

# NEWCASTLE / HUNTER VALLEY / GRAFTON JACARANDA

**\$2,400**  
(inc. GST)

Hawkesbury River, Nelson Bay, Lake Macquarie, Hunter Valley Gardens

8 Day Tour : 09<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2024

\$2,400 includes: Motel accommodation, All Breakfast and Dinners, All Admissions and Touring, The Riverboat Postman Cruise, Hawkesbury River, Hunter Valley Gardens, Cheese Factory and Winery, Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (Macadamia Castle), Dinner Cruise Lake Macquarie, Port Stephens / Nelson Bay Lighthouse Tea Room, Grafton Jacaranda, Regional Gallery, Schaeffer House, Tropical Fruit World. Coffs Harbour, Bellingen Old Butter Factory, Dorrigo Rainforest Skywalk.

**PICKUP AND RETURN: Brisbane, Redcliffe, Redlands, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Tweed Heads, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture.**

**Day 1.** Lunch and Admission at Byron Bay Wildlife Sanctuary (Macadamia Castle). Grafton the "Jacaranda Town". 2 Night stay.

**Day 2.** Time to relax and explore The "Jacaranda Town" including Schaeffer House, Regional Gallery, parks and gardens.

**Day 3.** This morning we arrive at Nambucca Heads and Port Macquarie, then we make our way To Newcastle / Charlestown - situated in the Lake Macquarie region. 3 night stay at Best Western Plus Apollo International Hotel 4.5 Star.

**Day 4.** Today another tour highlight as we travel to Brooklyn for our cruise on the Hawkesbury Mail Boat, the famous Riverboat Postman, and enjoy the magnificent scenery of the lower Hawkesbury River as the mail and other essentials are delivered to the river-access-only settlements upriver from Brooklyn. The first Riverboat Postman started the run in 1910 and the tradition continues. Be entertained by the local skipper's commentary and stories of the river whilst cruising in comfort along this spectacular waterway. Morning tea and lunch included. Afternoon Newcastle Tour.

**Day 5.** Time to visit the Magnificent Hunter Valley Gardens. Over 25 hectares of spectacular international display gardens that will amaze you with sensational sights, colours, fragrances and adventure. Our Hunter Valley experience includes Winery and Cheese Factory. Evening Dinner cruise on the beautiful waterways of LAKE MACQUARIE the largest saltwater lake in the southern hemisphere.

**Day 6.** Morning tour of Port Stephens / Nelson Bay which includes morning tea at the Nelson Head inner Lighthouse - built in 1875, this restored Lighthouse Cottage has a tea room with spectacular ocean views. Next we visit the beautiful waterways of the twin towns of Forster and Tuncurry. Coffs Harbour - 2 Night stay.

**Day 7.** Time to relax, before our coach tour of Coffs Harbour and the Hinterland including The Clog Barn - a delightful miniature model Dutch Village with its working windmills and garden railway. From the ocean to the hinterland towns of Bellingen and it's Old Butter Factory Café and Dorrigo's Rainforest Skywalk.

**Day 8.** Our return journey home includes Lunch at Tropical Fruit World.

## SO MANY TOUR HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED IN THIS QUALITY TOUR

Fare \$2,400 Per Person, Twin Share - DEPOSIT \$400 Per Person within 14 days of booking.

Single Price \$2,950 • BALANCE payable 21 days prior to departure.

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## MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW-GREAT OCEAN ROAD

MCG Tour, Apollo Bay, Ballarat Bergonia/Tram Museum,  
Echuca Paddlesteamer Cruise, Warrumbungles, Parkes.

**\$3,550**  
(inc. GST)

2 Tour Dates 13 days. 16<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 (Fully Booked)

18<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024

\$3,550 Includes: Motel Accommodation, All Breakfast and Dinners, All Admissions & Touring, Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay, International Flower & Garden Show, MCG tour, Ballarat Botanical Garden - Bergonia display at the Conservatory, Marble statues, Tram Museum and train ride, Echuca Murray River Paddlesteamer morning tea cruise.

**PICKUP AND RETURN: Brisbane, Redcliffe, Redlands, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Tweed Heads, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture.**

**Day 1** Departing the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane & Gold Coast we make our way to Coffs Harbour - overnight stay.

**Day 2** Morning stop - Port Macquarie, then we journey to Sydney / Cabramatta.

**Day 3** Various stops as we travel to Albury - overnight stay.

**Day 4** This morning we cross the mighty Murray River arriving at Glenrowan - the scene of the last stand and capture of Ned Kelly. Next we experience the rich agricultural and pastoral area of Benalla and Seymour before arriving in MELBOURNE. Guided tour of the Iconic MELBOURNE CRICKET GROUND. Immerse yourself in the history, tradition and heritage of this World class facility. Explore the inner sanctum of the MCG - long room, players change rooms, cricketers viewing room, walk on the arena plus more. North Melbourne Mecure 2 night stay.

**Day 5** Another tour highlight - The Southern Hemispheres Largest and most loved horticulture event the MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL FLOWER AND GARDEN SHOW - located at the heritage listed Royal Exhibition Building and Carlton Gardens, which is transformed into a lavish garden paradise. Afternoon free time to explore Melbourne city.

**Day 6** Morning visit to QUEEN VICTORIA MARKETS. Departing Melbourne we make our way to Geelong - Victoria's Second largest city and gateway to THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD. We experience scenic views as we journey through Torquay, Bells Beach, Anglesea and Lorne arriving at APOLLO BAY - one of the most picturesque seaside villages in Australia. Overnight stay.

**Day 7** Time to relax and discover Apollo Bay before touring through OTWAY NATIONAL PARK and the breathtaking Sights as we travel to Port Campbell National park and the famous TWELVE APOSTLES /LONDON BRIDGE, Colac - overnight stay.

**Day 8** This morning we arrive at Australia's most Famous mining Region BALLARAT, touring includes BOTANICAL GARDENS - BERGONIA Display at the CONSERVATORY, MARBLE STATUES, TRAM MUSEUM AND TRAIN RIDE. This afternoon we visit DAYLESFORD which has Australia's largest concentration of natural mineral springs, coupled with beautiful mountain scenery, forest, gardens, lakes and a generous collection of historic buildings which makes Daylesford a major tourist holiday Destination. 2 Nights stay at Echuca.

**Day 9** Time to relax before it's "ALL ABOARD" A PADDLESTEAMER BOAT CRUISE on the Murray River including Morning tea. Free time to explore the Port of Echuca.

**Day 10** Today we journey through the picturesque Riverina region with various places of interest arriving at Wagga Wagga. Overnight stay.

**Day 11** Today we travel to Forbes and Parkes Radio Telescope. (The Dish). Our overnight stay will be in Dubbo / Gilgandra.

**Day 12** This morning we travel to the Warrumbungles National Park, then the Newell Highway to Moree and Goondiwindi. Overnight stay.

**Day 13** We are homeward bound, arriving at Toowoomba for Lunch before returning to Gold Coast, Brisbane and Sunshine Coast areas.

### EXCEPTIONAL VALUE FOR THIS QUALITY TOUR.

Fare \$3,550 Per Person, Twin Share - DEPOSIT \$550 Per Person within 14 days of booking.

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### CANCELLATION POLICY FOR ALL TOURS

21 days prior to departure Maximum \$250 per person • 14 days prior to departure Maximum \$500 per person  
• 5 days prior to departure Maximum \$800 per person • Day of departure may incur full fair.

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# HERVEY BAY WHALE WATCHING, MARY VALLEY RATTLER - AUSTRALIA ZOO

4 Day Tour : 22<sup>nd</sup> August - 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Fair Includes - Good Motel Accommodation, Breakfast & Dinners,  
ALL Admissions: Australia Zoo, Hervey Bay Whale Watching Cruise, Mary Valley Rattler  
Heritage Railway, Childers tour - Old Pharmacy Heritage Centre.

**\$1,550**  
(inc. GST)

**PICKUP AND RETURN: Brisbane, Redcliffe, Redlands, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Tweed Heads, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture.**

**Day 1.** AUSTRALIA ZOO delivers an animal experience like no other. Steve and Terri Irwin's vision has always been to make Australia Zoo the biggest and best Wildlife conservation facility in the world, and that's why there is no other Zoo like Australia Zoo. Overnight at the Tourism Award winning Carriers Arms Motel Hotel. 3 Nights Maryborough.

**Day 2.** Coach Tour of historic Maryborough, then free time to explore Maryborough Town Centre including the historic wharf precinct, heritage buildings, museums and cafes etc. Afternoon tour to Childers includes the Old Pharmacy - original old chemist shop complete with fixtures and fittings. We also visit The Historical

complex which features early cottages, a post office, former school building, two steam locomotives, museum, history displays and rotunda.

**Day 3.** Our Hervey Bay Cruise aboard a fast modern and very comfortable Catamaran allows plenty of viewing to get up close and personal with the world's most Magnificent creatures. Hervey Bay provides the natural playground for thousands of majestic Humpback Whales. Afternoon Hervey Bay Tour.

**Day 4.** Another Tour highlight is the "Mary Valley Heritage Railway". We will board at the Old Historic Gympie Station where we will travel through the Mary Valley on the fully restored heritage steam train from the early 1920's. Crossing the Mary River, we arrive at Amamoor - Markets / Cafe. Lunch Included.

**Tremendous Value for this Quality 4 Day Tour**

**Fare \$1,550 Per Person, Twin Share - DEPOSIT \$550 Per Person within 14 days of booking.**

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## MUDGEES - LIGHTNING RIDGE

Coffs Harbour, Dubbo Zoo, Warrumbungles,  
Siding Spring Observatory, Goondiwindi, Toowoomba

9 Days. 27th April to 5th May 2024

Fare includes: Accommodation, Lightning Ridge, Dubbo, Goondiwindi.

All Dinners and Breakfast, All Admissions: Taronga Western Plains Open Range Zoo, Lightning Ridge Walk-In Mine,  
Chambers of the Black Hand, Mudgee Wineries. Siding Spring Exploratory.

**\$2,500**  
(inc. GST)

**PICKUP AND RETURN: Brisbane, Redcliffe, Redlands, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Tweed Heads, Sunshine Coast, Caboolture.**

**Day 1** Today we travel to Coffs Harbour our overnight stay.

**Day 2** Scenic coastal tour before we discover spectacular hinterland as we travel to the charming and picturesque township of Bellingen where we enjoy Morning tea at the beautiful Old Butter Factory Cafe. Next we visit Dorrigo Rainforest Skywalk, before we tour Armidale. Armidale overnight stay

**Day 3** We make our way to Gulgong where we experience the atmosphere of the well preserved architecture of the 1800's gold rush Town with around 130 National Trust - listed buildings, many complete with original verandahs and iron-lace Balconies. Admission to the excellent Gulgong Holtermann Museum. Mudgee 2 night stay.

**Day 4** This morning we have free time to explore Mudgee. Afternoon tour includes Gooree Parks Wines. Here we'll enjoy the unique experience of a guided tour through a thoroughbred horse stud, home to many group one Champions-Wine tasting and afternoon tea.

**Day 5** Another tour highlight is Taronga Western Plains Open Range Zoo, which is home to hundreds of rare and endangered animals including giraffes, rhinos, elephants and big cats. Overnight Dubbo/Gilgandra.

**Day 6** Today we visit the Iconic Warrumbungle National Park and Siding Spring Exploratory, Australia's premier optical and infrared Astronomical Observatory. Explore the AAO Dome and the great Telescope. Lightning Ridge - 2 Night Stay.

**Day 7** Guided tour of underground opal mine. Another tour highlight is The Chambers Of The Black Hand, You'll be amazed at the 700 Plus carvings in sandstone, Plus Opal shop. We also visit Bottle House and Heritage cottage. (Enclosed Footwear required)

**Day 8** Today we journey to Moree, arriving at Goondiwindi.

**Day 9** We are homeward bound, arriving at Toowoomba - Lunch Included.

**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE FOR THIS QUALITY TOUR.**

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# CANBERRA FLORIADE FESTIVAL

Hunter Valley Gardens - Toowoomba Flowers - Blue Mountains -  
Zig Zag Railway Lithgow - Cowra Cherry Blossoms, Warrumbungle National Park.

**2 Tours : 11 days, 10<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Sept and 21<sup>st</sup> Sept - 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024**

Fare includes: Motel Accommodation, Breakfasts and Dinners, All Admissions,  
Hunter Valley Gardens, Winery Tour & Tasting, Cockington Green, Tulip Top Gardens,  
Cowra Cherry Blossoms, Japanese Gardens, Lake Burley Griffin Cruise, Canberra Attractions,  
Blue Mountains Katoomba, Zig Zag Railway Lithgow, Bathurst Abercrombie House Tour and Morning Tea,  
Warrumbungle National Park, Toowoomba Flowers.

**\$3,150**  
(inc. GST)

**\*HOME PICKUP AND RETURN: Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Redcliffe, Brisbane Suburbs, Redlands, Ipswich, Gold Coast, Tweed Heads**

**Day One** - Coffs Harbour Overnight.

**Day Two** - Newcastle tour - arriving at the beautiful Hunter Valley. 2 night stay.

**Day Three** - Today we visit the magnificent Hunter Valley Gardens. Over 25 hectares of Spectacular International Display Gardens that will amaze you with sensational sights, colours, fragrances and adventures. A must see this time of year. Afternoon coach tour includes winery tour and tasting.

**Day Four** - Departing the Hunter Valley we travel to the Southern Highlands before we experience the spectacular beauty of Cockington Green Gardens - miniature buildings from around the world landscaped amongst beautiful gardens. Canberra 3 Night stay.

**Day Five** - There is no better way to experience Canberra than by gliding across Lake Burley Griffin in the stylish comfort of the MV southern cross as we soak up the stunning views. Next we arrive at the picturesque Commonwealth Park to view Australia's premier Festival of flowers. Floriade is the largest festival of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Coach tour of Canberra includes the billion dollar Parliament House and the Royal Australian Mint.

**Day Six** - Time to relax with some free time in Canberra city before a coach tour of Canberra's attractions. Afternoon tea and tour of Tulip Top Gardens. Enjoy the 10 acre garden of magnificent tulips and other spring flowers that creates a spectacular display. The hundreds of blossom trees nestled between the flowers provide a spectacular pathway to the cascading waterfall and watercourse.

**Day Seven** - This morning we arrive at Cowra to experience the Cherry Blossom Season and the magnificent Multi - Award winning Japanese Gardens, morning tea is included in our visit at the Garden Cafe. Afternoon stop Bathurst before arriving at the Blue Mountains - Katoomba scenic view of the Three Sisters. Lithgow 2 night stay.

**Day Eight** - "All Aboard" Zig Zag Railway - Historic Steam Train Adventure 'A marvel of railway engineering'. Blue Mountains Tour, Katoomba, Echo Point and Scenic views of The Three Sisters.

**Day Nine** - At Bathurst, guided tour of historic Abercrombie House, one of the finest Historic homes in Australia - built 1870. Morning tea included. This afternoon we arrive in Dubbo / Gilgandra overnight stay.

**Day Ten** - Coach tour of the iconic Warrumbungle National Park which is a area of volcanic activity. Overnight Goondiwindi.

**Day Eleven** - This morning we arrive in Toowoomba. Lunch included. Then we are homeward bound.

**EXCEPTIONAL VALUE FOR THIS QUALITY TOUR!**

**Fare \$3,150 Per Person, Twin Share. DEPOSIT \$650 Per Person within 14 days of booking.**

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