



## First of all, What is a Gooney Bird?

The Gooney Bird is a large, friendly seabird found on certain islands in the North Pacific Ocean. It's clumsy and awkward on the ground, but graceful and elegant in flight. The Douglas C-47 transport aircraft, (the military version of the classic DC-3 airliner) shares these characteristics, and became known as "The Gooney Bird", during World War II. Our DC-3 spent most of its career in military service with the RAAF, saw action in two war zones, and since our purchase and refurbishment of it in 1989, has become known as "Melbourne's Gooney Bird".

## Is It Safe?

The DC-3 has been described as the most reliable aircraft ever built. It's an Airliner, and is required to meet much higher levels of construction, certification, maintenance and pilot training than those required for smaller machines. When we received this aircraft from the RAAF, we found it had only flown the equivalent of three years of airline use, and was in mint condition. We completely refitted it, using modern technology for sound-proofing, radios etc, then installed Airbus seats, a flight lounge, full vanity and toilet facilities, and an airline galley. It seats 28 passengers. The two pilots and two flight attendants must meet the same standards as those required by our domestic and international Airlines. Yes, it is safe.



DC-3, VH-OVM  
"Melbourne's Gooney Bird"

**We look forward to your company...**

## The King Island Experience...

Step back in time and travel to rugged and picturesque King Island. Fly down on your own personal VIP DC-3 ("Melbourne's Gooney Bird") where the actual trip is part of the experience.

Check-in commences at 10:00am at the Silver Cilpper VIP lounge where light refreshments are available prior to boarding.

Complimentary champagne is also provided for those wishing to start the day off with something more substantial.

Boarding the aircraft at 10:30am for the 1 hour 10 minute flight to King Island, our route takes us past the city skyline, into Port Phillip Bay, through the Heads and onto King Island.

On arrival passengers are met by coach and transferred to "Boomerang By The Sea" located near the main township of Currie. This restaurant is situated atop the cliff tops and overlooks Bass Strait and the golf course.

Truly a scene from St. Andrews in Scotland.

Enjoy a buffet style meal emphasizing local King Island fare. Seating can be arranged as requested, for those wishing to be in a group environment or couples wishing to be left to themselves.

After lunch the coach will take you on a mini tour centred around the town of Currie with a visit to the King Island Cheese Shop where you may sample some local produce. Purchases can be made at this time.

Returning to the aircraft for a 4:00pm take off back to Essendon.

## King Island for lunch, Why not?



## Inclusions:

- ❖ Return flight on Melbourne's Gooney Bird (DC-3) to King Island
- ❖ Champagne and light refreshments prior to departure and in flight
- ❖ King Island buffet style lunch at "Boomerang By The Sea"
- ❖ Transfers on King Island
- ❖ Secure car parking at Essendon Airport

The only additional costs are drinks consumed on King Island.

**Price:** \$499.00 per person.

**Note:** Flights run on scheduled Sundays.

Payment is required 7 days before departure.

Flights are subject to minimum bookings.