

# Inclusions & Costs

## THE TOUR INCLUDES:

Luxury Coach Travel  
5 nights Quality Accommodation  
5 Breakfasts (B)  
3 Morning Teas (MT)  
6 Lunches (L)  
4 Afternoon Teas (AT)  
5 Dinners (D)

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

New England countryside  
Three Creek Gold Mine & Panning  
The Big Golden Guitar & Wax Museum  
Nundle Woollen Mill  
Kilted Tour - Standing Stones  
Bingara Roxy Theatre  
Olive & Wine Tasting  
Saumarez House  
Historic Pioneer Village  
Didgeridoo making and Boomerang painting  
Fresh produce sampling - Sunhill Dairy Goat Farm  
Hillview Herb Farm

## TOUR COST:

\$1378 per person based on twin/double share accommodation  
\$1646 per person based on single accommodation (limited availability)

## MODERATE LEVELS OF FITNESS

Passengers must be able to:

- Walk 10 minutes without having to stop or sit down and rest
- Walk up an incline equal to a flight of stairs, without stopping
- Stand for 30 minutes, without needing to sit down
- Walk over uneven ground with no paving
- Get in and out of transportation unassisted
- Manage your own luggage

## Terms & Conditions

**Deposits:** A non-refundable deposit of \$200 per person is required within seven days to confirm your booking. No bookings can be confirmed without a deposit. **Balance:** The final balance is due 60 days prior to the tour departure. We will send you a reminder letter two weeks in advance to remind you. We accept cash, cheque, EFTPOS, direct credit or credit cards (MasterCard or Visa). **Cancellation Policy:** Cancellation fees will be applied if you have to cancel your booking.

## Notice Fee

60+ days	Non-refundable deposit + \$10.00 per person cancellation fee.
30-59 days	50% of tour price + \$10.00 per person cancellation fee
Within 30 days	100% of tour price

In the event we are able to transfer your booking to another passenger, the cancellation fee will be \$200 tour deposit.

**Fares Include:** Air Conditioned Luxury 5 Star Coach travel, motel accommodation, entrance fees and meals as stated in the itinerary. **Alteration of Itinerary:** We reserve the right to alter itineraries without notice due to availability, weather, road conditions or any other reasons we perceive to be in the best interests of our passengers. **Seating and Seat Rotation:** Seating is rotated in a random order at the direction of the Coach Driver/Tour Guide to ensure all passengers enjoy a variety of seating. **Single Supplement:** Limited single supplement is available. Single supplement gives the passenger exclusive use of a motel room and is indicated by the single supplement price on the itinerary. It does not guarantee sole seating on the coach. **Smoking:** Government regulations prohibit smoking on all modes of transport. **Travel Insurance:** We recommend you take out travel insurance to protect your investment in your holiday. **Baggage:** All baggage is entirely at owner's risk.

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# Itinerary

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Get ready to step back in time as you explore the charming history and flavour of the beautiful New England region. Nicknamed Gemstone Country after the abundance of sapphires and gems discovered here. You'll discover gorgeous landscapes, historic country towns, delicious local produce and maybe even strike gold as you try your luck fossicking at a true working gold mine.

## **DAY 1: Monday 1 April 2019 (MT, L, AT, D)**

As we board our luxury coach we make our way to the quaint and charming little town of Nundle nestled at the picturesque foot of the Great Dividing Range on the banks of the breathtaking Peel Valley. Here we will enjoy lunch at the multi-award winning 150 year old 'Peel Inn' in the grapevine covered beer garden before having some free time exploring the towns' intriguing mix of boutique stores, antique collections and displays. We then head to Mount Misery Gold Mine Museum which features an amazing mix of gold rush memorabilia hosted in a 150m underground mine tunnel. Here our hosts will explain to us how gold was once mined and sold in the area. Before making our way to our overnight stop at Tamworth we finish with a cuppa and homemade cake at one of the last spinning mills operating in Australia – the Nundle Woollen Mill. Here will we reconnect with Australia's wool heritage marveling at the antique machines humming at work.

**Accommodation – Best Western Tamworth**

## **DAY 2: Tuesday 2 April 2019 (B, L, AT, D)**

Being in the heart of the Capital of Country Music no tour is complete without visiting the iconic 'Big Golden Guitar' and stroll through the city's unique wax museum 'The Gallery of Stars'. Our next stop is the scenic town of Bingara visiting the colourful Roxy Theatre – built in 1936 by three Greek partners, it is a symbol that epitomises the Greek migration experience. We will have lunch in the rare combined cinema café before touring through the theatre's striking original art deco architecture. After we have filled our bellies we head out to the working 'Three Creeks Gold Mine' and learn about the mining history, browse through artefacts in the museum, view the displays of gems and crystals and maybe even strike gold as we try our luck at some gold panning! This afternoon we leave beautiful Bingara for Inverell via the Copeton Dam, stopping for a bite of afternoon tea while we take in the remarkable clay core and rock filled embankment of the dam with its concrete chute spillway crossing the Gwydir River.

**Accommodation – Club Motel Inverell**



## **DAY 3: Wednesday 3 April 2019 (B, L, AT, D)**

This morning we wake up in the 'City of Sapphires', the beautiful town of Inverell which sits tightly on the Macintyre River. After a late breakfast we enjoy a little time exploring the streets of Inverell before local craftsman Rob Day gives us an entertaining introduction into the making and playing of didgeridoos at his Wood Turning Workshop and Gallery at Gilgai. Next we head back into town and visit the Inverell Pioneer Village stepping back in time and enjoy the historical tranquility of days gone by. We are able to wander through the Village viewing the authentic local buildings housing some amazing collections and memorabilia before sitting down for a lovely picnic style lunch in the natural bush setting. We continue our walk down memory lane as we visit the Transport Museum which hosts over 120 vehicle exhibits some of which have been sourced from America, England and Europe including a 1906 Dayton believed to be the only working one left worldwide. The museum also hosts a display of antique dolls, sewing machines and wedding dresses. Our last stop for the day is at the family owned olive grove - Olives of Beaulieu where we can stroll through the olive grove then relax and enjoy a country style afternoon tea while our hosts talk to us about the operations of the farm and variations of the products before making our way to their beautiful Cellar Door savouring a selection of olive oils and spices and browse through their range of olive oil products, award winning honey, chutney, jams, sauces and olive oil cosmetics.

**Accommodation – Club Motel – Inverell**

## **DAY 4: Thursday 4 April 2019 (B, MT, L, D)**

After breakfast we farewell Inverell and make our way to Glen Innes known as the 'Celtic Heart of Australia', owing not only to its early Scottish settlers, but also to the undeniable similarity between the region's stunning landscape and the lush Scottish and English countryside. Our 'Kilted Guide' will join our coach and travel with us to the Australian Standing Stones, the national monument to Australia's Celtic pioneers. We will hear the story of the Stones - the history, symbolism and meaning of the solar-aligned, megalithic stone circle - a working calendar. It is the only one built anywhere in the world for more than 3000 years. After a comforting Devonshire Tea at the charming Crofters Cottage Café we will proceed through the beautiful main street featuring over 120 heritage listed buildings and the stunning Glen Innes Parklands. After dropping off our guide we head out to the Land of the Beardies History House Museum & Research Centre which showcases a unique collection of local artefacts and memorabilia dating back to the early settlers of Glen Innes and District. After an informative tour of the museum we will visit the

Red Lion Tavern. This Celtic style tavern boasts crimson carpets, large open fireplaces and classic wooden furnishings making it lovely and cozy to tuck into our warming roast lunch. Our next stop before continuing our journey to Armidale is the Gawura Gallery where we meet internationally acclaimed Aboriginal Artist Lloyd Hornsby for a tour of the gallery, discussion on the exhibitions and take part in a fun and informative boomerang painting workshop where we will learn about the indigenous cultural connection and history behind the painting.

**Accommodation – Country Comfort Armidale**

## **DAY 5: Friday 5 April 2019 (B, L, D)**

After a leisurely breakfast we set off to explore our new found base picking up our guide in the pretty tree lined city centre. We visit the New England Regional Art Museum, Bi-Centennial Railway Museum and the Armidale Railway Precinct, Armidale & Region Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place and the spectacular grand mansion 'Boooloominbah' built in the 1880's and said to be one of the largest private country houses in Australia. For lunch we visit the 30 room Edwardian Saumarez Homestead set on ten hectares of grazing lawns. It is a jewel of the region complete with original furnishings. We will take a tour through the elegant mansion and stroll through its magnificent Edna Walling style cottage garden, the picking garden and the lawns.

To finish our day we enjoy some delicious wine tastings at the heritage listed Palmerston Estate - Petersons Winery. Unique in design with its Cellar Door situated in the restored horse stables. You may like to buy a bottle (or two) of the multi-award winning drop to have later or to share with friends at the motel before our relaxing two course dinner.

**Accommodation – Country Comfort Armidale**

## **DAY 6: Saturday 6 April 2019 (B, MT, L)**

Today we say farewell to Armidale and begin our journey back home. Our first stop is at Sunhill Dairy Goats Farm, Salisbury Plains. This is a working 12 acre dairy goat farm, located just 10 minutes from the township of Uralla. Meet the goats, taste goat cheeses made on site and tour the farm and milking operations. Morning tea will be served under the pergola and you'll have some time to sample natural handmade goat's milk skin care products. From here we travel along Thunderbolts Way stopping at Gloucester for a delicious fresh BBQ lunch at Hillview Herb Farm overlooking the majestic Avon River Valley. Enjoying our meal in the screen garden rotunda served with tasty gourmet herb sausages, seasoned chicken wings, freshly prepared salads and house made herb bread using the farm's beautiful homegrown produce. After sampling the farm's products looking through the farm's gift store of herb teas, herbal honey, chilli sauces, jams, condiments and lotions we make our way back home revived and full of fresh mountain air.



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