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WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER NEWSLETTER

We are all devastated by the bushfires in our region as well as the whole of south eastern Australia from the north coast NSW to Kangaroo Island. **So how can we help** those that have suffered such terrible losses? Along with supporting the communities in western NSW struggling with drought we are going to concentrate our efforts in 2020 on areas throughout Australia that need help to rebuild from fires by travelling more to these places. Tours that were directly affected, **Charlotte Pass** and the **Mallacoota Tour** have been rescheduled (see pages 3 & 8). No other tours to date have had to be cancelled. The **Kangaroo Island** tour in March has been impacted with regards to the **Flinders National Park** and access at the time of printing is uncertain but attractions such as **Seal Bay** are still fine to visit. You will see some fire damage on the island but the local community needs us to visit.

Our **King Island** tour has sold out, but if you are interested we will run another tour in late 2020 or early 2021. Also let us know if you would like to go back to **Tasmania** next year. The 2 tours mentioned below can be difficult to get to but Potter Travel make it easy for you to visit. Areas like **Lightning Ridge & Moree** in July and the **Eyre Peninsula & Art Silo** tour in October to this list of 'must see' (page 6 & 8). Also who else combines the fabulous **Toowoomba Carnival Of Flowers** with two nights at the famous **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat** in **Lamington National Park**? Plus have a look at the ideas in the next column and let us know if you would like to travel to those destinations.

Of course there are all the major shows that come to Sydney plus a great range of **day's out** to help fill in your touring year in 2020.

Happy travelling from Bob, Karen, Alex, Col, David, Brad and Shelley

IN THE PIPELINE

Most of our tours for **2020** are in this newsletter. There are some other great destinations we are planning so register your interest if one of these is on your radar.

15 DAY NEW ZEALAND A BIT OF THIS AND A BIT OF THAT

We are planning a tour here either late 2020 or early 2021. Fly into Wellington for 3 nights, enjoying the city and the surrounding areas. Then cross by ferry to the South Island for multiple night stops at many places across the top of the South Island. Explore in more depths places such as Nelson, Blenheim, Kaikoura, Hammer Springs, Punakaika and Hokitaka before 2 nights in Christchurch to finish the tour.

LORD HOWE ISLAND

You have been asking to go back to Lord Howe Island but it's difficult to secure a booking as hotels require an upfront non refundable/non transferable deposit which we cannot do. If you are happy for us to advise a likely tour cost and hold your deposits until we have enough to confirm a booking and then book the date, with you having the option to withdraw if the dates do not suit you; Call us to register your interest and we will get back to you with details.

2020 CHRISTMAS TOUR

We will be running a Christmas Tour at the end of 2020. We are still finalising the destination and the itinerary but it will be a 5 day tour departing on Wednesday 23 December 2020. Call and put your name down if you are interested.

TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC

Our tour this January just gone was a great success and we are planning to run another tour to the Tamworth Country Music Festival in January 2021. Call and put your name down if you are interested.

CIRCLE TOUR OF TASMANIA

Late 2020 or early 2021, let us know if you want to go back or visit for the first time.

VISITING SOME HARD TO GET TO & DIFFERENT PLACES

CLARE VALLEY, YORKE PENINSULA & BROKEN HILL

We would doubt there is another tour company offering this combination, 3 great destinations in a one 8 day tour. Broken Hill is a regular for many tours but the Clare Valley and the Yorke Peninsula are not. This tour is a 'one off' opportunity to visit areas of Australia that are difficult to visit unless you drive your own car. Look at page 6 and the website then call the office to book on a tour that may not be offered again for quite some time.

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND, LONGREACH & WINTON

How do you get to see the history and highlights of Outback Queensland except with a tour from Potter Travel. Travelling via Bourke you get to stay a couple of nights in **Charleville** and learn about the Cosmos and the Bilby. Then it's 4 nights in **Longreach**, including a day trip to **Winton** and 'Waltzing Matilda' country as well as the amazing history around Longreach of QANTAS and the outback stockmen, a way of life far removed from Canberra. Take a look at Page 6 and the website plus call the office.

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TOURS

A DAY OUT

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			24 Jul	7 Day	Airlie Beach & The Whitsundays	pg. 7
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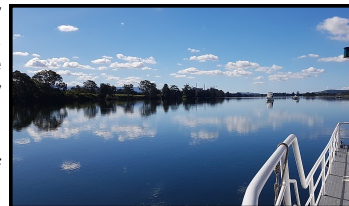
JERVIS BAY DOLPHIN CRUISE Thursday 27 February 2020



Let's help those impacted by the terrible bushfires over the New Year period. This popular cruise we regularly use throughout the year has lost their normal summer crowds so let's head down there in late February and help out. **Jervis Bay** is one of the true gems of the NSW south east region and it has been brutally impacted. The beautiful waters of Jervis Bay, reputed to have the **clearest waters** and **whitest sands** in not only this country, but in the world are still there and they need our help. These beautiful blue waters are home to many **dolphins** and the opportunity to sight these graceful locals is one of the major features that make this area a magnet for lovers of nature. **Potter Travel will be making a contribution to the local area as well as running a fund raiser on this day tour to leave with the locals.**

Member cost: \$125.00 pp Non-member: \$145.00 pp

THE RED ROCK CRUISE Tuesday 24 March 2020



A new tour but also another area we want to help back from the bushfire tragedy. We visit the **Shoalhaven Explorer** in **Nowra** for a cruise upriver to **Red Rock**. Enjoy an informative commentary about the history of the area and see some interesting landmarks along the banks of the river. The mighty **Shoalhaven River** is one of the area's most famous natural assets, stretching over 300kms from Middle Mountain, near Moruya, all the way to Shoalhaven Heads. Our Buffet lunch consists of hot roast chicken and a variety of vegetable and salad side dishes. An afternoon savoury platter will also be provided on the homeward leg of this Cruise. **Again we will be making a contribution to the local area and running a fund raiser to help the locals.**

Member cost: \$130.00 pp Non-member: \$150.00 pp



CHARLOTTE PASS Wednesday 08 April 2020



Again these places have lost their summer trade so we have rescheduled our January tour which had to be cancelled due to the bushfires. Enjoy a day out in **Kosciuszko National Park** with a visit to **Charlotte Pass Village**, Australia's highest ski resort. Snowbound for most of winter, early Autumn we can drive to the village. It is Australia's oldest and highest resort and is named after Charlotte Adams who was the first woman to climb **Mt Kosciuszko**. Lunch is at the **Stillwell Hotel**, the birthplace of modern skiing in Australia. Enjoy a morning visit to the **Gaden Trout Hatchery** near Jindabyne and one of Australia's main centres for breeding and rearing cold water sport fish. Stop in for a look at the **Snowy Regions Visitor Centre** in Jindabyne on the way home.

Member Cost: \$110.00 pp Non-member: \$130.00 pp

JUGIONG COUNTRY EXPERIENCE Thursday 23 April 2020

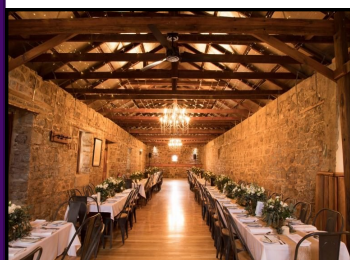


Due to popular demand we are running this tour again! Nestled amongst towering hills on the banks of the **Murrumbidgee River**, **Jugiong** is a progressive village that is fast becoming a popular tourist destination and the location for this new day tour. Upon arrival meet your charismatic tour guide. He'll show you the sights and dazzle you with information on Jugiong's history and all the village has to offer. You'll see and hear about the **Murrumbidgee River**, historic buildings—including the bush school that **Richie Benaud** attended—pioneering history, bushranger past, aboriginal heritage, spectacular scenery and much more. After the tour you'll enjoy a 2 course lunch with genuine, country hospitality and live entertainment with lots of laughs.

Member cost: \$125.00 pp Non-member: \$145.00 pp



THE OLD COACH STABLES Thursday 14 May 2020



Another popular 'new' tour we are repeating. The Old Coach Stables were built in 1857 and used by Cobb and Co mail service. The stables have been recently restored into a beautiful restaurant/function venue. The old coach stables is a very unique venue in a rural setting for a special day out. The venue is a wonderful

combination of history food and wines, on a working sheep and cattle property. We travel via **Gundaroo to Gunning**, then in the afternoon travel via **Murrumbateman** for a guided tour of **Hillgrove Pottery**. Enjoy afternoon tea while learning the art of pottery making before heading home.

Member Cost: \$120.00 pp Non-member: \$140.00 pp

9 TO 5 THE MUSICAL Sat 23 May & Wed 17 Jun 2020



The smash-hit musical features a book by the iconic movies' original screen writer **Patricia Resnick** and an Oscar, Grammy and Tony award-nominated score by the Queen of Country herself, **Dolly Parton**. **9 to 5 the Musical** tells the story of **Doralee**, **Violet** and **Judy**—three workmates pushed to boiling point by their sexist and egotistical boss. Concocting a plan to kidnap and turn the tables on their despicable supervisor, will the ladies manage to reform their office—or will events unravel when the CEO pays an unexpected visit? Inspired by the hit film, this hilarious new West End production is about teaming up, standing up and taking care of business!

Wed: Member Cost: \$195.00 pp Non-member: \$215.00 pp
Sat: Member Cost: \$240.00 pp Non-member: \$260.00 pp

A DAY OUT



HISTORIC CROOKWELL Tuesday 23 June 2020



Enjoy a day tour to **Crookwell**, a place full of surprises with many claims to fame. An experienced **tour guide** boards our coach for a comprehensive overview of Crookwell, old and new—to tell the history and stories behind many of the **local landmarks** and provide us an overview of how the town has changed. Perched high up on the **Great Dividing Range**, with a cold climate, rich basalt soils and reliable rainfall. Crookwell is famous for wonderful gardens and producing top quality certified disease free seed potatoes. But did you know that this historic town is also famous for producing sporting champions such as current Australian legend Hockeyroos Captain Emily Chalker. We enjoy lunch at the RSL Club and time for a wander.

Member cost: \$110.00 pp Non-member: \$130.00 pp

XMAS IN JULY AT THE CARRINGTON Friday 24 July 2020



It was during 1884 and 1885 that **William Daniel Winter** built this inn by his own hands. During the construction process, he made, on-site, the 20,000 bricks required for his building. It is clear that the vision that sustained him, was to create the best country hotel for coach travellers there could be locally. He completed the inn by the end of 1885, and in early 1886 declared the premises would be known by 'the sign of The Lord Carrington Hotel', after Lord Charles Robert Carrington who had been appointed Governor of NSW in December 1885 (the name was later shortened). Enjoy a delicious 2-course **Christmas in July lunch** while being **entertained by Mr Shane Tapper!**

Member Cost: \$145.00 pp Non-member: \$165.00 pp



FROZEN, THE MUSICAL Wednesday 12 August 2020



From the producers of Aladdin and The Lion King, Disney's new hit musical **Frozen** is storming Sydney's Capitol Theatre from July 2020. Adapted from the **Oscar-winning film**, Frozen the Musical is expertly brought to the stage by acclaimed Director **Michael Grandage**, giving life to this beloved story in an all new, unforgettable theatrical experience.

An inspiring tale of **sisterhood** and **true love**, it features the songs you know and love from the original film plus an expanded score with a dozen new numbers. With gorgeous sets and costumes as well as sensational special effects, Frozen is everything a Broadway musical should be—moving, spectacular and pure joy. Be one of the first to witness this global phenomenon on stage!

Member Cost: \$200.00 pp Non-member: \$220.00 pp

THE SECRET GARDEN MUSICAL Sat 22 Aug & Wed 09 Sept 2020



The Secret Garden took New York by storm and now this sensational musical visits Australia. Based on the much-loved novel by Frances Hodgson Burnett, this heart-warming story comes to life on-stage with the same magical qualities. Young, orphaned Mary Lennox arrives at her uncle's home to find distant grieving relatives and the mysterious tale of a secret garden. Together with new-found friends, Mary breathes life into the secret garden. She blossoms too, and through her adventures, tends to all the hearts around her. Australia's leading man, **Anthony Warlow**, will again create theatrical magic in the role of Archibald Craven. The sumptuous score contains a raft of wonderful songs, including 'A Bit of Earth', 'Show Me the Key', and the unforgettable 'Lily's Eyes'.

Sat: Member Cost: \$250.00 pp Non-member: \$270.00 pp
Wed: Member Cost: \$190.00 pp Non-member: \$210.00 pp

INTERNATIONAL TOUR

8 DAYS IN SINGAPORE Departs Friday 14 August 2020



Singapore's tale tells of a once sleepy fishing village that defied the odds to become a first-world metropolis. It is a melting pot for your senses, where **east** meets **west** and cultures collide. Grand buildings from the colonial era sit alongside **Chinatown**, **Little India**, **Little Malaysia**, **Little Arab Town** and spectacular skyscrapers such as the **Marina Bay Sands**. Enjoy spectacular views over the city and the harbour from the Sky Park Observation Deck. Discover Singapore's history, walk in a cloud forest and amongst the super trees. Encounter exotic birds, flowers and orchids. Experience **Singapore Zoo** and shop on **Orchard Road**, wander around **Clark Quay**, and visit temples and museums. Travel on the **Sentosa Island Cable Car** and visit the **S.E.A. Aquarium**, the worlds largest **Marine Wildlife Park**. Unearth the hidden secrets to Singapore's outer islands. It's time to 'sling' into Singapore for a week.



Member cost: \$5395.00 pp twin share \$6835.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS

3 DAY OPERA IN THE ALPS

Friday 13 March 2020



Due to popular demand we are heading back to the **Opera in the Alps** staying in nearby **Albury**. This year the Opera has been moved to mid March. It will be a night to remember, sitting under the stars at **Beechworth**. The program will feature light popular classics with favourites from opera and musicals performed by leading soloists. The orchestra will be led by one of Australia's most exciting conductors. Our itinerary also includes the **Corowa Whisky and Chocolate Factory**, the

historic township of **Chiltern**, the gourmet region of **Milawa**, the sights of **Albury** including **Monument Hill** and the unique **railway station** which has the longest platform in NSW, plus the **Bonegilla Migrant Experience** where our guide shares stories of the place that today is a symbol of hope.

Member cost: \$720.00 pp twin share \$850.00 sole use

11 DAY KANGAROO IS. & MURRAY RIVER

Sunday 22 March 2020



Kangaroo Island, Murray River and the **Barossa** are the highlights. Travel by coach to **South Australia**. Then spend 3 days on **Kangaroo Island** to see unique local ventures such as the pure **Ligurian Bee Honey Farm** and the **Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery**. Visit **Flinders Chase National Park, Admirals Arch, Remarkable Rocks** and **Seal Bay** to walk amongst the Australian Sea Lions. From here we make our way to **Mannum** for 3 nights. Enjoy the local sights and dinner at the unique **Big Bend By Night**. We also spend the day in the **Barossa Valley** with a lovely winery lunch. Our journey home takes us through the **SA Riverland** and Berri.



Member cost: \$2895.00 pp twin share \$3550.00 sole use

We have paid deposits for the Murray Princess in December so with coach seats still available on this tour, all new bookings for that sector are subject to availability. But you can book on this great option of a coach tour all the way and enjoy most of the highlights. Call for details.



4 DAY OBERON & PARKES

Saturday 28 March 2020



The main purpose of this tour is to provide support to some of the drought effected areas of **Central Western NSW** supported where possible by local CWA branches and other community organisations. Come and join us in our effort to help our friends doing it tough in the bush. Our first night is at **Oberon**. Sitting on the western fall of the Blue

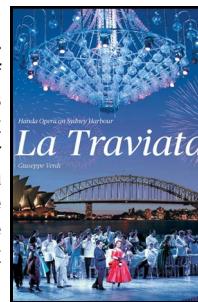
Mountains, it's a beautiful town taking its name from one of William Shakespeare's characters in *Midsummer Night's Dream*. **Mayfield Gardens, Millthorpe** and the **Amusu Theatre** are part of our itinerary as we head for a 2 night stay in **Parkes**, the town named after the famous statesman Henry Parkes. The **CSIRO Radio Telescope Complex** and a very unique display near Condobolin called **The Utes in the Paddock** are part of this itinerary before we head home via Grenfell and Young.

Member cost: \$795.00 pp twin share \$970.00 sole use

2 DAY SYDNEY HARBOUR LA TRAVIATA

Wednesday 22 April 2020

Violetta is the life of every party. A courtesan with a heart of gold, she's free and free-spirited. Experience the joy and heartache of the world's most popular opera at Sydney's best night out. Fireworks light up the sky at every performance and a giant chandelier shimmers over the harbour stage. **Handa Opera on Sydney Harbour** is 'the ultimate Sydney experience' and **La Traviata**, is the story that inspired Moulin Rouge. The biggest scenes feature 70 performers on stage and party boats in the harbour. Verdi's score offers flying melodies, rousing drinking songs and heartbreaking duets. Brian Castles-Onion conducts the opera, with a live orchestra hidden under the stage. We also enjoy a visit to **Vaucluse House** and take a walk through the **E.G Waterhouse National Camellia Gardens** as part of this tour.



Member cost: \$615.00 pp twin share \$690.00 sole use

5 DAY AUTUMN IN MARYSVILLE

Monday 27 April 2020



Situated in the picturesque **Yarra Valley**, **Marysville** was founded in 1863 but nearly destroyed by the 2009 bushfires. The **Vibe Hotel Marysville** is our base for **4 nights**, as we explore the region. Sadly, we remember the 2009 bushfires that devastated the area and we'll visit the local **Visitor Information Centre** and wander through the historic photo exhibition which shares firsthand accounts of black Saturday and the recovery story since. We visit the **Sculptures Garden**

and **Gallery, Yarra Glen** and the **Big Bouquet Gerbera Farm, Alowyn Gardens, Gulf Station Farm** and the **Yarra Valley Chocolaterie and Ice Creamery**. We also visit **Yea** and the **Y Water Discovery Centre** and the **Kerrisdale Mountain Railway and Museum**.

Member cost: \$1185.00 pp twin share \$1425.00 sole use

4 DAY HISTORIC CAMDEN VALLEY

Tuesday 28 April 2020



Sit back and relax on this easy-paced tour. Unpack once and enjoy being a part of the Camden Valley lifestyle for a short while. Enjoy 3 nights at the refurbished **Camden Valley Inn** and be impressed by its quaint charm and country friendliness. Visit **Wivenhoe Historic Home**, one of the first homes in the colony and **Wollondilly Heritage Centre** for a unique insight into the history of the area. Visit **Windsor** for a delicious lunch and a sing along to the **Hits of the 60s** with our entertainer. We also visit **Mount Annan Botanic Gardens**, the native plant garden of the Royal Botanic Gardens, displaying a huge diversity of Australian flora.



Member Cost: \$995.00 pp twin share \$1275.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS



5 DAY NEWCASTLE & THE HUNTER SCONE HORSE FESTIVAL PARADE Friday 08 May 2020



Discover Newcastle and the Hunter Valley on this 5 day getaway. Enjoy a locally guided tour of the city followed by a **luncheon cruise** on the harbour taking in the sights of the working port, picturesque foreshore and the iconic Stockton Bridge. Saddle up for a day in the beautiful Upper Hunter Valley and the historic town of **Scone**, known as the 'Horse Capital of Australia'. We will

experience the street parade of the annual **Horse Festival** that showcases many breeds of horses including thoroughbreds, Australian stock horses and draught horses. Also visit the Lower Hunter including the **Marthville Arts and Cultural Centre** and the spectacular **Hunter Valley Gardens**.

Member Cost: \$1125.00 pp twin share \$1415.00 sole use

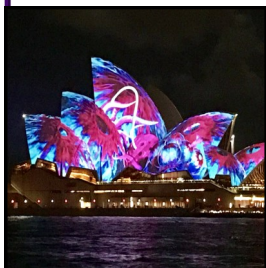
11 DAY CLARE VALLEY AND BROKEN HILL Monday 18 May 2020

From the fertile **Clare Valley** to iconic **Broken Hill**, we'll uncover rich historical towns, eat a Cornish pasty and see destinations inspiring creative art such as sculptures and paintings and locations fit for movie sets. We travel via the **South Australian Riverland** to **Clare** for a 4 night stay. Soak up the history and beauty of the **Clare Valley** and visit **Bungaree Station**, the historic town of Minto and Sevenhill, the oldest vineyard in the valley. We also spend a day on the interesting **Yorke Peninsula**, known as Australia's little Cornwall. From Clare it's on to **Broken Hill** for 3 nights touring the **School Of The Air**, **RFDS**, the **Palace Hotel**, historic **Silverton** and the **Sculpture Symposium** before heading home.



Member cost: \$2830.00 pp twin share \$3500.00 sole use

3 DAY SYDNEY VIVID LIGHT FESTIVAL Wednesday 03 June 2020



Enjoy a 3 day tour to Sydney that includes the annual **Vivid Light Festival**. Vivid Light transforms Sydney into a wonderland of 'light art' sculptures, innovative light installations and grand-scale projections for all to enjoy. It is a magical celebration of light-design excellence and the world's largest outdoor 'art gallery'. Lighting artists, designers and manufacturers from around the world illuminate, interpret and

transform Sydney's urban spaces through their creative vision. We have a panoramic view from a dazzling **Vivid Lights dinner cruise**. We also enjoy a tour of the Sydney Cricket ground, a guided tour of the **E.G. Waterhouse National Camellia Gardens** which overlooks beautiful **Yowie Bay** and a visit to **Bare Island**.

Member Cost: \$795.00 pp twin share \$955.00 sole use

12 DAY OUTBACK QUEENSLAND Sunday 07 June 2020

Embrace the stories of local characters who helped shape the Australian outback. Live the outback story for a short while, witnessing glorious sunsets and cruising pristine waterways, with outstanding dining experiences. Our journey takes us through **Bourke** to **Charleville** for 2 nights. Visit the **Cosmos Centre** and enjoy the **Bilby Experience** to hear about this endangered marsupial. Travel via **Blackall** and historic **Barcaldine** to **Longreach** for 4 nights. **The Stockman's Hall of Fame**, **Qantas Museum**, the **Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show**, a day in **Winton** and the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**, a cruise on the **Thomson River** and a camp oven dinner are part of our tour. Visit the **Gemfields** near **Emerald** then travel via **Roma** and **Dalby** to **Brisbane** for your flight home.



Member cost: \$4250.00 pp twin share \$4995.00 sole use

8 DAY NOOSA & SUNSHINE COAST Sunday 21 June 2020



Due to the success of this tour, we are doing it again in 2020. We fly north to meet our coach and settle into **RACV Resort** at **Noosa** on the **Sunshine Coast** for a 5 night stay. Visit the **Eumundi Markets** as well as **Australia Zoo** in Beerwah which of course was the home of the late Steve Irwin, the 'Crocodile Hunter'. Tour through the **Blackall Ranges** and visit the pretty towns of **Maleny** and **Montville**, and view the **Glasshouse Mountains**.

Enjoy a **cruise** along the pristine Noosa River and into the dark, tranquil, mirrored waterways of the **Noosa Everglades**. Join the **Noosa River and Canal Cruises** for a cruise past the magnificent waterfront homes along the canals. We head home down the NSW north coast with stops at **Ballina** and **Maitland**.

Member Cost: \$2685.00 pp twin share \$3295.00 sole use

8 DAY LIGHTNING RIDGE & MOREE Wednesday 01 July 2020

The 'Ridge' abounds with colourful characters, barrels of dreams, and experiences! The unique locals pride themselves on a wonderful sense of eccentricity, reminding us that the Australian spirit is not a thing of folklore. We spend 3 nights there. See **Stanley**, the **Big Bird**, **Amigos Castle** and drop into the **Cactus Farm**. Experience an underground mine and marvel at the underground sculptures in the **Chamber Of The Black Hand**. Enjoy a day at **Grawin**, **Glengarry**, **Sheepyard** and **Mulga Rush** with lunch at the **Glengarry Hilton** pub. Stay 2 nights in **Moree** seeing the many cotton farms and visiting the **Pecan Farm**. Enjoy free time to visit the **Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre** before we travel via **Goondiwindi** to **Brisbane** for our flight home.



Member cost: \$2325.00 pp twin share \$2710.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS

9 DAY BRISBANE & THE SCENIC RIM Friday 10 July 2020



Rediscover the vibrant and fast growing city of **Brisbane** and its surrounds. Marvel at the river that curls its way around the landscape, hinting to the easy outdoor lifestyle awaiting us. Highlights include the annual **Garden Expo**, country hospitality and beautiful scenery. Take in the spectacular views from **Mt Cootha**, enjoy lunch at historic **Newstead House** and then cruise along the **Brisbane River** to

Southbank. A visit to the **Summer Land Camel Farm** near Ipswich is a unique experience. Enjoy a day out to **North Stradbroke Island** and a day in **Scenic Rim** country, inland from Brisbane, where we visit **Towri Sheep Cheese** then enjoy lunch at the **Dugandan Hotel** before a visit to the **Kooroomba Vineyards and Lavender Farm**. Our journey home takes us down the **north coast** with stops in Coffs Harbour and Maitland.

Member cost: \$2795.00 pp twin share \$3325.00 sole use

2 DAY CAMEL RACE XMAS IN JULY Tuesday 21 July 2020



A **Christmas In July** with a bit of a **difference**. Its **Camel Races** at the Bankstown Paceway plus **lunch and entertainment**. Our first stop is Picton and a visit to the **Heritage Rail Centre** and discover how the NSW railways brought life to town and country. We also visit the **Wollondilly Heritage Centre** for an insight into the history of the area. Enjoy an overnight stay at **Rydges Campbelltown**, right next door to the **Catholic Club**. Next day sees us making our way to the Bankstown Paceway. After savouring morning tea we'll be amazed by the **Camels** vying for first position, racing toward the finish line. Enjoy a fabulous **Christmas In July lunch** as well as entertainment before heading for home after a great couple of days away.



Member Cost: \$460.00 pp twin share \$540.00 sole use

7 DAY AIRLIE BEACH & WHITSUNDAYS Friday 24 July 2020



Enjoy **6 nights** in **Airlie Beach** at the beautiful **Coral Sea Resort**. **Escape** to the **Whitsundays**, a remarkable pristine **World Heritage** preserved area. The town of Airlie Beach on the mainland is the region's central hub and our base during our stay. There is time to enjoy the local sights of **Airlie Beach** and nearby **Bowen**, plus a fantastic

day cruising the beautiful **Whitsundays**. Enjoy the day at magnificent **Earlando**, a private property not often visited, boasting 6,000 acres of private Whitsunday coastal land, a paradise all to yourselves for the day. We also spend a day with **Whitsunday Crocodile Safaris** at their unique venture on a private section of the Proserpine River. Time also to relax and enjoy our resort and **Airlie Beach** which is an easy walk along the boardwalk.

Member Cost: \$2795.00 pp twin share \$3455.00 sole use

3 DAY BLUE MOUNTAINS XMAS IN JULY Tuesday 28 July 2020



Rug up in your winter woollies and enjoy the magic of a **traditional 'Northern Hemisphere' Christmas** in the magnificent **Blue Mountains**. Behold the spectacular vistas and sensational views from **Govetts Leap Lookout** and **Echo Point** then visit **Scenic World** to immerse yourselves in the stunning cliffs, waterfalls and forests. Enjoy a **Christmas in July lunch** at the beautiful **Hydro Majestic Hotel**, featuring dramatic panoramic views, understated elegance and a warm ambience. Visit the **Small Arms Museum**, formed to celebrate the history of the Small Arms Factory and its achievements, and tells the story of British influence and the endurance of social hardships. We head home via Oberon through to the unique heritage town of **Taralga**.



Member cost: \$780.00 pp twin share \$955.00 sole use

6 DAY NORTH COAST WINTER GETAWAY Monday 03 August 2020



We are heading to **Nambucca Heads** this winter to get away from the chilly weather for a week. This NSW north coast town sits at the mouth of the river with its sparkling estuary being home to playful dolphins. Cruise some of the most unspoilt areas of the region and see parts of the beautiful **Bellinger River Valley** not seen by most. Enjoy lunch in the historic town of **Bellingen**

then take in the beauty and serenity of the rainforest in the **Dorrigo National Park** and the spectacular views provided by the **Skywalk**. Enjoy a visit to **Perry's Lemon Myrtle** for a talk on the farm and their products, followed by lunch at the famous **Pub With No Beer**. South West Rocks, Trial Bay Gaol and Forresters Beach on the central coast are part of the itinerary as we journey home from our north coast winter break.

Member cost: \$1395.00 pp twin share \$1615.00 sole use

5 DAY HISTORIC RIVERPORT TOUR Monday 24 August 2020



Step back in time to an era of wealth and ingenuity. Explore **Echuca** and be enchanted by the **Paddlesteamers** who brought trade and prosperity to the area. Unpack for a 4 night stay in **Echuca-Moama**. Be captivated by the story of the **Port of Echuca** hearing of the early history and growth and how it became Australia's largest inland port. Relax on a luncheon cruise on one of the many paddlesteamers on the river. Uncover the wealth in **Bendigo** from the discovery of gold and the immigrants who contributed to shaping the town. Visit the amazing and lavish **Fortuna Villa** recently opened to the public and with a very interesting history. Also ride the **Talking Tram** and visit **Bendigo Pottery**. The **Camel Milk Co**, **The Great Aussie Beer Shed** and **Paddon Park** are some of the other attractions on this great tour.



Member cost: \$1125.00 pp twin share \$1355.00 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS



3 DAY SPRING MYSTERY TOUR Monday 07 September 2020



Want to disappear for three days during the week? This is a tour to somewhere that we know the destination but you don't! Mystery is one of the great joys of travel. It keeps us **surprised, delighted**, and just unsettled enough to heighten every experience. If you are **intrigued**, you love **discovering new places** and are easily delighted,

a **Mystery Tour** might be right up your alley. Everyone has a great time on our **mystery** tours, with plenty of laughs along the way. Where will it be? The tour includes two nights accommodation, all day touring, meals and exclusive, not to be missed, Potter Travel staff entertaining you whenever they can! We promise we will bring you back home!

Member Cost: \$765.00 pp twin share \$930.00 sole use

10 DAY TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS & O'REILLY'S RETREAT Tuesday 22 September 2020



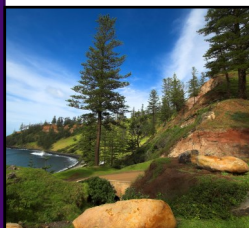
This tour incorporates two of southern Queensland's iconic attractions—the **Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers** and **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat**. We travel via northern NSW to **Toowoomba** for a 3 night stay. The Carnival of Flowers is Australia's longest-running annual horticultural event, a cultural party featuring spectacular gardens and all things spring. Enjoy many of the activities associated with the festival as well as some of the other local attractions then head across to **O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat** for a 2 night stay. Located in the **Lamington National Park** it has been welcoming travellers for over 93 years to relax, experience and connect with nature. From here we head home via the **New England Tablelands** and **Gloucester**.



Member cost: \$2815.00 pp twin share \$3495.00 sole use



8 DAY NORFOLK ISLAND Sunday 04 October 2020



This will be our last **Norfolk Island** tour for a while. Norfolk Island lies about 1700kms east of Sydney, a volcanic island made up of undulating hill country, with steep cliffs rising from the ocean and a fascinating history. Discovered by Captain Cook it was twice settled and abandoned as a **Convict Settlement**. The original buildings of these settlements are beautifully restored

and on display. Its third and permanent settlement came with the relocation of the descendants of the famous mutineers of the **Bounty** from the tiny island of Pitcairn, 3000 miles to the east in the mid 1800s. Today the families of these descendants are prominent. The history and scenery make this a memorable holiday. Our accommodation is at the **South Pacific Resort** and our touring on the island is with **Baunti Escapes**.

Member Cost: \$2695.00 pp twin share \$3180.00 sole use

4 DAY MALLACOOTA TOUR Tuesday 06 October 2020



We have **rescheduled** our February tour that was cancelled due to the terrible bushfires, **so please come and help this coastal community get back on its feet**. Relax in the quiet town of **Mallacoota** for 3 nights, with the chance to dig your toes into the pure white sandy beaches. Discover why this region is a very special place to UNESCO. Abounding with a diverse range of animal life such as echidnas, gliders and koalas, whales and dolphins are also frequently seen along the beautiful undeveloped coastline. Enjoy a **morning tea cruise** through this pristine wilderness with an abundance of birdlife. Visit a restored World War II RAAF bunker that has considerable military history significance. We also visit historic **Boydton** with past links to shipping and whaling enjoying lunch at **Seahorse Inn** on the shores of **Twofold Bay**.



Member cost: \$795.00 pp twin share \$970.00 sole use



12 DAY EYRE PENINSULA & ART SILO TOUR Wednesday 28 October 2020



Heading to the West or coming home from there you miss the **Eyre Peninsula** in South Australia because its to the south of the main highway. It really is Australia's '**Forgotten Corner**'. And it has so much to offer that we need to take you there for a proper look around. So immerse yourself in a wild and rugged coastline, quaint coastal towns and the vastness of

spectacular **Eyre Peninsula**. Spend 2 nights in **Streaky Bay** with its spectacular coastline then 2 nights in **Port Lincoln** at the tip of the peninsula. Visit **Whalers Way** and a cruise on **Boston Bay**. On the way home celebrate the **Wimmera-Mallee** region's outdoor gallery. Journey the trail of **large-scale murals** painted onto grain silos by brilliant international street artists, bringing life back to rural communities.

Member cost: \$3155.00 pp twin share \$3875.00 sole use

3 DAY RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE Tuesday 17 November 2020



The April tour sold out so we have put on another. On this tour we join the mail run with a difference! We hop aboard **Riverboat Postman**, on this tour to cruise along the **Hawkesbury River**. Known as one of Australia's greatest scenic waterways, with its historical isolated communities, the last Riverboat Postman has been servicing the region for over a century. Sit back and enjoy the tranquil scenery of sandy beach coves and fjord like inlets while listening to the lively commentary from the Skipper as we make our all-important deliveries. Our tour includes 2 nights accommodation on the magnificent **Central Coast**, a visit to the **Ken Duncan Gallery**, a guided tour of the **Mt Penang Botanical Gardens** and a visit to the **Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum**.



Member Cost: \$645.00 pp twin share \$785.00 sole use