

A wide-angle photograph of a large cricket stadium filled with spectators. The stands are multi-tiered and made of brick, with a large crowd of people watching the match. The sky is overcast.

2019 ASHES SERIES

TOUR BROCHURE



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Dear Cricket Fans,

AST are excited to present our Tour Preview for the 2019 Ashes Series.

We invite you to explore our fantastic range of escorted Test tours!

HIGHLY ANTICIPATED SERIES

Thanks to the ever-growing interest in cricket's longest standing rivalry, plus a welcome return to its traditional four-year cycle following back-to-back away series in 2013 & 2015, the 2019 Ashes Series has generated more pre-registered interest than we've ever experienced.

Whether you're planning your first ever Ashes series in England or returning to do it all over again, there truly is no other experience that even comes close to the battle for the Urn on English soil.

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

Based on the overwhelming level of interest we've received for 2019, we have limited availability remaining on all our tours. As such, we strongly encourage you to explore this brochure, refer to our website for full & finalized details and be ready to secure your place with a \$1,000 deposit as soon as possible.

TOUR PRICES

Prices listed are based on twin share accommodation, with single supplement upgrade also available to add at time of booking.

The earlier you book the better!

COME & JOIN US

As the most experienced cricket tour operator in our field, our tours feature everything you would expect from a first class touring experience. We have your tickets, accommodation, sightseeing and transport covered for the upcoming Ashes Series in England. But for us, it's about giving you the best cricket and touring holiday experience you could imagine – the added extras that set us apart from the rest.

We'd love for you to join big Merv, Swampy & the AST team for the cricketing trip of a lifetime!



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AUSTRALIAN SPORTS TOURS TOUR HOSTS



MERV HUGHES

Big Merv headlines our ever impressive team of Tour Hosts for what will be his sixth Ashes Tour of England with AST. As a spearhead of Australia's back-to-back series wins in England in 1989 & 1993, Merv brings a wealth of knowledge in mastering English conditions - and with his finger still well & truly on Australian cricket's pulse, his colourful contribution at our daily briefings is every bit as insightful as it is entertaining. There are few larger characters in Australian Test Cricket folklore and we are honoured to welcome Merv on tour again in 2019.

GEOFF MARSH

Geoff *Swampy* Marsh is one of Australia's most respected opening batsmen and, more recently, one of its most famous cricketing fathers. A 50-Test veteran and fellow member of the infamous 1989 "worst team ever to tour England" (which won 4-0!), Geoff adds an enormous calibre of expertise to our team of Tour Hosts for 2019. Among many career highlights including his match winning century in the 1987 World Cup Final, Geoff's pedigree is etched in Ashes history courtesy of his still unbeaten 329-run opening partnership with Mark Taylor at Trent Bridge. We can't wait to have Geoff on board!



AUSTRALIAN SPORTS TOURS FEATURE TOUR



\$12,290

price per person - single supplement applies
limited availability - see website for full details

EDGBASTON & LORD'S

Tests 1 & 2 & Mid Tour Travel

31 July - 19 August 2019
19 or 21# Nights

Our 2019 Ashes Series campaign kicks off with Tests 1 & 2 at Edgbaston and Lord's respectively. The tour includes AST's favourite host Merv Hughes and we are also thrilled to introduce Geoff Marsh to the team.

For those wanting to extend your experience with our Tour Hosts and enjoy more of the build up to the start of the series, we are offering a London 2 Night Extension (29-31 July). This can be added at time of booking, or at a later date when your own pre-Ashes travel plans are finalised. Extension items are denoted in the brochure with #.



MON 29 JUL: London#

Welcome to London and the start of your 2019 Ashes Series Tour! If you have just arrived into London from your international flight, today is a great chance to relax and recover from the long travel and explore some of this great city. The evening is yours to discover the lively nightlife in Leicester Square and Soho or catch a show in the West End.

Overnight: Holiday Inn London

TUE 30 JUL: London#

Today is a free day in London. Home to famous landmarks known throughout the world including Tower Bridge, Big Ben, Buckingham Palace and Trafalgar Square amongst others.

Tonight we will come together as a group for the first time for our welcome dinner. This will be a great opportunity to meet your fellow travellers plus your AST Tour Hosts and Reps, all while enjoying an included dinner and drinks.

Overnight: Holiday Inn London

WED 31 JUL: Transfer to Birmingham#

This morning we board our private coach transfer from London to Birmingham in readiness for tomorrow's 1st Test Match at Edgbaston.



WED 31 JUL: Birmingham + Cricket Australia Function

Birmingham is the UK's second largest city and has spectacularly reinvented itself as a vibrant, cultural hotspot with more glamorous shops, buzzing pubs and jumping nightlife than you can wish for.

For those commencing their tour today (19 nights), hotel check-in is available from 3pm.

Tonight, we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function which includes finger food, a drink package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham

THU 1 - MON 5 AUG: 1st Test Match - Edgbaston, Birmingham

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Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham

TUE 6 - TUE 13 AUG: Mid Tour Travel

Enjoy a wonderful 7 night break between Tests 1 & 2 on your choice of Mid Tour Travel.

Choose from:

A1 – Northern Ireland & Scotland

A2 – Munich, Salzburg, Vienna & Prague

A3 – Helsinki, St Petersburg & Moscow

Your choice of Mid Tour Travel is included in your Test 1 & 2 tour price (supplement may apply to some Mid Tour destinations).

TUE 13 AUG: London + Pre-Match Function

This morning we conclude our Mid Tour Travel and fly to London in anticipation for the start of tomorrow's 2nd Test Match at Lord's.

Tonight, following our arrival into London, we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function which includes a 3 course dinner, a drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Doubletree by Hilton Westminster

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- Private coach London to Birmingham[#]
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- AST Tour merchandise including polo shirts & cap

NIGHTS

- 2 nights London[#] (29-31 Jul)
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- 7 nights Mid-Tour Travel (6-13 Aug)
- 6 nights London (13-19 Aug)

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EDGBASTON, LORD'S & HEADINGLEY

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MON 19 - WED 21 AUG: City Break

Today is the start of the two nights City Break. Choose either Amsterdam or Berlin.

Select your City Break during the booking process (2 night City break is included in your Test 1, 2 & 3 tour price).

WED 21 AUG: Leeds + Pre-Match Function

This morning we fly back to the UK in readiness for tomorrow's 3rd Test Match at Headingley. Tonight we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function which includes finger food, a drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Leeds

THU 22 - MON 26 AUG: 3rd Test, Headingley, Leeds

We reach the pivotal 3rd Test at Headingley, Leeds for the first time since 2009, and we'll be hoping to repeat that match where we dominated England.

Each morning before the day's play our Tour Host Merv Hughes will conduct his pre-match briefings dissecting the previous day and what to expect for the day ahead.

In 2009, Australia's bowlers set up the Test with a fantastic performance in the 1st innings dismissing England for 102 runs on the back of Peter Siddler's 5-21 and 3-18 from Stuart Clark. Australia compiled 445 runs, before our bowlers again rolled England for 263 with Mitchell Johnson claiming 5-59 and Ben Hilfenhaus taking 4-60.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Leeds

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MID TOUR TRAVEL & CITY BREAK

Enjoy a wonderful 7 night break between Tests 1 & 2 on your choice of Mid Tour Travel. Our City Break options are included in your tour price! See our Mid Tour Travel pages for more information.



\$9,990

price per person - single supplement applies
limited availability - see website for full terms

LORD'S & HEADINGLEY

Tests 2 & 3 & City Break

13 - 27 August 2019
14 Nights

Be there at Lord's, the home of cricket, for what is always one of the most anticipated Tests on the international cricket calendar. This is followed by the all-important 3rd Test at Headingley which will, as always, prove pivotal in the series and undoubtedly produce plenty of talking points.

Before each day's play we enjoy hearing the insights of our Tour Hosts at our pre-match seminars, then travel by private coach to the ground ready to settle into our reserved seats.

Our Test 2 & 3 Tour also includes a fantastic 2 night City Break to either Berlin or Amsterdam.



TUE 13 AUG: London + Pre-Match Function

Welcome to London! Today arrive into our London hotel in anticipation for the start of tomorrow's 2nd Test Match at Lord's.

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Overnight: Crowne Plaza Leeds

THU 22 - MON 26 AUG: 3rd Test, Headingley, Leeds

We reach the pivotal 3rd Test at Headingley, Leeds which is back on the Ashes fixture for the first time since 2009, and the visiting Aussies will be hoping for a repeat of that match where they dominated England winning by an innings and 80 runs.

Each morning before the day's play our Tour Host Merv Hughes will conduct his pre-match briefings dissecting the previous day and what to expect for the day ahead.

In 2009, Australia's bowlers set up the Test with a fantastic performance in the 1st innings where they dismissed England for only 102 runs on the back of 5-21 from Peter Siddle and 3-18 from Stuart Clark.

Australia only needed to bat once and compiled 445 with Marcus North scoring a century, before our bowlers again did the job rolling England for 263 with Mitchell Johnson claiming 5-59 and Ben Hilfenhaus taking 4-6.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Leeds

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MATCH DETAILS

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- Reserved seating at Test 2 - Lord's
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- AST Tour merchandise including polo shirts & cap

NIGHTS

- 6 nights London (13-19 Aug)
- 2 nights City Break (19-21 Aug)
- 6 nights Leeds (21-27 Aug)

CITY BREAK

Enjoy a wonderful 2 night break between Tests 2 & 3 on your choice of City Breaks.

Choose from:

- B1 - London
- B2 - Amsterdam
- B3 - Berlin

See our City Break destination pages for more information.





OLD TRAFFORD & THE OVAL

Tests 4 & 5 & Barcelona Getaway

3 - 17 September 2019
14 Nights

The 2019 Ashes Series reaches its climax with Tests 4 & 5 at two of the most iconic grounds in England - Old Trafford and The Oval. Old Trafford has played host to some of Test cricket's most memorable tussles and is renowned as producing one of the best atmospheres in the game. Meanwhile The Oval, under the shadows of the iconic Gasholders, is fabled for many reasons - none the least for its prestigious series-deciding listing.

Our Test 4 & 5 tour also includes 2 nights in Spain's enchanting seaside city of Barcelona, with its boundless culture, stunning architecture and Mediterranean lifestyle.

\$8,490

price per person - single supplement applies
limited availability - see website for full terms

TUE 3 SEP: Manchester + Cricket Australia Pre-Match Function

Welcome to Manchester! Today arrive into our Manchester hotel in anticipation for the start of tomorrow's 4th Test Match at Old Trafford. Manchester has been a city on the move in recent years and there is an abundance of new entertainment precincts and quality restaurants within easy walking distance of the hotel.

Tonight, we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function which includes finger food, a drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Manchester

WED 4 - SUN 8 SEP: 4th Test, Old Trafford, Manchester

The start of the 4th Ashes Test is upon us and Australia will be hoping that their recent run of great form continues here, where they have not lost in the past six Ashes Test Matches.

In 2013 at this venue, rain played a part in Australia not being able to force the win with the match ending in a draw. Batting first we made a huge total of 7/527 declared, with Michael Clarke compiling a wonderful 187 not out. We then took a 160 run lead at the halfway point thanks to Peter Siddler's 4-63 and Mitchell Starc's 3-76 restricting



England to 368 runs. A quick run chase in our 2nd innings saw wickets tumble before we set a target of 330 for the home team to chase, but the weather was against everyone and England finished precariously positioned on 3-37 as we all thought what could have been.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Manchester

MON 9 SEP: Barcelona Getaway

Today is the start of the two night Barcelona Getaway. After checking out of our Manchester hotel, we board our airport coach transfer and fly to sunny Barcelona for our first exciting evening in the Catalan capital.

Overnight: City Centre 4 star hotel

TUE 10 SEP: Barcelona Getaway

Some of Barcelona's top attractions include La Sagrada Familia, Las Ramblas Street, Park Guell by Gaudi, Parc de Montjuic and the Picasso Museum to name a few. Take a dip in one of Barcelona's beautiful beaches, from bustling Barceloneta to nudist Mar Bella or tranquil Caldetes.

Overnight: City Centre 4 star hotel

WED 11 SEP: London

This morning we fly back to the UK in readiness for tomorrow's 5th Test Match at The Oval, London. Tonight we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function which includes finger food, a drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Park Plaza Riverbank

THU 12 - MON 16 SEP: 5th Test, The Oval, Manchester

After touring for over two months, Australia's quest to retain the Ashes could all come down to the 5th and final Ashes Test starting today.

Australia finished off their 2015 tour in style last time they played at this venue thrashing England by an innings and 46 runs although it was a hollow victory as the Ashes had already being lost earlier in the series. Highlights of the Test was Steve Smith making 143 runs in the 1st innings and then great contributions from some of our bowlers - Peter Siddle claimed match figures of 6-67 and he was assisted by Mitch Marsh 5-86, Mitchell Johnson 4-86 and Nathan Lyon 4-93.

Overnight: Park Plaza Riverbank

TUE 17 SEP: Tour Concludes

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MATCH DETAILS

- 4th Test at Old Trafford: 4-8 Sep
- 5th Test at The Oval: 12-16 Sep

HIGHLIGHTS

- Reserved seating at Test 4 - Old Trafford
- Reserved seating at Test 5 - The Oval
- 2 nights Barcelona Getaway between Tests 4 & 5
- Full breakfast daily
- Return private coach match transfers every day to/from Old Trafford
- Cricket Australia Pre-Match Function in Manchester & London
- Daily AST social schedule
- Services of experienced AST Tour Rep
- AST Tour merchandise including polo shirts & cap

NIGHTS

- 6 nights Manchester (3-9 Sep)
- 2 nights Barcelona (9-11 Sep)
- 6 nights London (11-17 Sep)

BARCELONA GETAWAY

A wonderful 2 night Barcelona Getaway is included in your tour price.

The Barcelona Getaway includes return airfares (Manchester to Barcelona to London), 2 nights accommodation in Barcelona, sightseeing, airport transfers, and the services of your experienced AST Tour Rep for the full duration of the trip.

As an added bonus, depending on the draw for the 2019 UEFA Champions League, Barcelona FC may be playing at home whilst we are there (the competition traditionally commences on the second Tuesday in September).

MID TOUR TRAVEL

6-13 AUGUST 2019

Your choice of Mid Tour Travel destination is included in your tour price and enables you to custom build your own tour experience in between Tests 1 & 2.

Mid Tour Travel (6-13 Aug) is included within:

- Test 1 & 2 Tour
- Test 1, 2 & 3 Tour

With many areas of Europe enduring heatwave conditions during early-to-mid August, as you will notice, our Mid Tour Travel destinations have been hand selected to take advantage of the much more pleasant European latitudes at this time of year.

MID TOUR TRAVEL INCLUDES:

- Return flights from the UK & back to London
- Seven (7) nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- Internal transfers where applicable
- Guided sightseeing & entries as listed in itinerary
- Services of AST tour rep

CODE	MID TOUR TRAVEL DESTINATION
A1	Northern Ireland & Scotland SOLD OUT
A2	Munich, Salzburg, Vienna & Prague
A3	Helsinki, St Petersburg & Moscow

All Mid Tour Travel are subject to meeting minimum numbers.



A1: NORTHERN IRELAND & SCOTLAND



A2: MUNICH, SALZBURG, VIENNA & PRAGUE



A3: HELSINKI, ST PETERSBURG & MOSCOW



Dunluce Castle



Malt Whisky Tour



Edinburgh Military Tattoo



HIGHLIGHTS

- Edinburgh Military Tattoo tickets
- Giants Causeway
- Loch Ness & Urquart Castle
- Malt Whiskey Trail
- Belfast city
- Stirling Castle
- Edinburgh Fringe Festival

NIGHTS

- 2 nights Belfast
- 2 nights Inverness
- 3 nights Edinburgh

FLIGHTS

- Birmingham to Belfast
- Belfast to Inverness
- Edinburgh to London

A1

TUE 6 AUG: Belfast

Walking tour & evening in Belfast.

WED 7 AUG: Giant's Causeway

Also see Dunluce Castle, Carrick-a-Rede rope-bridge.

THU 8 AUG: Loch Ness + Urquhart Castle

Boat trip on Loch Ness + Castle entry.

FRI 9 AUG: Malt Whisky Trail Tour

Full day in Speyside whisky region.

SAT 10 AUG: Perth + Stirling Castle

Coach trip with scenic stops.

SUN 11 AUG: Full day in Edinburgh

Enjoy the Fringe Comedy Festival.

MON 12 AUG: Edinburgh Military Tattoo

Reserved tickets included in tour.

TUE 13 AUG: London

Function tonight as per full tour itinerary.

A2: MID TOUR TRAVEL

Northern Ireland & Scotland

6 - 13 August 2019
7 Nights





Prague



Schönbrunn Palace



Eagle's Nest

A2: MID TOUR TRAVEL

Munich, Salzburg, Vienna & Prague

6 - 13 August 2019
7 Nights

TUE 6 AUG: Munich

Day to explore city & enjoy a famous Beer Hall tonight.

WED 7 AUG: Munich Sightseeing

Morning city tour & enjoyable evening in Munich.

THU 8 AUG: Eagle's Nest + Salzburg

Scenic drive Salzburg with stop at WWII Eagles Nest.

FRI 9 AUG: Salzburg Sightseeing + Vienna

Sound of Music tour Salzburg + evening in Vienna.

SAT 10 AUG: Vienna Sightseeing

City Tour with entry into Schonbrunn Palace.

SUN 11 AUG: Vienna to Prague

Coach trip with scenic stops. Evening at leisure in Prague.

MON 12 AUG: Prague Sightseeing

Morning city tour with entry into Prague Castle. Tonight we enjoy the evening together in Prague.

TUE 13 AUG: London

Function tonight as per full tour itinerary.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Munich City Tour, Bavarian Beer Halls
- Eagle's Nest & Lake Königssee
- Salzburg, Sound of Music, Mozart's Birthplace
- Vienna City Tour, Schonbrunn Palace
- Prague City Tour, Prague Castle, Old Town

NIGHTS

- 2 nights Munich
- 1 night Salzburg
- 2 nights Vienna
- 2 nights Prague

FLIGHTS

- Birmingham to Munich
- Prague to London

A2



St Basil's Cathedral



Grand Palace - St Petersburg

HIGHLIGHTS

- Finlandia Hall & Opera House
- The Admiralty, Palace Square
- Peter and Paul Fortress
- Hermitage Museum
- Peterhof Palace and gardens
- Red Square, Kremlin, St Basil's
- Bolshoi, Palaces of the People

NIGHTS

- 1 night Helsinki
- 1 overnight ferry to St Petersburg
- 3 nights St Petersburg
- 2 nights Moscow

FLIGHTS

- London to Helsinki
- Moscow to London

A3

TUE 6 AUG: Helsinki

Morning flight, afternoon & night in Helsinki.

WED 7 AUG: St Petersburg

Explore Helsinki before overnight ferry to St Petersburg.

THU 8 AUG: St Petersburg

St Petersburg day tour. Evening enjoy the city by night.

FRI 9 AUG: Hermitage Museum

Guided tour of St Petersburg's most famous museum.

SAT 10 AUG: Peterhof Palace

Tour to Peterhof Palace & its enchanting gardens.

SUN 11 AUG: Moscow

High speed train. Afternoon & evening in Moscow.

MON 12 AUG: Moscow

Full day tour of Red Square, Kremlin & much more.

TUE 13 AUG: London

Function tonight as per full tour itinerary.

A3: MID TOUR TRAVEL

Helsinki, St Petersburg & Moscow

6 - 13 August 2019
7 Nights

CITY BREAK DESTINATIONS

19-21 AUGUST 2019

We have included a City Break for you to enjoy a small slice of Europe between the 2nd and 3rd Tests, with the choice of either Amsterdam or Berlin.

Your choice of City Break is included on:

- Test 1, 2 & 3 Tour
- Test 2 & 3 Tour

For those travelling on our Tests 1, 2 & 3 Tour, you will get to enjoy your 7 Night Mid Tour Travel destination (6-13 August), in addition to your 2 Night City Break (19-21 August).

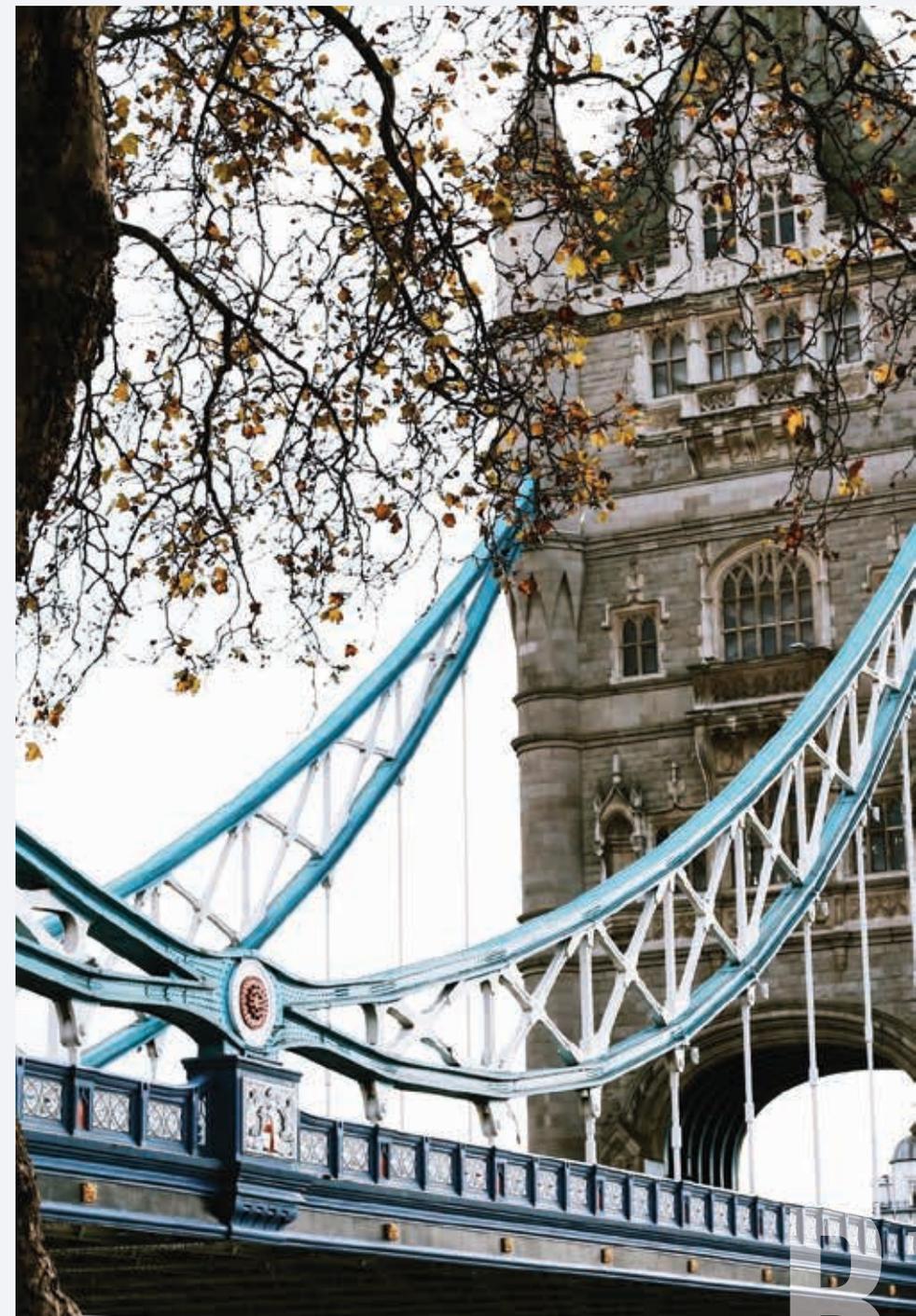
YOU CHOICE OF CITY BREAK INCLUDES:

- Return flights between the UK & Berlin or Amsterdam
- Two (2) nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Airport transfers
- Internal transfers where applicable
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- Services of AST tour rep

Please see our website for itinerary information & the full list of inclusions specific to each destination.

CODE	CITY BREAK DESTINATION
B1	London
B2	Amsterdam
B3	Berlin

Supplement price is per person.

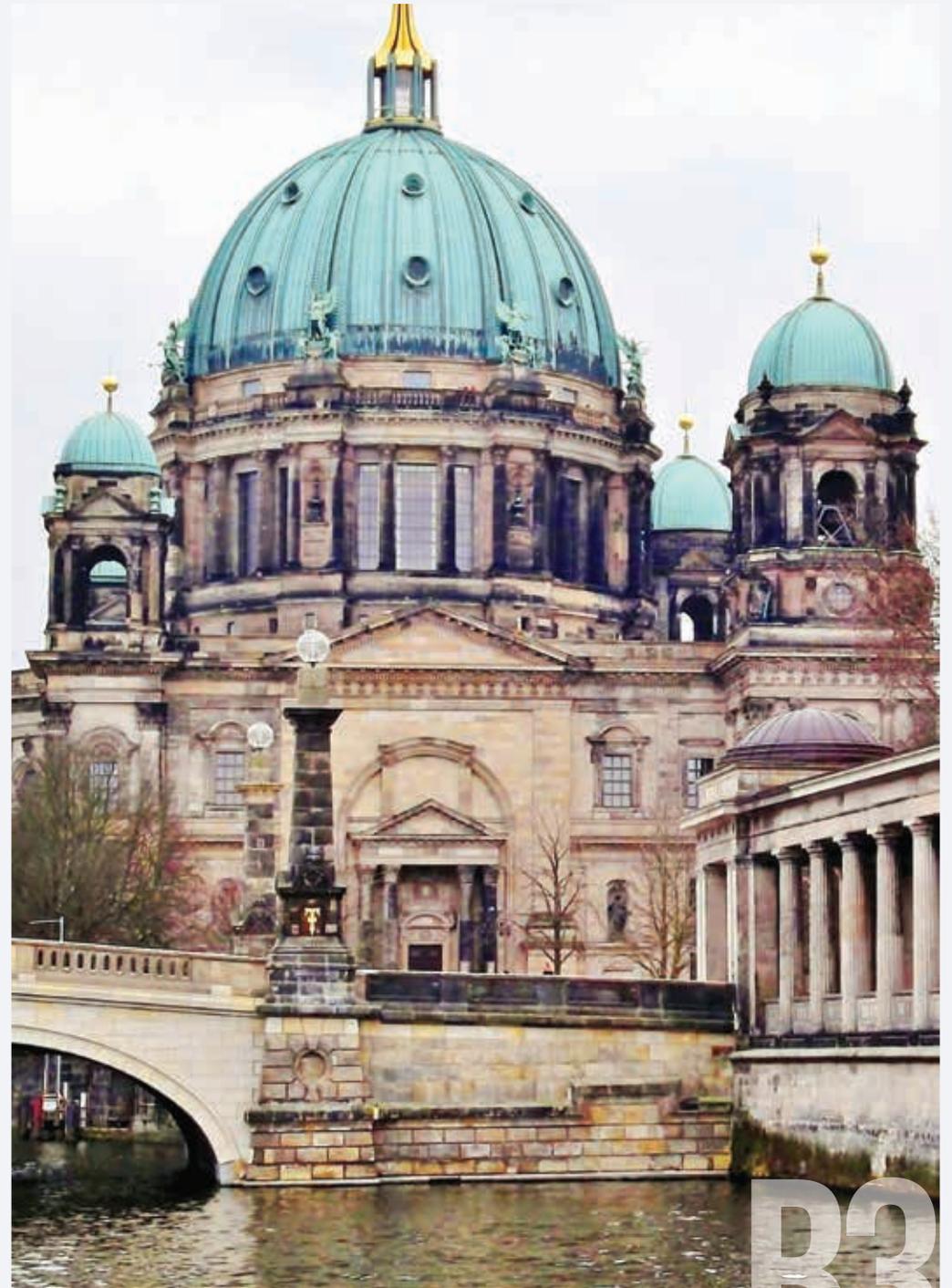


B1: LONDON



B2: AMSTERDAM

B2



B3: BERLIN

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2019 ASHES SERIES MATCH PACKAGES

Match packages are on sale now to the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Test Matches as part of their 2019 Ashes experience.

Our match packages are perfect for tour members who want to extend their time in the UK with some independent travel.

PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Six (6) nights accommodation
- Breakfast daily
- Reserved seating at the your choice of Ashes Test
- Cricket Australia Pre-Match Function the evening prior to each Test Match commencing including finger food, a drinks package and special guest appearances(venue TBC)
- AST Polo Shirt & Cap
- Optional AST Match Transfers & Pre-Match Briefings (additional cost)

TEST		PRICE
1	Edgbaston (1 to 5 Aug 2019)	\$2,997
3	Headingley (22 to 26 Aug 2019)	\$2,936
4	Old Trafford (4 to 8 Sep 2019)	\$2,929
5	The Oval (12 to 16 Sep 2019)	\$3,517

Price is per person and correct at the time of printing.



\$2,936

Price per person - single supplement applies
limited availability - see website for full details

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USEFUL INFORMATION & TESTIMONIALS

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Qantas Airways is the Official Airline Partner of Cricket Australia and provides an extensive range of flight options for your international travel needs.

AST is a licenced travel agent and able to provide you with a quote for your flights to & from the UK with Qantas &/or your preferred airline.

Our escorted tours have internal flights around the UK and Europe and these are included in your tour price wherever flights are stated in the itinerary or list of tour inclusions.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel Insurance is not included in our travel packages or tours, however it is highly recommended as all payments made are non-refundable.

Travel insurance should be taken out as soon as you pay your first deposit as you are covered from the day you purchase your insurance for any unforeseen circumstances as per the information stipulated in the provider's product disclosure.

We have a long standing relationship with SureSave Insurance and will be able to organise this for you. Please contact our office and we will be able to assist with obtaining a quote on coverage appropriate for you. You will need to make SureSave aware of any pre-existing medical conditions.

PASSPORT & VISA INFORMATION

Australian passport holders do NOT require a visa for stays of less than 3 months in the United Kingdom (UK).

You will require a passport that is valid for a minimum of 6 months from your return date to Australia and the possession of a return/onward flight ticket showing your date of departure from the UK. If you are a passport holder of another nationality other than Australian, please contact the relevant embassy or consulate for visa requirements.

DEPOSIT & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The following deposit and payment schedule applies to our escorted tours:

Time of booking: \$1,000 deposit per person

8th December 2018: Second deposit 20% of total tour cost

8th February 2019: Third deposit 40% of total tour cost

8th May 2019: Final balance of total tour cost

We accept payment by credit card, direct deposit and cheque payments.

All payments made, including deposits, are non-refundable.

ROOM TYPES & SOLO TRAVELLERS

Our tour hotels come with the choice of twin room, double room, as well as single room upgrade for those who prefer their own room.

If you are a solo traveller and would rather avoid paying single supplements, simply select our 'single-in-twin' rooming option and we will pair you up with another same-gender traveller on our tour (subject to availability, can be confirmed at time of booking by calling our office first).

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Brochure info is a guide only - see website for full details, prices and terms & conditions.

AST are a really professional team. Planning the trip was simple. The tour was terrific and the access to a range of former test players was excellent.

- Frank & Janice Colley, 2015 Ashes Tour

Your three staff members and Kerry have made this tour a most memorable occasion. AST should be very proud of their team, particularly when the Test Match finished a day early. Instead of having a well earned day off, we were taken on a day trip to Durham and had a fantastic day. Initiative like this strengthens the AST brand.

- Des Kirwin, 2013 Ashes Tour

As a cricket enthusiast – I was fascinated by the guest speakers at all the functions and briefings. Very worthwhile to hear legends speak about issues and highlights. AST facilitated these talks giving us all great insights into cricket.

- John Siganto, 2015 Ashes Tour

The whole tour was well organised and the hosts Merv, AB and Terry were always approachable. Our tour leader Renee always knew what was happening and had everything and everyone organised. We never had to wait for anyone or anything.

- Shane Grishford, 2013 Ashes Tour

Our third trip with AST and once again a memorable holiday! As usual everything organised perfectly, any issues that did come up were quickly dealt with without a second of fuss or bother and without us feeling like we were being a pest. San – thank you for looking after us all so splendidly – your company was so much fun and we really truly enjoyed every second of it (cricket aside!). We are really looking forward to seeing you again next trip!

- Janice & Mick Malady, 2015 Ashes Tour

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for a wonderful trip! Staff were fantastic and everything ran smoothly. Incredible experience. Another tick on the bucket list.

- Kerry Masters, 2013 Ashes Tour

2019 ASHES SERIES CRICKET GROUNDS

Grounds in the UK are extremely small by our standards (all grounds have a capacity of less than 30,000), and there is a huge ticket demand for an Ashes Series.



Test One EDGBASTON

Edgbaston Cricket Ground, also known as the County Ground or Edgbaston Stadium, is home to Warwickshire County Cricket Club and considered to be one of England's leading cricket grounds.

Edgbaston was the first English ground outside Lord's to host a major international one day tournament final when it hosted the ICC Champions Trophy final in 2013. With permanent seating for approximately 25,000 spectators, it is the fourth-largest cricketing venue in the United Kingdom, after Lord's, Old Trafford and The Oval.

In 1994, Brian Lara scored 501 at the ground playing for Warwickshire against Durham, the highest score by a batsman in first class cricket.

In 2005 Ashes, Australia lost to England by a mere two runs in the second Ashes Test, the closest Ashes match ever.

Test Date:	Thursday 1 to Monday 5 August 2019
Address:	Edgbaston, Birmingham
Capacity:	25,000
Established:	1882
End Names:	Pavilion End Birmingham End (previously City End)

Test Two LORD'S

Lord's Cricket Ground, commonly known simply as Lord's, is named after its founder, Thomas Lord, and is owned by Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC). It is the home of Middlesex County Cricket Club, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the European Cricket Council (ECC). Lord's is widely referred to as the Home of Cricket and is home to the world's oldest sporting museum. The historic pavilion is primarily for members of MCC and the only cricketer to hit a ball over the pavilion was Albert Trott, off a Monty Noble delivery in 1899.

One of the most distinctive features of Lord's is the significant slope across the field. The north-west side is 2.5m higher than the south-east side. This slope causes appreciable deviation in the ball bouncing on the pitch, making it easier to move the ball in to right-handed batters when bowling from the Pavilion End, and easier to move it away when bowling from the Nursery End.

Test Date:	Wednesday 14 to Sunday 18 August 2019
Address:	Lord's, London
Capacity:	28,000
Established:	1814
End Names:	Pavilion End Nursery End



Test Three HEADINGLEY

Headingley Cricket Ground, usually shortened to Headingley and is also known as Emerald Headingley Cricket Ground.

At this ground in the 1930 Ashes Test, Donald Bradman scored an innings total of 304 runs. In the 1948 Ashes series, Australia scored 3/404 on the last day to beat England helped by Arthur Morris score of 182 and Bradman's 173 not out.

In the third Test Match of the 1975 Ashes series (a four-test series), early on Tuesday 19 August head groundsman George Cawthray discovered that campaigners calling for the release from prison of George Davis had dug holes in the pitch, and poured oil over one end of the wicket. This led to the match being abandoned and declared a draw, denying England the chance to win back the Ashes.

Test Date:	Thursday 22 to Monday 26 August 2019
Address:	Headingley, Leeds
Capacity:	17,500
Established:	1890
End Names:	Kirkstall Lane End Football Stand End



Test Four OLD TRAFFORD

Old Trafford is home of Manchester Cricket Club and Lancashire County Cricket Club. It is England's second oldest Test venue and hosted the first Ashes Test in July 1884. The pitch at Old Trafford has historically been the quickest in England.

On this ground in 1956, the first 10-wicket haul in a single innings was achieved by English bowler Jim Laker - a record which remains unbeaten in Test and first-class cricket. In the 1993 Ashes Test, Shane Warne bowled Mike Gatting with the Ball of the Century.

During WWII, Old Trafford was a transit camp for troops returning from Dunkirk. In December 1940, the ground was hit by bombs and destroyed several stands. Despite the damage cricket resumed promptly after the war. The 'Victory Test' between England and Australia in August 1945 saw 76,463 attend the match over three days.

Test Date:	Wednesday 4 to Sunday 8 September 2019
Address:	Old Trafford, Manchester
Capacity:	26,000
Established:	1857
End Names:	James Anderson End Brian Statham End



Test Five THE OVAL

The Oval is home for the Surrey County Cricket Club. Traditionally, the final Test Match of the English season is played here. The famous gasholders outside the ground were built around 1853 and are an integral part of The Oval's landscape.

In 1868, 20,000 spectators gathered at The Oval for the first match of the Aboriginal cricket tour of England, the first tour of England by any foreign side. The first Test Match in England was played at The Oval in 1880 between England and Australia.

The Oval hosted its 100th Test, against South Africa, on 27 July 2017, becoming the fourth Test venue after Lord's, MCG and SCG to do so. Moeen Ali also became the first player to take a Test hat trick at The Oval, bowling out South Africa in the second innings to win the match.

Test Date:	Thursday 12 to Monday 16 September 2019
Address:	The Oval, London
Capacity:	25,500
Established:	1845
End Names:	Pavilion End Vauxhall End



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