

2015 MELBOURNE CUP CARNIVAL

'Kiwi' and 'Phar Lap' Escorted Tours

Experience the world's most vibrant racing carnival!

Package dates	Kiwi Tour 2 November – 6 November 2015 Phar Lap Tour 30 Oct – 6 November 2015
Location	Melbourne, Australia
Venue	Flemington Racecourse



Why go?



The Melbourne Cup Carnival is an unparalleled multi-day celebration of world class thoroughbred racing, glamorous fashions and fine food and wine in a truly exhilarating atmosphere.

Encompassing the famous Emirates Melbourne Cup Day along with AAMI Victoria Derby Day and Crown Oaks Day, the Melbourne Cup Carnival is unrivalled in its prestige and tradition and is the unmissable social occasion of the year. The cosmopolitan city of Melbourne buzzes with energy with plenty of events and entertainment in the lead up to the big day.

Our popular annual tour is fully hosted by horse racing legend Des Coppins and escorted by Melbourne Cup specialist Kel Munro. Enjoy the company of like minded racing enthusiasts as well as unique opportunities to chat with former winning jockeys, leading trainers and owners.

We've been taking tours to the Melbourne Cup since 1986 and always receive rave reviews from our customers.

Join us at fabulous Flemington this year!

**Five day Kiwi Tour
From \$2240 per person***

**Eight day Phar Lap Tour
From \$3049 per person***

* Land only, excludes flights and transfers. Based on twin/double room occupancy. Sales to further notice or sold out.

More details overleaf

Stars Sports Tours & Events

*Stars Sports Tours & Events is an Official International Tourism Operator for the 2015 Melbourne Cup Carnival
In conjunction with Sporting Tours 09 630 4930 / 0800 425 577 info@sportingtours.co.nz*

Five Day Kiwi Tour

What's included?

- Four night's accommodation at your selected property
- Emirates Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner and Racing Show with special guest speakers
- Emirates Melbourne Cup Day post-cup celebration
- Full day trip to a country race meet
- Farewell gathering
- Official reserved Hill Stand seats on Emirates Melbourne Cup Day & Crown Oaks Day
- Return airport transfers in Melbourne (applies to group flights only)
- Return coach transfers to Flemington Racecourse on race days
- \$10 Emirates Melbourne Cup Sweepstake ticket
- Stars Sports Tours & Events travel pack
- Services of tour hosts (subject to minimum numbers)

Hotel option	Twin/Double	Single	Triple
Mercure Welcome	\$2240 pp	\$2760 pp	On request
The Swanston Hotel	\$2340 pp	\$2970 pp	\$2245 pp

Ask us for an extra night rates and extend your trip
Add on return airfares, taxes and airport transfers from \$795 pp ex: Auckland, Wellington

Tour itinerary

Monday, 02 November

Depart from New Zealand for Melbourne. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel. This evening we get together for our Cup Eve Dinner and Racing Show which includes complimentary beverages and a three course sit down dinner. A fantastic evening hosted by Des Coppins, with special guests from the horse racing industry including Lisa Latta.

Tuesday, 03 November

It's Emirates Melbourne Cup Day! Fun, fashion and frivolity will be on the cards as we celebrate Australia's most famous race day. After the last race we return you to your hotel, then we meet up in the evening for a post-cup celebration.

Wednesday, 04 November

Today is at leisure. You are welcome to join us and come to the fun country race meet at Kyneton for the running of the Kyneton Cup. This is an all day event that runs from 10am-7pm (race course admission not included).

Thursday, 05 November

It's Crown Oaks Day at Flemington, traditionally known as 'Ladies Day'. The racing highlight is the Group 1 Crown Oaks, with a million dollar purse at stake along with the crystal winner's trophy. Join us at the Farewell Gathering this evening to say goodbye to some new friends!

Friday, 06 November

Today you return to New Zealand. You will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

*If you are making your own flight arrangements we recommend you arrive into Melbourne no later than 5.00pm to be in time for the Cup Eve Dinner and Racing Show.

Eight Day Phar Lap Tour

What's included?

- Seven night's accommodation at your selected property
- Welcome function
- Day trip including tour of local stables and lunch with Gary Willets
- Emirates Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner and Racing Show with special guest speakers
- Emirates Melbourne Cup Day post-celebration
- Full day trip to a country race meet
- Farewell gathering
- Official reserved Hill Stand seats on AAMI Victoria Derby Day, Emirates Melbourne Cup Day & Crown Oaks Day
- Return airport transfers in Melbourne (applies to group flights only)
- Return coach transfers to Flemington Racecourse on race days
- \$10 Emirates Melbourne Cup Sweepstake ticket
- Stars Sports Tours & Events travel pack
- Services of tour hosts (subject to minimum numbers)

Hotel option	Twin/Double	Single	Triple
Mercure Welcome	\$3049 pp	\$3945 pp	On request
The Swanston Hotel	\$3240 pp	\$4370 pp	\$3040 pp
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Tour itinerary

Friday, 30 October

Depart from New Zealand for Melbourne. On arrival you will be met and transferred to your selected hotel. This evening we meet for welcome drinks where you can get to know your tour escorts and fellow tour members*

Saturday, 31 October

This morning we make our way to Flemington Racecourse for AAMI Victoria Derby Day, considered the most prestigious day of the Melbourne Cup Carnival. Traditionally, women wear black and white with men donning a morning suit. After the last race we will transfer you back to your hotel where you can relax at your leisure or go out and experience the restaurants and nightlife that Melbourne is famous for!

Sunday, 01 November

Join us as we tour a local racing stable then visit the Dingley Hotel for lunch and a chat with owner, well known former jockey Gary Willets. On our way back we stop at the DFO outlet mall to drop off those keen to hunt out some bargains! Shoppers can make their own way back to their hotels at their leisure (approx 20 minutes walk).

Monday, 02 November

Today is yours to relax - but don't miss the Emirates Melbourne Cup street parade! This evening we meet for our Emirates Melbourne Cup Eve Dinner and Racing Show with complimentary beverages and a three course sit down dinner. An entertaining night hosted by Des Coppins with special guests including Lisa Latta.

Itinerary continues as above for the Kiwi Tour.

*If you are making your own flight arrangements we recommend you arrive into Melbourne no later than 5.30pm to be in time for the welcome drinks function which starts at the hotel at 7.30pm.

Your hotel options

We offer you the choice of two hotels, which are located in the same building. We've selected these properties as they are in the heart of the central shopping, dining and entertainment precinct. There is a tram stop right outside and the legendary Bourke Street Mall is around the corner. Other attractions like Federation Square, Southbank, Queen Victoria Markets and Melbourne Central Shopping Complex are just a short stroll away.

Guest rooms are comfortable with modern amenities. Guests from either hotel can enjoy a drink at the Cocoon Bar, a casual meal at Soul Café or contemporary dining at the Loudon Kitchen and Grill. A full buffet breakfast of freshly prepared hot and cold items is available to our tour group for a discounted rate of just A\$15 per person. The property also features a well-equipped gym and indoor swimming pool.

The Swanston Hotel, Grand Mercure 4 star

Standard Room

Comfortable and spacious rooms.

Queen bed or two double beds



Mercure Welcome, Melbourne 3 star

Standard Room

Compact but comfortable rooms.

Queen bed or two single beds



Your tour hosts



Des Coppins

The regular host for Radio Trackside and host of Sunday's popular 'Track Talk' program, Des has been involved in racing for 38 years as a journalist, TV presenter and talk back host. He has escorted our Melbourne Cup tours for the past 24 years.

Kel Munro

Kel is an avid horse racing fan and 2015 will be his 34th Melbourne Cup tour. Kel is our Melbourne Cup specialist who has a vast knowledge of horse racing. He is also highly regarded for his outstanding organisational abilities and his engaging personality.

Your seats

The Hill Stand

We include reserved seats in the Hill Stand in our packages because of their prime location opposite the winning post with spectacular views of the track - and even the Melbourne cityscape. The Hill Stand is covered, however the front and sides of the stand are subject to weather conditions.

Hill stand tickets also include access to the Precinct where you can immerse yourself in the social atmosphere with live bands and DJs, gourmet food outlets, betting facilities and the racing action live on the super screen. Or experience the action on the track up close from the public lawn.



Take off with us

Let us know when you want to fly and we'll provide the best airfare options and prices.

We'll also have group flights available for this trip. Contact us for more details.

Stay a bit longer

Ask us about some great travel ideas to get the most out of your trip!

Extend your stay and explore more of Melbourne and its wonderful surroundings.

Ready to book?

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or phone 09 630 4930
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Got a query?

Want to know more? Give
us a call, we'd be happy to
help.

Who are we?

We're a leading sports travel
and tour operator. Visit our
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'A must for all, will definitely be going again.' – Murray & Thelma M

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