

# GROUP TOURS



*The  
Great Stupa  
of Universal Compassion*





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## THE LARGEST STUPA OUTSIDE ASIA

Immerse yourself in Tibetan culture, architecture, art and interfaith harmony with a tour taking your group inside the most sacred building in Buddhism. The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion rises from the Whipstick Forest, just outside Bendigo, at an impressive height of almost 50 metres. It is based on the Great Stupa of Gyantse in Tibet and is being built to last 1000 years. Housed inside are many holy relics, Tibetan artefacts and statues; including the world renown Jade Buddha for Universal Peace.



## PEACE PARK

Walk through the Peace Park before you get to the stupa, which is dedicated to interfaith harmony with symbols from different faiths on display, amongst its flourishing gardens. This unique space is the only interfaith park of its kind in the world. Learn about each symbol, from Catholic, Sikh, Hindu, Bahai and Sri Lankan communities. Come back to see other faiths represented here, including an indigenous yarning circle surrounded by a native bush tucker garden by the local Dja Dja Wurrung Clan.





# GROUP TOUR

## WHAT TO EXPECT

Begin in our Visitor Centre where you'll see an introductory film before exploring the interfaith Peace Park with your friendly and knowledgeable guide. Inside the Great Stupa learn about Buddhist culture and future plans for the project, all while viewing beautiful statues and relics.

- **Tour Duration:** we recommend at least 1.5 hours for your guided tour (please notify us of any time constraints when making your booking)
- **Minimum people per tour:** 10 (minimum fee for 10 people applies for groups under 10)
- **Accessibility:** wheelchair, toilet and parking accessibility (please indicate whether the use of our buggy is required for people with mobility issues)
- **Fitness:** all levels
- **Toilets:** located inside the Visitor Centre

## WHAT TO BRING

To make your tour as comfortable as possible, we recommend bringing these items on your tour (weather dependent).

- Comfortable walking shoes
  - Camera (pictures can be taken anywhere on site)
  - Water bottle
  - Hat / sunglasses / umbrella / rain coat / jacket
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# STUPAVIEW CAFE

Sit down for a delicious lunch overlooking the Great Stupa. Our StupaView Cafe caters to large groups and offers a selection of platters including hot pastries, wraps, sweets and fresh fruit. Groups are encouraged to pre-order their food using the order form. Vegan and Gluten-Free options are available; please indicate any dietary requirements when making your booking. \*(Note, all foods are prepared in the same kitchen).



# THE GREAT STUPA GIFT SHOP

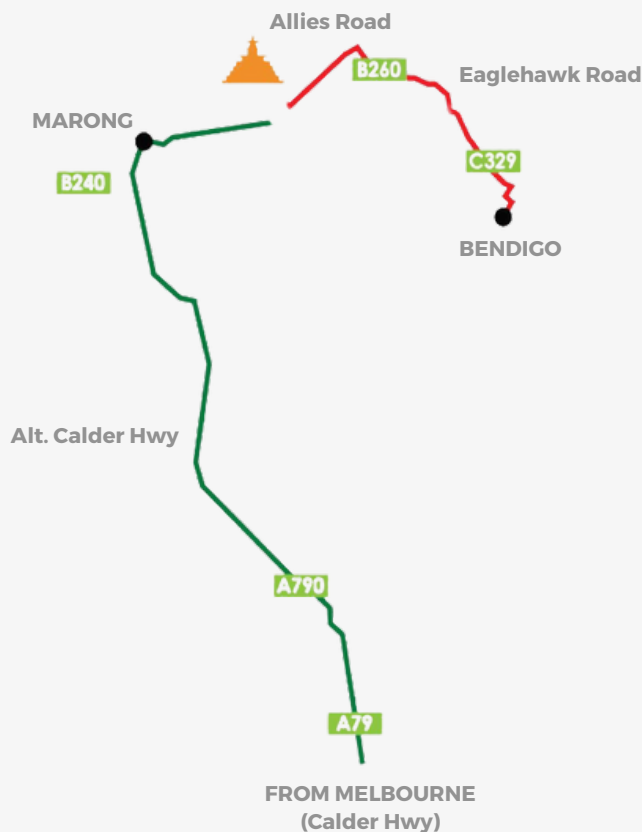
During your visit, browse the Great Stupa Gift Shop. Many of the beautiful products are handmade by artisans in Nepal including incense, singing bowls and malas. Support local makers of honey, soy wax candles and organic soaps. Try on stunning jewellery off-cuts of Polar Pride ® - the jade boulder from which the Jade Buddha for Universal Peace was carved.



# GETTING HERE

**From Melbourne** take the Calder Fwy A79  
Turn left onto the Alternate Calder Hwy A790  
In Marong turn right onto Calder Hwy A79  
Turn left onto Allies Rd  
(look for Stupa sign)  
Turn left onto Sandhurst Town Rd  
(look for Stupa sign)

**From Bendigo** follow C329  
Bridge Street > Holmes Road > Sandhurst Road  
Turn right at the traffic lights onto the B260  
Eaglehawk Road > Peg Leg Road  
Turn left onto Allies Road  
(look for Stupa sign)  
Turn right onto Sandhurst Town Road  
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## CARPARKING

There is ample parking space, for cars, caravans and coaches. Two accessibility spaces are available directly at the front of our Visitor Centre.





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# ADMISSION

Bookings are essential for groups of 10 or more and we request two weeks notice prior to your visit to make appropriate arrangements. In some instances, the date or time requested may not be available but we will always try our best to accommodate the needs of your group. If your group has under 10 people, the minimum fee for 10 people will still apply.

Please find below the admission fees per person.



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## GROUP TOUR

## FEE

### WEEKDAYS

**\$15 PER PERSON**

### SENIOR & PENSIONER CONCESSION

**\$12 PER PERSON**

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### WEEKENDS

**\$18 PER PERSON**

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# GROUP TOUR REQUEST FORM

Please send this form to [tours@stupa.org.au](mailto:tours@stupa.org.au) to confirm your booking request.

## GROUP DETAILS

Organisation / group name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

opt-in to receive news & updates from the Great Stupa

## TOUR DETAILS

Number of visitors: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure time: \_\_\_\_\_

## OPTIONAL ITEMS

## TICK

Guided meditation:

Please tick to add a short introduction to meditation at no additional cost. Led inside the stupa.

StupaView Cafe:

Please tick here if your group plan to use the cafe and refer to the Cafe Order Form.

Buggy assistance:

Please indicate how many people in your group have mobility issues and require assistance.

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Photography:

By ticking this box, you are giving permission for the Great Stupa to take images of your group.

Admission prices (per person):

\$15 Weekdays | \$12 Weekday Concession (Seniors & Pensioners) | \$18 Weekends

Total number of visitors \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ \_\_\_\_\_ tour fee = TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One payment should be made per group. Payment can be made on the day by cash or card (we do not accept cheques). Or, you can request an invoice to be sent prior to your visit.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your booking request. A minimum of 2-weeks is required to guarantee a booking. Cancellations: if your group can no longer attend, please advise us at least 48 hours prior to your visit by phone (03) 5446 7568 or email [tours@stupa.org.au](mailto:tours@stupa.org.au), or a 50% late cancellation fee will apply. View our cancellation policy on our website [stupa.org.au/group-tours](http://stupa.org.au/group-tours). Please note that this email is not monitored on weekends or public holidays.

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# STUPAVIEW CAFE

## PLATTER ORDER FORM

Pre-order our delicious platter options before your visit to The Great Stupa. These menu options and discount prices only apply to groups pre-ordering. Please return this form, including any dietary requirements, a minimum of 2 weeks before your tour to [tours@stupa.org.au](mailto:tours@stupa.org.au).

\*\*\*Please note, groups ordering from the cafe menu on the day may experience longer wait times and limited seating options. Menu items are also subject to availability.\*\*\*

Our café is Vegetarian with Vegan and/or Gluten Free options available.

Group name: \_\_\_\_\_ Service time: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of visitors: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of visit: \_\_\_\_\_

PLATTERS	PRICE (PER SERVE)	NO. OF SERVES	TOTAL \$	DIETARY REQUIREMENTS
<b>SANDWICH PLATTER</b> Fresh sandwiches with a variety of delicious vegetarian fillings. 6 quarters per serve.	<b>\$8</b>			
<b>HOT FOOD PLATTER</b> An assortment of vegetarian and vegan pastries. 6 pieces per serve.	<b>\$10</b>			
<b>SWEETS PLATTER</b> An assortment of cakes and slices. 4 pieces per serve.	<b>\$8</b>			
<b>FRUIT PLATTER</b> An assortment of fresh seasonal fruits. 8 pieces per serve.	<b>\$8</b>			
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$</b>	

**\*WE REQUIRE A MINIMUM ORDER OF 10 SERVES OF EACH PLATTER ORDERED.**

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One payment should be made per group. Payment can be made on the day by cash, card or cheque. Cheques should be made payable to 'The Great Stupa Ltd'. Or, you can request an invoice to be sent prior to your visit. A 15% surcharge applies to all purchases from StupaView Cafe on Public Holidays.

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