

Southwest Explorer

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Southwest Explorer has now been operating for a little over 4 months and we are taking this opportunity to thank all the people who have participated in a wide range of tours to all directions of the Southwest. This tourist service was developed with an initial focus on informative personalized scenic tours. Already the business has diversified to include a number of additional services to meet requests from visitors to the Warrnambool and some of the locals. In the past few weeks we have introduced Fishing Tours, Christmas party mystery trips and wine tours. These activities have already proven to be very popular and enjoyable for everyone involved.

PERSONALISED TOURS

By far the most popular tours have been the Half day Port Fairy and Tower Hill explorer and the Day Tour to the Shipwreck Coast and 12 Apostles. This day tour has expanded to include a number of other areas of interest including local cheese manufacturers and winery.



Pea Soup Beach at Port Fairy

We have had tours to all other areas including the wildflowers in the Grampians, Portland & Bridgewater Bay and surrounding areas of interest.



Wind farm at Petrified Forest Bridgewater Bay



Wildflower tour to Halls Gap



Sandy Bay near Childers Cove

SPECIAL TRIPS

Swim group to Port Campbell Bay – A social swim followed by lunch at the Timboon Railway shed Distillery.



The swimming group warming up after the swim



FISHING TRIPS

Most of these trips have been to the Moyne River at Port Fairy and we have caught a wide variety of fish including Silver Trevally, King George Whiting, Mullet and Salmon Trout.



Fishing the Moyne River for trevally



WINE TOURS

On Sunday the 14th we ventured to the Henty Wine Region around Hamilton. It was a really interesting and enjoyable day which began with morning tea at the Tearooms in Peshurst, we then had a very informative tour at Henty Winery, Lunch in the Botanic Gardens and then wine tasting at Hochkirch and Bochara wineries.

We finished the day with a scenic drive and walk to the lookout at Mount Rouse.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND PLANS

We have recently purchased a second vehicle – a 4WD Toyota Kluger Grande.



This vehicle will enable us to provide personalized tours of between 2-4 people to the more remote parts of the Great Ocean Road and Otway Ranges. We are currently developing a day package The Trail of Pioneers and Shipwrecks focusing on exploring the coastline and Shipwrecks along the Old Coach Road from Princetown to Moonlight Heads.



Great views at Sandy Bay/ Childers Cove

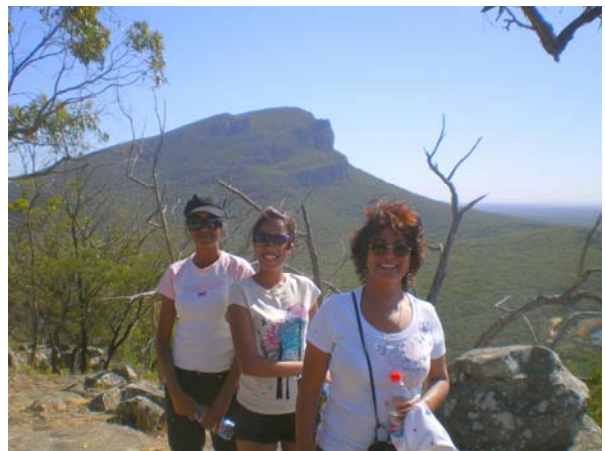
Thank-you for your support

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TOUR SNAPSHOTS



12 Apostles east side



Walking in the Grampians



Port Campbell Bay