



UK With a Difference

Cambridge – Lincoln – York – Alnwick – Hawes – Conwy – Ludlow –
Wye Valley – Bath – Windsor

With the option to extend your stay and spend some time exploring London.

11 July – 5 August 2027

Personally escorted by Jacquie Turner.

Discover the charm of England and Wales on this unforgettable journey. Venture beyond the well-trodden tourist trail to uncover picturesque villages, hidden gems and lesser-known corners of these beautiful countries, while also visiting iconic cities including York, Lincoln and Cambridge.

Experience a wonderful blend of rich history, stunning landscapes and authentic local culture.

After exploring these charming villages and towns, why not extend your stay in the UK and spend a few extra days discovering the sights and attractions of London?

Sunday 11 July	Melbourne – Cambridge	(Inflight meal)
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Today we will be transferred from Warragul to Melbourne Airport for our flight to London. Departures are also available from other Australian cities.

Monday 12 July	Cambridge	(D)
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On arrival into London, we will be met & transferred to Cambridge and will be staying at the **Gonville Hotel**, or similar, for a three-night stay.

Cambridge is a picturesque city in eastern England, best known as the home of the world-famous University of Cambridge, one of the oldest and most prestigious universities in the world. The city is rich in history and stunning architecture, with beautiful chapels and gardens lining the River Cam. Visitors enjoy punting along the river, exploring fascinating museums and wandering through charming streets filled with cafés, shops and markets.

Dinner will be included tonight.

Tuesday 13 July	Cambridge	(B D)
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Today we will explore Cambridge on a guided walking tour, taking in the city's historic colleges and famous landmarks. Enjoy a relaxing punt ride along the River Cam, followed by free time to explore the city at your own pace.

Dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening.

Wednesday 14 July	Cambridge	(B L)
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Today we travel to Newmarket, home of British horseracing (where we will leave early to hopefully see The Gallops) and experience the atmosphere of this famous racing town. We will also visit the National Horseracing Museum before continuing to Bury St Edmunds, where lunch is included at a local restaurant.

This afternoon, we visit the charming medieval village of Lavenham, with free time to explore its historic streets, independent shops and picturesque buildings at your own pace.

Dinner is at your leisure this evening.

Thursday 15 July	Cambridge – Lincoln	(B D)
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This morning we will travel to Ely. Here we will enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Ely Cathedral, one of England's most impressive medieval buildings. There will then be free time to explore Ely and enjoy lunch at your own expense before continuing to Lincoln, where we will stay for two nights at **The Old Palace/Doubletree by Hilton, or similar**.

Lincoln is a historic city in the county of Lincolnshire, England, renowned for its rich heritage and impressive architecture. Dominated by the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral and the medieval Lincoln Castle, the city offers a glimpse into over 1,000 years of history. Its charming, cobbled streets, including the famous Steep Hill, are lined with independent shops, cafés and traditional pubs, creating a vibrant atmosphere that blends the old with the new. Situated on the River Witham, Lincoln is a delightful destination for those interested in history, culture and quintessential English charm.

This evening, we will enjoy dinner together.

Friday 16 July	Lincoln	(B)
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Today we explore the historic city of Lincoln, visiting the magnificent Lincoln Cathedral and Lincoln Castle before continuing to the International Bomber Command Centre, which commemorates the service and sacrifice of Bomber Command during the Second World War.

This evening, dinner is at your leisure, with the opportunity to choose from the many wonderful dining options available.

Saturday 17 July	Lincoln – York	(B D)
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After breakfast we will travel to Gainsborough Old Hall for a guided tour of this magnificent medieval manor house. We will then continue to Selby for a stop before travelling onwards to York, staying at the **Malmaison York/Hilton York, or similar** for the next three nights.

York is one of England's most historic and charming cities, renowned for its rich Roman, Viking and medieval heritage. Encircled by ancient city walls, York is home to the magnificent York Minster, one of the largest Gothic cathedrals in Northern Europe. This beautiful city is full of narrow, cobbled streets & boasts home to The Shambles. York has so much to discover including, fascinating museums, vibrant cafés, shops and traditional pubs. With its well-preserved history, beautiful architecture and welcoming atmosphere, York is a highlight of any visit to northern England.

This evening, enjoy dinner included.

Sunday 18 July	York	(B)
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Today we will discover the rich history of York on a guided walking tour, taking in the city's iconic landmarks including The Shambles, York Minster, the ancient City Walls, including famous film locations.

We will also visit the fascinating Jorvik Viking Centre before enjoying free time to explore at your own pace. Lunch & dinner will be at your own leisure today.

Monday 19 July	York	(B L)
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Enjoy a full-day excursion through the stunning North York Moors National Park. Travel on the heritage railway from Pickering to Whitby, soaking up the spectacular countryside along the way. In Whitby, enjoy an included lunch at the charming Magpie Café before time to explore this picturesque seaside town.

Dinner is at your own leisure this evening.

Tuesday 20 July	York – Durham – Alnwick	(B D)
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Today we will travel north from York to Durham, continuing onwards to Alnwick. Along the way, we will stop in Newcastle before visiting Arbeia South Shields Roman Fort, an important archaeological site offering a glimpse into Roman life along Hadrian's frontier. There will be some time to explore the Grainger Market whilst we are in Newcastle.

We then continue to Alnwick, with dinner included this evening. We will be staying for two nights at the **Bailiffgate Hotel, or similar**.

Alnwick is a charming market town in Northumberland, northern England, best known for the impressive Alnwick Castle, one of the largest inhabited castles in the country and a filming location for the Harry Potter movies. The town also boasts the spectacular Alnwick Garden, renowned for its beautiful landscapes, fountains and unique attractions. With its historic streets, welcoming atmosphere and rich heritage, Alnwick offers a delightful blend of history, culture and natural beauty.

Wednesday 21 July	Alnwick	(B D)
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After breakfast today we will enjoy a visit to Holy Island (Lindisfarne), including a visit to the historic Lindisfarne Castle. Access to the island is via a tidal causeway, so our visit will be carefully timed around the tides to ensure safe crossing. We return via the scenic coastal road, enjoying the beautiful Northumberland coastline along the way. Dinner is included this evening.

Thursday 22 July	Alnwick – Hawes	(B D)
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Today we travel through the scenic Northumberland National Park, with a visit to Hadrian's Wall and Chesters Roman Fort. We continue to Hexham for some free time for lunch including a visit to the historic Hexham Crypt before travelling onwards to the Hawes area. We will be staying at the **Stone House Hotel, or similar** for a two night stay.

Dinner is included this evening.

Hawes is a picturesque market town nestled in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park in northern England. Surrounded by rolling hills, stone walls and stunning countryside, it is renowned as the home of the famous Wensleydale cheese. This town has some charming local shops, traditional pubs and scenic walking trails. With its friendly atmosphere and beautiful rural setting, Hawes is a quintessential Yorkshire destination.

Friday 23 July	Hawes	(B L)
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We will enjoy a scenic drive through the beautiful North Yorkshire Moors today, taking in the picturesque landscapes and charming villages of the region. We will stop at the Wensleydale Creamery for a visit to the Yorkshire Wensleydale Cheese Experience, learning about the history and production of this famous local cheese. Lunch is included at a traditional local pub, with the evening free to dine at your leisure.

Saturday 24 July	Hawes – Conwy (Wales)	(B D)
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Today we leave the Yorkshire Dales and travel west towards Wales, with a stop in Lancaster before continuing to Chester. We will enjoy a walking tour of this historic city. We then visit the beautiful Bodnant Garden before continuing to Conwy, our home for the next two nights. We will be staying at the **Quay Hotel & Spa, or similar**.

Dinner will be included this evening.

Conwy is a historic walled town on the north coast of Wales, best known for its magnificent medieval castle, built by Edward I in the 13th century. The UNESCO-listed Conwy Castle dominates the town and offers spectacular views across the surrounding countryside and estuary. It's a beautiful town to wander along the well-preserved town walls, explore charming historic streets and see the famous Smallest House in Great Britain. With its impressive heritage and scenic setting, Conwy is a wonderful introduction to the beauty and history of North Wales.

Sunday 25 July	Conwy (Wales)	(B L)
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Today we enjoy a scenic journey through Snowdonia National Park, visiting Caernarfon and the castle before taking a memorable train ride aboard the Welsh Highland Railway. We shall be travelling through some of the most spectacular scenery in North Wales. Lunch is included at a traditional local pub, *or similar*, with the evening free to dine at your leisure.

Monday 26 July	Conwy – Ludlow	(B D)
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Today we travel from Conwy to Ludlow, with a stop in the picturesque town of Llangollen. Enjoy a relaxing horse-drawn boat trip along the canal, followed by a visit to Plas Newydd, home of the famous Ladies of Llangollen. We will then continue to Stokesay Castle, one of England's finest and best-preserved medieval fortified manor houses, before arriving in Ludlow, where we will stay for two nights at the **Fishmore Hall, or similar**. Dinner will be included this evening.

Ludlow is a charming medieval market town in Shropshire, England, known for its impressive castle, historic streets and beautiful architecture. Set on the River Teme and surrounded by picturesque countryside, Ludlow has a rich history dating back to Norman times. With its relaxed atmosphere and fascinating heritage, Ludlow is a delightful destination in the English countryside.

Tuesday 27 July	Ludlow	(B)
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We will spend a full day exploring Ludlow and the surrounding area. Beginning with a guided morning walking tour of this historic market town, followed by a scenic afternoon drive through the charming Black and White Villages, renowned for their picturesque timber-framed houses and beautiful countryside.

Wednesday 28 July	Ludlow – Wye Valley	(B D)
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Today we enjoy a scenic drive to the beautiful Wye Valley, taking in the picturesque countryside and charming villages along the way. Before we settle into the area for an overnight stay, at the **Old Court Hotel, or similar**, we will enjoy a cruise on the Wye River. Dinner included this evening.

The Wye Valley, on the edge of the Forest of Dean, follows the River Wye and offers spectacular landscapes, historic villages and a peaceful glimpse of the English and Welsh border country.

Thursday 29 July	Wye Valley – Bath	(B L)
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We'll enjoy a special treat today with lunch at Weston Sub Edge, before continuing our journey to Bath. As we travel through the scenic English countryside, we'll make our way to the beautiful and historic city of Bath, where we'll stay for three nights at the **Hotel Indigo Bath, or similar**. Dinner is at your leisure this evening.

Friday 30 July	Bath	(B & AT)
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Today we explore Bath on a guided walking tour, visiting the magnificent Bath Abbey, the historic Roman Baths and No. 1 Royal Crescent. Enjoy free time before an elegant afternoon tea at The Pump Room.

The evening is free to explore Bath and dine at your discretion.

Bath is a beautiful historic city in southwest England, famous for its Roman heritage, elegant Georgian architecture and natural hot springs. The city's magnificent Roman Baths provide a fascinating glimpse into life nearly 2,000 years ago, while the impressive Bath Abbey and Royal Crescent showcase its architectural charm. Set among rolling countryside, Bath is a UNESCO World Heritage city offering visitors a wonderful combination of history, culture and timeless English elegance.

Saturday 31 July	Bath	(B D)
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Today we explore the historic towns and villages of Wells, Glastonbury, Avebury and Lacock, with a local guide joining us in Wells to bring the fascinating history of the region to life. There will be time to explore each destination, with lunch at your leisure. This evening, we'll enjoy an early included dinner at a local restaurant in Lacock.

Sunday 1 August	Bath – Windsor	(B D)
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Today we travel to Windsor, where we'll stay for three nights at the **Sir Christopher Wren Hotel/Castle Hotel**, or similar.

Along the way, we'll stop in the charming town of Marlborough and visit a historic home before continuing to Windsor. Dinner will be included this evening.

Monday 2 August	Windsor	(B L)
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We'll spend the day exploring Windsor and Eton, beginning with a visit to the magnificent Windsor Castle.

Windsor is a picturesque town in Berkshire, best known for its magnificent castle, one of the world's oldest and largest occupied castles and a favourite royal residence. We'll have the opportunity to explore the castle's grand State Apartments, St George's Chapel and beautiful grounds, before discovering the charming streets, traditional pubs, cafés and shops of Windsor.

We'll then continue to Eton, home to the famous Eton College, where we can explore the historic sights before enjoying a relaxing Thames River Cruise, taking in the beautiful scenery from the water.

Lunch is included today during our day of exploring, while dinner is at your leisure this evening.

Tuesday 3 August	Windsor	(B D)
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Today, we'll visit the magnificent Hampton Court Palace, once home to King Henry VIII. We'll explore its grand State Apartments, beautiful gardens and fascinating Tudor history, bringing this iconic royal residence to life.

This evening we will gather for a special Farewell Dinner, celebrating the wonderful journey we've shared together.

Wednesday 4 August	Windsor – London – Melbourne	(B & Inflight meals)
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Today marks the conclusion of our tour, with our flight departing London.

Alternatively, you can extend your stay in London for 4 nights with Jacquey. (Subject to a minimum of 10 people).

Thursday 5 August	Melbourne	(Inflight meals)
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We shall arrive back in Melbourne and will be met and transferred by coach back to Warragul.



YOUR TOUR GUIDE:

Roy will be our tour guide throughout the tour and has been a tour guide for over 35 years. Having studied history, he has now completed a Masters' degree in Archaeology and Heritage.

Apart from his interest in buildings and architecture, Roy particularly enjoys Prehistoric and Roman archaeology. He also enjoys gardening, cycling, and walking, loves Australia and has a fabulous sense of humour.

YOUR TOUR ESCORT:

Jacquey Turner has more than 40 years' experience as a highly successful travel agent and tour escort.

We shall be joined by Krystal from Gippsland Travel for a period of the trip to finalise her training as a tour escort.

"I am looking forward to showcasing the beautiful countryside and exploring parts of the UK that are little less touched by the everyday traveller. This will be a leisurely tour, with shorter travel distances and multi-night stays, allowing us to truly immerse ourselves in these lovely & charming villages and enjoy everything they have to offer."

— **Jacquey Turner**



INCLUSIONS

- Melbourne to London return economy airfares.
- All transfers including return travel between Warragul and Melbourne Airport.
- Fully escorted throughout the entire tour by Jacquey Turner.
In the unlikely event that Jacquey is not available to escort all or part of the tour, she will be replaced with a well-trained tour escort.
- Hotel accommodation in twin-bedded/double rooms with private facilities – ranging from unique & historic hotels to modern city hotels.
- Experienced drivers, and local guides.
- Private, air-conditioned coach travel.
- National Trust membership.
- Two historic train journeys.
- Multi night stays with only one single night stay.
- Complimentary bottled water is provided in all vehicles throughout the tour
- 43 meals as per itinerary - 23 Breakfasts (B), 6 Lunches (L), 1 Afternoon Tea (AT), 13 Dinners (D)
- Extensive sightseeing and entry fees as per itinerary
- Gippsland Travel hat, cap or beanie; luggage strap, luggage tags; hand gel
- End of tour Journal and USB with photos showcasing your time on the tour
- All local taxes, hotel service charges and portorage of one suitcase per person
- All Tipping of local guides, drivers, hotel and restaurant staff at included meals
- Minimum 15 tour participants, maximum of 21 tour participants

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance
- Expenses of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, medical expenses
- Any meals & beverages not included.
- Any visa costs, Australians MUST obtain a UK Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) before travelling. Gippsland Travel will provide you with the correct links to complete this.

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Tour Cost:

Twin/Double Room (2 people sharing a room) **\$26,389 per person.**

Pay by bank transfer/cash/cheque and save \$390 per person, pay \$25,999 per person twin share.

Solo Room **\$31,448 per person.**

Pay by bank transfer/cash/cheque and save \$390 per person, solo travellers pay \$31,058.

Costs based on exchange rates prevailing on 26 August 2026

Payment Schedule:

Full Deposit:	Due by Friday 4 September 2026	\$ 1,000 per person
Progress Payment:	Due by Wednesday 30 September 2026	\$ 4,000 per person
Final payment:	Due by Wednesday 31 March 2027	

- ★ Upgrade to Business Class or Premium Economy on some flights – cost on application
- ★ 4-night London extension with Jacquie as a tour escort – cost on application (subject to a minimum of 10 people)
- ★ 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 class or premium economy, payment for the air fares will be required at the time of booking the flights.
- ★ Please note that a surcharge due to currency fluctuations may arise. If applicable, this will be confirmed prior to the final payment date.
- ★ The tour will only operate subject to a minimum of 15 participants. In the unlikely event that minimum numbers are not reached, a full refund of the deposit is applicable.

CANCELLATION FEES:

Cancellation is required in writing to Gippsland Travel Centre.

	CANCELLATION FEES
Deposit non-refundable	\$ 1,000 per person
Cancellation between 1 October 2026 and 31 March 2027	\$ 5,000 per person
Cancellation from 1 April 2027	100% of tour cost

GIPPSLAND TRAVEL ESCORTED TOURS - TERMS & CONDITIONS

INTRODUCTION:

This contract is governed by Gippsland Travel Centre Pty Ltd and all members of the travelling parties as listed on your itinerary. Gippsland Travel Centre acts as the agent selling and coordinating products on behalf of a third-party travel supplier/s. A separate contract with the supplier/s will apply and will be governed by the supplier's Terms and Conditions. Gippsland Travel cannot guarantee the performance of any third-party supplier/s. Gippsland Travel may receive fees, commissions, gifts or financial incentives from third party supplier/s under this contract.

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 12 weeks of departure.

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.

The Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade regularly updates travel advice on various destinations. We recommend that you refer to www.smartraveller.gov.au for the latest updates before choosing to travel and prior to departure.

HEALTH & FITNESS

A minimum level of fitness is required to be able to participate on a Gippsland Travel Tour, you are required to 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 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 possible.

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

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

You will be requested to supply a letter from your doctor indicating your prescription medication and your reason for taking it, which shall be carried in the event of an emergency. This information will remain confidential and can be supplied in a sealed envelope.

BOOKINGS SOLD ON A SHARE BASIS

At their request, solo travellers may be matched to share a twin room with another traveller of the same gender. While every effort is made, we cannot guarantee a share will be possible. In the event that a share is not available at the time of final payment the single supplement will apply. If a share is not available and you choose to cancel, cancellation fees will apply.

UNUSED COMPONENTS OF THIS TOUR

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

GOVERNING LAW

These booking conditions are governed by the law in force in Victoria, Australia.

ITINERARY CHANGES and 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. 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.

FLIGHT SCHEDULES

Airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Voluntary date changes will incur fees. Gippsland Travel is not liable for delays or disruption of air travel.

FORCE MAJEURE:

Force Majeure means the occurrence of an event that is beyond Gippsland Travel's reasonable control and which could not have been reasonably prevented by Gippsland Travel. Force majeure includes, but is not limited to: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes and natural disasters (including but not limited to flooding, fire, earthquake, landslide), adverse weather conditions, high or low water levels; government directed travel restrictions or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy, nuclear or other industrial accident causing environmental pollution or contamination; change in law, meaning, enactment, amendment (including repeal) in the law or administration of any law in Australia or any jurisdiction or territory relevant to the booking contract, which includes changes in statute, regulation, determination, by-law, declaration, licence and the common law as applicable from time to time. For the avoidance of doubt, Force Majeure shall not include (a) financial distress nor inability of either party to make a profit or avoid a financial loss, (b) changes in market prices or conditions, or (c) a party's financial inability to perform its obligations hereunder. In the event that a Force Majeure is declared, the customer will be bound by the third-party supplier/s Terms and Conditions, if applicable.

TERMINATION OF BOOKING CONTRACT OR CHANGE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS DUE TO FORCE MAJEURE

If Gippsland Travel, in its reasonable opinion, considers that any Force Majeure event prevents Gippsland Travel (whether directly or through its employees, contractors, subcontractors and agents) from lawfully or safely providing any products or services subject of the booking contract with you, Gippsland Travel may immediately by written notice; (a) terminate the booking contract (in whole or part of); or (b) change your travel arrangements as reasonably practicable to ensure your safety and invoice for any additional costs.

If you are eligible for a refund once a booking has been cancelled, the balance less any non-refundable amounts will be forwarded to you once received by Gippsland Travel from the third-party supplier/s.

Gippsland Travel is not responsible for any delays of refunds from the third-party supplier/s. Refunds from third party supplier/s can take in excess of 6 weeks. Refunds will be processed as per original form of payment.

Travel insurance policies may provide cover for cancellation fees subject to their terms and conditions.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Gippsland Travel does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by a third-party supplier/s over who we have no direct control. Gippsland Travel is not liable for Force Majeure or any other event which is beyond our control or which is not preventable by us.