River Cruises for their 'River Gardens' trip upriver. Within moments of departing Melbourne's cultural arts precinct, we are cruising through picturesque gardens, parklands and past some of the famous sporting arenas. Enjoy a cuppa on board as we listen to the captain's interesting commentary. Next, make our way to the Melbourne Skydeck. Prepare for awe inspiring views as we take the fastest lifts in the Southern Hemisphere to level 88 where we can see Melbourne CBD, Southbank, Docklands, Yarra River, Port Phillip and on a clear day, as far as the Dandenong Ranges. After an interesting day exploring Melbourne, we return to our hotel for a relaxed dinner in house.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at hotel, lunch at Belgian Beer Café, Crown Casino

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#### Day 4      Wednesday, 15 October 2025

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##### Tour      The Great Ocean Road

Today we join the Great Ocean Road, one of the most scenic drives in Australia. Leaving Melbourne behind, we travel to seaside towns Torquay, Anglesea and Lorne. The approach to Lorne is remarkable as the township is built amongst native forest stretching down to the water. It's then on to Apollo Bay where we'll stop for lunch (own expense). From here the road leaves the coast, winding its way up the slopes of the Great Otway National Park. The natural beauty of the area continues as we find ourselves back driving along the Southern Ocean as we journey the full length of Port Campbell National Park. Here we see the Twelve Apostles – a group of magnificent rock stacks rising up from the Southern Ocean. We also see Loch Ard Gorge, the scene of the region's most famous shipping disaster. More than 100 ships and boats have been wrecked within 80 kilometres of Warrnambool, hence the name for the area – the Shipwreck Coast. The final leg of today's journey takes us to Warrnambool where we settle into our accommodation, dining in this evening.



Staying at: Best Western Olde Maritime Motor Inn, Warrnambool  
(2 nights)

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at hotel, lunch at own expense

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#### Day 5      Thursday, 16 October 2025

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##### Tour      Wonderful Warrnambool

This morning we meet our local guide for a sightseeing tour of Warrnambool. We also take a look at the Fletcher Jones Gardens and Market. The heritage listed gardens surround the iconic former clothing factory of the same name, founded here in 1948. With well over 60 stalls, the market has something for everyone and is a haven for collectors. The remainder of the day is spent exploring Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum, where we also enjoy lunch. Supported by the local community, this delightful complex authentically recreates the appearance, atmosphere and activities apparent in a small coastal port during the 19th century. With engaging storytelling, fresh new imagery and dazzling lighting and sound effects throughout the village, it is sure to impress. We head back to our motel for dinner before returning to the village for the wonderful sound and light show called "Tales of the



Shipwreck Coast". Be taken on a journey into the past from local Aboriginal stories to a colourful whaling past and uncover the events that gave the coastline a reputation that inspired fear and trepidation among mariners.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at motel, lunch Flagstaff Hill Museum

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## Day 6 Friday, 17 October 2025

### Tour Warrnambool to Ballarat

Leaving sea breezes behind, we head inland to Winchelsea. Here we visit the unique attraction, Hastings Ostrich Farm, Australia's leading ostrich breeding farm. Our knowledgeable tour guide will tell us all about the ostrich, their history and how farming saved them from extinction. See the different breeds including magnificent reds, blues, blacks and whites along with native emus also on the farm. After lunch at the nearby Winchelsea Hotel, we continue to Ballarat. Explore the legacy of the gold rush, still evident in the magnificent architecture and tree lined streets of the town today. After dinner at our motel, we travel to Sovereign Hill for the evening Sound and Light Show. AURA tells the story of gold throughout the ages, from its original formation and the gold rush to the enduring allure of gold today. We will instantly be transported into an immersive multi-sensory experience as we are guided through pastoral settlements to the rich cultural tapestry of life on the goldfields. This experience is spellbinding and takes us on an enrapturing Sovereign Hill journey.



Staying at: Sovereign Park Motor Inn, Ballarat

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at motel, lunch Winchelsea Hotel

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## Day 7 Saturday, 18 October 2025

### Tour Ballarat and the Goldfields

We return to Sovereign Hill this morning where Australia's history comes to life! Step back in time to the golden past and days of the great gold rush of the 1850s at this unique open-air museum. There's real gold to be panned, street theatre, the opportunity to meet costumed goldfield characters and watch skilled craftsmen at work. Lunch will be served at Craig's Royal Hotel. Located in the heart of Ballarat, the legendary gold rush era grand hotel was built in 1862 and became the town's first official licenced pub. Host to poets, Princes and Prime Ministers over the course of its lifetime, the hotel is a true icon. Our final stop in Ballarat is to the Eureka Centre. Standing on the memorial site of the Eureka Rebellion, the museum focuses on the significant 1854 Battle of the Eureka Stockade. Here we explore the social history and cultural impact of the Victorian gold rush and honour the stories of the people who risked their lives in the fight for miners' rights. We now make our way to Caroline Springs, a suburb of Melbourne which has good access to the airport for our flight tomorrow. We enjoy our farewell dinner together in the hotel restaurant.



Staying at: Mercure Caroline Springs

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at motel, Lunch at Craig's Royal Hotel

**Tour**      **Flying Home**

An early breakfast is booked for this morning before we are transferred to Melbourne Airport for our homeward flight to Wellington. Here we will be met by transfer vehicles to return us to our homes, completing a memorable trans-Tasman holiday.

Meals: Breakfast at hotel, meal in flight

**Cost of Tour Includes**

- Fully escorted by Tranzit Tour Team
- Return Qantas flights Wellington to Melbourne with inflight meals
- 7 nights accommodation
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Full coach charter
- Puffing Billy heritage train excursion
- Koala Conservation Centre, entry
- Nobbies Centre, visit
- Phillip Island Penguin Parade
- Melbourne City Sights touring
- Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), entry
- Lunch at Belgian Beer Café
- Melbourne “River Gardens” Cruise
- Melbourne Skydeck
- Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum, entry and lunch
- “Tales of the Shipwreck Coast”, Sound and Light Show
- Hastings Ostrich Farm, tour
- Lunch at Winchelsea Hotel
- Sovereign Hill Museum, entry and Sound and Light Show
- Lunch at Craig’s Royal Hotel
- The Eureka Centre, entry

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**Total Cost Per Person**

**Double or twin share:**      **NZ\$9900.00**  
**Single accommodation:**      **NZ\$10,890.00**

**Please Note:**

Prices may be subject to currency fluctuations

We need a minimum number for the tour to proceed. If the tour does not proceed, your payment is of course, fully refundable

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**Terms and Conditions**

**Deposit required to confirm your booking \$4000.00 per person**

**Tour balance payable by: 12 August 2025**

## Please provide the following information when making a payment:

Your name: please provide your name

Our account name: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Limited

Bank account details: BNZ 020688 0127658 00

Tour Reference: Melbourne25

To: Tranzit Coachlines Wairarapa Ltd

P O Box 116

MASTERTON 5840

Phone 0800 471 227 or (06) 370 6600

OR: Book online at [www.tranzittours.co.nz](http://www.tranzittours.co.nz)

## Conditions and Important Booking Information

**Tranzit Coachlines (Wairarapa) Ltd, trading as Tranzit Tours**

**Terms and Conditions and Important Booking Information**

Before you book a tour with Tranzit Tours, please take the time to read and understand these Terms and Conditions below.

### Pricing Validity

- All costs associated with each tour are outlined in full within each tour itinerary. All pricing quoted is valid for the dates of tour when booked.

### Reservations and Payments

- Bookings for all Tranzit tours can be made through any Tranzit Coachlines Reservations Centre or an approved Travel Agent.
- Any person making a booking for others shall be deemed to have accepted these Terms and Conditions on behalf of all individuals they are booking on a tour and it is the responsibility of the person making the booking to bring these Terms and Conditions to the attention of those individuals booked.
- A deposit as stated in the Tour Itinerary is payable to secure the booking.
- The balance must be paid in full by the date stated in the Tour Itinerary.
- Any reservation made within fourteen (14) days of the tour departure must be paid in full at the time of booking.

### Cancellations, Postponements and Alterations

#### Cancellations by the Customer

- Cancellations 90+ days before tour departure date – the tour deposit is non refundable, plus any other fees charged by other providers such as accommodation, ferry, activities, flights etc.
- Cancellations 60 – 8 days before tour departure date – a cancellation fee valued at 15% of the total tour cost, plus any other fees charged by other providers such as accommodation, ferry, activities, flights etc.
- No refunds will be made for cancellations made within 7 days of departure or once travel has commenced. Refunds will not be provided for unused portions of a tour, unless the Customer can provide genuine reason and documentary evidence that services were unable to be utilised (and a refund if applicable is available from the other provider) in which case the company will review each request and may provide a partial refund at the sole discretion of the company.
- Cancellations of one half of a twin share booking will result in the Customer cancelling being charged the cost of a single booking, if the Company is unable to match the twin share booking with another Customer.

#### Alterations by the Customer

- The Customer may transfer their booking to another person for the same tour and commencement date, but only if the other person satisfies all of Tranzit Tours requirements in relation to the tour and provides us a completed Booking Form. The Customer must notify Tranzit Tours in writing of the intended transfer at least 30 days prior to the commencement date of the tour. A \$60 transfer fee per person/per transfer will apply (in addition to any supplier change fees).

#### Cancellations or Postponements by the Company

- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or postpone a tour. With the exception of the Force Majeure section below, Tranzit Tours will:
- In the event of a tour being cancelled by the company prior to departure and not postponed – refund the total amount paid in respect of that tour or provide a credit, but will have no further liability to the Customer.
- In the event of a tour being postponed – rebook the Customer for the new departure date or provide a credit, but will have no further liability to the Customer.



- In the event of a Force Majeure event that occurs prior to, or during, a tour such as but not limited to fire, flood, volcanic eruption, earthquake, avalanche, severe weather, power outages, labour disruptions, pandemic, government controls or other events outside Tranzit Tours control that interrupts the ability to operate the tour in full or in part, or if Tranzit Tours determines that the quality of the tour or the health and safety of the Customer would be compromised, Tranzit Tours reserves the right to cancel, postpone, or shorten the tour and will be excused and released from its obligations without liability of any kind. Customers will receive a credit for postponed tours. For cancelled or shortened tours, refunds in these circumstances will be in full less any unrecoverable costs (i.e. expenses already incurred or fees charged by other providers).
- The Customer will be advised of any increased tour costs as a result of the postponement. Credits will be equal to the value of the payment made and must be used within 12 months. Customers are strongly advised to take out travel insurance.
- In the event of cancellation or postponement by the company, Tranzit Tours is not responsible for any consequential loss incurred by the Customer. Customers are again advised to take out travel insurance.

#### **Alterations by the Company**

- Before Tour Commencement: If a major change to the tour needs to be made before departure, we will inform the Customer of the change as soon as practicable and will advise of any consequential price increase or decrease.
- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to alter a tour (including the itinerary) and substitute accommodation facilities should unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided, the company reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. The company will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations, or those closures made at the tour provider's discretion.
- Tranzit Tours will inform the customer as soon as practicable and will advise of any consequential price increase or decrease.

#### **Insurance**

- Tranzit Tours recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance to cover against things like lost or damaged luggage, accident or sickness, loss or theft of personal belongings and documents, or the need to cancel or shorten your tour. Please note that special conditions will apply for pre-existing medical conditions with all travel insurance policies.

#### **Health and Fitness**

- Tranzit Tours are generally able to accommodate most fitness abilities; however, some tours may require a certain level of physical fitness for full enjoyment of tour activities. The Customer must inform Tranzit Tours, at the time of booking, of any health or fitness restrictions that may limit participation of tour activities or put the Customer, tour staff or other customers at risk. The Customer acknowledges that their suitability for a tour, or any activity within a tour, is wholly the Customer's responsibility.
- Payment of a deposit by the Customer to secure a Tranzit Tour acts as a warranty that:
  - the Customer is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in the tour, and
  - the Customer does not have a health, physical condition or disability that would create risk to themselves, tour staff or other customers, and
  - the Customer indemnifies Tranzit Tours from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any want of health or fitness.
- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to decline a booking on medical, health or fitness grounds at its sole discretion.
- Tranzit Tours reserves the right to remove a Customer from a tour, or quarantine a Customer on tour, if their health and/or fitness interferes with the tour or staff safety or other Customers safety or tour experience in any way. Any additional costs associated with a Customer's removal from tour or placement into quarantine, shall be borne by the Customer. Refunds will be made in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.

#### **Authority on Tour**

- Tranzit Tours are operated by staff with decision making authority while on tour. By travelling with Tranzit Tours, you agree to accept the authority of the driver/guide and their decisions are final in all matters likely to affect the wellbeing, safety or experience of any customer or staff member on board. Failure to adhere to reasonable requests or any inappropriate behaviour that is degrading the experience of other customers, may result in the Customer being removed from the tour. If a Customer is asked to leave a tour, any costs associated with returning home will be borne by the Customer and any unused portion of the tour will not be refunded.

#### **Responsibilities**

- Tranzit Tours include goods and services provided by other operators such as hotels, attractions and transportation companies. Customers are advised to familiarise themselves with the terms and conditions on which these services are supplied. Accordingly, Tranzit Tours will not be responsible and will be excluded from liability for any loss, damage, omission or acts being negligent or otherwise, committed by other goods and service providers used in connection with the tour.
- Tranzit Tours is not liable for any loss, damage, delay, or injury caused to the traveller or their baggage whilst under the care or control of a third-party provider. A Customer's baggage and personal effects shall be carried at the owner's risk as provided for under the Carriage of Goods Act.
- Tranzit Tours is not responsible for any losses or additional expenses to the Customer due to tours impacted by Force Majeure events that occur prior to, or during, a tour such as but not limited to fire, flood, volcanic eruption, earthquake, avalanche, severe weather, power outages, labour disruptions, pandemic, government controls or other events outside Tranzit Tours control that interrupts the ability to operate the tour in full or in part, or if Tranzit Tours determines that the quality of the tour or the health and safety of the Customer would be compromised.



### **Acceptance of Risk**

- The Customer acknowledges that all Transit Tours may be subject to risks and dangers beyond that which might be experienced by the Customer at home. Except as provided in law, the Customer acknowledges that they assume all risk and Transit Tours is not liable for misadventure, death, injury, delay or loss which occurs during the tour.

### **Seat Rotation**

- For the enjoyment of all travellers Transit Tours operates a seat rotation system which all travellers must participate in as a condition of booking.

### **Photographs**

- Photographs used to market any Transit Tour depict typical scenes experienced, but the subject matter may not necessarily be seen or experienced whilst visiting a destination within a tour.
- Whilst on tour, the Customer may be included in photographs and/or film taken by the guide or driver. These photographs may be used for future promotional advertising purposes and by booking on a Transit Tour the Customer authorises the use of any images they are captured in to be used without further consent or any payment of any kind. If the Customer does not authorise the use of their image for promotional purposes, they must make this known at the time of booking.

### **Privacy Policy**

- Any personal information that Transit Tours collects about the Customer may be used for any purpose associated with the operation of a tour or to send the Customer marketing material in relation to Transit Tour products. The information may be disclosed to our agents, service providers or other suppliers to enable Transit Tours to operate the tour. Transit Tours will otherwise treat your details in accordance with our privacy policy (available on our website).

### **Applicable Law**

- The laws of New Zealand govern these Terms and Conditions to the fullest extent allowable.

## Keeping you healthy and safe while aboard with Tranzit Tours

The health, safety and wellbeing of our passengers and team members is our highest priority and we are obliged to take all practicable risk measures to operate safely.

As a company, Tranzit Tours will always take advice from the Ministry of Health on best practice safety protocols for all contagious conditions, (colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc.) along with accidents and other health concerns, and feelings of unwellness.

We always encourage our passengers to talk to us if they have any questions regarding their mobility, fitness or health.

### **Our health and safety measures include:**

- Recommending all passengers take out comprehensive travel insurance with cover for contagious conditions (like colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc) and that passengers familiarise themselves with any limitations the insurance may have around additional costs associated with the requirement to leave a tour or need to cancel.
- We encourage all passengers to stay home if you are experiencing symptoms of contagious conditions (like colds, flu, Covid, shingles, measles, diarrhoea and vomiting etc).
- Asking passengers and Tour Team to pro-actively undergo a self-administered RAT prior to departure for their safety (and the safety of all passengers on the tour) should they feel they could have been put at risk of contracting COVID-19 or feel unwell (including hay fever, cold and flu-like symptoms). If in doubt, we ask passengers to call the Tranzit Tours Team.
- Passengers who are at higher risk (ie immuno-compromised, suffer from chronic conditions such as COPD etc) are asked to voluntarily make the Tours Team aware of their condition at the time of booking. Also contact your Medical Practitioner to confirm you are well enough to join the tour. This will enable us to consider any additional precautions for you, before traveling, as well as having a plan for an appropriate response if a traveller becomes ill with an infectious illness on a tour.
- Encouraging passengers to wash hands regularly in warm soapy water and use provided hand sanitizer.
- Advising passengers to cough or sneeze into tissues and then immediately dispose of them followed by washing and drying or sanitising your hands. If caught short, we recommend using the inside corner of an elbow to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Ensuring that prior to our tour's departure, the coach undergoes a deep clean (including the air-conditioning filters).
- All hard surfaces are cleaned daily with a disinfectant while on tour.
- Providing biodegradable disposable cups on tour to prevent cross contamination.
- Using tongs for food handling, and washing and drying hands before any food handling. Always wash and dry hands after using bathroom facilities.
- Disposable masks: we encourage passengers to bring their own masks. While it is not compulsory for passengers to wear masks on a coach tour, we do encourage it if you are showing any cold or flu-like symptoms.
- Ensuring our team is fully trained in first aid.

### **If you become unwell or have an accident while on tour, please contact your Tranzit Tours driver or guide immediately.**

They can help support you and contact Healthline on 0800 611 116 or your doctor, immediately who will triage symptoms over the phone and advise next steps. This will be managed on a case-by-case basis. Our Tranzit team will support you and assist with logistics (at the cost of the Passenger – which may be covered by your travel insurance).

Thank you for understanding as we continue to work to keep you, our valued passengers, safe. Our team is always happy to answer any specific questions you have.

➤ **Part of The Tranzit Group**