

## UK Ashes 2019 Fully Escorted Tour



# 4th and 5th Ashes Tests plus Amsterdam Highlights

Welcome to the official Cricket Australia Travel Office's (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 who would like to, not only capture the essence of an historic Ashes Series, but also 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 that 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 to ensure that 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 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](http://cricket.com.au/travel)  
**Questions?** Call or email our consultants: 1 300 133 232 (toll free) or [traveloffice@cricket.com.au](mailto:traveloffice@cricket.com.au)

## Hotels

CATO has included minimum four (4) star superior standard 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](http://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. All Official Ashes Functions in this tour 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 team merchandise is provided per person, not per tour or travel package.

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

## 4th and 5th Ashes Tests plus Amsterdam Highlights

3 September – 17 September (15 days)

**\$9,153** per person twin share **\$2,588** single supplement

Tour Commences: Manchester, 3 September

Tour Concludes: London, 17 September

Tour Code: ET4.1B

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Priority reserved seating at the Fourth Ashes Test (Old Trafford) and Fifth Ashes Test (The Oval).
- Private match strategy sessions with Cricket Australia team management and/or former Test greats.
- Official Ashes Functions in Manchester and London.
- Van Gogh Museum and Amsterdam canal cruise.
- Private coach and CATO Tour Director throughout.



### TOUR ITINERARY

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

TUESDAY  
3 SEPTEMBER  
2019

### Arrive Manchester

**C**

The tour will commence at the Marriott Victoria and Albert Hotel, our hotel for the next six nights. For those arriving early in the day, there's time to explore Manchester 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 Old Trafford.

Hotel: Marriott Victoria and Albert Hotel, 6 nights



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WEDNESDAY  
**4 SEPTEMBER**  
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SUNDAY  
**8 SEPTEMBER**  
2019

**Fourth Ashes Test – Old Trafford** **B**

The start of another exciting Test! Each day we will be transferred well in advance of the start of play of the Fourth Ashes Test at Old Trafford, with a return transfer to your hotel at the end of each days play.

MONDAY  
**9 SEPTEMBER**  
2019

**Manchester - Amsterdam** **B D**

After breakfast we transfer to Manchester Airport for the short flight to Amsterdam. Early afternoon sees us arrive at the hotel and the remainder of the day is at your leisure to explore the laneways and canals of this iconic city. For the evening, we re-join with tour participants for a group dinner at a local restaurant.

**Hotel: Park Plaza Victoria Amsterdam, 2 nights**



TUESDAY  
**10 SEPTEMBER**  
2019

**Amsterdam Sightseeing** **B**

Our day starts with a tour of beautiful Amsterdam, including a guided audio tour of the canals.

Afterwards, we visit the Van Gogh Museum, home to the world's largest collection of works by Vincent van Gogh.



WEDNESDAY  
**11 SEPTEMBER**  
2019

**Amsterdam - London** **B C**

This morning marks the conclusion of the Amsterdam stopover. We transfer to Schiphol Airport for our flight to London where the Fifth Test awaits. On arrival at the hotel there's time to relax, before we join fellow Australian cricket fans at the Official Ashes Function to preview the Test ahead at The Oval.

**Hotel: Park Plaza Riverbank, 6 nights**

THURSDAY  
**12 SEPTEMBER**  
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MONDAY  
**16 SEPTEMBER**  
2019

**Fifth Ashes Test – The Oval** **B D-16 September**

The start of the final Test of the 2019 Ashes Series at The Oval. Each day we will be transferred well in advance of the start of play, with a return transfer to your hotel at the end of each days play. On the night of Day Five (16 September), we'll enjoy a farewell dinner with our new friends to share some unforgettable memories.



TUESDAY  
**17 SEPTEMBER**  
2019

**Depart London** **B**

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 Fourth and Fifth Ashes Tests (see Important Notes)
- Economy class airfares Manchester to Amsterdam (9 September), and Amsterdam to London (11 September)
- Official Ashes Pre Match Functions in Manchester (3 September), and London (11 September), including entertainment, finger food and beverages
- Private match strategy sessions with CA Team Management and/or former Test greats
- Group dinners in Amsterdam (9 September), and London (16 September)
- Van Gogh Museum entry and canal cruise (10 September)
- 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.