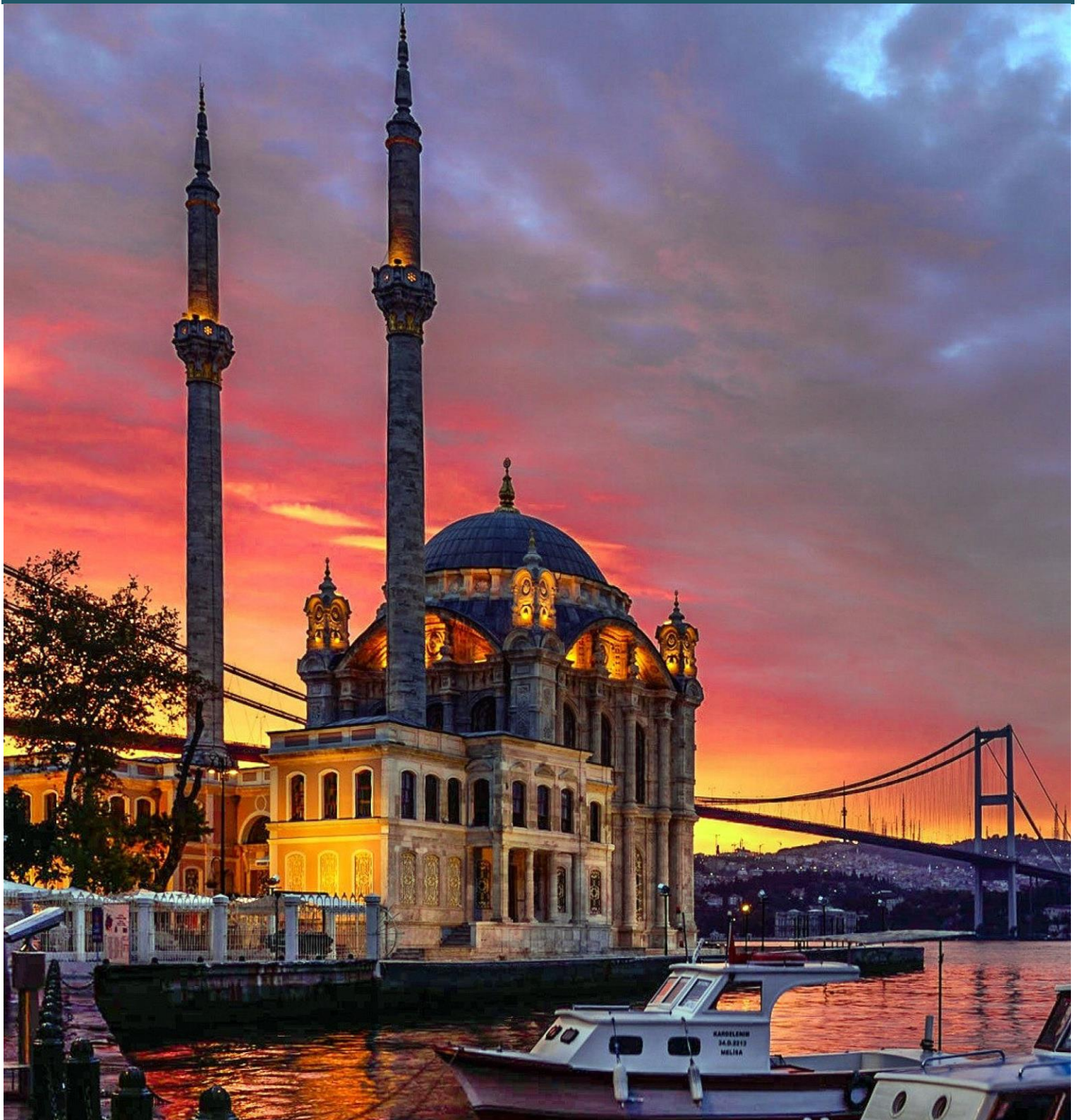


Byroads
Inspiring Escorted Journeys

Turkey Discovery





TURKEY DISCOVERY

UNCOVER THE WONDER OF TURKEY

17 DAYS

IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF EMPIRES

DEPARTS FROM:  **ISTANBUL** **MAX GROUP SIZE:**  **14 PEOPLE** **PHYSICAL LEVEL:**  **MODERATE**

Embark on an expedition through Turkey and follow the footprints of empires. A captivating canvas of diversity – historic ruins, bustling bazaars, and astounding landscapes. Come unveil Turkey’s cultural richness in this enthralling and immersive Byroad’s journey.



HIGHLIGHTS

- Hagia Sophia
- Blue Mosque
- Hippodrome
- Topkapi Palace
- Istanbul Basilica Cistern
- Islamic & Turkish Art Museum
- Rustem Pasha Mosque
- Istanbul Grand & Egyptian Bazaars
- Galata Tower & Pera Museum
- Bosphorus Ferry Cruise
- Ancient Ephesus
- Pamukkale Springs
- Hierapolis
- Ankara Mausoleum of Attaturk
- Safranbolu Village
- Yoruk Koyu Village
- Sahinkaya Canyon Cruise
- Historic Amasya
- Hattusha Hittite Site
- Goreme Open Air Museum
- Cavusin & the Zelve Valley
- Uchisar Castle
- Kaymakli Underground City

MEET YOUR HOST



Every Byroads tour is supported by either Steve or Bronny – two experienced travellers with a genuine passion for people. They take care of all the nitty-gritty details to ensure your trip runs smoothly – and you can focus on enjoying the moment.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ISTANBUL

Arrive at Istanbul Airport and transfer to your hotel. Settle in and meet up with your group in the evening.

DAY 2: ISTANBUL

There is so much to see and do in Istanbul it deserves a few days. Today take a guided tour of the city visiting major sites including the Hagia Sofia, one of the grandest buildings of the ancient world. Symbol of the city The Blue Mosque, the Basilica Cistern and the Hippodrome will all be on the itinerary. At the end of the day there is time to meander through the Grand Bazaar, where everything's for sale at a haggler's price. (B)

DAY 3: ISTANBUL

Stop by the Egyptian (Spice) Bazaar then visit the intimate Mosque of Rusterm Pasa. Wander the European Quarter and its charming arcades. Check out the view from the top of the Galata Tower and visit the Pera Art Museum to see the latest in the culture and art scene. (B)

DAY 4: ISTANBUL

Be guided through the Ottoman opulence of the Topkapi Palace, then discover the world's richest Islamic Art collection in the Turkish and Islamic Arts Museum. This afternoon take time to further explore and enjoy the rhythm of this vibrant city. (B)

DAY 5: EPHEBUS AND SIRINCE

Rise early for a flight, then drive on to ancient Ephesus where the cultural and historical legacy of this ancient Roman port is on display. Witness the Temple of Artemis, one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World. Stroll along marble-paved streets, where their grand monuments, temples, library and theatre reveal a city frozen in time. Tonight, rest in the picturesque hillside village of Sirince.

DAY 6: PAMUKKALE AND DENIZLI

Heading eastward, stop to explore the natural springs and geological phenomenon that is Pamukkale. The therapeutic properties and striking appearance of the hot springs have been known for centuries. Within walking distance of the springs is the remarkable Greco-Roman World Heritage site of Hierapolis and after exploring the ancient city it's a short drive to the hotel in Denizli. (BD)

DAY 7: ANKARA

Drive to Ankara, the nation's capital and visit the Mausoleum of Ataturk, founder of the Turkish Republic, Turkey's first President and revered hero of Independence and reforms. Later, be guided through the excellent Museum of Anatolian Civilizations with its extensive collection of artefacts. (B)

DAY 8: SAFRANBOLU

Drive north from Ankara and arrive at Safranbolu, one of the most beautiful and best-preserved Ottoman villages in Turkey. Check in to the welcoming hotel set in on a hillside in the old part of town, for the next two nights. Enjoy a relaxed afternoon to wander the narrow streets and soak up the local's warm hospitality and traditional cuisine. (B)

DAY 9: YORUK KOYU AND SAFRANBOLU

Spend the morning guided around the old centre of the World Heritage city of Safranbolu, named for the saffron trade. Drive to the very traditional village of Yoruk Koyu, (also part of the conservation zone) to view its charmingly unrestored cream-plastered classical Ottoman houses. Return to Safranbolu and your hotel for the night. (B)

DAY 10: KASTAMONU, SAHINKAYA CANYON AND SAMSUN

Enjoy morning tea in Kastamonu, backdropped by a splendid 12th century castle. Drive over mountains and descend to the spectacular Sahinkaya Canyon and enjoy a scenic cruise. Later drive on to Samsun, located on the shores of the Black Sea. (B, L)

ITINERARY

DAY 11: AMASYA

Time to enjoy a wander along the foreshore of the Black Sea before leaving Samsun on the very scenic drive through the Yesilirmak River Valley. Arrive in the stunning little town of Amasya with its dramatic location and settle in for two nights. Make a late afternoon visit to the magnificent Pontic Tombs that tower above the town. (B)

DAY 12: AMASYA

Stroll through the town's old centre and visit the local sites including a small museum, the Mosque of Beyazit II, an ancient madrassa and a fine old bedestan (a covered market). Spend the afternoon exploring further or return to the hotel and enjoy a swim or hammam. (B)

DAY 13: HATTUSA AND GOREME

Driving south, pass through a great variety of scenery to arrive at the heart of Cappadocia. Stop to investigate the heritage listed ruins of Hattusa, once the capital of the Bronze Age Hittite empire, one of the most powerful and mysterious civilizations in Anatolian history. Arrive at Goreme, famous for its fairy chimney rock formations and settle in for three nights in the nearby village of Urgup. (B)

DAY 14: CAPPADOCIA

This morning traverse and be captivated at the UNESCO listed Goreme Open Air Museum. Marvel at the incredible rock-cut churches and chapels adorned with vibrant frescoes. After lunch visit the Zelve Valley, an absolute highlight of the region with its rock-cut cave houses. Enjoy dinner tonight with a local family in their family home. (BD)

DAY 15: CAPPADOCIA

Sleep in – or take an optional balloon ride this morning. Go underground and explore the incredible underground city of Kaymakli, built to provide shelter and protection for up to 3000 people during times of invasion. Later make a stop at Avanos where the pottery is famous and can be purchased! (B)

DAY 16: KAYSERI AND ISTANBUL

An early breakfast before driving to Kayseri for the flight to Istanbul. Time today to relax, find your last souvenirs and in the late afternoon enjoy a boat cruise exploring the waterways of the Bosphorus. (B)

DAY 17: ISTANBUL

Breakfast concludes your tour. Taxis to the airport are available, or Byroads can organise a transfer on request. Byroads can also arrange a full-day excursion to the battlefields of Gallipoli. (B)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

GUIDES

- ✓ Byroads tour host and national and local guides

TRANSPORT

- ✓ Arrival transfer, private minibus, plane and boat.

ACCOMMODATION

- ✓ 16 nights (3 to 4-star hotel average)

MEALS

- ✓ 15 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 2 dinners

TICKETS

- ✓ Entrance fees to indicated sites

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

We'd love to do it all for you. But there are a few things you'll need to arrange yourself. This includes your:

- Visa
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Departure transfer
- International flights
- Additional meals and drinks
- Cash for tipping kitty
- Optional tours
- Spending of a personal nature
- Laundry



GETTING THERE: FLIGHTS AND TRANSFERS

You can book your flights online or via your travel agent. Turkish Airlines, Emirates, Qatar and Etihad fly from Australia to Istanbul.

Your arrival transfer is included in your tour cost – however, your departure transfer is not. We can organise one upon request.

ACCOMMODATION

Byroads accommodation is a destination unto itself. We choose our hotels carefully to ensure a seamless transition from your day exploring to a night of relaxation. Think traditional architecture blended with modern comforts – and plenty of views.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



Avicenna Hotel

This 4-star hotel is brilliantly located in Sultanhamet, the historical heart of the city. The hotel features modern rooms and a garden terrace and has a sumptuous breakfast.



Nisanyan Houses

Offering stunning views of the village of Sirince and surrounding hills the hotel features a pool filled from the Nisanyan Spring, a large garden and wonderful rooms.



Urgup Konak Hotel

Charming accommodation in Urgup village. This cosy renovated traditional home features a restaurant and a roof top terrace with great views of Cappadocia.

THE FINER DETAILS

DATES AND PRICES

DATE	TWIN SHARE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
9 September 2024	5695 EUR	1220 EUR
*8 September 2025	*6150 EUR	*1295 EUR

Due to the volatility of international currencies, trip fees are calculated in EURO. However, you will be charged in Australian dollars. Currency conversion is based on Westpac Banking Corporation's buying rate on your balance due date.

***2025 Prices are provisional**

Additional expenses

Tipping is customary, so please allow extra funds for the tipping kitty. This will pay your local and national guides, drivers and porters.

MEALS

Breakfast is included daily. An additional 1 lunch and 2 dinners are also included. Elsewhere, you can enjoy the delicious variety of local food on offer. Meals typically cost between 10-15 EUR for lunch and 20-30 EUR for dinner.

DOCUMENTATION

Once we've received your final payment, we'll post you a comprehensive field guide. It's a physical document you can keep handy to inform your travels. It also includes all relevant tour and accommodation information you need to book your visa.

VISAS

Australian and New Zealand passport holders are required to have a visa for Turkey. These are applied for on-line.

Other passport holders, please contact us for the latest information.

READY TO PACK YOUR BAGS?

There are two ways to book:

Online
(available 24/7)

Postal booking
form (below)



Got questions? Contact us at travel@byroads.com.au

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING FORM

Tour name: Start date:

Room type: Twin Double Single Sharing with:

Full name: Date of Birth:

Email: Mobile:

Postal address:

Emergency contact (Name and phone number):

Nationality: Passport No:

Issue date: Expiry date:

Any medical, dietary or other special requests?

Travel insurance provider:

Policy No:

Emergency assistance phone no:

PAYMENT DETAILS

The tour deposit is due at the time of booking. The final balance payment is due 60 days prior to the commencement of the tour. All payments must be made via direct bank deposit to Byroads.

Acc Name: Byroads Pty Ltd

BSB: 034-605

Acc number: 697336

DECLARATION

I have read and I understand all the information in the respective Byroads tour brochure, and agree to abide by the Standard Booking Conditions attached to this booking form. I also confirm that I am fit to travel.

Signature:

Date:

BYROADS TOUR

BOOKING CONDITIONS

RESERVATION AND DEPOSIT

A non-refundable deposit of \$750 is payable on all tours. This deposit must be paid to Byroads, and each participating client must complete the Byroads Booking form. You agree to accept these conditions when paying a deposit for your tour and completing the Booking Form. Your Byroads tour booking will only be confirmed once the deposit and completed booking form have been received. These Booking Conditions form the basis of the contract between you and Byroads.

PAYMENT

All payments must be made directly to Byroads by bank transfer.

FINAL BALANCE

The balance of your tour payment is due 60 days prior to the start of your tour. If, for any reason, the balance payment is not received by the due date, Byroads reserves the right to treat such failure to pay the balance as a cancellation and to apply the appropriate cancellation charges.

CANCELLATION BY YOU

If, for any reason, you cancel your tour booking, Byroads shall apply the following cancellation penalties. Charges are per person:

- Cancellation up to and including 60 days prior to departure, forfeiture of the total deposit
- From 59 to 45 days prior to departure, 30% of the tour price shall be retained
- From 44 to 31 days prior to departure, 50% of the tour price shall be retained
- Within 30 days prior to departure, no refund will be made.

In addition to the above charges, cancellation fees may also apply to any domestic airfare component of your tour. No refund will be made after your tour has commenced or in respect of lost or unused tickets, hotel coupons, meals or any other services not utilized.

CANCELLATION BY BYROADS – Prior to Travel

If, for any reason, Byroads is forced to cancel a tour before it commences, Byroads may offer a transfer to an alternate departure, or all monies paid by you in respect of the tour will be refunded, less any unrecoverable costs. Unrecoverable costs may include but are not limited to monies paid to service providers, airlines, transportation companies, travel agencies and hotels associated with your tour.

AMENDMENTS

Up to and including 60 days prior to the departure of your tour, any amendment to a confirmed reservation may incur a fee of \$50 per change per file. From 59 to 30 days prior to departure, any amendment to confirmed travel arrangements may incur a fee of \$100 per change per file. Once documents have been dispatched, any amendment may incur a fee of \$150 per change per file.

TOUR PRICES

Byroads tour prices and provisional tour prices are based on tariffs and prevailing rates of exchange when tours were costed. Prices are subject to change without prior notice. In the event of fluctuations in currency exchange rates, service providers' tariffs, fuel prices or any other cost that affects the price of your tour, Byroads reserves the right to adjust tour prices at any time up to the day of departure.

TOUR OPERATION

Although Byroads will endeavour to ensure that tours are operated as advertised, an express condition of making a reservation is the acceptance by you that the tour itineraries, schedules, advertised accommodation, sightseeing and mode of transportation as outlined in the Byroads brochure and/or supplied in the pre-departure information are subject to change without prior notice.

Unforeseeable circumstances such as force majeure, epidemic, pandemic, adverse weather conditions, floods, earthquakes, airline flight rescheduling, technical faults with transportation and road conditions may also have a consequential effect on the tour's content. Any decision made in respect of tour services provided by Byroads to reroute or amend the itinerary due to the above or similar circumstances shall be at the sole discretion of Byroads. Byroads shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever arising from such events that affect the schedule and content of your tour.

If Byroads is forced to cancel your travel arrangements after your trip has commenced due to reasons outside of its control, it will provide you with a refund of recoverable third-party costs only.

HEALTH AND FITNESS

Byroads operate soft adventure tours. All participants must have a reasonable degree of physical fitness and be healthy. Before travelling with Byroads, you must familiarise yourself with any health requirements applicable to the areas you will be travelling. This includes obtaining any compulsory vaccinations or medical tests that may be required for entry into your country of travel.

You are responsible for having the correct entry and exit documents for your visiting countries. Byroads will assist in providing up-to-date information but is not responsible for any changes that may be made by governments.

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

You acknowledge that the nature of the tour is adventurous and that participation involves a degree of personal risk. You will be visiting places where the political, cultural and geographical attributes can present dangers and physical challenges greater than those present in our daily lives. We use information from foreign government departments and reports from our own contacts in assessing whether the itinerary should operate. However, you must acquaint yourself with all relevant travel information and your itinerary. You acknowledge that your decision to travel is made considering this information, and you accept that you are aware of the personal risks attendant upon such travel.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS

Ensure your passport has a minimum of six months validity remaining, as this is an entry requirement in many countries. Upon booking, visa requirements will be advised once Byroads has received your passport details. Visas are required for a number of our tours, and it is your responsibility to obtain them.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR COST

The cost of your Byroads tour does not include international airfares, airport departure taxes, unspecified meals, optional sightseeing, additional transfers, gratuities for hotel staff, guides and tour leaders, items of a personal nature such as laundry, phone calls, etc. or any other incidental expenses.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

It is an express condition of travelling with Byroads that you have comprehensive travel insurance to cover you for the duration of your tour. This should include full cover for any medical expenses and repatriation if required. It is highly recommended that you take out travel insurance when you pay the deposit to guard against any unforeseen circumstances that can lead to your need to cancel your tour. If you rely on complimentary travel insurance offered through your credit card company or bank, you should ensure that it is suitable for your tour. Some of the policies offered by these institutions may not offer adequate coverage. You must provide the policy number, insurance supplier details and emergency contact number to Byroads before your documents are issued.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

We contract with a network of companies, government agencies and individuals to assist in the running of our tours as agent for these third parties. We are not responsible for the acts and omissions of these third parties. To the fullest extent permitted by law:

(i) Any liability for any loss, death, injury or damage which you may suffer (directly or indirectly) in connection with or arising out of your participation in a tour, or any breach of the Booking Conditions, is excluded;

(ii) You release Byroads and its officers, employees, agents and representatives from any liability and expressly waive any claims you may have against us arising out of, or in connection with, your participation in a tour;

(iii) Any condition or warranty which would otherwise be implied by law into these Booking Conditions (Implied Warranty) is excluded.

To the extent an Implied Warranty cannot be excluded, our liability in respect of the Implied Warranty is limited to (in our absolute discretion): (a) the provision of a similar tour to an equivalent value or (b) a refund of the total amount received by us from you in connection with your booking.

Any claim by you is excluded to the extent that it is for indirect or consequential loss, loss of profits or economic loss (however it arises) or for indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages.

APPLICABLE LAW

The laws of Victoria, Australia, govern these Booking Conditions to the fullest extent allowable. Any disputes in connection with a tour or these Booking Conditions must be initiated in the courts of Victoria.