

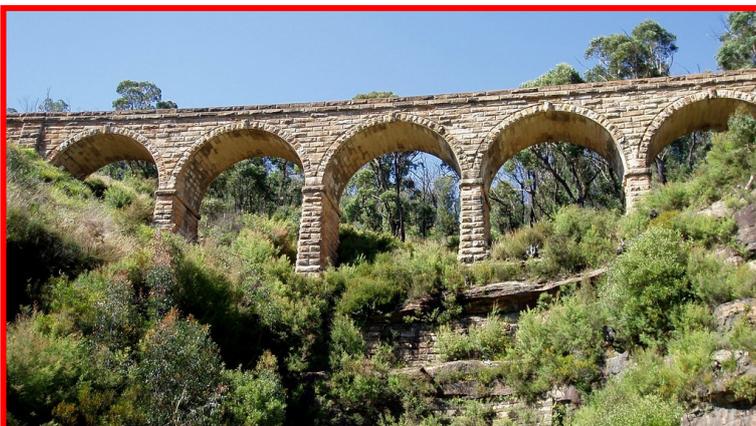
POTTER TRAVEL

CHRISTMAS IN LITHGOW

THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

5 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: SATURDAY 22 DECEMBER 2018
RETURNING: WEDNESDAY 26 DECEMBER 2018



TOUR COST

\$1340.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$1690.00 Sole Occupancy



PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Crawford St, Queanbeyan
7.30am Woden Bay 19

7.50am West Row Bus Stop, City
8.00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

Day 1: CANBERRA TO LITHGOW: Saturday 22 December (LD)

Welcome aboard the **Potter Travel** Christmas tour to the **Blue Mountains**. Departing Canberra we'll make our way to Cowra for our morning stop. Continuing through to **Bathurst**, we have an afternoon visit to **Abercrombie House**. Built in the 1870's, the home contains some 40 rooms and the beautiful gardens are listed as part of the national estate. With its mixture of Gothic and Scottish Baronial styles, Abercrombie House has been acknowledged as one of the finest historical mansions in Australia. On arrival we'll enjoy **lunch** followed by a **tour** of the house. Leaving Bathurst, we travel west to our final destination of **Lithgow** which sits on the edge of the **Blue Mountains**. Arriving at our motel, we settle into our rooms and freshen up for dinner.

Lithgow Workies Motel (ph 02 6350 7777)

Day 2: LOCAL SIGHTSEEING: Sunday 23 December (BLD)

Following breakfast we head out to discover the area. During our sightseeing we'll drop by the historic **Eskbank House**, a delightful sandstone home and outbuildings. There is a museum which, amongst other things, houses displays of Lithgow Pottery. Next is the **Small Arms Museum**, for something a little different. The museum houses one of Australia's most comprehensive collections including Australian designed experimental weapons. On display are non-military items, manufactured at the well-known factory during its 80 years of precision engineering. They also made sewing machines, sheep shearing handsets, handcuffs and many other commercial items. From here we travel along the **Bells Line of Road** to the beautiful **Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mt Tomah**. Mt. Tomah is the cool climate garden of the Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney and lies on the basalt capped peaks of the rugged Blue Mountains with its vast panoramas and wonderful flora. The gardens are 850 metres above sea level and the rich volcanic soil and cool moist climate make it an ideal location for one of the world's finest collections of cool-climate plants. On arrival we will enjoy our **picnic lunches** before a **guided tour** through the gardens. We then return to Lithgow to relax prior to dinner.

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Day 3: CHARMING TOWNS: Monday 24 December (BLD)

Today we head first to Blackheath where we visit **Govetts Leap Lookout**. From here we'll have breathtaking views of the **Grose Valley** and **Bridal Veil Falls**. Nearby is the **Victory Theatre Antique Centre**. Built in 1914 as the 999 seat Arcadia Picture Palace, the cinema eventually became known as the Victory Theatre. Closing in May 1960, it was converted into a second hand furniture shop before being transformed into a spectacular antique centre offering an impressive range of furniture, jewellery, fine porcelain and china, books, needlework and unusual and



collectable items. Making our way to **Katoomba** we arrive at the elegant **Carrington Hotel** for a **tour** and **lunch**. The hotel has a long and rich history spanning almost a century and a quarter since her establishment by Sydney hotelier Harry Rowell. Opened in 1882 as The Great Western, this Grand Old Lady soon became a popular mountain retreat for international visitors, the elite of Sydney and those eager to see the natural wonders of the area. Our afternoon stop is in Leura at **Leuralla Gardens and Toy & Railway Museum**, one of the oldest heritage listed homes in the area. The design of the home was influenced by the world famous American architect of the day Frank Lloyd Wright. The home is displayed in its original state, including original paint finishes, furnishings, fixtures and fittings. Planning and planting of the garden were on a large scale with many trees imported from Europe and America. Our day complete we return to Lithgow to freshen up prior to dinner.

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Day 4: BLUE MOUNTAINS: Tuesday 25 December (BLD)

Merry Christmas! Our morning sees us visit **Scenic World** for a ride on the **Scenic Railway**, the world's steepest passenger railway through a cliff side tunnel down into an ancient rainforest. We then take a wander along the 300m boardwalk to the **Scenic Cableway**, the steepest aerial cable car in Australia. We enjoy a 510 metre ride out of this beautiful World Heritage listed rainforest of the Jamison Valley to complete our visit here. Re-boarding the coach we'll take a drive to Echo Point to admire the **Three Sisters** then return to Lithgow. Here we enjoy our **Christmas lunch** followed by a free afternoon to take in our surrounds. There will be a light supper for us before retiring for the evening.

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Day 5: BLUE MOUNTAINS TO HOME: Wednesday 26 December (BL)

We farewell our hosts this morning and load the coach in preparation for our return to Canberra. We'll travel via Oberon through to Taralga where we'll stop for a break. We'll be welcomed at the **Crystal Brook Lavender Farm** where we'll enjoy **lunch** and a **tour** of the garden. Departing here, we set our sights on home, arriving late afternoon to complete our **Christmas in the Blue Mountains** tour.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT is required within 7 days of booking confirming your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. Deposit is **\$100.00 per person**.

FINAL PAYMENT: WEDNESDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2018

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RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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