



# TRAVEL TALK

## SPRING EDITION 2020

### WELCOME TO OUR SPRING NEWSLETTER

Dear Travel Club Members

So we draw to the end of a very different year, one we have not experienced before, but we are still here, willing and ready to tour in 2021. All of us at Potter Travel **want to thank every member** for staying the course and agreeing to defer your touring rather than cancelling whenever you could. As such 2021 is looking great so long as we can keep the dreaded virus at bay.

This Newsletter outlines most of our **Extended Tour** program for 2021. There will be a number of short tours that we put together during next year which will appear in later Newsletters, such as the **Sydney Vivid Festival** now rescheduled from its traditional May/June dates to August 2021. We will be running our 3 day tour again in 2021 with tour dates in our next Newsletter. Also keep an eye out for our new **'5 Day Holidays'** idea in the next Newsletter. The **ACT National Trust** really liked our **King Island & Yarra Valley** tour that we did last February and have a departure on **Thursday 28 January 2021**. There's a few seats left if you are interested.

**New Day tours** will continue to be offered with each Newsletter and of course the resumption of **musicals** will be subject to what productions are on offer and restrictions on theatre capacity. **Frozen** is still happening in February 2021 (see pg. 3).

Alex got alternative employment during the Covid shutdown and has decided to remain there. We wish her well and thank her for her time with us. Because of Covid-19 our office will be closed for a longer period over this Christmas / New Year period, from Wednesday 23 December 2020 to Wednesday 27 January 2021. There will be an emergency number provided on the office answering machine and emails will be monitored over this period. We look forward to seeing you back onboard in 2021.

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

### WE ARE A COVID SAFE BUSINESS

As a result of Covid-19, we have introduced a range of protocols to help keep you safe on tour until this has passed. These protocols include signing a disclosure form that you have no likely symptoms and have not been in contact with anyone who has shown them; having your temperature taken before boarding; providing hand sanitiser at the entrance to the coach for everyone to use on boarding the coach; encouraging social distancing whenever possible: providing antiseptic wipes for passengers who wish to wipe their personal area before sitting down. The Coach Drivers also have the Covid-19 app loaded onto their mobile phone and heavy use areas on the coach will be regularly cleaned. Tour suppliers used on the tours will be encouraged to have Covid-19 hygiene guidelines and when visiting any areas with other members of the public members will be encouraged to maintain social distancing.

### PLATINUM JOURNEYS

#### EXCITING NEW TOURS

While in hibernation we have been looking for new tours to offer members. Our friends at **Platinum Journeys** have moved into smaller groups using purpose built vehicles that take 20 passengers, in comfort, to many places that the Potter Coach cannot go, while providing motel accommodation with ensuite facilities. Most of these tours depart from Canberra Airport to a fabulous range of destinations throughout Australia. Some of the tours we are offering in 2021 include:

#### **15 DAY ICONIC OUTBACK PUBS** **Departs Saturday 01 May 2021**

This amazing journey features some of the most famous Australian watering holes but has much more to offer than the pubs.

#### **14 DAY KIMBERLEY SOJOURN** **Departs Tuesday 16 June 2021**

Travel from Darwin to Broome and experience Katherine Gorge, Kununurra, The Bungle Bungles, Tunnel Creek, Windjana Gorge and more!

#### **12 DAY CAPE YORK ADVENTURE** **Departs Monday 02 August 2021**

Travel to the tip, Cooktown and beautiful Port Douglas.

#### **15 DAY GULFLANDER & SAVANNAH WAY** **Departs Monday 31 August 2021**

Travel from Darwin to Cairns taking in Kakadu, Lawn Hill NP, Savannah Way and the incredible Gulf country and more.

So if any of these tours are of interest to you call us and we will send you more information.

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# POTTER TOURS

## A DAY OUT

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**7 DAY KING IS. & YARRA VALLEY, Departing 28 Jan & 04 Feb 2021.** Join the ACT National Trust and discover the unspoilt beauty of **King Island** and experience the sights and flavours of the **Yarra Valley**. **King Island** is rugged, windswept and attractive with a wide and unusual variety of seabirds and wildlife. Enjoy sensational scenery, plentiful wildlife and amazing shipwreck stories. **The Yarra Valley** also offers quality local food and wine and breathtaking scenery. Visit The Gulf Station Farm, Coldstream and Coombe Yarra Valley plus the 14 acre Blue Lotus Water Garden filled with over fifty varieties of lotus. Call us if you are interested but there is just a few seats available.

# A DAY OUT

## CHERRIES AT YOUNG Wednesday 02 December 2020



This year we are again heading to **Young**, the 'Cherry Capital of Australia', an area that boasts many cherry and stone fruit orchards. Our first stop today is at **Poppa's Fudge Factory**. Here we will have morning tea served from the coach Inside Poppa's store there will be a sample bar of fudges and jams for you to taste and lots of goodies to purchase. A **local guide** will also show us the sights of Young. After our tour we head to **Allambie Orchard** where

we enjoy lunch including cherry pie plus a tour and a talk on cherries. Here you can also pick your own cherries, or there will be pre-packed cherries for sale.

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

## NEPEAN BELLE PADDLEWHEELER Wednesday 27 January 2021



There is nothing quite like the nostalgia of the **paddlewheels** churning, the water lapping against the hulls, reliving the romance and excitement of the paddlewheel era. Join us on the old-world style paddlewheeler, the **Nepean Belle**, as she cruises the wilderness areas of the **Blue Mountains National Park** and the Nepean Gorge. The headwaters of the Nepean River rise near Robertson, south of Sydney and flows north in an unpopulated water catchment area into Nepean Dam. North of the dam, the river flows past the towns of Camden and Penrith, and through the Nepean Gorge. Sunlit by day, the sandstone peaks of the **Nepean Gorge** tower up to 150 metres above the water and are a striking backdrop to your cruise while enjoying a sumptuous buffet lunch.



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

## FROZEN, THE MUSICAL Wednesday 10 February 2021



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

## A BBQ DAY OUT Friday 12 February 2021



Join Coach Captain Karen and Tour Escort/Covid Marshall Bob for a great day out. This initiative from Potter Travel to provides outings for members during these uncertain times and the need to comply with Covid-19 restrictions. So we are running regular smaller group outings. Enjoy a day aboard the purple coach taking in the local sights, morning tea, a BBQ lunch and afternoon tea. Our destination is a surprise as we will be running quite a few of these tours over the rest of the year if there is enough interest from members, each one selecting a different spot to visit. The first of these 'Days Out' are in September on the dates nominated above. **ALL ABOARD!!!**



Member cost: \$95.00 pp Non-member: \$115.00 pp

## CHARLOTTE PASS Monday 15 February 2021



Again a place that has been hit by **bushfires** and **Covid-19** and we have had to rescheduled yet again. 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

## A DAY IN JOADJA Monday 22 February 2021



**Joadja Creek** is a ghost town - a decaying reminder of a century ago when this isolated town housed a thriving mining community nestled in a valley outside of Mittagong. Joadja Creek was originally the site of the **Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Company**. Today we visit the historic town, refinery and shale mines of Joadja, once home to 1,200 Scots in the 1800s—many families also came from England, Ireland and Australia. Discover the fascinating history of its ruins, retorts, mining shelves, railway and inclines. Joadja is set on 800 acres of glorious park land. Enjoy the beauty of the surrounding ecology, flora and fauna.



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



# A DAY OUT



## GALONG MONASTERY Thursday 25 February 2021



The tradition of hospitality to all began at **Galong** when Irish transportee Edward 'Ned' Ryan settled there in the late 1820's. Eventually the property was passed onto the **Redemptorist Congregation** who established a monastery and a juvenate named for St Clement Hofbauer (1751-1820), in 1918. Some 2,000 young

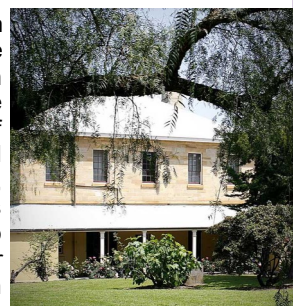
men were educated at **Galong** before the college closed in 1975 and a retreat house was established. The Ryan legacy includes examples of interesting architecture, some of which has survived for almost 160 years. The Redemptorist's strong sense of the history of the site in all its previous manifestations has been encouraging and instrumental in the development of the museum.

Member Cost: \$135.00 pp Non-member: \$155.00 pp

## HISTORIC GLENALVON Tuesday 02 March 2021



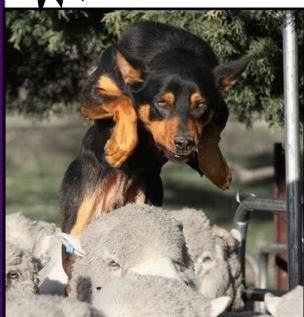
**Glenalvon** has been described as 'An exceptional two-storied sandstone home of colonial Georgian design' (National Trust), and 'A rare example of a residence & garden of its period, size, diversity, integrity, and quality' (Otto Cserhalmi and Partners, Heritage Architects). **Glenalvon** is circa 1841 and consists of the two storey main house, the earlier Servants Quarters, and a Victorian Coach House and Stables. A custom built slab shed was constructed in 1995 to protect the Society's collection of historical agricultural equipment and what is probably Australia's most important gravestone - that of pioneer farmer, James Ruse. Historic **Glenalvon** is not only beautiful, it is classic in its architecture and construction.



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



## HAWKESBURY WORKING KELPIE STUD Tuesday 09 March 2021



The **Hawkesbury Working Kelpie Stud** is located near **Young** and promote the working Kelpie by way of working dog demonstrations. It all started with Anthony taking his Kelpie team to the 2011 Sydney Royal Easter Show. It was a big hit with up to 600 people attending each demonstration. Their understanding and vast experience with working Kelpies is proven by their achievements in Yard dog and three sheep trialling. People have

also benefited from their experience in winning and placing in many trials. We enjoy morning tea and a demonstration today before lunch in **Young** before heading home.

Member Cost: \$135.00 pp Non-member: \$155.00 pp

## EXPLORE OUR OWN BACKYARD Tuesday 23 March 2021

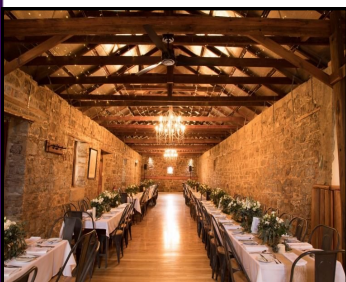


Join Karen & Bob for a great day out taking in some sights from our own backyard that we might not normally see, around the **Tidbinbilla** and **Cotter** area. This is part of the recent initiative from Potter Travel to provide outings for members during uncertain times with all the various Covid-19 rules. It is a small group outing that complies with the maximum numbers allowed under current Covid-19 restrictions. Enjoy a day aboard the purple coach taking in the local sights, morning tea, a BBQ lunch and afternoon tea.



Member cost: \$95.00 pp Non-member: \$115.00 pp

## THE OLD COACH STABLES Tuesday 30 March 2021



Another popular 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

## JUGIONG COUNTRY EXPERIENCE Tuesday 13 April 2021



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 lunch with and live entertainment with lots of laughs.



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

# EXTENDED TOURS

## 4 DAY CHRISTMAS IN BATHURST Wednesday 23 December 2020



Due to the impact of Covid-19 on Victoria, the border closure and the likely restriction that could still be in place at Christmas time even with the border opening, we have decided to move our Christmas tour to **Bathurst NSW**. At late notice we have been able to secure a 4 day trip staying at the beautiful **Rydges Mount Panorama Hotel**. Travel via **Oberon** on Day 1 before a themed dinner at the magnificent

**Abercrombie House** that night. On Day 2 we head to **Orange** with a visit to **Fourjay Farms** then lunch at the historic **Beekeepers Inn**. We enjoy a locally guided tour of **Bathurst** and relax on **Christmas Day** with lunch at the hotel. The day home takes us via **Cowra** and **Young**.

Member cost: \$1255.00 pp twin share \$1480.00 sole use

## 7 DAY SOUTH GIPPSLAND TOUR Monday 01 February 2021

Settle in at the **Prom Country Lodge** and spend your days exploring the rolling hills and spectacular shorelines of **South Gippsland**! Journey into **Wilsons Promontory** and cruise along the beautiful granite coast, immersing yourself in its natural wonder. Take a walk back in time as you unearth the gripping history of Victoria's oldest Port; and together we shall meet the colourful locals whose passion for the region and love for community makes South Gippsland a must-see destination. Enjoy an overnight stop in **Lakes Entrance** on the way and see the recently completed street murals in **Yarram**. Our journey home takes us through the **Dandenongs** to Wangaratta for our last night on tour.



Member cost: \$1975.00 pp twin share \$2440.00 sole use

## 4 DAY MALLACOOTA TOUR Tuesday 16 February 2021 (pending motel's written confirmation)



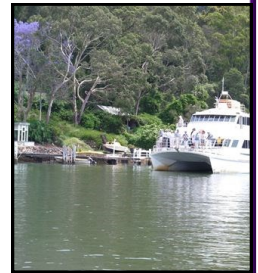
Hopefully third time lucky! Bushfires then Covid-19 and border closures have stopped us helping get this coastal community get back on its feet. Relax in the quiet town of **Mallacoota** for 3 nights, with the chance to dig your toes into the pure white sandy beaches.

Discover why the region is very special 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 Boydtown 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

## 3 DAY RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE Tuesday 23 February 2021

The November 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

## 10 DAY MURRAY PRINCESS/KANGAROO IS. Thursday 18 March 2021

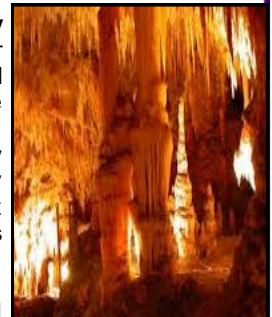


Explore some of the gems of **South Australia**. We travel via **Bendigo** to **Mannum** where we board the **Murray Princess** for a fabulous accommodated cruise along the river. Discover the beautiful lower riverlands, between Walker Flat and Murray Bridge and cruise through spectacular riverlands enjoying the great variety of flora and fauna, plus take a nature walk and get up close to the river birdlife. From here we head to **Kangaroo Island** and spend 3 days exploring this amazing island visiting some unique Kangaroo Island ventures such as the pure Ligurian Bee Honey Farm and the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. We also visit **Flinders Chase National Park**, **Admirals Arch**, **Remarkable Rocks** and the world famous **Seal Bay**, where we walk amongst the colony of Australian Sea Lions.

Member cost: \$3485.00 pp twin share \$4220.00 sole use  
On application, subject to cabin availability on the Murray Princess

## 4 DAY TUMUT BUSHFIRE TOUR Wednesday 24 March 2021

Let's help another area devastated by the 2020 bushfires as we discover charming towns, ancient stories and interesting local characters in the magnificent **Snowy Mountains** area. Enjoy a 3 night stay in **Tumut** and enjoy the fertile countryside surrounded by streams and rivers famous for trout fishing. Poplars, elms, oaks and maples line the streets of this attractive town. **Gundagai**, **Tumut Valley Violets**, **Yarrangobilly Caves**, the **Montreal Theatre**, the fire effected town of **Batlow**, the **Boggy Creek Show** with its outstanding depiction of the unique Snowy Mountain heritage and the heritage listed township of **Adelong** are all part of the itinerary.



Member Cost: \$955.00 pp twin share \$1105.00 sole use



# EXTENDED TOURS

## 3 DAY MYSTERY TOUR Friday 16 April 2021



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

## 5 DAY AUTUMN IN MARYSVILLE Tuesday 27 April 2021

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 AUTUMN IN ORANGE Tuesday 18 May 2021



**Autumn** brings amazing colours to the city of **Orange** so indulge your senses in the delights of the city and the surrounding villages and towns. With a fabulous reputation for producing food and wine, stunning landscapes and a fascinating history, it is the perfect destination for a for a short autumn getaway. With a high altitude and rich volcanic soil from nearby **Mount Canobolas**, Orange has been blessed with ideal conditions for a variety of

produce. The area was the home of an array of colourful characters and is dotted with beautiful heritage towns and villages. Learn about the region's past, visit the museums and simply stroll through the streets and immerse yourself in this historic region.

Member cost: \$975.00 pp twin share \$1195.00 sole use

## 13 DAY EYRE & YORKE PENINSULA Monday 24 May 2021



Heading to or from the West you miss the **Eyre Peninsula** in South Australia because it's 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**. From here it's onto Clare for 3 nights. Soak up the history and beauty of the **Clare Valley**, visit **Bungaree Station**, and spend a day on the interesting **Yorke Peninsula**, known as **Australia's little Cornwall**.



Member cost: \$3875.00 pp twin share \$4695.00 sole use

## 12 DAY OUTBACK QUEENSLAND Sunday 13 June 2021



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

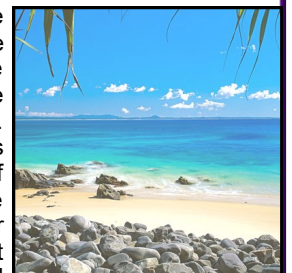
**Barcaldine** to **Longreach** for 4 nights. The **Stockman's Hall of Fame**, **Qantas Museum**, the **Harry Redford Old Time Tent Show**, a day in **Winton** and the **Waltzing Matilda Centre**, a cruise on the **Thomson River** and a camp oven dinner are part of our tour. Visit the **Gemfields** near **Emerald** then travel via **Roma** and **Dalby** to **Brisbane** for your flight home.

Member Cost: \$4645.00 pp twin share \$5430.00 sole use

## 8 DAY NOOSA & SUNSHINE COAST Sunday 27 June 2021



Due to the success of this tour in the past, we are doing it again in 2021. 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: \$2995.00 pp twin share \$3725.00 sole use

# EXTENDED TOURS



## 8 DAY LIGHTNING RIDGE & MOREE Thursday 15 July 2021



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, Sheeppark 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: \$2595.00 pp twin share \$3005.00 sole use

## 9 DAY BRISBANE & THE SCENIC RIM Saturday 24 July 2021



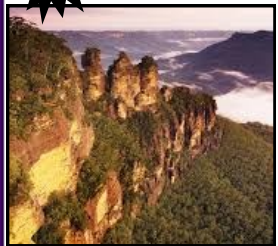
Rediscover the vibrant and fast growing city of **Brisbane** and its surrounds. Marvel at the river that curls its way around the landscape, hinting to the easy outdoor lifestyle awaiting us. Highlights include the Sunshine Coast, country hospitality and beautiful scenery. Take in the spectacular views 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: \$3045.00 pp twin share \$3520.00 sole use

## 3 DAY BLUE MOUNTAINS XMAS IN JULY Tuesday 27 July 2021



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 Wednesday 04 August 2021

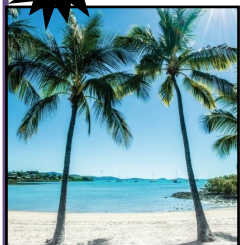


The uncertainty of touring in 2020 and the interest shown in this tour made us decide to offer it again in 2021. **Nambucca Heads** sits at the mouth of the river with its sparkling estuary being home to playful dolphins. Cruise some of the most unspoilt areas of the region and see parts of the beautiful **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: \$1575.00 pp twin share \$1820.00 sole use

## 7 DAY AIRLIE BEACH & WHITSUNDAYS Monday 16 August 2021



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

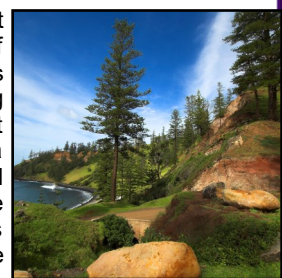
magnificent **Earlando**, a private property not often visited, boasting 6,000 acres of private Whitsunday coastal land, a paradise all to yourselves for the day. We also spend a day with **Whitsunday Crocodile Safaris** at their unique venture on a private section of the Proserpine River. Time also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

Member cost: \$2995.00 pp twin share \$3655.00 sole use

## 8 DAY NORFOLK ISLAND Monday 30 August 2021



**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 Tours**.



Member Cost: \$2895.00 pp twin share \$3350.00 sole use



# EXTENDED TOURS



## 7 DAY BARMERA & SA RIVERLAND Sunday 12 September 2021



Explore the **Riverland** region of **South Australia** where glorious sunsets beckon, the **Murray River** welcomes and the food and wine celebrates local freshness. We overnight in Hay then travel via **Mildura** to **Barmera** for a 4 night stay as we explore the **Riverland**. Situated in the heart of the Riverland, **Barmera** is a pretty town situated on the shores of Lake Bonney, a lake renowned for its sunsets. Enjoy a

visit to the **Wilkadene Woolshed Brewery** and **Angoves Winery**, historic **Loxton** including the charming **Pines Historical Home and Gardens**, the **Bella Lavender Estate**, lunch at the historic **Overland Corner Hotel** and visit the **Banrock Wine & Wetland Centre**. Our journey home from the Riverland takes us via the historic riverport town of **Echuca-Moama**.

Member cost: \$1885.00 pp twin share \$2215.00 sole use

## 10 DAY TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS & O'REILLY'S RETREAT Thursday 23 September 2021



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 **Maitland**.



Member cost: \$3195.00 pp twin share \$3890.00 sole use



## 7 DAY LORD HOWE ISLAND Monday 04 October 2021



**Tour No. 1** in May **sold out** quickly so don't miss out. Immerse yourself in the spectacular surroundings of **UNESCO World Heritage** listed **Lord Howe Island**. Discover an island paradise with pristine beaches, incredible wildlife and beautiful landscapes. Only a two-hour flight from Sydney with limited visitors allowed on the untouched island at any one time, come join us to experience the

islands incredible natural attractions. A local environmentalist says "living on Lord Howe Island is like living inside a David Attenborough documentary." We fly from Canberra via Sydney for a 6 night stay at the **Blue Lagoon Lodge**. The **Chase 'N' Thyme Half Day Island Tour**, an in-depth tour of the **North Bay** of the island, a **glass bottom boat trip** plus local dining experiences are just some of the highlights of this tour.

Member cost: \$4435.00 pp twin share \$5235.00 sole use

Price is subject to the confirmation of the airfare

## 5 DAY LAKE MACQUARIE & HUNTER TOUR Monday 25 October 2021



Enjoy a great getaway to **Lake Macquarie** and the **Hunter Region**. The largest saltwater lake in the southern hemisphere and more than twice the size of Sydney Harbour, Lake Macquarie is an aquatic playground. Enjoy the sights on both the water and the foreshore. Immediately adjacent is the vibrant city of **Newcastle** and just up the road the fabulous **Hunter Valley** wine region. Unpack your bags for 4 nights at the **Apollo International** located between the lake and the city. A fabulous morning tea cruise on Lake Macquarie and a fascinating locally guided tour of the local area and the City of Newcastle are included. Enjoy a lunch and entertainment at **Buttai Barn** which embraces our bush heritage and history, and promotes good old fashioned fun. A day in the Hunter Valley including the Hunter Valley Gardens rounds of this trip.



Member cost: \$1395.00 pp twin share \$1750.00 sole use



## 6 DAY ART SILO & BENALLA ROSES Thursday 04 November 2021



We are heading back to the western Victorian town of **Horsham** to celebrate the rich heritage and true spirit of the **Wimmera-Mallee** region through Australia's largest outdoor gallery. Journey the trail of large-scale mural portraits painted onto grain silos by brilliant international street artists that have brought life back to these rural Victorian communities. We also visit

**Echuca-Moama** as well as some smaller Victoria towns such as **Boort**, **Hopetoun**, **Inglewood** and the unusual **Old Dadswell Town**. The regional centres of **Bendigo** and **Shepparton** are also on the itinerary before a two night stay in **Wangaratta**. We take in the Art Silos at **Goorambat** and **Devenish** and visit the **Benalla Rose Festival** before heading home.

Member cost: \$1385.00 pp twin share \$1710.00 sole use

## 15 DAY TASMANIAN TOUR Saturday 13 November 2021



It's back to Tasmania in 2021, travelling all the way by coach. We will cruise the remote **Arthur River** and visit **Stanley** and **The Nut** in the North West. We visit **Cradle Mountain National Park** and stay 2 nights in **Queenstown**. Ride the **West Coast Wilderness Railway** and take a **cruise** from **Strahan**. Visit **Mount Field National Park** and the **Wall in the Wilderness** before 4 nights in Hobart. Explore the city sights and the famous **Salamanca Markets**. Enjoy a day trip to **Bruny Island** the **Port Arthur Historic site**. Experience the beautiful **east coast** including a 2 night stay at **Swansea**, with a luncheon cruise on the magnificent **Wine Glass Bay** which takes us along the exquisite **Freycinet coastline**, a place only a few will ever visit. We also visit the towns of **Bicheno** and **Scamander** and on our way to **Launceston** before we head for home.



Member Cost: \$5895.00 pp twin share \$7160.00 sole use