

UK Ashes 2019 Fully Escorted Tour

1st
ASHES
TEST

Edgbaston

2nd
ASHES
TEST

Lord's

1st and 2nd Ashes Test plus Italy Highlights

Welcome to the official Cricket Australia Travel Office (CATO) travel program for the UK Ashes 2019.

The team at CATO has spent a great deal of time putting together what we believe is a fantastic range of tours for Australian supporters. These tours capture the essence of a historic Ashes Series and allow you to experience some of the UK and Europe's captivating history and culture between Test matches.

Here's a snap-shot of what to expect from your official CATO Ashes experience:

Official Priority Match Tickets

Cricket Australia has secured guaranteed tickets for CATO travellers at all Test Match venues and as part of a Fully Escorted Tour, you will receive priority seating within CATO's allocation. For the 2015 Ashes Series in the UK, there was hardly a spare seat to be found at any venue so it is vitally important that you secure guaranteed tickets through the official CATO travel program. It is also important to be wary of unauthorized ticket on-sellers and/or scalpers.

CATO Tour Director

An experienced CATO Tour Director will travel with each Fully Escorted Tour from start to finish and will be available 24 hours a day for tour participants. A CATO Tour Director's primary responsibilities are to ensure arrangements run smoothly and that all participants have a memorable time.

Maximum 40 guests per tour

Each tour will be limited to a maximum of 40 participants, this ensures our Tour Director can attend to each individual tour participant's requirements while on tour. CATO tours generally attract a mix of couples, friends and solo travellers and everyone will be appropriately catered for throughout the itinerary.

Private match strategy sessions

Cricket Australia team management and/or former Test greats

Only available to CATO guests on a Fully Escorted Tour. Participate in a minimum of two private group sessions with Cricket Australia team management and/or former Test greats. A wonderful opportunity to explore team tactics, selections, player form and analyse the state of play as each 2019 Ashes Test unfolds. Timing of these sessions will be provided in advance of your departure however, they are likely to be held after play on days one, two or three of a Test.



For more information and to book online visit cricket.com.au/travel
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Hotels

CATO has included minimum four (4) star hotels in all Fully Escorted Tours. The hotel names are highlighted within each tour itinerary. For detailed hotel information please visit www.cricket.com.au/travel or contact your CATO sales consultant.

Official Ashes Functions in all cities

Late afternoon/early evening prior to day one of each Test, CATO will host an official match preview function featuring former cricketing greats, current players and/or Cricket Australia team management. These functions will be an opportunity to join fellow CATO travellers and hear the latest insights into the contest that will unfold over the next few days. In

keeping with the prominence of the Lord's Test, the official Ashes function will be a sit down three course dinner staged in the ballroom of the fabulous Park Plaza Westminster Hotel. For all other Tests, the function will be a cocktail style affair including finger food and beverages, with plenty of seats for those guests not wishing to stand.

Official ASICS Team Merchandise

All CATO travellers will receive quality, official ASICS team merchandise, including two polos, a jacket and cap. One set of official ASICS team merchandise is provided per person, not per tour or travel package.

Explore the official CATO travel program online at cricket.com.au/travel. You will find comprehensive information to help plan your stay including venue information, hotel details and full tour itineraries.

1st and 2nd Ashes Tests plus Italy Highlights

31 July – 19 August (20 days)

\$11,860 per person twin share **\$3,238** single supplement

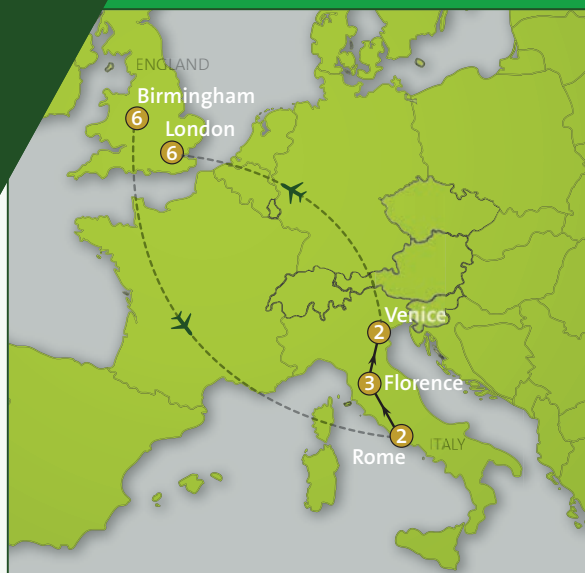
Tour Commences: Birmingham, 31 July

Tour Concludes: London, 19 August

Tour Code: ET1.3

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Priority reserved seating at the First Ashes Test (Birmingham) and Second Ashes Test (Lord's).
- Private match strategy sessions with Cricket Australia team management and/or former Test greats
- Official Ashes Functions in Birmingham and London.
- Guided tours of Rome, Florence and Venice
- Private coach and CATO Tour Director throughout



TOUR ITINERARY

Meal Codes: **B** English Breakfast **D** Group Dinner **C** Official Ashes Function

WEDNESDAY
31 JULY
2019

Arrive Birmingham **C**

The tour will commence at the Radisson Blu Birmingham, our hotel for the next six nights. For those arriving early in the day, there's time to explore Birmingham before a short welcome briefing with our CATO Tour Director. This evening we attend the Official Ashes Function to get a superb insight into our cricket celebrities' thoughts on the Series ahead and Day One at Edgbaston.

Hotel: Radisson Blu Birmingham, 6 nights

THURSDAY
1 AUGUST
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MONDAY
5 AUGUST
2019

First Ashes Test - Edgbaston **B**

The start of another exciting Series! Each day you will be transferred well in advance of the start of play for the First Ashes Test at Edgbaston, with a return transfer to your hotel at the end of each days play.



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TOUR ITINERARY

Meal Codes: **B** English Breakfast **D** Group Dinner **C** Official Ashes FunctionTUESDAY
6 AUGUST
2019**Birmingham - Rome****B D**

Our Italian adventure commences this morning. After breakfast we travel by coach to London Heathrow for our flight to the ancient city of Rome. Our late afternoon arrival allows time to freshen up at the hotel before gathering together for an evening meal with our fellow tour participants.

Hotel: Visconti Palace, 2 nightsWEDNESDAY
7 AUGUST
2019**Rome Sightseeing****B**

A full day exploring the wonders of ancient Rome – we start our day with a visit to the Vatican City; the smallest internationally recognized independent state in the world and home of the Catholic Church. There's time to take in the sights before a visit to one of Europe's most recognised landmarks, the Colosseum, the world's largest amphitheatre.

THURSDAY
8 AUGUST
2019**Rome - Florence****B**

After breakfast we commence our journey to Florence and the Tuscany Region, stopping enroute in Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We also visit Piazza Del Campo, famous for the region's biannual horse race, Palio. Lunch will be at leisure before our mid-afternoon arrival in Florence.

Hotel: Hotel Roma, 3 nightsFRIDAY
9 AUGUST
2019**Florence Sightseeing****B**

This morning we take a guided tour of Florence, including access to the historic Santa Croce burial place, rebuilt for the Franciscan order in 1294. There will be free time to further explore Florence's magnificent cathedrals and galleries in the afternoon and evening.

SATURDAY
10 AUGUST
2019**Cinque Terre Sightseeing****B**

Today is a full day to the iconic Cinque Terre, the rugged portion of coast on the Italian Riviera made up of five villages built into the cliffs overlooking the sea. We spend the day exploring the narrow lanes, steep stairways and dramatic views of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. We will be visiting two of the villages – Monterosso, the largest and Vernazza, considered by many to be the most charming village along the coast.

SUNDAY
11 AUGUST
2019**Florence - Venice****B**

Our Italian adventure continues to Venice, the world's only pedestrian city, stopping at Verona to view 'Juliette's Balcony', famous from Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliette'. After settling in at our hotel, you may choose to take a traditional Gondola ride (own expense) and explore the spectacular canals and bridges.



Our hotel in Venice, Hilton Molino Stucky, is spectacular. Located on the peaceful banks of Giudecca Island, the property is a former flour mill refurbished to become a unique hotel. This Venetian masterpiece features a rooftop swimming pool and the largest spa in the city, there is also a water shuttle connecting to the mainland.

Hotel: Hilton Molino Stucky, 2 nightsMONDAY
12 AUGUST
2019**Venice Sightseeing****B**

This morning we enjoy a historical and artistic introduction to this magnificent floating city with a guided walking tour. We pass sights including St. Mark's Square, the political centre of the Venetian Republic and Doges Palace, Residence of the 'Kings of Venice' and the most important seat of government in the Serenissima Republic. The afternoon is at leisure.

TUESDAY
13 AUGUST
2019**Venice - London****B C**

We say "Arrivederci Venice" and board our flight to London where the Second Test awaits. There's time to relax at the hotel on arrival, before we join many other Australian supporters at the Official Ashes Dinner Function in the evening to preview the Test ahead at Lord's.

Hotel: Park Plaza Westminster Bridge, 6 nights

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TOUR ITINERARY

Meal Codes: **B** English Breakfast **D** Group Dinner **C** Official Ashes Function

WEDNESDAY
14 AUGUST
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SUNDAY
18 AUGUST
2019

Second Ashes Test – Lord's

B **D-18 August**

Possibly one of the highlights for any cricket enthusiast would be a trip to the home of cricket - Lord's, add the fact that this is the Second Ashes Test and excitement will be at fever pitch! Each day we have private transfers to and from Lord's and on the night of Day Five (18 August) we'll enjoy a farewell dinner at a local London restaurant to share some unforgettable memories.



MONDAY
19 AUGUST
2019

Depart London

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After breakfast, your tour will conclude at the hotel.

THIS FULLY ESCORTED TOUR INCLUDES:

- Accommodation as detailed including breakfast daily
- Priority reserved seating at the First and Second Ashes Tests (see Important Notes)
- Economy class airfare Birmingham to Rome (6 August) and Venice to London (13 August)
- Official Ashes Pre Match Function in Birmingham (31 July) including entertainment, finger food and beverages
- Official Ashes Pre Match Dinner in London (13 August) including entertainment, 3 course set menu dinner and beverages
- Private match strategy sessions with CA Team Management and/or former Test greats
- Group dinners in Rome (6 August) and London (18 August)
- Admission to the Vatican City, St Pauls Basilica and Colosseum (7 August), Piazza del Campo Siena (8 August), Santa Croce (9 August) and Basilica de Sant Marco (12 August)
- Florence, Siena and Venice guided tours
- Private coach for all touring detailed in the itinerary
- CATO Tour Director to accompany the group throughout
- Official Asics team merchandise (2 x polo shirts, a jacket and cap)

NOT INCLUDED:

- International airfare to/from the United Kingdom; contact CATO for a Qantas airfare quote.
- Airport arrival and departure transfers (see information below)
- Portage and baggage handling, as most guests prefer to handle their own baggage. The CATO Tour Director will be available to facilitate baggage handling if required
- Any meal or item not mentioned in the itinerary or specified in Tour Inclusions above
- Items of a personal nature (telephone calls, internet, laundry, mini-bar, etc.)
- Passport and/or visa costs where applicable
- Travel Insurance.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Tours are limited and subject to availability at the time of booking
- Day One to Four match tickets provide a reserved seat and Day Five may be general admission (non-reserved) or reserved seat depending on final ground configuration
- All prices are provided per person in Australian dollars and are subject to the CATO Ashes 2019 Booking Conditions

AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRANSFERS

Arrival and departure transfers have not been included in the tour, as many CATO clients have opted not to use these services in the past. Once your flights are confirmed, CATO will be more than happy to provide a quote for arrival and departure transfers.

ARRIVAL AND EXTRA NIGHTS' ACCOMMODATION

All Escorted Tours commence the day before the start of the Ashes Test Match. For those wanting a more relaxed start to the tour, extra nights' accommodation can be added to your stay. Please contact your CATO sales consultant for costs.

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