

# Melbourne Phillip Island Nature Parks Guided Ranger Tour

• Duration 1.5 hours (approx.) •

## • KEY FACTS •



1. Ranger guided tour
2. Commentary via personal headset
3. Seat in beachfront viewing stand



1. Transport from/to hotels
2. Food & beverages not listed as Inclusions
3. Souvenirs
4. Travel Insurance

## How to get there

### By Car -

Phillip Island is located 90 minutes drive from Melbourne. Allow a further 20 minutes from the bridge to get to the Penguin Parade. Free car parking on site.

### By Bus -

Public transport is limited on Phillip Island. V-line operates a bus to Phillip Island's main town, Cowes, from Southern Cross Station in Melbourne city. Please note that the V-line bus does not go to the Penguin Parade and there are no return buses to Melbourne at the conclusion of the Penguin Parade.

## Operating hours

Penguin Parade Visitor Centre	10:00 - Late
Penguin Parade	Vary by seasons. Please refer to "Other Information" Section
Christmas Day (25 December)	14:00 - Late

## Reconfirmation requirements

Please be advised you are required to contact The Service Provider 24 hours prior to the travel date during business hours to reconfirm your booking, meeting point and time, and departure time with your confirmation number. Please adjust your travel plan according to the details given by The Service Provider at time of reconfirming.

## Check-in requirements

The Guided Ranger Tours have strict start times. Failure to arrive on time will most likely be classified as no-show and result in forfeiting the booking and it cannot be refunded or transferred.

## What to bring/wear

The Penguin Parade is at sunset and outside. We suggest you bring warm clothes and a rain coat if it looks like rain. A rug to sit on the seats is also handy. Please note – unfortunately cameras or camcorders cannot be used at the Penguin Parade.

## Other info

- Minimum age 12 years
- Video and photography is not permitted at the Penguin Parade or any of the penguin viewing options.
- Ability to ascend/descend stairs required - alternative viewing location offered if unable to negotiate stairs
- The Penguin Parade occurs every evening at sunset for duration of 1 hour. Visitors must arrive at the visitor centre before the Penguins cross the beach, however to experience all the activities and attractions on offer it is recommended that

you arrive 1-2 hours before sunset.

- The penguins are wild birds. Numbers and arrival times will vary with the life-cycle activity and weather.

- Penguin Arrival Time (Guideline Only)

January: 20:45

February: 20:30

March: 20:00

April: 19:00 (Daylight Saving Time) / 18:00 (Non-Day Light Saving Time)

May: 17:30

June: 17:15

July: 17:45

August: 18:00

September: 18:15

October: 18:45 (Non-Day Light Saving Time) / 19:45 (Daylight Saving Time)

November: 20:15

December: 20:30

- Bookings are essential as numbers are limited to a maximum of 10 people

- Tour duration may be extended subject to penguin arrival times

## • OVER VIEW •

### Melbourne Phillip Island Nature Parks Guided Ranger Tour

Join your ranger guide for an informative journey through the penguin colony, enjoying their commentary via your personal headset. Take your seat in the wonderfully located beachfront viewing stand offering superb viewing of the penguins emerging from the water and crossing the beach.



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### Phillip Island Nature Parks

Phillip Island is part of the UNESCO Western Port Biosphere Reserve and encompasses wildlife sanctuaries, wetlands, woodlands and breathtaking coastlines which are protected and managed by world-renowned environmental and research programs. Habitat within Phillip Island Nature Parks supports significant populations of little penguins, hooded plovers, short-tailed shearwaters and

other international migratory bird species, and mammals such as koalas, possums, wallabies, Australian fur seals and bats.

### Penguin Parade

The Summerland Peninsula in the south-west of Phillip Island is home to an estimated 32,000 little penguins – one of the largest colonies in Australia. The Penguin Parade represents approximately 10 per cent of the colony. Each night at sunset, little penguins (numbering in the hundreds or thousands depending on the season) make the march across the beach and return to their burrow homes in the sand dunes.

### Fun Facts

- Little penguins are the smallest of the 17 penguin species and the only penguin that lives permanently in Australia.
- There are approximately 32,000 breeding penguins on Phillip Island.
- The first tourists visited the Penguin Parade in the 1920s.
- In 1955 the State Government established a large reserve over the penguin colony.
- The Little Penguin Scientific Advisory Committee was formed in 1966 and penguin counts and research programmes began.
- The Phillip Island Nature Parks were established in 1996.

## • POLICY •

### Cancellation Policy

If you cancel at least 7 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is no cancellation fee. If you cancel between 0 and 6 day(s) in advance of the scheduled departure, there is a 100 percent cancellation fee. If no show, no refund.



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