



COUNTRY NSW

Blue Mountains - Cherry Blossoms - Southern Highlands

with Val Henry

8 Days / 7 Nights



Tour Departs: Monday 9th October - Monday 16th October 2017

Tour Cost: \$2745.00 per person Twin Share

If you prefer not to share, a single supplement of \$476.00 is applicable.

Tour priced is based on minimum 20 paying passengers. Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.



The Itinerary

Day 1. Monday 9 October: Brisbane - Sydney - Blue Mountains

Lunch & Dinner

After our transfers to Brisbane airport we check in for our morning flights down to Sydney. After arriving in Sydney we are met by our local coach captain before making our way up into the beautiful Blue Mountains. We arrive in Glenbrook where we visit **Aitkens Australia In The Round Gallery** featuring the Harbour-dominated beauty of Australia's Emerald City; the rugged mystery of the Blue Mountains; toughness and brilliant colours of Australia's outback; and natural beauty of beaches scattered along endless stretches of coastline, then add the fertile riches of Australia's rural heartland and the character and excitement of Queensland's fabulous Gold Coast and we have a fascinating collage of life in modern Australia – all captured within the 213 square metres of wall space at Aitken's Australia In The Round Panorama. After lunch at the gallery we travel up to Leura stopping at the **National Trust Gallery and Museum** of famous artist and craftsman, writer **Norman Lindsay** (1879 - 1969) who lived in this stone cottage for most of his long life. The cottage is presented as the showplace of a major collection of Lindsay's work including watercolours, sculptures, ship models, novels and an exhibition of models from his classic children's book *The Magic Pudding*. Later in the day we arrive in Leura and check into our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight Leura: Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort

Day 2. Tuesday 10 October: Blue Mountains

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we enjoy a drive along Cliff Drive around to **Echo Point and the Three Sisters Lookout** overlooking the beautiful Jamison Valley. We then visit the Blue Mountains premier attraction **Scenic World** where our Scenic Pass enables us to ride the Scenic Skyway, which travels horizontally 300 metres above the Jamison Valley floor above Cooks Crossing and offers magnificent views of Katoomba Falls and Orphan Rock. We can also enjoy the Scenic Rail, which was built in 1878 and takes us on a drop of 207 metres into the valley and has the reputation of being the world's steepest inclined railway. Once on the Valley Floor we can enjoy some short walks along the board walk to the Ruined Castle and Federal Pass before enjoying the Cableway back out of the Valley to the Visitors Centre. We then enjoy **free time in the pretty village of Leura** which at this time of the year is filled with amazing colours. The township is littered with many fine coffee shops, galleries, antique, craft and curiosity shops. *Bygone Beauty Antiques Emporium* and *Teapot Collection*, *The Candy Store* and the *Toy and Railway Museum* are well worth a visit. This afternoon we visit **Everglade Gardens** where The National Trust brings Australia's heritage alive drawing from the great traditions of European landscape design as well as the unique Blue Mountains bushland, Everglades' charms with its grace and beauty. Constructed in the 1930s by Danish-born landscape gardener Paul Sorensen in conjunction with owner Henri van de Velde, Everglades Gardens is Australia's most spectacular inter-war period garden and has received acclaim from garden lovers worldwide. Later in the day we travel back down to Leura to our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight Leura: Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort



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Day 3. Wednesday 11 October: Blue Mountains - Bathurst - Cowra

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We travel through the Blue Mountains stopping in **Lithgow for a tour of the Small Arms Factory Museum**. Lithgow SAF over its years of operation built up an impressive reference collection of long-arms and machine guns from all over the world. This collection, originally accumulated for technical appraisal, developed into an in-house museum' cared for by SAF staff. Our next stop is **Eskbank House and Garden**. One of the oldest residences in the Lithgow Valley, Eskbank House was built in 1842 by local Stonemason Alexander Binning for the first Industrialist to the Lithgow Valley Mr Thomas Brown MLA. Today Eskbank House operates as a historic home and museum and features the Lithgow Local History Collection, a collection of significance to the Lithgow Local Government Area. Eskbank House & Museum is also the home of the Nationally Significant Lithgow Pottery Collection, one of the largest collections of Lithgow Pottery in Australia. We depart the Blue Mountains region and make our way across to Bathurst and enjoy lunch in town before visiting the **Bathurst Visitor Information Centre** which is home to a proudly restored Cobb & Co coach. The headquarters for Cobb & Co was established in Bathurst in 1862 and the area has a rich history of all forms of transport. This afternoon we visit **The National Motor Racing Museum** located beside the famous international Mount Panorama motor racing circuit. The Museum offers for public viewing, a range of race cars, cycles, trophies, photographs, posters, special exhibits and memorabilia of Australian motor racing. Then of course before leaving Bathurst we take a drive around the Mount Panorama circuit. We then travel down into Cowra for check in and dinner.

Overnight Cowra: Cowra Services Club Motel

Day 4. Thursday 12 October: Cowra Breakout

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we visit the **Cowra Visitors Centre** to view the **Cowra Breakout Holographic Theatre**, a nine minute hologram which tells the story of the famous breakout and its aftermath. The breakout resulted in the death of 231 Japanese prisoners with a further 108 wounded. All survivors were recaptured in the surrounding countryside in the days that followed. Four Australians were killed in the breakout – Privates Benjamin Gower Hardy, Ralph Jones and Charles Henry Shepherd. Lieutenant Harry Doncaster was killed when ambushed during the recapture of the prisoners. Hardy and Jones were posthumously awarded the George Cross. We are then joined by our **local guide for a highlights tour of Cowra** taking in the Australian World Peace Bell, which is a replica of the one that stands in the forecourt of the United Nations Headquarters in New York as a reminder of the continual need for all nations to work for peace. The Australian World Peace Bell was awarded to Cowra in 1992 for its long standing contribution to world peace and international understanding, the Australian and Japanese War Cemetery which are a monument to the strong friendship between Cowra and Japan that resulted from the areas involvement in WWII. The Japanese War Cemetery is the only one of its kind in Australia. We also visit the POW Camp Sites, the Cowra Italy Friendship Monument and Bellevue Hill. A highlight of our tour will be the drive along **Sakura Avenue, or Avenue of Cherry Trees**. In 1988 as a bicentennial project Cowra Shire Council, in conjunction with the Japanese Government, planted 1988 cherry blossom trees between the Cowra War Cemetery, the site of the Prisoner Of War Camp, and the Japanese Gardens as a sign of peace and reconciliation with the Japanese people. Each tree is sponsored by Japanese businesses and citizens as well as Australian school children. On the completion of our tour we make our way out to the **delightful Quarry Restaurant and Cellar Door for lunch "amongst the vines"**. This afternoon we take in the **"Fields of Gold Canola Tour"**, which covers the colourful canola hotspots around Cowra, general canola facts and the history of canola in the area. Later in the day we arrive back at our motel for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Cowra: Cowra Services Club Motel

Day 5. Friday 13 October: Cowra - Young

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we tour the stunning **Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre**. We take time to stroll the gardens designed as a replica of the first Japanese landscape garden (Strolling garden) built by the first Japanese Shogun Tokugawa Ieyasu. The design of the Cowra Japanese Garden and the landscape incorporates the six elements in the design: - mountain, rocks, mountain waterfalls, mountain lakes, rivers turning into oceans and pine trees. After our tour we travel down to Young via the stunning **Iandra Castle** which is a magnificent 53 room castle similar to those one would see in the English countryside. The castle was built by Mr G.H. Greene and construction took four years from 1899 - 1903. After our tour we enjoy a picnic lunch in the grounds before continuing down into Young. We arrive at the **Young Visitor Information Centre**, which is located in the historic former Young Railway Station. Here we watch a short dvd on the area as well as having a look through the range of souvenirs and a range of local products such as jam, olive oil and more for purchase. We make our way to **Lambing Flat Museum** where we have a talk and time to wander around the Museum. This 1883 school building is full of items of Young's unique history including the **"Roll Up Flag"** that was carried by rioting minors in 1861. The museum also has household, textile and war exhibits to name a few. Later in the day we check into our accommodation before dinner.

Overnight Young: Young Federation Motor Inn

Day 6. Saturday 14 October: Young - Goulburn - Bowral - Wollongong

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we depart Young and make our way down to the Hume Highway and Yass. Arriving in Yass we tour the **1835 colonial Cooma Cottage** built by Pioneering pastoralist Cornelius O'Brien and which between 1839 and 1873 was the home to Australia's great overland explorer Hamilton Hume. We then travel up through Goulburn for lunch and then to Bowral stopping at the **Corbett Gardens** to witness **the spectacular spring tulips in mass displays**. This afternoon we travel across to the beautiful **Fitzroy Falls**, which is the highest waterfall in the highlands plunging off the escarpment down 81 metres into the rainforest gullies below. The boardwalk offers magnificent views and several walks may be taken starting from the Visitors Centre. Then it's up through Robertson and down the stunning Macquarie Pass and into Wollongong for check in and dinner.

Overnight Wollongong: Sage Hotel Wollongong

Day 7. Sunday 15 October: Wollongong & Illawarra

Breakfast & Dinner

Today in Wollongong we enjoy an **Australian Industry World Tour of the Port Kembla**. Our guided 2.5hr tour takes in the Port Kembla Coal Terminal, Grain Terminal, Steelworks, Port Kembla Harbour, Gabriella Memorial, Breakwater Battery Precinct (alight weather permitting), Various Port Kembla Industries, Hill 60 (alight weather permitting), Port Kembla Copper and the Port Kembla Village. After leaving Port Kembla we take a drive down to the historic township of **Berry** and enjoy free time to check out the **boutique stores** and various antiques in Queen, Alexandra and Albert Streets. After lunch we call at the **Coolangatta Estate Cellar Door** for wine and cheese tasting before taking in the history of the early **19th Century Estate and Village**. After settlement Coolangatta quickly developed into a self-supporting village boasting mills, workshops, tradesmen and artisans. Within years Coolangatta was exporting thoroughbred horses to India, Cedar to Europe and cattle, tobacco, cheese and wheat to Sydney. We then travel back up to Wollongong via the pretty coastal towns of **Gerringong to Kiama** stopping to view the **Kiama Blowhole and Cathedral Rocks**. Dinner tonight is at our hotel.

Overnight Wollongong: Sage Hotel Wollongong

Day 8. Monday 16 October: Wollongong - Sydney Airport - Brisbane

Breakfast & Lunch

This morning we bid our host farewell before touring the spectacular **Australian Motorlife Museum** which is dedicated to providing visitors with an insight into the history of motoring through its showcase of historic vehicles and memorabilia and through their events, publications and library. The museum is now the home of the Paul Butler Collection which includes about 16 motor vehicles prior to 1930 and many items of memorabilia all of which will be put on exhibition progressively, as they are restored. Our next stop is at the **Nan Tien Temple** for a tour and light lunch. The Temple is the **largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere** and the second largest in the world costing 50 million dollars to build. Leaving the temple we continue north taking in the **spectacular Sea Cliff Bridge** where we are able to disembark the coach and with cameras in hand we take a stroll along the walkway. We arrive at **Stanwell Park** and enjoy the magnificent panoramic views from **Bald Hill**. The town was once the home of Lawrence Hargrave, a pioneering aviator and the inventor of the box kite. Many of his experiments took place on Bald Hill, where he is remembered with a monument. Later in the day we arrive at Sydney Airport for check in and flight back up to Brisbane after a wonderful week touring NSW with Trade Travel and the Donald Simpson Centre.

The Tour Price Includes:

- Return Economy Flights; Brisbane to Sydney
- Luxury Coach Travel, Seatbelts & Restroom
- 7 Nights Quality Accommodation
- All touring and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner as per itinerary (20 meals)

Tour Highlights:

Aitkrns Australia in the Round Gallery; Norman Lindsay - National Trust Gallery and Museum; Echo Point and Three Sisters Lookout; Scenic World; Everglade Gardens; Small Arms Factory Museum; Eskbank House and Garden; Bathurst; National Motor Racing Museum; Cowra Breakout Holographic Theatre; Cowra Highlights Tour; Quarry Restaurant and Cellar Door; Fields of Gold Canola Tour; Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre; Iandra Castle; Young; Lambing Flat Museum; Cooma Cottage; Corbett Gardens; Australian Industry World Tour of Port Kembla; Berry; Coolangatta Estate Cellar Door; Kiama Blowhole and Cathedral Rocks; Australian Motorlife Museum; Nan Tien Temple; Sea Cliff Bridge; Stanwell Park; Bald Hill & much more..

\$200.00 DEPOSIT to be paid together with completed booking form
by **Friday 9th June 2017**

FINAL PAYMENT to be paid on or before: **Thursday 10th August 2017**

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