

# Australia Potato Tour

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# TOUR OVERVIEW

## **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner in Torquay



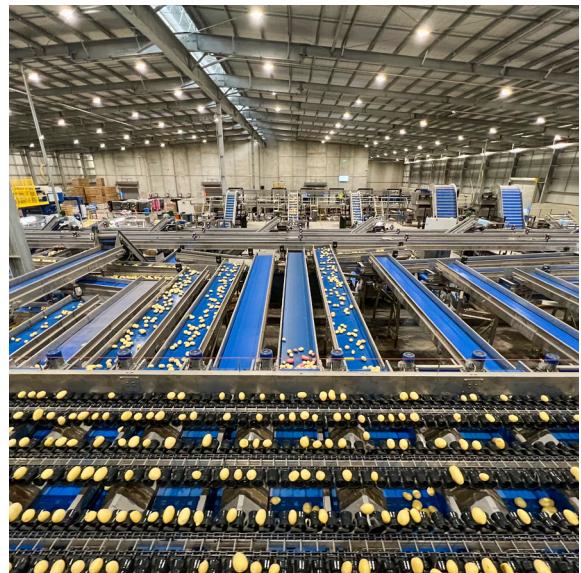
## **Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>**

Great Ocean Road

Kennet River

Marriners lookout

Twelve Apostles



## **Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**

Towerhill wildlife reserve

Potato harvest

Potato farm tours

Vineyard tour



## **Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**

White kangaroos

Seed potato farm

Largest potato packing facility in Southern Hemisphere

## **Thursday February 9<sup>th</sup>**

Visit potato farms

Get together with potato growers

*The 2023 Australian Potato tour will provide potato growers the opportunity to learn about potato production practices, equipment, and business. We will start in Torquay, Australia and end in Adelaide, Australia. Over the course of one week we will travel along the Great Ocean Road visiting seed, process, and fresh potato farms and learn about Australian culture.*

*For more information contact Andy Robinson 701.219.9646.*



## Detailed Tour Schedule. February 5-10, 2023

Date	Time	Activity	Location
Sunday, February 5, 2023	6:00 PM	Dinner in Torquay	
Sunday, February 5, 2023		Hotel: RACV	Torquay, VIC
Monday, February 6, 2023	7:00 AM	Travel Great Ocean Road (stops for photos)	Great Ocean Road
Monday, February 6, 2023	8:00 AM	Breakfast - Lorne or Fairhaven Surf Livesaving Club	
Monday, February 6, 2023	10:30 AM	Kennet River (wild koalas)	Kenneth River
Monday, February 6, 2023	12:00 PM	Lunch - Fish & Chips	Apollo Bay
Monday, February 6, 2023	1:00 AM	Marriners Lookout	Marriners Lookout
Monday, February 6, 2023	3:00 PM	Twelve Apostles	Twelve Apostles, VIC
Monday, February 6, 2023	5:00 PM	Port Campbell - snack	Port Campbell
Monday, February 6, 2023	7:00 PM	Dinner	Warnambool
Monday, February 6, 2023		Hotel: Best Western (or Quest)	Warnambool
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	7:00 AM	Breakfast	
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	8:00 AM	Tower Hill wildlife reserve	
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	9:30 AM	Damian Moloney (Potato harvest Small Variety Trial)	Koroit, VIC
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	12:30 PM	Lunch on the Run (meat pies) at Casterton	Casterton, VIC
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	1:30: PM	Potato farm tours (break into smaller groups)	Penola Region. Pleasant Park, Kalangadoo
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	5:00 PM	Balnaves of Coonawarra vineyard	Penola, SA
Tuesday, February 7, 2023	7:00 PM	Dinner: Terry's recommendation	Penola, SA
Tuesday, February 7, 2023		Hotel: MUSt@coonawarra or	
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	7:00 AM	Breakfast	Penola, SA or Naracoorte, SA
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	9:00 AM	White kangaroos	Bordertown, SA
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	11:00 AM	Muster Potatoes (seed)	Pinnaroo, SA
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	1:00 PM	Lunch - Café	Pinnaroo, SA
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	2:00 PM	Parilla Potatoes (fresh, chip, process), carrots, onions	Pinnaroo, SA
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	5:30 PM	Drive to Loxton, SA	
Wednesday, February 8, 2023	7:00 PM	Dinner with SBA growers	Loxton, SA
Wednesday, February 8, 2023		Hotel: Loxton Community Hotel	
Thursday, February 9, 2023	7:00 AM	Breakfast	Loxton, SA
Thursday, February 9, 2023	9:00 AM	Farm tour	
Thursday, February 9, 2023	10:30 AM	Farm tour	
Thursday, February 9, 2023	1:00 PM	Lunch - Swan Reach hotel or Loxton	Swan Reach, SA
Thursday, February 9, 2023	2:00 PM	Afternoon to relax at hotel	Loxton, SA
Thursday, February 9, 2023	6:00 PM	Dinner: Loxton hotel	Loxton, SA
Thursday, February 9, 2023		Hotel: Loxton Community Hotel	
Friday, February 10, 2023	7:00 AM	Breakfast	Loxton, SA
Friday, February 10, 2023	9:00 AM	Visit mini tuber facility	Waikeri, SA
Friday, February 10, 2023	12:00 PM	Lunch: Harvest Kitchen	Barossa Valley
Friday, February 10, 2023	2:00 PM	Potato packing facility	
Friday, February 10, 2023	6:00 PM	Dinner	Adelaide, SA
Friday, February 10, 2023		Hotel (beach in Glenelg, Adelaide) or return to airport	Adelaide, SA

## Australia tour details

- Attendees will be responsible for all travel expenses, including but not limited to flights, hotels, food, insurance, visa, etc. Depending on the number of attendees we may get some local help with cars or rent a small bus.
- You will need an electronic visa. Go to <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/electronic-travel-authority-601#HowTo> for information for a tourist visa.
- As of July 6, 2022 people entering Australia **do not** need to provide evidence of vaccination status (<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/covid19/entering-and-leaving-australia>)
- Flights – Arrive in Melbourne. It is suggested to leave on Thursday, February 2 because you will arrive 2 days later on February 4 (crossing the international date line you lose 1 day). Having Saturday and Sunday to recover is helpful. There are more flights from the US to Sydney so that may be a good option. If flying to Sydney there are flights about every 30-45 minutes from Sydney to Melbourne. To get from the Melbourne airport to Torquay, an Uber or taxi works. It's a little over an hour drive.
- Fly out of Adelaide at the end of the tour to wherever you are going or connecting to. On your return to the US, because of the international dateline, you will arrive the same day you leave.
- If you rent (they call it hire) a car before or after the tour and want to be insured fully, purchase 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance (<https://www.covermore.com.au/rental-car-insurance>). The car rental insurance they sell only provides around \$3,000-5,000 of coverage.
- Consider your health insurance plan and if needed, purchase an international healthcare plan.
- Use sun screen or wear clothes that cover your skin.
- Let Andy Robinson know if you would like to attend by **December 12th**.
- Once we have the group size figured out, we will send out hotel information so you can book your rooms.
- This will be a fun trip with many opportunities to meet farmers and learn about potato production. Australia is a big country with lots to offer tourists, so leave time on either side of the trip to explore. If you have specific interests, let me know and I can help with a local to assist in planning your trip. If you have any other questions, please contact Andy Robinson 701.219.9646.