

AUSTRALIA WINS THE ASHES



UK ASHES TOUR

JUNE - JULY 2023

Welcome

An Ashes tour of England is regarded by many as a 'rite of passage' for Aussie cricket fans while for others it is a privileged 'bucket list' experience never to be forgotten. Since our first Ashes tour to England in 2001 we have helped all sorts of cricket fans live their ultimate dream.

AST are excited to present our brochure for the 2023 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 international travel, the 2023 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.

Touring options

In between the cricket, we have some incredible touring options for you including the French Riviera, Paris, central Europe and Ireland. Each of these options will be guided by our experienced tour leaders and local guides along

with our tour hosts allowing you to sit back and enjoy a fantastic cricketing touring experience.

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, AB, Kim, Clem & the AST team for the cricketing trip of a lifetime!

The team at Australian Sports Tours





2023 Test Dates

Test 1	Edgbaston, Birmingham	16 - 20 June
Test 2	Lord's, London	28 June - 2 July
Test 3	Headingley, Leeds	6 - 10 July
Test 4	Old Trafford, Manchester	19 - 23 July
Test 5	The Oval, London	27 - 31 July



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Australian Sports Tours

Tour Hosts



Merv

An AST Tour would not be complete without Merv Hughes who is returning for what will be his seventh Ashes Tour with AST.

As a spearhead of Australia's back-to-back series wins in England in 1989 and 1993, Merv brings a wealth of knowledge in mastering English conditions - and with his finger still well and truly on Australian cricket's pulse, his colourful contribution at our daily briefings is every bit as insightful as it is entertaining.

Merv is the tour host for Tour 1 covering the 1st, 2nd and 3rd tests.

There are few larger characters in Australian Test Cricket folklore and we are honoured to welcome Merv on tour again in 2023.

Geoff

Geoff *Swampy* Marsh is one of Australia's most respected opening batsmen and, more recently, one of its most famous cricketing fathers.

Former Australian opening batsmen Geoff Marsh is hosting Tour 2 that includes the 1st & 2nd Tests in Edgbaston and Lord's. Geoff famously made a match winning century in the 1987 World Cup Final and also boasts a record 329-run opening partnership with Mark Taylor at Trent Bridge as part of the 1989 Ashes win.

We can't wait to have Geoff back on board again!



Allan

Allan AB Border AO is returning for his third Ashes Tour with AST.

Allan's captaincy from the mid-1980s turned the tide of Australian cricket on and off the field with upset wins at the 1987 World Cup in India and reclaiming the Ashes in England in 1989 before successfully defending the urn at home in 1990-91 and away in 1993.

AB is the tour host for Tour 3 which covers the 2nd and 3rd test at Lord's and Headingley.



Kim

Kim Claggy Hughes is making his Tour Host debut for AST and we expect that he'll be as daring and masterful with our passengers as he was with the bat.

Kim captained Australia in 28 Test matches between 1979 and 1984 before captaining a rebel Australian team in a tour of South Africa. Along with his analysis of the unfolding Ashes series Kim will share his thoughts on Australian cricket in the 1980s and the ramifications of the rebel tours.

Kim will be hosting Tour 4 that includes the 3rd and 4th Tests at Headingley and Old Trafford.



Terry

Terry Clem Alderman, a right-arm fast-medium bowler took 42 Test wickets, including nine on debut in the 1981 Ashes series.

Terry is a familiar figure for our passengers having travelled with AST many times and is the tour host for Tour 5 which covers the 4th and 5th Test at Old Trafford and The Oval.

Clem played some of his best cricket in 1989, under Allan Border's captaincy, and alongside Merv Hughes. It's great to get the band back together for Ashes 2023!

Tour 1

1st, 2nd & 3rd Tests

Thu 15th June - Tue 11 July 2023

27 days/26 nights

Host: Merv Hughes

Highlights

TEST 1: Reserved seating Edgbaston

TEST 2: Reserved seating Lord's

TEST 3: Reserved seating Headingley

MID TOUR: 6 nights in Ireland or French Riviera & Paris

CITY BREAK: 2 nights in Liverpool & Manchester or London & York

EVENTS: Cricket Australia pre-match function's in Birmingham, London & Leeds



Join Australian cricketers and Merv Hughes for the first three Tests of the 2019 Ashes along with your choice of the best European touring options between the matches.

THU 15 JUN: Birmingham & Pre-Match Function

Welcome to Birmingham and the start of your 2023 Ashes Series Tour! Birmingham is the UK's second largest city in recent years has spectacularly reinvented itself as a vibrant, cultural hotspot.

Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham

FRI 16 - TUE 20 JUN: 1st Test Match - Edgbaston

It was at Edgbaston that Steve Smith notched a century in each innings to hand England a 251-run thrashing, a magnificent way to open the 2019 campaign.

Each morning before the day's play our tour hosts Merv Hughes and Geoff Marsh will conduct their pre-match briefings dissecting the previous day's play and offering up their insights into what to expect for the day ahead.

Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham

TUE 27 JUN: Mid Tour Travel

Enjoy a wonderful six-night break between Tests 1 & 2 on your choice of mid tour travel options: the Best of Ireland or the French Riviera & Paris.

TUE 27 JUN: London + Pre-Match Function

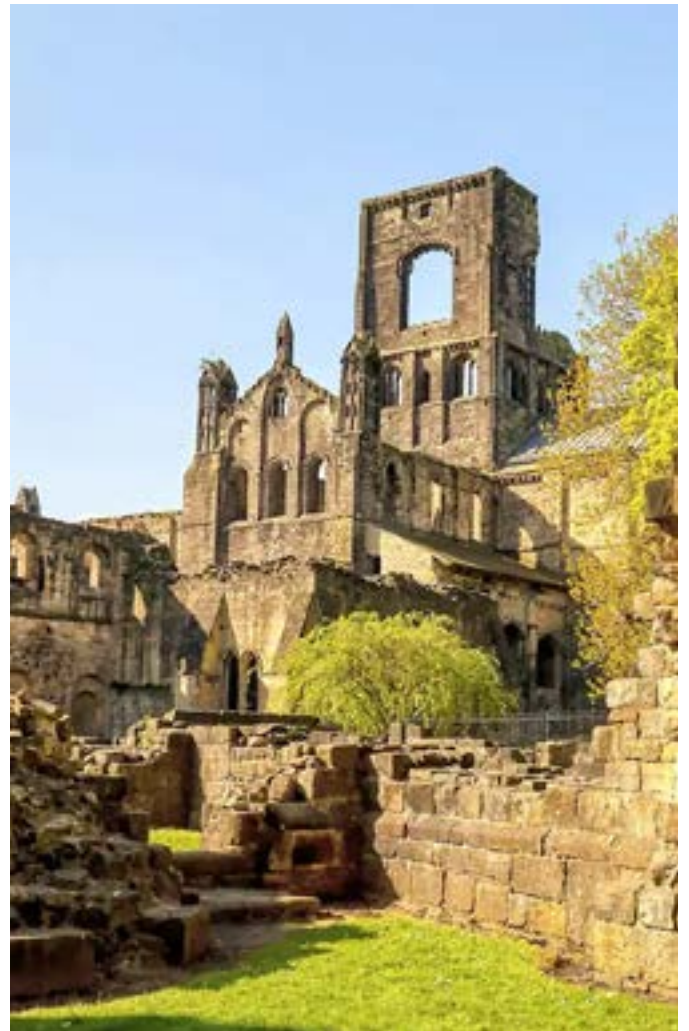
Today we return to London in anticipation for the start of tomorrow's second Test at Lord's. London is an iconic city and everywhere you look there is a significant monument or building. From Trafalgar Square to Tower Bridge, Big Ben to Buckingham Palace.

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

Overnight: Radisson Blue Edwardian Grafton Hotel

WED 28 JUN - SUN 2 JUL: 2nd Test, Lord's

An Ashes Test Match at Lord's is something that all Australian cricket fans want to tick off their bucket list and today we get to experience it for ourselves. Whether it's your first or tenth trip here it is always a special feeling. In 2019 super sub Marnus Labuschagne did the heavy lifting while Travis Head and Pat Cummins soaked up immense pressure, surviving in fading light to ensure



Australia salvaged a dramatic draw.

Each morning our Tour Hosts Merv Hughes, Geoff Marsh and Allan Border will conduct their pre-match briefings providing unique insights in what to expect for the day ahead.

Overnight: Radisson Blue Edwardian Grafton Hotel

MON 3 - TUE 5 JULY: City Break

Following the conclusion of the Lord's Test we have our three-day city break options. Choose either London & York or Liverpool & Manchester.

TUE 5 JULY: Leeds + Pre-Match Function

Today we arrive in Leeds ready for tomorrow's third Test at Headingley. Tonight we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function including finger food, drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Radisson Blu City Centre Hotel

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Overnight: Radisson Blu City Centre Hotel

TUE 11 JULY: Tour Concludes

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Other Inclusions:

- Breakfast included daily • Test Match dinners
- return private match transfers • internal flight, coach and train transfers throughout
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\$18,690

Price per person
twin/double share.
Single supplement
\$5,950

Tour 2

1st & 2nd Tests

Thu 15th June - Mon 3 July 2023

19 days/18 nights

Host: Geoff Marsh

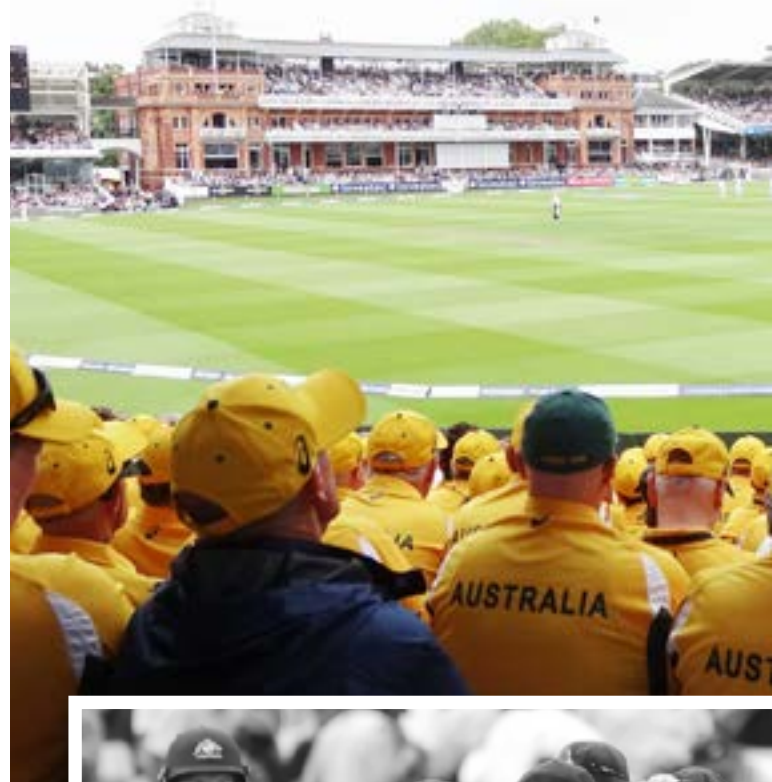
Highlights

TEST 1: Reserved seating Edgbaston

TEST 2: Reserved seating Lord's

MID TOUR: 6 nights in Ireland or French Riviera & Paris

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Join Geoff Marsh for the opening two Tests of the 2023 Ashes along with your choice of some incredible European touring options between the Tests.

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Overnight: Hilton Garden Inn Birmingham

WED 21 - TUE 27 JUN: Mid Tour Travel

Enjoy a wonderful six-night break between Tests 1 & 2 on your choice of mid tour travel options: the Best of Ireland or the French Riviera & Paris.



TUE 27 JUN: London + Pre-Match Function

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Overnight: Radisson Blue Edwardian Grafton Hotel

WED 28 JUN - SUN 2 JUL: 2nd Test, Lord's

An Ashes Test Match at Lord's is something that all Australian cricket fans want to tick off their bucket list and today we get to experience it for ourselves. Whether it's your first or tenth trip here it is always a special feeling. Australia will be hoping to draw some inspiration from their 2015 Test here at Lord's where they crushed England by 405 runs to tie the series 1-1.

Each morning our Tour Hosts Merv Hughes, Geoff Marsh and Allan Border will conduct their pre-match briefings providing unique insights in what to expect for the day ahead.

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MON 3: Tour Concludes

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\$14,890

Price per person
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Single supplement
\$5,100

Mid Tour 1

Wed 21 - Tue 27 June

7 days/6 nights

Tour: 1 & 2

Host: Merv Hughes

Best of Ireland

2 Nights Cork

2 Nights Galway

2 Nights Dublin

Experience some of Ireland's best cultural highlights between the second and third Tests.



CORK

On this tour, we will cross the Irish Sea to the lively city of Cork in County Waterford. The city centre is an island surrounded by the River Lee and packed with 17th century alleys and traditional snug pubs with a thriving live music scene.

No trip to Cork would be complete without visiting the spectacular Ring of Kerry and travelling around and through the Slieve Miskh Mountains, MacGillikuddy's Reeks and the Cahra Mountains.

Just northwest of Cork is Blarney Castle, one of Ireland's most talked-about attractions. This old fortress houses the world-famous Blarney Stone, said to instantly give those who kiss it the Irish "gift of the gab." Built more than six centuries ago by Irish chieftain Cormac MacCarthy, you can climb the battlement to kiss the famed stone and take in the views, as well as explore the massive stone building - dungeons included.

GALWAY

We will travel to Galway via the picturesque town of Limerick, the Burren and the dramatic Cliffs of Moher. The breathtaking scenery and crisp Irish morning air makes you realise why this land is revered as some of mother nature's greatest work. Bohemian Galway is one

of Ireland's most engaging cities. Brightly painted pubs heave with live music, while restaurants and cafes offer front-row seats for observing buskers and street theatre. Remnants of the medieval town walls lie between shops selling handcrafted Claddagh rings, books and musical instruments, bridges arch over the salmon-stuffed River Corrib, and a long promenade leads to the seaside suburb of Salthill where you'll find the source of the Galway's famous oysters.

DUBLIN

While traces of Ireland's Viking past have been largely washed away, Dublin is a living museum of its history since then. Medieval castles and cathedrals are on display alongside the architectural splendours of its 18th-century heyday. Dublin is famed for its legendary hospitality and relaxed feel and we will explore the vibrant nightlife of the Temple Bar and Quays area to sample a pint of Guinness which has been brewed right in town from the Liffey River since 1759! Our tour will also include a visit to Phoenix Park, St Patricks Cathedral, Dublin Castle, O'Connell Street and Trinity College. Dublin has a rich history, yet the city's greatest drawcard remains the Dubliners themselves. Garrulous, amiable & witty, they are the greatest of hosts.



NICE

With its mix of real-city grit, old-world opulence, year-round sunshine, vibrant street life and stunning seaside location, no place in France compares with Nice. The ancient Greeks founded the first permanent settlement here around 350 BC and named the town Nikaia after the goddess Nike. From the 18th century the city became popular as a winter resort for the British aristocracy and the main beach walk is known as the Promenade des Anglais. We will start our tour by exploring this magnificent walk as well as Nice's old town which includes the Town Hall, Cours Saleya market square and Saint Reparata Cathedral. Other local highlights including Place Garibaldi, Albert Gardens and sampling some 'cuisine Niçoise'. Be sure to be outside at midday for the noon cannon, a quirky tradition with Scottish roots. Also look for monuments memorialising the heroine Catherine Ségurane who used her laundry bat and derrière to free the city from a siege in 1506.

We will also travel to the Principality of Monaco to tour the Casino de Monte Carlo, Monaco Palace and Larvotto Beach.

PARIS

Next we travel to the city synonymous with love, art, fashion and cuisine - Paris. The city is beautifully planned and teeming with artistic, cultural and architectural significance. The cloud-piercing, wrought-iron Eiffel Tower, broad Arc de Triomphe guarding the glamorous avenue des Champs-Élysées, flying buttressed Notre Dame cathedral, lamplit bridges spanning the Seine and art nouveau cafés' wicker-chair-lined terraces are enduring Parisian emblems.

There is never enough time to experience everything in the French capital; must-sees include a cruise along the Seine, strolling Montmartre and the Parisian cultural highlights around Le Marais. Museum-lovers should head to the Louvre or Musee d'Orsay.

The word 'Parisian' is synonymous with style, and fashion shopping is the city's forte. Paris remains at the forefront of international trends, and browsing emerging and established designer boutiques and flagship haute couture houses is a quintessential part of any visit.

Mid Tour 2

Wed 21 - Tue 27 June

7 days/6 nights

Tour 1 & 2

Host: Geoff Marsh

French Riviera & Paris

3 Nights Nice

3 Nights Paris

Visit England's northern sporting capitals while enjoying some Beatles nostalgia by night

Tour 3

2nd & 3rd Tests

Tue 27th June - Tue 11 July 2023

15 days/14 nights

Host: Allan Border

Highlights

TEST 2: Reserved seating Lord's

TEST 3: Reserved seating Headingley

CITY BREAK: 3 days in Liverpool & Manchester or London & York

EVENTS: Cricket Australia pre-match functions in London & Leeds



Join former Australian captain Allan Border for our 2nd & 3rd Test tour of the 2023 Ashes along with your choice of two mid-tour options between the matches.

TUE 27 JUN: London + Pre-Match Function

Welcome to London and the start of your 2023 Ashes tour! London is bustling, vibrant, multicultural and cosmopolitan. London is both old and new, a place where traditional pubs rub shoulders with the newest cocktail bars. Tonight, 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: Radisson Blue Edwardian Grafton Hotel

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Each morning our tour hosts Allan Border, Merv Hughes & Geoff Marsh & will conduct their pre-match briefings providing unique insights in what to expect for the day ahead.

Overnight: Radisson Blue Edwardian Grafton Hotel



MON 3 - WED 5 JULY: City Break

Following the conclusion of the Lord's Test we have our three-day city break options. Choose either London & York or Liverpool & Manchester.

WED 5 JULY: Leeds + Pre-Match Function

Today we arrive in Leeds ready for tomorrow's third Test at Headingley. Tonight we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function including finger food, drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Radisson Blu City Centre Hotel

THU 6 - MON 10 JUL: 3rd Test, Headingley

We reach the pivotal 3rd Test at Headingley, Leeds where in 2009, Australia's bowlers set up the Test with a fantastic performance in the 1st innings where they dismissed England for 102 runs on the back of 5-21 from Peter Siddle and 3-18 from Stuart Clark. Australia only needed to bat once before our bowlers again did the job rolling England for 263 with Mitchell Johnson claiming 5-59 and Ben Hilfenhaus taking 4-6.

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the day ahead.

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TUE 11 JULY: Tour Concludes

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\$12,990

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Single supplement
\$4,650

City Break 1

Mon 3 - Wed 5 July

3 days/2 nights

Tour: 1 & 3

Host: Merv Hughes

London & York

Experience some of England's best cultural highlights between the second and third Tests.



LONDON

London is an iconic city and everywhere you look there is a significant monument including Trafalgar Square, Tower Bridge, Big Ben and Buckingham Palace. We can't wait to explore one of the world's great cities with you. The possibilities are endless - cruising the Thames, seeing the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London, a visit to the prime meridian and Greenwich Royal Observatory. London is rich with museums including the Tate Modern, the National History Museum or the Science Museum. For sports fans, Wimbledon starts today (3 - 16 July)! Marvel at the state of the art Premier League Football facilities at Chelsea's Stamford Bridge or Arsenal's Emirates Stadium. London is one of the best places in the world to catch a theatre performance, and you should take the opportunity while visiting. For the most famous faces and glitziest productions, head to the West End. If Shakespeare is more your thing, you will love an Elizabethan-style experience at Shakespeare's Globe.

YORK

York is well known for having more than 365 pubs, one for every day of the year! We're not sure that we can visit each and every one of them. Two of the most famous ones are The Guy Fawkes Inn, where Guy Fawkes was born and The Golden Fleece, said to be the most haunted pub in York. Visiting York is like stepping back into medieval times, with its winding cobbled streets, magnificent cathedral, classic shop fronts, and dramatic stone walls surrounding the city. The imposing Clifford's Tower is the last remaining structure of York Castle was originally built by William the Conqueror before being burned to the ground twice and rebuilt in the 13th Century by Henry III. History in York isn't all about the medieval times, excavations in the 70s uncovered a Viking settlement which now houses Jorvik (the Viking name for York), an interactive exhibition that brings to life the 9th century village.

City Break 2

Mon 3 - Wed 5 July

3 days/2 nights

Tour: 1 & 3

Host: Allan Border

Liverpool & Manchester

Visit England's northern sporting capitals while enjoying some Beatles nostalgia by night



LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, the city that gave us the Beatles, has moved on from its industrial roots to become one of Britain's most dynamic and vibrant cultural centres. Soak up the grandeur of the Georgian Quarter and sample the city's buzzing nightlife. It's hard not to be infected by a Liverpudlian's love for their own city. The city's impressive cultural heritage, dating back to when Liverpool was Britain's second-most important city, is a source of justifiable pride to Scousers – as the locals are named, after Scouse, a fish-and-biscuit stew popular with sailors.

The ongoing program of urban regeneration is transforming the once dilapidated city centre into one of the most engaging cities in northern England.

MANCHESTER

Manchester, the one-time engine room of the Industrial Revolution and a city that incubated communism, suffragism, vegetarianism and a bunch of other 'isms' aimed at improving humanity's lot. In the 21st century, invention, discovery and progress remain the driving forces of this remarkable city.

Manchester has grown in both size and renown in recent years, metamorphosing into a brilliantly creative, proudly musical and gastronomically diverse hub. Manchester is synonymous with football; so although will be visiting preseason, we will include a tour of the grounds of Manchester United or Manchester City, and discover the social history of the beautiful game at the National Football Museum.

Tour 4

3rd & 4th Tests

Wed 5 - Mon 24 July 2023

20 days/19 nights

Host: Kim Hughes

Highlights

TEST 3: Reserved seating Headingley

TEST 4: Reserved seating Old Trafford

MID TOUR: 6 nights in Belfast, Londonderry & Dublin or Prague, Vienna & Budapest

EVENTS: Cricket Australia pre-match functions in Leeds & Manchester



Former Australian captain Kim Hughes leads our third & fourth Tests of the 2023 Ashes along with your choice of two mid-tour options between the matches.

WED 5 JULY: Leeds + Pre-Match Function

Wander over to Leeds. Tonight we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function including finger food, drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Radisson Blu City Centre Hotel

THU 6 - MON 10 JUL: 3rd Test, Headingley

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Each morning our tour hosts Kim Hughes, Merv Hughes and Allan Border will conduct their pre-match briefings dissecting the previous day's play and offering up insights into what to expect for the day ahead..

Overnight: Radisson Blu City Centre Hotel

TUE 11 - TUE 18 JUL: Mid Tour Travel

Enjoy a wonderful 7-night break between Tests 3 & 4 on your choice of mid-tour travel. Choose from: Northern Ireland & Dublin or Central Europe.



TUE 18 JUL: Manchester & Pre-Match Function

Both groups gather in Manchester ready for tomorrow's fourth Test. Tonight we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function including finger food, drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Piccadilly

WED 19 - SUN 23 JUL: 4th Test, Old Trafford

The action-end of Ashes 2023 gets underway with the crucial fourth Test. Each morning before the day's play our tour hosts Kim Hughes & Terry Alderman will conduct their pre-match briefings dissecting the previous day's play and offering up insights into what to expect for the day ahead. It was here in a nerve-jangling final session, Australia retained the Ashes after overcoming a stoic performance by England's middle order and tail to claim a thrilling victory in 2019..

Overnight: Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Piccadilly

MON 24 JULY: Tour Concludes

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Mid Tour 3

Tue 11 - Tue 18 July

8 days/7 nights

Tour: Tour 4

Host: Kim Hughes

Northern Ireland & Dublin

2 nights in Belfast

2 nights in Londonderry

3 nights in Dublin

Historic Gaelic towns and rugged nature all accompanied by Ireland's famous whisky and stout! Best of all, Kim Hughes will be coordinating a number of golf days for those of you looking for a hit*.



BELFAST

Northern Ireland's Belfast has transformed over the years from its political and religious turmoil into one of Europe's must-see city's full of hidden gems. On our tour we will get to experience the lively atmosphere and better understand the history, the people and the stories that have helped shape the city.

We will explore the UNESCO listed Giant's Causeway which remains one of Europe's most majestic and mysterious landmarks. We will also visit the 16th century Dunluce Castle which is one of the most iconic monuments in Northern Ireland thanks to its historic ties to the McDonnell's from Scotland and their attempts to consolidate their place in Northern Ireland. Finally we will visit Carrick-a-Rede Rope Bridge which is suspended almost 100ft above sea level and has connected Carrick Island and County Antrim mainland for over 250 years.

DERRY

Situated on the banks of the River Foyle Derry, or Londonderry, is home to Ireland's only completely intact historic Walled City, the Derry Girls, picturesque views and award-winning museums. The city's name is a point of political contention, and in an attempt to compromise, it is common to refer to the county as "Londonderry" and

the city as "Derry", but this is by no means universally accepted. A lot of Derry's sites are meshed with its history, the 16th century walls which surround the city are among the oldest and the best-preserved citadel walls in all of Europe. There's lots of history to absorb here, from the Siege of Derry to the Battle of the Bogside and Bloody Sunday. A stroll along the Bogside murals is a must, along with taking in the burgeoning live-music scene in the city's lively pubs.

DUBLIN

A small capital with a huge reputation, Dublin is a multicultural, artistic city brimming with incredible architecture, beautiful green spaces, and great opportunities for entertainment. Dublin is famed for its legendary hospitality and relaxed feel, and we will explore the vibrant nightlife of the Temple Bar and Quays area to sample a pint of Guinness which has been brewed right in town from the Liffey River since 1759! Our tour will also include a visit to Phoenix Park, St Patricks Cathedral, Dublin Castle, O'Connell Street and Trinity College. Dublin has a rich history, yet the city's greatest drawcard remains the Dubliners themselves. Garrulous, amiable & witty, they are the greatest of hosts.

* (green fees and club hire to be paid separately).

Mid Tour 4

Tue 11 - Tue 18 July
8 days/7 nights
Tour: Tour 4

Central Europe

2 Nights in Prague
2 Nights in Vienna
3 nights in Budapest

The pick of central Europe's cultural heritage where we will combine historic architecture and stunning views with traditional food and drink.



PRAGUE

The 1989 Velvet Revolution that freed the Czechs from communism bequeathed to Europe a gem of a city to stand beside stalwarts such as Rome, Paris and London. Prague is a city best explored on foot. The city centre is divided into five areas, spanning both banks of the Vltava River. Charles Bridge is the main pedestrian connection between the two. Highlights of this magnificent city includes Old Town Square, the Astronomical Clock, the old Jewish town which offer a wide range of stories & history spanning from Prague's medieval, renaissance, WWII, and Communist eras. Set on a hillside is Prague Castle, the city's number one tourist attraction boasts spectacular views over the whole city. Since the invention of Pilsner Urquell in 1842, the Czechs have been famous for producing some of the world's finest brews..

VIENNA

Austria's imperial capital – Vienna is filled with rambling palaces including Schonbrunn Palace and the Imperial Palace, the Ring Boulevard, winding medieval cobbled lanes, elegant Kaffeehäuser (coffee houses) and cosy wood-panelled Beisl, Vienna is steeped in history. Yet it's also at the cutting edge of design, architecture,

contemporary art, and new directions in drinking and dining. Vienna was home to the Habsburg monarchy for more than six centuries, and much of the city's grandeur is thanks to their legacy including the Imperial Chapel, the Imperial Apartments, the Kunsthistorisches Museum, Schloss Belvedere and the Schloss Schonbrunn. A highlight of this tour will be the tourist ferry along the Danube as we travel from Vienna to Budapest!

BUDAPEST

Budapest is famous for its rich culture, underground caves, staggering architecture, and for being the Spa Capital of the World. The Queen of the Danube is also known for its unique Ruin Bars, gigantic Parliament Building, imposing Great Synagogue, and delectable local cuisine. The thermal water of Budapest historical spas comes from deep hot springs and were used by the Romans and Ottomans for centuries. The spas are located in grand historical buildings with unique tile decorations creating a decadent atmosphere. No visit to Budapest can be complete without relaxing at the thermal baths.

Tour 5

4th & 5th Tests

Tue 18 July - Tue 1 August 2023

15 days/14 nights

Host: Terry Alderman

Highlights

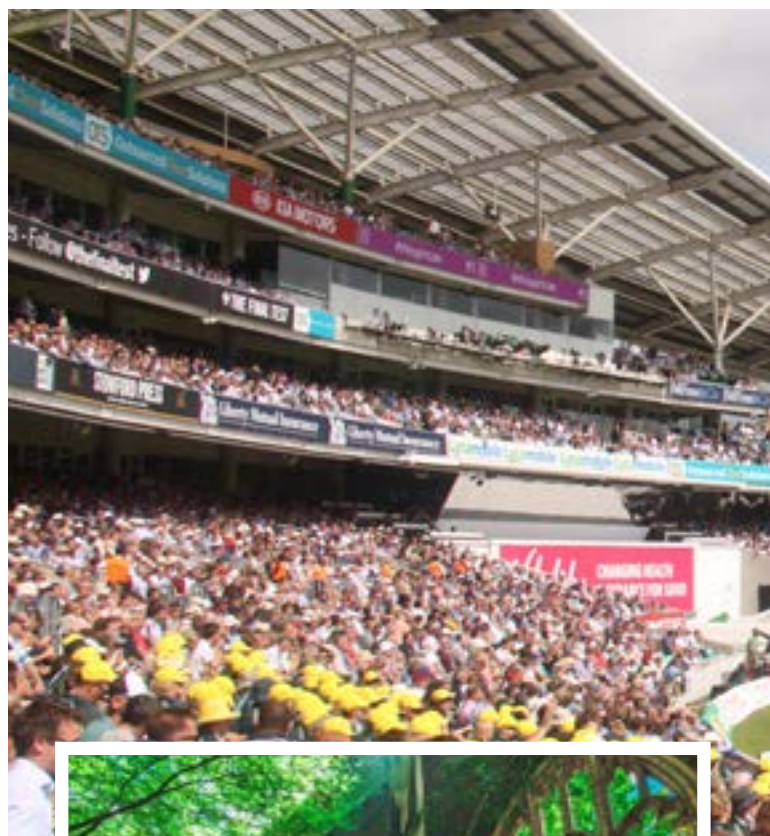
TEST 4: Reserved seating Old Trafford

TEST 5: Reserved seating The Oval

CITY BREAK: 2 nights in Liverpool

EVENTS: Cricket Australia pre-match functions in Manchester & London

Join Australian cricketering legend Terry Alderman for our 4th & 5th Test tour including two nights in magical Liverpool between matches.



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Overnight: Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Piccadilly

WED 19 - SUN 23 JUL: 4th Test, Old Trafford

The action-end of Ashes 2023 gets underway with the crucial fourth Test. Each morning before the day's play our tour hosts Terry Alderman & Kim Hughes will conduct their pre-match briefings providing unique insights in what to expect for the day ahead.

In 2013, rain played a part in Australia not being able to force the win with the match ending in a draw. Batting first we declared with a huge total of 7/527, with Michael Clarke compiling a wonderful 187 not out. We then took a 160 run lead at the halfway point thanks to Peter Siddle and Mitchell Starc restricting England to 368 runs. Our quick run chase 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... oh what could have been.

Overnight: Doubletree by Hilton Manchester Piccadilly



MON 24 - WED 26 JULY: Liverpool

Today we travel Manchester's rival city of Liverpool; home to Liverpool and Everton football clubs where we will enjoy some of the sporting highlights of the city by day and dig into some Beatles nostalgia by night. Bring your dancing shoes!

Overnight: Liverpool

WED 26 JUL: London & Pre-Match Function

We return to London today ready for tomorrow's concluding fifth Test. Tonight we will be guests at the Cricket Australia pre-match function including finger food, drinks package and special guest appearances.

Overnight: Park Plaza London Riverbank Hotel

THU 27 - MON 31 JUL: 5th Test, The Oval

Australia finished off their 2015 tour in style (albeit hollow) here by thrashing England by an innings and 46 runs. In 2019 England wrapped up a comprehensive 135-run win late on day four but Australia retained the urn in the 2-2 drawn series. The final Test of the 2023 Ashes at the Oval is always a highlight of the English summer. We'll be there to get behind the Aussies in their quest to retain the urn!

Each morning before the day's play our tour host Kim Hughes will conduct a pre-match briefing dissecting the previous

day's play and offering up some insights into what to expect for the day ahead.

Overnight: Park Plaza London Riverbank Hotel

TUE 1 AUG: Tour Concludes

Today we say goodbye as our wonderful time in the UK comes to a close. If you have purchased your international flights with AST, you will be transferred to the airport for your flight home.

Other Inclusions:

- Breakfast included daily • Test Match dinners
- return private match transfers • internal flight, coach and train transfers throughout
- experienced AST tour leader • professional local guides • AST tour merchandise

\$11,790

Price per person
twin/double share.
Single supplement
\$4,650

Cricket Grounds

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

Edgbaston



Test Date:	16 - 20 June 2023
Location:	Edgbaston, Birmingham
Capacity:	25,000
Est:	1882
Ends:	Pavilion End Birmingham End (previously City End)

Edgbaston Cricket Ground, also known as the County Ground or Edgbaston Stadium, is considered to be one of England's leading cricket grounds. In 2005 Ashes, Australia lost to England by a mere two runs in the second Ashes Test, the closest Ashes match ever. Edgbaston hosted the first women's T20 event at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games where Australia won the gold medal match.

Lord's



Test Date:	28 June - 2 July 2023
Location:	St John's Wood, London
Capacity:	28,000
Est:	1814
Ends:	Pavilion End Nursery End

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). Lord's is widely referred to as the Home of Cricket and it houses 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 where the north-west side is 2.5m higher than the south-east side.

Headingley

Test Date:	6 - 10 July 2023
Location:	St Michael's Lane, Leeds
Capacity:	17,500
Est:	1890
Ends:	Kirkstall Lane End Football Stand End



Headingley Cricket Ground, usually shortened to Headingley and is also known as Emerald Headingley Cricket Ground. It was at this ground that Donald Bradman scored an innings total of 304 runs in the 1930 Ashes Test. In 2019, Ben Stokes dragged his country from the point of defeat to a narrow victory over Australia with an innings that almost defied belief.

Old Trafford

Test Date:	19 - 23 July 2023
Location:	Talbot Road, Manchester
Capacity:	26,000
Est:	1857
Ends:	James Anderson End Brian Statham End



Old Trafford 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. In 1993, the late great Shane Warne delivered a leg spinner sideways toppling Mike Gatting's off-bail in what became known as the ball of the century.

The Oval

Test Date:	27 - 31 July 2023
Location:	Kennington, London
Capacity:	25,500
Est:	1845
Ends:	Pavilion End Vauxhall End



The Oval is home for the Surrey County Cricket Club. Traditionally, the final Test Match of the English season is played here. 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.

Useful Information

Flight Information

Flights from Australia are not included in our tours. AST is a licenced travel agent and able to provide you with a quote for your flights to and from the UK with Qantas or your preferred airline.

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

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.

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 contact the relevant embassy or consulate for visa requirements.

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. This is subject to availability and can be confirmed at time of booking by calling our office first.



Deposit & Payment Schedule

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

Time of booking:	\$1,000 deposit per person
Fri 25 Nov 2022:	25% of total tour cost
Fri 27 Jan 2023:	50% of total tour cost
Fri 24 Feb 2023:	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.

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Testimonials



The services offered by AST were professional and the tour was a great experience. Meeting like minded cricket enthusiasts I certainly enjoyed their company together with Tour Hosts Merv Hughes Geoff Marsh and Terry Alderman. Being able to sit chat and enjoy their fellowship was certainly memorable. I will maintain contact with a number of those that were at the first two tests and also commend San, Mattand Derek for their organisational prowess.

- John Penhall, 2019 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

AST provides an excellent service for sports enthusiasts.

The experiences offered are far more than just a sports tour.

Thank you AST for providing a fantastic tour. See you all on the next trip.

- Ian Rathmell, 2019 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

We absolutely loved our first AST tour. Everything was easy and fun. We can't thank Matt enough for everything he did to make sure we had an enjoyable time. Time and time again he went out of his way to organise extra things to make our trip even more special. We found the hosts Geoff, Merv and Terry very approachable and friendly. They added to our experience both during the cricket and at other times especially when we did the mid tour trip to Europe. Thanks AST for a wonderful experience!

- Amanda Hinton 2019 Ashes Tour





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