

POTTER TRAVEL

EDEN CHRISTMAS TOUR NSW SAPPHIRE COAST 6 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: THURSDAY 22 DECEMBER 2016
RETURNING: TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER 2016



TOUR COST

\$1320.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$1565.00 Sole Occupancy

PICK UP TIMES:

7.30am Southwell Park (Southbound)
7.40am West Row Bus Stop, City

8.00am Woden Bay 18
8.20am Crawford St, Queanbeyan

Day 1 (LD): CANBERRA TO EDEN: Thursday 22 December 2016

Welcome to our **Christmas tour** to the **South Coast** of NSW. This morning we get underway travelling via Cooma onto **Bombala** where we visit **Burnima Homestead**. This homestead is a restored 1800s property built by Frederick Young, who also built the Governor General's residence 'Yarralumla'. During our stop we'll take a **guided tour** of the house and gardens followed by a **light lunch**. This afternoon we head to the nearby **Platypus Reserve** as the rivers around Bombala are said to have the highest populations of platypus. From here we travel through to **Eden** and check in to our accommodation for the next 5 nights.

Coachman's Rest Motor Inn, Eden (ph 02 6496 1900)

Day 2 (BD): EDEN: Friday 23 December 2016

This morning we join the **Cat Balou** for a two hour **Discovery Cruise**. Enjoy the magnificent scenery of the coastline and surrounding hinterland as the cruise takes us through the spectacular **Twofold Bay**. Upon disembarkation we have time to purchase some lunch. This afternoon we collect a **local guide** who will introduce us to the town of **Eden**. Established in 1842 it was a colourful whaling port until the industry was abandoned in the 1930s. We then visit the **Killer Whale Museum** located in the heart of town. The museum portrays the history of whaling in the local area and has a wide range of permanent exhibitions on subjects such as whaling, navigation, shipwrecks and fishing and regularly hosts travelling and special exhibitions. We will see the skeleton of "Old Tom" one of a group of killer whales that helped the local whalers by herding the baleen whales into Twofold Bay and then alerting the whalers of their presence by thrashing the water with their tails. Our day complete, we head back to our motel to relax prior to dinner.

Day 3 (BLD): LOCAL TOURING: Saturday 24 December 2016

Today we head north as we make our way through to **Bega**. We stop off at the **Bega Cheese Heritage Centre** for a chance to purchase their famed cheese. Next is a stop at the **Bega Pioneers Museum**. Here we enjoy **morning tea** and a **guided tour**. The museum is an old hotel built in 1858 with displays of early Bega industries. A horse-drawn ambulance in the backyard was converted into a Hawkers van and supplied goods to outlying families. We then make our way on to historic **Tilba Tilba**, a National Trust village. We have time here to enjoy the cottage garden of **Foxglove Spires**. The garden covers three and a half acres of rose covered arbours and secluded flower filled areas. There is also a woodland that creates a shady haven to rest as well as a pond. After our visit **lunch** is provided at the 'Willow House'. We head 'home' via the pretty town of **Bermagui**, known as a fisherman's paradise. The continental shelf is at its closest point to the mainland here and where warm southern currents flow, big game fish are in tow! At the wharf we may see some boats returning with their catch. We continue along the coastal road to **Tathra**. The focal point of Tathra is the **Old Steamer Wharf** now classified by the National Trust as the only



remaining restored steamer wharf on Australia's coastline. It has changed roles in recent years but is still an important feature in Tathra and many locals set themselves up here for a day's fishing. After a great day we head back to our motel to freshen up before dinner.

Day 4 (BLS): CHRISTMAS DAY: Sunday 25 December 2016

Merry Christmas! This morning we have time for a Christmas service, if available, before we head down to **Boydton**. Benjamin Boyd, the son of a London Banker established Boydton at Twofold Bay in the mid 1800s. This became his headquarters from where he ran his whaling and grazing exploits. Boyd had grandiose ideas of developing Boydton to a stage not only to rival nearby Eden but Sydney itself. His grand plans for Boydton never eventuated and the only buildings erected were Boyd's Church, the Lookout Tower and the **Seahorse Inn**. When we enter the Inn, we'll be greeted with an ambience of old world charm as the owners have retained much of the original detail such as hand-carved doors, stained-glass ornamentation, winding staircases and large open grates. This is our **Christmas Day Luncheon** venue, where we'll enjoy traditional fare with all the trimmings. Prior to departure later this afternoon we can take a stroll around the estate as the Inn is set amidst sprawling lawns and lush gardens. We then return to our motel to relax and later, enjoy a light supper prior to retiring for the evening.

Day 5 (BLD): SOUTH COAST: Monday 26 December 2016

After breakfast we are off to **Pambula** and **Oaklands Barn**. We'll have time here to look around this historic "Oaklands" property. This is now home to the Village Gallery and Merv's shed which houses a huge collection of recycled furniture, collectables and glassware. We'll also enjoy a delicious home style **morning tea**. A short distance from here is **Merimbula** where we collect a **local guide** who will introduce us to the area, known as the jewel of the Sapphire Coast. **Lunch** today is at **Club Sapphire** before our afternoon visit to **Wheeler's Oyster Farm**. Since the settlement of the Sapphire Coast, oyster farming has played an important role in the area's economy. Local oysters have become famous throughout Australia and the world for their excellent quality and flavour, resulting in many awards for farmers. Wheeler's Oyster Farm offers us the opportunity to discover the complete oyster story with a **tour** of their state-of-the-art factory and a video showing the complete history of oyster farming and the life cycle of oysters. We finish our great day and make the short journey back to our motel to freshen up before dinner.

Day 6 (BL): HEADING HOME: Tuesday 27 December 2016

We farewell our hosts this morning and begin our drive home. In **Bodalla** we make a stop for morning tea (*from the coach*) and a wander through the shops such as the Lavender Shop and Cheese Factory. Continuing on through Moruya to Mogo, we visit the **Mogo Zoo**. This facility has over 200 animals of more than 42 rare and exotic species, comprising the white lions of Timbayati, tigers, iguanas, a variety of primates including spider monkeys, snow leopards, red pandas and some small clawed otters – just to mention a few. We enjoy **lunch** here then head for Canberra. We arrive back later today having had a wonderful **Christmas** tour on the **Sapphire Coast**.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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FINAL PAYMENT: MONDAY 07 NOVEMBER 2016

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