

## Australia Wine Tours 2019

### Australia Wine Tours Highlights

- Explore the wonderful diversity of grapes, climate and styles in each region.
- Meet pioneering, innovative winemakers and winery owners.
- Enjoy the best of Australian cuisine, accompanied by fabulous wines.
- Discover contrasting approaches to winemaking, from small 'boutiques' to some of the most famous names.
- Three modules, each allowing a famous region to be properly understood.
- Three free evenings on each module, to explore the city or town where we are based.
- Comprehensive tastings at every visit, six fabulous tasting lunches or dinners

*Read about the tours I ran to [New Zealand](#) in 2014 and [South Africa](#) in 2017*

### Tour dates

Module 1: Western Australia 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> November, based in Margaret River

Module 2: South Australia 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November, based in Adelaide

Module 3: Victoria 18<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> November, based in Melbourne

*The modules are nearly full so please [contact me](#) to check availability*

### Tour Module Itineraries

#### Module 1: Western Australia

Day 1: Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: We meet at our hotel in time to go out for a tasting dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 2: We visit Wilyabrup, home to Cullen, one of the most famous wineries in WA, and enjoy a full degustation lunch at Amelia Park.

Day 3: The lesser known Geographe area where Tempranillo, Sémillon and Grenache thrive—Hackersely and Hensty View will feature.

Day 4: Ashbrook Estate is the antidote to some of the more manicured wineries, Riesling is a feature here. Lunch in the vineyards at Fraser Gallop will complete the day.

Day 5: The Blackwood Valley completes our discovery of Western Australia with visits and lunch at a variety of wineries featuring Viognier, Malbec and Verdelho. Our WA experience is completed with a final dinner.

Day 6, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November: Our tour ends at our hotel after breakfast.

#### Module 2: South Australia

Day 1, Monday 11<sup>th</sup>: We meet at our hotel in time to go out for a tasting dinner in a restaurant in Adelaide.

Day 2: We explore the boutique wines of the Artisans of Barossa, a group of small, high quality

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producers including the legendary John Duval. The amazing wines of Charles Melton provide a contrast.

Day 3: In cooler climate Adelaide Hills, where Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Noir show beautifully, we visit Shaw & Smith and smaller estates such as the stunning Lane Vineyard.

Day 4: Eden Valley, also cooler climate, where Shiraz and Riesling are the stars is home to Henschke, Fernfield and the extraordinary Dandelion Vineyards.

Day 5: With vineyards at 4-500m altitude, Clare Valley wines have great freshness and elegance. The acclaimed Grosset and other boutique wineries will be explored. A final dinner completes our experience.

Day 6, Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November: Our tour ends at our hotel after breakfast.

### Module 3: Victoria

Day 1, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November: We meet at our hotel, in time to go out for a tasting dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 2: The Yarra Valley is home to stunning Pinot Noirs and we will taste some of the best from Bill Downie and Jane Eyre amongst others.

Day 3: Further inland, the Macedon Ranges produce elegant Shiraz and rich Chardonnays, at boutique wineries such as Kyneton Ridge and Hesket estate.

Day 4: The fortified wines of Glenrowan offers an unmissable opportunity to taste the benchmark Aussie stickies. Taminick estate have been making wine since 1904.

Day 5: The Mornington Peninsula will be the final destination of the tour. High quality cool climate wines will be tasted at Paradigm Hill, with lunch at Polperro Winery.

And of course our final night dinner!

Day 6, Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: Our tour ends at our hotel after breakfast.

### Key Tour Information

**\* The Key Tour Information specifies what you should expect from the tour, no matter how far ahead you book. As additional information is published on the website, it will be advised to clients who have booked and the daily itinerary will be finalised in the weeks leading up to the Start Date.**

[Download the Key Tour Information as a pdf.](#)

### Pricing per module

- £1,649 per person based on 2 people sharing a double/twin room.
- £200 supplement for single occupancy of a double room.
- £100 discount for bookings made before November 1st 2018 and paid for 8 weeks before departure.
- £100 rebate for booking 2 modules, £200 rebate for booking 3 modules.

### Price includes:

- 6 days (including arrival and departure days)/5 nights bed and breakfast in good quality

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hotel.

- Module 1 hotel in Margaret River. Module 2 hotel in Adelaide. Module 3 hotel in Melbourne.
- Four full days of visits and tastings, including regions such as
  - Wilyabrup, Geographe, Blackwood Valley (in Western Australia Module 1).
  - Barossa Valley, Clare Valley, Eden Valley and the Adelaide Hills (in South Australia Modules 2 and 4).
  - Yarra Valley, Macedon Ranges, Mornington Peninsula and Rutherglen (in Victoria Module 3).
- Approximately 12 wines will be tasted each day.
- Six lunches/dinners with local wines.
- All local taxes and service charges.
- The services of Tim Syrad as your Wine Tour manager and Wine Guide.

**It is a condition of my accepting a booking that you will take out appropriate travel insurance - please see our Terms and Conditions Section 8.**

[Terms and Conditions](#) are available on my website or on request.

***The FCO advises that British citizens need a visa to travel to Australia - [find out more](#)***  
***For vaccination and other health advice [click here](#)***

**Please note flights to/from Australia and in country transfers between modules are not included in the price.** Many of my clients prefer to extend their holiday before or after my tours, so I let people make their own flight arrangements. Please contact me if you would like to discuss travel options, for example transfers to/from our hotel. I cannot arrange travel for you, but I can advise on what might work best.

## How to book this tour

Please contact me by phone or email, or use the enquiry form on the [Contact page](#) on the website to check availability. If I confirm a place is available, please complete the [booking form](#) and send it to me with your deposit. A deposit of £100 is taken at booking to reserve your place, the balance must be paid 8 weeks before the tour starts.

If you don't have travel insurance arranged for the dates of the tour at the time you are booking you will need to provide me with details (name of insurer, policy number, 24 hour emergency telephone numbers) before the tour starts.

Once I have confirmed a tour is proceeding I advise clients to arrange flights and confirm travel arrangements to me. **Please do not arrange flights before I have confirmed your place and that the tour is proceeding.**

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As always I have strived to create fantastic opportunities to meet winemakers, discover their wines and visit their wineries and vineyards, while keeping my costs down. As a small company I have few overheads, and I believe I offer the best value of any UK wine tour operator—on a per night basis these tours are at least 40% cheaper than a tour to Australia offered in 2018 by a well known competitor.

Margaret River is the destination of our first module, and is without a doubt home to some of Australia's most renowned wineries and most prestigious wines. Famous for having a more "European" wine style than its counterparts across the country, Margaret River has made its name through its unusually refined Cabernet Sauvignon, gamey Shiraz, intensely citrusy Chardonnay, and refreshingly grassy blends of Sauvignon Blanc and Sémillon.

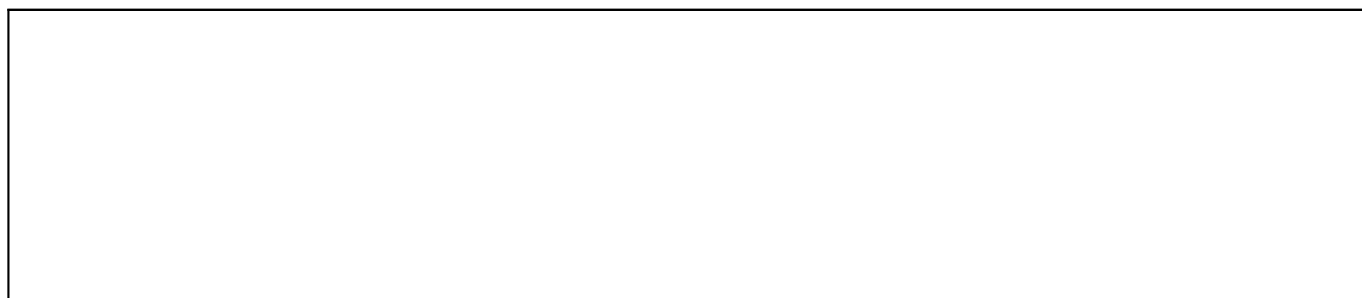
In addition to exploring Margaret River there are several lesser known areas such as **Blackwood Valley**, **Pemberton** and **Geographe** which are worthy of our attention and will provide a contrast to the more well-trodden routes. I will also ensure we get to enjoy the magnificent coastline. Our accommodation base has yet to be determined but will be close enough to the key regions to ensure we do not waste precious time in the coach!

In South Australia (Modules 2 and 4) we will be based in the beautiful city of Adelaide, ideally placed to venture into four distinct areas: **Barossa Valley**, **Clare Valley**, **Eden Valley** and the **Adelaide Hills**. These wines need no introduction of course. The quality is superb and there is a stunning array of sparkling, white, red, dessert and fortified wines. The scenery is amazing, the cuisine sensational and the warmth of welcome legendary.

Victoria is a relatively small, yet viticulturally important state of Australia. Located in the southeast corner of the continent, a cool, ocean-influenced climate has given Victorian wine an image at odds with Australia's famous Barossa Shiraz and Hunter Valley Cabernet.

In the hallowed regions of **Yarra Valley** and **Mornington Peninsula** Pinot Noir and Chardonnay rank among the most important grape varieties, making still and sparkling wines, while Shiraz tends to be more savoury and spicy than the jammy, fruit-driven Shiraz from South Australia. Victoria is also home to some of Australia's most important dessert wines: the fortified Muscat and Topaque wines from **Rutherglen** and **Glenrowan**.

While Australia's reputation for cuisine might suggest we'll be throwing steak onto the barbie every night, in reality gastronomy will be a highlight of this tour. This young country is a melting pot of cultures and cuisines, and we can look forward to some exciting and innovative meals to complement the wines we will be discovering.



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Clare Valley vineyard



Margaret River vineyard



Busselton township

## More about Tim Syrad Wine Tours

Since 2001 I have escorted over 100 groups of people on tours to wine regions in Europe and the New World. My clients keep coming back year after year because in addition to tastings and visits we really do meet the people who make the wine and tend the vines.

I pride myself in offering tours that are informative, imaginative and enjoyable. I keep group sizes manageable so that we spend our time appreciating our visits, not getting on and off the bus or queuing for the loos! I personally escort all of my tours, and I ensure as much as possible of the money my clients pay is spent on great food and wine, and good hotels.

I believe you can combine appreciating fabulous wine with relaxation and laughter, which is why so many of my clients come on tour with me every year. There is a friendly and welcoming atmosphere on every tour from the start, and I am proud that many friendships have been made between the people who come on tour with me.

For more information [about me](#), my [next tours](#), and [previous tours](#) I have run, and to [find out what my clients](#) say (some of whom have been coming on tour with me since 2001) please explore the website.

I hope I have inspired you to consider this tour, please do not hesitate to [contact me](#) to find out more.

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Or use the online enquiry form on the [Contact page](#)