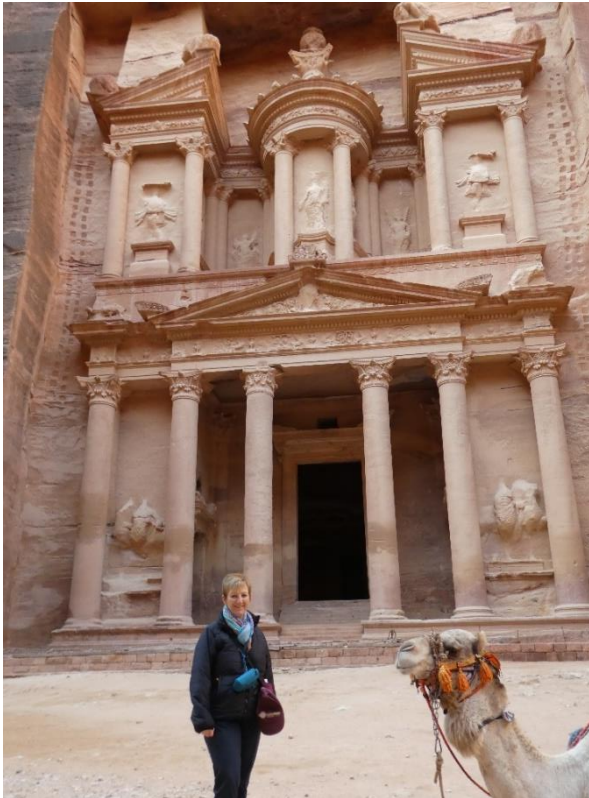




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Saturday, 13 March 2021

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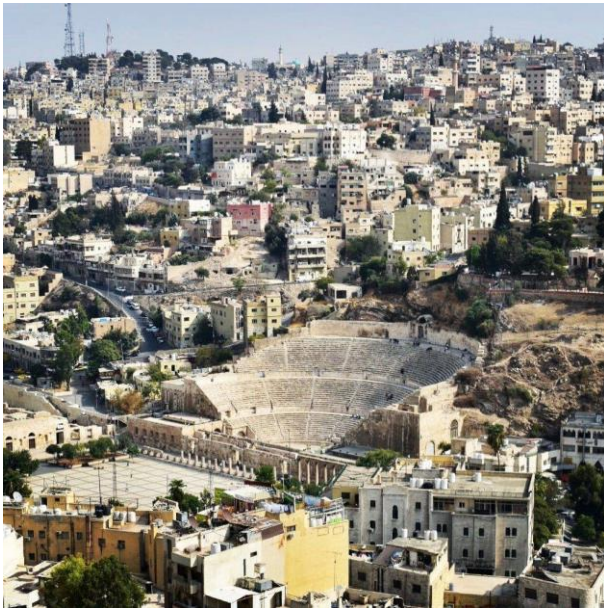
We shall depart Warragul for our private coach transfer to Melbourne Airport for our Emirates flight to Amman Airport, Jordan via Dubai.

Sunday, 14 March 2021

Amman, Jordan

(L D)

We arrive at Amman Airport in the morning and will be greeted by our guide. We then take a 40-minute drive to Amman to begin our Amman City tour, visiting the **Citadel, Roma Theatre, Jordan Museum** before our walking tour through downtown Amman and visit a local market for snacks at Hashem followed by sweets “Knafeh” at Habibah. We shall then check in to the **W HOTEL AMMAN, or similar**, for dinner and a two-night stay.



Monday, 15 March 2021

Amman Sightseeing

(B L)

After breakfast we shall have a one-hour drive to the Greco-Roman ruins at **Jerash** in northern Jordan for a fascinating visit before we travel on to reach Souf for a Jordanian lunch cooked by local women. We head back to Amman to visit the **Royal Automobile Museum** for an amazing display of historical cars. After arriving back at the hotel, the evening is free.

Tuesday, 16 March 2021

Amman – Petra

(B L D)

We check out of the hotel after breakfast and drive to **Madaba, the Mosaic City**, starting with the Food Basket Restaurant for a welcome tea or coffee. We learn about the house, architecture and the day's activity. Our visit includes the **Church of St. George**, where the famed mosaic map of the Holy Land lies. We continue to the **Burnt Palace**, passing by the local shops and we stop for a fresh juice before visiting the **Archaeological Park**, before exploring the downtown souq area. Other attractions include the John the **Baptist Church**, a number of old houses and we meet locals throughout our visit. We return to the restaurant for home-cooked lunch.

We then drive to Petra where we check in at the **PETRA MOVENPICK HOTEL, or similar**, for a two-night stay. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel.





Wednesday, 17 March 2021

Petra Sightseeing

(B L D)

This morning we have an early start for a guided tour of the ancient *Jordanian city of Petra*. Petra is half-built, half-carved into the rock, and is surrounded by mountains riddled with passages and gorges. It is one of the world's most famous archaeological sites, where ancient Eastern traditions blend with Hellenistic architecture. During our visit, we shall have a buffet lunch at the Basin Restaurant. We then head back to the hotel for rest before dinner at a local restaurant overlooking Petra Mountains.

Thursday, 18 March 2021

Petra – Dead Sea

(B L D)

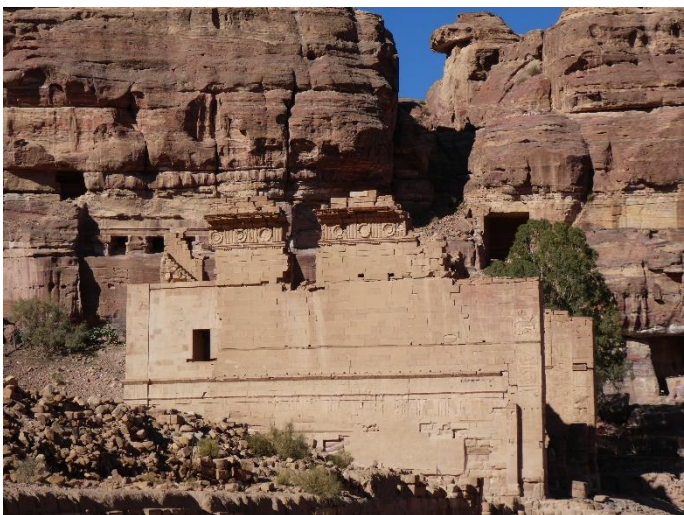
We check out of the hotel after breakfast and drive north of Petra to Siq Al-Barid, which is also referred to as '*Little Petra*' due to similarities with the main site. It is thought to have been an important suburb of Petra and is entered through a narrow opening, similar to Siq but of a much smaller scale. The site includes tombs, temples, water channels and cisterns carved out of the rock as well as the remains of frescoes on plaster for site visit. After lunch, we then have a brief visit of *Shobak Crusaders Castle* and continue to the Dead Sea, the lowest point on earth. We check in at **MOVENPICK DEAD SEA HOTEL, or similar**, for a two-night stay. Tonight, dinner will be at the hotel.

Friday, 19 March 2021

Dead Sea

(B FD)

After breakfast at the hotel, we shall visit the Baptism Site (**Al-Maghtas**). Situated on the eastern bank of the River Jordan, nine kilometres north of the Dead Sea, the archaeological site consists of two distinct areas: Tell Al-Kharrar, also known as Jabal Mar-Elias (Elijah's Hill) and the area of the churches of Saint John the Baptist near the river. We continue to *Mount Nebo*, the alleged burial place of Prophet Moses and then head back to the hotel. Tonight, we shall celebrate our time in Jordan at a Farewell Dinner at the Grill.



Saturday, 20 March 2021

Dead Sea, Jordan - Casablanca, Morocco

(B D)

We have an early breakfast and check out to drive to Amman Airport for our flight to Casablanca Airport. On arrival we shall be met by our guide, Mohammad, and transferred to the **SOFITEL TOUR BLANCHE CASABLANCA**, or similar, for a two-night stay with dinner tonight included.



Sunday, 21 March 2021

Casablanca

(B L D)

This morning we take a city tour of Casablanca with highlights being:

***The big mosque Hassan II**; the minaret of the Majestic Hassan II mosque is the highest religious building in the world and a master piece of modern Muslim architecture.

***Anfa and Ain Diab: Anfa**; a spectacular area of lavish villas with fabulous gardens, a golf course and tennis courts, is often described as Morocco's Beverly Hills. It leads to the highly popular seaside resort of Aïn Diab famous for its beaches, terrace cafes, restaurants and nightlife.

***United Nations Square**; famous for the neo Moorish monuments which surrounds it and the musical fountain which splashes out multi-coloured water to the sounds of Strauss and Andalusian music, this is without doubt Casablanca's focal point not to be missed.

***Mohamed V place**; this is the heart of the city, standing between the two contrasting sides of this Metropolis: The medina or old town and the elegant modern section with its skyscrapers and large boulevards.

Lunch will be at Al Mounia, a Moroccan restaurant before you will have the afternoon at leisure.

Dinner tonight will be at "**Rick's Café Américain**", which is the principal set of the film Casablanca. Rick's Cafe is located on the ramparts of the old Médina of Casablanca, opposite the port and the future building site of the marina.





Monday, 22 March 2021

Casablanca – Fes

(B D)

We leave the hotel after breakfast and drive towards Fes via **Rabat** where we shall visit **The Mausoleum of Mohammed V**, which was completed in 1971, contains the tombs of King Mohammed V and his two sons, King Hassan II and Prince Abdallah. It is located next to the Hassan Tower on the Yacoub al-Mansour esplanade. The building is considered a masterpiece of modern Alaouite dynasty architecture, with its white silhouette, topped by a typical green tiled roof.

Other highlights will be **Oudaya Kasbah** at the mouth of the Bou Regreg river opposite Salé. It was built during the reign of the Almohads.

Lunch will be at leisure and then we shall continue towards Fes. On arrival we shall check into the **RIAD EL AMINE FES, or similar**, for a three-night stay. Dinner will be at the hotel.

Tuesday, 23 March 2021

Fes

(B L D)

After breakfast we will set off for a full day visit of Fes. The medina of **Fez El Bali** is one of the largest living medieval cities in the world and the most interesting in Morocco. We visit the religious capital of Morocco with its ancient mosques in the old Medina.

Lunch will be at the Nejjarine Moroccan restaurant and then we continue on with our city tour. We will have an opportunity to explore the mellah (Jewish district). The **Mellah of Fes** once had 40 synagogues. In the afternoon we shall visit the **Fez Jdid**, the newest part of the city and its chic cafe – lined avenues that provide a jarring contrast; the modern flip side to the ancient city.

We shall enjoy dinner tonight at the Maison Blanche.



Wednesday, 24 March 2021

Meknes & Volubilis

(B D)

Today's excursion will take us to Meknes & Volubilis.

Volubilis, is a city of Roman ruins dating back to the years 200 and 300. You can find traces of the entire city all the way up a hill.

Meknes is one of the four imperial cities in Morocco. Although it is the smallest one, it really deserves a visit. Nowadays Meknes is more an agricultural centre of the region, but one day in history the city was supposed to host the biggest Royal Palace in the nation.

Lunch will be at leisure in a local restaurant and we continue our Meknes tour with a visit to a goat farm and enjoy dinner before driving back to Fes.

Thursday, 25 March 2021

Fes- Erfoud – Merzouga

(B L D)

We check out this morning and drive to Erfoud via the Mountains of the middle Atlas, passing by Ifrane. In Midelt, we will stop for lunch at Taddart Hotel. We then continue on to the high Atlas Mountains via the Ziz Gorges and via Errachidia. We arrive in Erfoud, an oasis town in the Sahara Desert, in the Drâa-Tafilalet region in eastern Morocco. This region is famous for its almost one million date palm trees.



We shall reach our accommodation, in a private encampment by the foot of the dunes of Merzouga, by 4WD. We will spend the next two nights at the **MERZOUGA LUXURY DESERT CAMP**, located strategically in the middle of the big dunes of the Erg Chebi Desert, offering a spectacular nomadic experience. It is especially unique because of the 'KHaimas', which are traditional tents made of camel skin typically used by nomadic people



Friday, 26 March 2021

Merzouga

(B L D)

We will wake early to travel out to view the sunrise before heading back to the encampment for breakfast.

Our lunch today will be a ***Picnic in an Oasis***: we will leave in a 4x4 for a trek in the desert, before reaching a beautiful lush green oasis for our lunch.

Later there will be time for camel riding and also to explore the Rissani & Tafilalet region: A visit to Rissani, with its traditional market and Moroccan hospitality, can feel like stepping back in time. Its confluence of Berber and Arab cultures and rural desert setting make it one of the best towns to experience traditional Moroccan culture.

Rissani was once home to the Alawite dynasty as they took power, as well as Moulay er Rachid. It is a cultural destination in Morocco with beautiful examples of early Moroccan architecture and noteworthy palaces and temples, such as Ksar Oulad Abdelhalim and Ksar Aber.

Back at the encampment, there will be time to freshen up for our evening gastronomic experience combining the best of Moroccan cuisine with desert tradition.



Saturday, 27 March 2021 Merzouga- Tineghir - Dades & Todra Gorges - Ouarzazate (B L D)

After breakfast, we will check out and travel through Tineghir, the scenic Todra Gorges, wonderfully sculpted by Mother Nature. Hugging the lush river bed are many of Morocco's most scenic kasbahs and ksours. We shall stop for a lunch at a local restaurant and then continue on towards Ouarzazate.

On arrival we shall check in to our hotel, **BERBERE PALACE**, or similar, for an overnight stay. Dinner will be at the Italian restaurant at the hotel.

Sunday, 28 March 2021

Ouarzazate - Marrakech

(B L D)

This morning after breakfast, we shall check out and visit **Ouarzazate**. Highlights here will include.

Kasbah Taourirt; situated at the city's centre, one of the most significant kasbahs of the area and the stronghold of the Glaoui chiefs in the 1930s. It sheltered the members of the dynasty of Glaoui and their many servants. In recent years UNESCO undertook the restoration of whole sections of the building.

Atlas Studio; is a popular tourist destination, in part because the grounds are littered with old movie sets that are decaying in the harsh environment. More than 200 major films and television shows have been filmed there, including "Gladiator," "Ben Hur," "Kingdom of Heaven," "The Mummy," "The Passion of the Christ," and, most recently, "Game of Thrones" and "Aladdin."

UNESCO-restored kasbah of Ait Ben Haddou; stands out as an exquisite example of how to take care of one's heritage with style. Seeing the kasbah from the other side of the river is a great experience. Through a frame of the palm branches you see the structures of the kasbah slightly bending and stretching to the sky. Lunch will be at a local restaurant before we continue onto Marrakech where on arrival we shall check-into the **LA MAISON ARABE, or similar,** for a four-night stay.

Tonight, for dinner, we will take a horse drawn carriage to Le Marrakechi restaurant overlooking **Djemaa EL Fna Square.**



Monday, 29 March 2021

Marrakech

(B D)

Today we shall have a walking tour of Marrakech with highlights being:

The Koutoubia Mosque: One of the best examples of the Hispano-Moresque art, which combine apparent simplicity with superb craftsmanship and restrained luxury. With its minaret rising 252 feet into the sky, it is certainly one of the most impressive sights in Marrakech.

El Bahia Palace: Standing in a 2-acre garden, is a haphazard arrangement of secret luxury apartments opening on to inner courtyards.

Art Culinaire Museum: The new Museum of Moroccan Culinary Art will showcase a wide range of traditional Moroccan meals. The Museum of Moroccan Culinary Art aims to tell the history and story behind each dish and flavour.

Souks: It is a riot of colour, noise and activity, a wealthy storehouse of all the treasures of this vast and varied country. You will find all the silver merchants in one corner, all the gold merchants in another, and rows of stalls selling exclusively leatherwork or copper goods or jewellery.



The real fascination is to watch the craftsmen at work, gilding on leather, or inlaying with enamel the sheaths of ornate silver daggers, hammering out copper, embroidering silks or smoothing out the surface of cedar wood table.

The Djemaa El Fna square: The name literally translated is the Mosque or Assembly of death. It is taken to refer to the custom of displaying the heads of vanquished rebels or criminals, since the square is known to be a place of public execution even up to the last century. Then it has been a centre for public meetings and even riots. Today it provides constant ever-changing entertainment, which reaches its climax at sunset and continues late at night. It is a square where a real image and the charm of Moroccan folklore is operating: story tellers, snake charmers, acrobats, folkloric bands.



Tonight, dinner will be in a Moroccan family house: it is not only a dinner but a complete immersion into the Moroccan culture and family life. Many restaurants serve Moroccan food, but the best Moroccan food is found in a family home. We will immerse ourselves in a fascinating culture, while learning from its heart and soul by an incredibly unique experience in the joyful company of a local family!

It's a fantastic way to understand and delve into Moroccan culture first-hand, and you'll no doubt be touched by their beautiful hospitality and generosity while gaining an understanding of local culture and the etiquette involved in visiting a family.

Tuesday, 30 March 2021

Marrakech

(B L FD)

Today we shall explore more of Marrakech.

Majorelle Gardens: it is one of the most delightful places in Marrakech – a small, meticulously planned botanical garden created from the 1920s by the French painter Jacques Majorelle. Now superbly mature, it is owned and splendidly maintained by Yves Saint Laurent. In the artist's former studio, a museum of Islamic arts exhibits Saint Laurent fine personal collection of North African carpets, pottery and furniture.

Yves Saint Laurent Museum: A museum entirely devoted to the work of the legendary fashion designer, Yves Saint Laurent. The new building, situated on Rue Yves Saint Laurent and adjacent to the renowned Jardin Majorelle, spans over 4,000 m² and is more than just a museum. It features a 400 m² permanent exhibition space where the work of Yves Saint Laurent will be presented in a scenography by Christophe Martin; a 150 m² space for temporary exhibitions, a 130-seat auditorium, a boutique and bookshop, a café-restaurant, as well as a research library



Lunch today will be a ***Moroccan Cooking Workshop at Lotus Chef Riad.***

In the heart of Marrakech's medina, following a traditional Moroccan welcome at the doors, meet the chef, who is ready to teach you all there is to know about cooking local recipes and to do the bread, to cook it in a Moroccan traditional oven. It is the best way to learn to cook typical and real Moroccan cuisine. Then your lunch will be what you prepared

The afternoon is at leisure before we get together for a Farewell dinner at Jad Mahal with entertainment by belly dancers: subtle mixture of Indian and Moroccan architectures. Exotic, colonial decoration made of woodwork and noble materials is declined into thousand colours. The ceilings hand painted the ground in tinted cement, the net curtains of the terrace roof play with the breeze, the basins and fountains give to the palace a magic atmosphere.



Wednesday, 31 March 2021

Morocco – Australia

(B)

Our final day. After breakfast we shall transfer to Marrakech or Casablanca airport for our homeward bound flight.

MOHAMMED (wearing sunglasses) will be our guide in Morocco and I just loved his passion for his country.

I am a native to Fez, born and bred. After finishing my studies in theology, I decided to continue in history, and finish my English literature. I started training in 5 stars hotel before commencing work in my father's tourist transportation office. Some of our clients needed English speaking local guides and drivers, so I have completed the Government National Exam of Tourism Guides to enable me to show guests around my beautiful country! Best regards, Mohammed.



JACQUEY TURNER, your tour escort, has more than 30 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour guide. Jacquie's attention to detail and personal care ensures that everyone travelling in her group will have a most enjoyable holiday experience.

"I thoroughly enjoy escorting tour members to so many wonderful places in the world. The sights, sounds and history all contribute to a fabulous experience but most importantly it is the people that you meet and have the privilege of travelling with that has the most lasting impression. We always have lots of fun and continue to enjoy the memories for many years."

TOUR COST: \$15,999 per person on a twin share basis
\$ 4,135 single supplement

Please note that a surcharge due to currency fluctuations may arise. If applicable, this will be confirmed prior to the balance of deposit being due.

★ Upgrade business class – cost on application

★ Should you wish to extend your travel arrangements after the tour, please contact me to discuss further options.

★ Should you select to travel on flights other than the included group flights, or upgrade to business/first class, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.



PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Initial deposit	to register interest & secure place on tour	\$ 250 per person
Balance of deposit	to be advised when travel restrictions are lifted	\$1750 per person
Balance of payment	due by Friday, 13 December 2020	

Next Information Night: To be confirmed once gatherings are permitted

Payment Information Night: Wednesday, 11 December 2020

To register your interest and secure a place on this tour, a \$250 per person deposit is applicable and will remain fully refundable until the Federal Government's warning against international travel is lifted.

When the travel ban to Europe is removed, should you wish to cancel, your \$250 per person will be refunded. However, if you would like to confirm your booking, a balance of deposit of \$1750 per person will be required.

Final payment will be due on Friday, 13 December 2020.

The tour cost is based on a minimum of 15 participants. In the unlikely event that this number of participants is not reached, Gippsland Travel reserve the right to cancel the tour. In this instance only, a full refund of all deposits paid will be refunded.



INCLUSIONS

- Personally escorted throughout entire tour by Jacquie Turner
- Minimum 15 guests - maximum 20 guests
- Coach transfers between Gippsland and Melbourne
- Return economy airfares and taxes with Emirates
- Flight from Jordan to Morocco
- All airport arrival and departure transfers
- Excellent hotel accommodation in twin-bedded rooms with private facilities throughout tour
- Private luxury 48-seater coach
- Private Professional English-speaking guide in Jordan and Morocco
- Experienced driver/guides throughout tour
- Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary and admission fees where applicable
- Meals as per itinerary-
full tour includes **45 meals** - 17 Breakfasts (B), 12 Lunches (L), 16 Dinners (D)
- Authentic Moroccan dinner with a local family.
- Moroccan Cooking Workshop
- Entrance fees to all sites mentioned in the program
- Horse & carriage ride between Petra Site entrance and Siq
- Bottled water throughout tour
- Audio guiding system
- Free Zara Spa entrance at Movenpick Dead Sea
- Visa for Jordan
- Porterage (one suitcase per person)
- **ALL tipping** of waiters/restaurant staff at included meals throughout the tour
- **ALL tipping** of guides and drivers

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance (a surcharge may apply for passengers over 70 years or if there is a pre-existing medical condition). It is a condition of our tours that comprehensive travel insurance is in place at the time of final payment.
- Expenses of a personal nature like laundry, telephone/fax calls, alcoholic beverages, camera/video camera fees at monuments, medical expenses.
- Any health requirements.
Please contact our office for details on recommended vaccinations etc.
- Any optional tours or activities other than those specified in the itinerary

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

LATE BOOKINGS

Higher deposit payments are required for late bookings. A guarantee of full payment is required at the time of booking for all bookings received within 4 weeks of departure.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

Bookings may be accepted on a share room basis on the proviso that the person requesting the share reservation agrees that while every effort will be made to match suitability of the passengers there is no guarantee that a share room can be provided. If a share room is not available at the time of final payment, either the single room alternative, at an additional cost, or the cancellation conditions detailed in your itinerary will apply.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to at least:

- Be able to walk at least 1 hour on uneven surfaces without the use of any walking aid (walking stick for stability is acceptable)
- Walk up multiple flights of stairs and short, steep hills
- Stand for 20 minutes without needing to sit down, often in hot/humid climates
- Carry your own hand luggage / handle your own suitcase when portage is not supplied eg. at airports.
- Get on and off various modes of transport without assistance, including small boats. Assistance will be offered where necessary.

Passengers must inform us of any medical conditions which may affect your ability to participate in the tour.

At our discretion we can exclude you in a tour or in any activity if we consider that you are unable to safely participate in that tour or activity or if we consider your participation may place the safety of other guests at risk.

PASSPORT and VISA

A valid passport is required for all international travel.

If you do not hold an Australian passport, you may require a resident return visa.

Some countries require a visa to be issued before you depart Australia.

Gippsland Travel will advise you of all passport and visa requirements for this tour.

UNUSED PORTION OF THIS TOUR

We regret refunds will not be given for any unused portions of this tour, such as meals, entry fees, accommodation or transfers.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Occasionally circumstances beyond the control of Gippsland Travel make it necessary to change airlines, hotels or amendments to daily activities. We will inform you of any changes as soon as they occur.

GENERAL CONDUCT

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if they are acting in a way that interferes with the general operation of the tour or compromises the general enjoyment of the tour by other travellers in any way

ITINERARY VARIATIONS

Gippsland Travel reserves the right to amend the hotels, itinerary and excursions if deemed advisable or necessary due to adverse weather conditions, road conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Any necessary alternative arrangements will be made to a similar standard.

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In the event of a Force Majeure event making it impossible or unsafe for Gippsland Travel to deliver all or part of the holiday package, Gippsland Travel will refund the customer for the unperformed part of the holiday package less any reasonable losses incurred before cancellation. Losses may amount to a substantial proportion of the booking price. Gippsland Travel will use reasonable endeavors to minimize losses incurred by customers.

CANCELLATION FEES

Cancellation date	Cancellation fee
Cancellation received after full deposit has been paid	\$2000pp
Cancellation received on or after 13 December 2020	100% of tour cost

All costs are based on the exchange rate prevailing as at 30 April, 2020.

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