

# 48 HOURS IN MOUNT GAMBIER



## Day 1

### Morning

Start off the day with a walk around the Blue Lake (1), only 3.6 kilometres. Take in the spectacular views of the lake, surrounding country side and Mount Schank. Grab a coffee or breakfast at the café then wait for the Aquifer Tour (2) to start. This tour departs from the café and takes you down into the crater of the lake and to the waters edge. Make your way down into the crater of the Valley Lake (3), with picturesque parks, gardens, picnic areas and a fabulous adventure playground makes this a popular place for all ages. Enjoy the Valley Lake Conservation Area (4); you can observe Kangaroos in their native habitat. From here make your way up to the Centenary Tower Lookout (5), the highest point in the area. It's a very steep walk from the car park for spectacular views of the lakes and other craters.

### Afternoon

Head back into the centre of town and enjoy lunch at one of the many eateries surrounding the Cave Garden (6), or bring your own lunch and enjoy it in the gardens. If it's raining, you can view the spectacular Cave Garden waterfall. Next to the garden is the Main Corner (7) building. At 1:00pm every day enjoy the award winning free movie "Volcano" the story of Earth Fire and Water. Afterwards wander around the building and view the free displays including a diorama of the discovery of the world's oldest boomerang, interactive interpretation of the Wreck of the Admella and historic information via touch screens.

Visit the Riddoch Art Gallery (8), South Australia's premier regional gallery featuring a collection of artworks that depicts the people and history of the Limestone Coast, a significant collection of Aboriginal art from Utopia and a large collection of 20th Century Australian art. The gallery also showcases local artists, community groups and both state and national touring exhibitions. Grab a bag of South Australia's iconic Haigh's chocolate and learn about their association with Mount Gambier.

### Evening

Mount Gambier has a selection of dining experiences; Indian, Thai, Chinese, Italian and traditional pubs to name a few. After dinner, check out the Main Corner and Cave Garden once again and see the spectacular images which are projected into the cave, onto the windows and the backs of the buildings within this area.

## Day 2

### Morning

If you are in Mount Gambier on a Saturday visit one of our authentic markets; the Farmers Market (6) in the Cave Garden or the Rotary Community Market (9) (entrance off Kennedy Avenue). Both provide a large variety of produce, craft, art and preloved goods.

After browsing in the markets you could take a guided tour to learn about the underground aquifer system and how and why qualified cave divers swim through the water filled passages under the streets and roads of Mount Gambier at Engelbrecht Cave (10). Late morning head down to The Lady Nelson Discovery Centre (11) and walk through the wetlands, caves, see ghosts, learn about the pre European history of our region and learn about the voyage of discovery undertaken by Lieutenant James Grant.

### Afternoon

3 kilometres further along the Jubilee Highway is the Umpherston Sinkhole (12), view the beautiful hanging gardens from the top and then walk down into the depths of the earth, to enjoy the gardens close up. Enjoy a coffee or Devonshire Tea at the kiosk then head back in to town.

Mount Gambier is renowned for its great shopping. The CBD has many exclusive independently owned boutique stores. You will be sure to find something to suit your taste in the CBD or at Mount Gambier Central (13) or Marketplace (14). If wine tasting is what you fancy, Mount Gambier is a declared wine region. Haig Wines (15) is open daily between 9-5pm for tastings. Caroline Hills Vineyard (16), Herbert Vineyard (17) and Noski Wines (18) are all open by appointment.

### Evening

Looking to try some of our local produce? Many local restaurants specialise in our regional produce. Grab a copy of our Eating Out listing, and find one that suits you. For night time entertainment, check out the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre (19). The Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre features a range of live shows, ballet, live theatre, comedians as well as a range of local productions. Or you could watch the latest movies at the Oatmill Cinema Complex (20). Many of the local pubs feature live music, details in the local paper. On your way home, feed the resident colony of possums fresh fruit at the Umpherston Sinkhole.

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