



TRAVEL TALK

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WELCOME TO OUR FIRST 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Travel Club Members,

Goodbye 2020 and welcome to **2021**, which we hope will be a much better year. We are looking forward to a great year of touring **Australia**, from a local short getaway to multiple week trips to some of the great places our fabulous country has to offer. Don't miss the opportunity in 2021 to see the magnificent country that you may not have thought about visiting if the world was normal and you were heading overseas. You will not be disappointed!

We have the autumn colours of **Victoria & Marysville** in April and the **NSW Central West & Orange** in May. Then there is the intrigue of the **Eyre & Yorke Peninsula** also in May, an area most Australians would miss. The vastness and beauty of **Outback Qld** awaits you in June then the very unusual **Lightning Ridge** in July.

Want to get away from Canberra's winter chill? Our popular **Noosa** tour in June, the different **Brisbane & South East Qld** plus a **Cairns** stayput in July and **Nambucca & North Coast NSW** as well as **Airlie Beach** in August. Covid stopped us enjoying **Toowoomba Carnival Of Flowers & O'Reilly's** so we are heading there in 2021. The **SA Riverland** and **Tasmania** are also really worth a visit in the Spring of 2021 as is the **Art Silos & Benalla Rose Festival** in Victoria. There are short breaks as well, the **Postman Cruise** and of course **Mystery tours** to enjoy. Our **5 Day Holiday** concept kicks off in June with a visit to **Echuca-Moama**. 'Holiday' is the theme so unpack your bags for 4 nights and enjoy leisurely touring days and interesting times. The **Riverina** and **Lakes Entrance** are our other 2021 destinations with more to come in 2022.

Then there are a range of **day tours** and an increasing number of **shows** and **musicals** to provide you with a great day out.

Shane and **Tonia** have joined us in the office in 2021 as we say farewell to **Alex** and thank her for all her efforts over the years she was with us. Also remember we are a **Covid safe business** and have a range of protocols in place to help keep you safe on tour until this is behind us.

Happy travelling from Karen, Bob, Tonia, Shane, David, Col, Brad & Shelley

OFFICE HOURS

Telephone reservations are now open on **Monday to Friday** between **10.00 am** and **4.00 pm**. Due to social distancing requirements, please call the office in advance if you would like to visit us in person.

STATE BORDER PASSES

A reality of 2021 is that we are probably going to have to deal with border permits at various times throughout the year if we want to travel from one State to another. The Potter Travel staff will advise you when these are necessary and assist you with organising the appropriate permits.

NORFOLK ISLAND

Cancellations in recent weeks means we have four seats available on the April departure to Norfolk Island (see page 5) and two seats left for the August date.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We have two Christmas In July day tours this year. The first is **Beaufort House** in historic Adelong on Tuesday 13 July and the second is an old favourite, the **Binalong Hotel** on Tuesday 20 July. Details will be in the Winter Newsletter or call the office if you would like to register your interest.

PLATINUM JOURNEYS

Our new partner, Platinum Journeys still has seats available on the following tour in 2021, so call us if you are interested.

12 DAY CAPE YORK ADVENTURE Departs Wednesday 04 August 2021

Travel to the tip, Cooktown and beautiful Port Douglas.

10 DAY MURRAY PRINCESS & KANGAROO IS. TOUR Thursday 18 March 2021

A few seats have become available on this fantastic tour. Explore some of the gems of **South Australia** including the **Murray Princess**, for a fabulous 3-night accommodated cruise along the river. We also spend 3 days on **Kangaroo Island** exploring this amazing place and visiting some unique Kangaroo Island ventures. 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 pp twin share \$4220 sole use

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POTTER TOURS

A DAY OUT

EXTENDED

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A TRAVEL GUIDE TO...

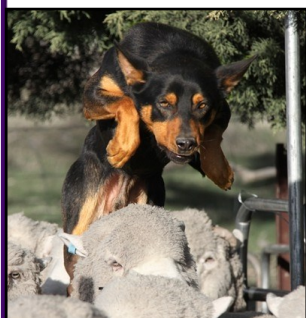
AUSTRALIA!

5 DAY HOLIDAYS

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A DAY OUT

HAWKESBURY WORKING KELPIE STUD Tuesday 09 March 2021



The **Hawkesbury Working Kelpie Stud** is located near **Young** and promotes 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 followed by lunch in **Young** before heading home.

Member Cost: \$135 pp Non-member: \$155 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, so plenty of space to spread out! Enjoy a day aboard the purple coach taking in the local sights, morning tea, a BBQ lunch and afternoon tea.



Member cost: \$95 pp Non-member: \$115 pp

NEPEAN BELLE PADDLEWHEELER Wednesday 31 March 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 lunch.

Member Cost: \$145 pp Non-member: \$165 pp

HISTORIC GLENALVON Tuesday 06 April 2021

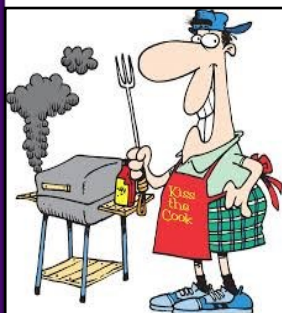
Glenalvon has been described as 'An exceptional two-storied sandstone home of colonial Georgian design' (National Trust), and 'A rare example of a residence & garden of its period, size, diversity, integrity, and quality' (Otto Cserhalmi and Partners, Heritage Architects). Glenalvon is circa 1841 and 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 pp Non-member: \$130 pp



A BBQ DAY OUT Wednesday 07 April 2021



Join Coach Captain Karen and Tour Escort Bob for a great day out. This initiative from Potter Travel provides outings for members during these uncertain times. It is a small group outing, so plenty of space to spread out! 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 year if there is enough interest, so each tour

we will be selecting a different town to visit.
ALL ABOARD!!!

Member cost: \$95 pp Non-member: \$115 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 and live entertainment with lots of laughs.**



Member cost: \$130 pp Non-member: \$150 pp

A DAY OUT



RETFORD PARK ESTATE Thursday 22 April 2021



The first European ownership of **Retford Park** dates to 1821. In the 1880s it was acquired by Samuel Hordern, who named the property Retford Park in recognition of his family links to the town of Retford in England. Retford Park House was completed in 1887. Following the death of Samuel Hordern III in 1960, the American Company, King Ranch, purchased the property.

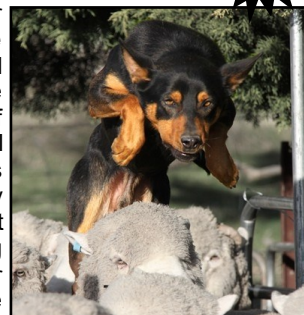
Over the years architect Espie Dods added architecturally sympathetic extensions to the home and Melbourne landscape architect David Wilkinson contributed the Knot Garden, the Green Room and the Millennium Canal to Retford Park's tranquil gardens. In April 2016 John Fairfax gifted this historic home to the National Trust of Australia.

Member cost: \$140 pp Non-member: \$160 pp

HAWKESBURY WORKING KELPIE STUD Tuesday 04 May 2021



Only a few seats left on the first tour so we are doing it again. 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 followed by lunch in **Young** before heading home.



Member Cost: \$135 pp Non-member: \$155 pp



FROZEN, THE MUSICAL Saturday 08 May 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

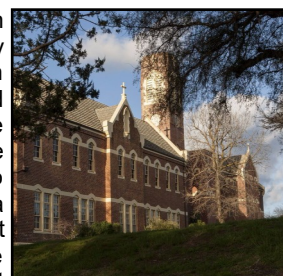
theatrical experience. An inspiring tale of **sisterhood and true love**, it features the songs you know and love from the original film plus an expanded score with a dozen new numbers. With gorgeous sets and costumes as well as sensational special effects, Frozen is everything a Broadway musical should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

Member Cost: \$235 pp Non-member: \$255 pp

GALONG MONASTERY Friday 14 May 2021



We had to reschedule this tour from February. 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 juvenile 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 pp Non-member: \$155 pp



TUMUT & MONTREAL THEATRE Thursday 17 June 2021



The name, **Montreal**, is an anagram of the name of local draper J J Learmont who had the theatre built in 1929 after spending many hours of research in various Sydney theatres. It is an almost intact example of a 1920's picture theatre in the style of the architects Kaberry and Chard. It is 'modernistic' in style with Art Deco elements, 862 square metres in area

and built in brick by Joseph Nyson to complement the existing draper's store owned by J J Learmont. Today we enjoy a talk, morning tea and a listen to some music reels. Afterwards we head across to the nearby historic township of **Adelong** for lunch at **Beaufort House** which retains its unique 1900's style establishment offering relaxing hospitality and reminders of yesteryear throughout the building.

Member Cost: \$135 pp Non-member: \$155 pp

COME FROM AWAY, THE MUSICAL Sat 03 & Wed 07 July 2021



The Tony and Olivier Award winning musical **Come From Away** tells the remarkable true story of thousands of stranded passengers and the small town in Newfoundland, Canada that welcomed them all. Cultures clashed and nerves ran high, but uneasiness turned into trust, music soared into the night, and gratitude grew into enduring friendships. Don't miss this breathtaking new musical written by Tony and Grammy nominees Irene Sankoff and David Hein, and helmed by Tony winning Best Director, Christopher Ashley with musical staging by Olivier Award winner Kelly Devine. Newsweek cheers, 'it takes you to a place you never want to leave!' On 9/11, the world stopped. On 9/12, their stories moved us all. Evening dinner is included.



Saturday Member Cost: \$225 pp Non-member: \$245 pp
Wednesday Member Cost: \$195 pp Non-member: \$215 pp

EXTENDED TOURS

9 DAY NORFOLK ISLAND Thursday 08 April 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 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 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 Hotel** and our touring on the island is with **Baunti Tours**. **Limited seats available.**

Member Cost: \$2,695 pp twin share \$3,195 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**, **Alwyn 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: \$1,185 pp twin share \$1,425 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 pp twin share \$1,195 sole use

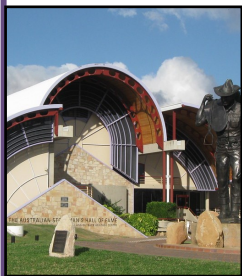
13 DAY EYRE & YORKE PENINSULA Monday 24 May 2021

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: \$3,875 pp twin share \$4,695 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: \$4,645 pp twin share \$5,430 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: \$2,995 pp twin share \$3,725 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS



7 DAY CAIRNS & FAR NORTH QLD Monday 12 July 2021



Relax and spend your days exploring tranquil rainforests to feel connected with nature and cruise glistening tropical waters in a place unlike anywhere else - Australia's warmest welcome is waiting for you. Explore the unique **Atherton Tablelands**, cruise on **Lake Barrine**, see the **Curtain Fig Tree** and visit **Gallo Dairyland** and **Jakes Coffee**. Enjoy the breathtaking **Skyrail Rainforest Cableway**, wander the

unique village of **Kuranda** and ride the historic **Kuranda Scenic Railway**. Enjoy 'Breakfast with the Birds' at Port Douglas' Wildlife Habitat then visit **Mossman Gorge** before a memorable cruise on the **Daintree River**. Visit to the unique **Cairns Aquarium** and the **Botanic Gardens**, cruise **Trinity Inlet** as the sun sets and enjoy a **full free day** to relax or do some personal sight seeing. Return flights ex Canberra included in cost.

Member Cost: \$2,845 pp twin share \$3,295 sole use

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: \$2,595 pp twin share \$3,005 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: \$3,045 pp twin share \$3,520 sole use

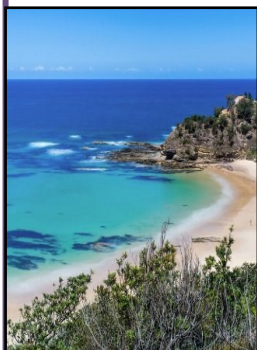
3 DAY BLUE MOUNTAINS XMAS IN JULY Tuesday 27 July 2021

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 **Carrington Hotel**, featuring understated elegance and a warm ambience. After lunch we visit the **Hydro Majestic** at Medlow Bath. 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 pp twin share \$955 sole use

6 DAY NORTH COAST WINTER GETAWAY Wednesday 04 August 2021



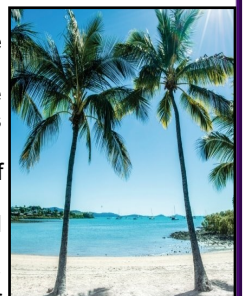
Nambucca Heads sits at the mouth of the river with its sparkling estuary being home to playful dolphins. Cruise some of the most unspoilt areas of the region and see parts of the beautiful **Bellinger River Valley** not seen by most. Enjoy lunch in the historic town of **Bellingen** then take in the beauty and serenity of the rainforest in the **Dorrig 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: \$1,575 pp twin share \$1,820 sole use

7 DAY AIRLIE BEACH & WHITSUNDAYS Monday 16 August 2021

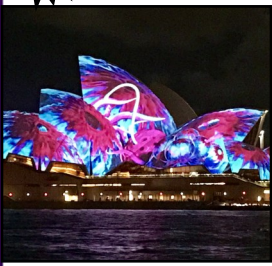
Enjoy **6 nights** in **Airlie Beach** at the beautiful **Coral Sea Resort**. **Escape** to the **Whitsundays**, a remarkable pristine **World Heritage** preserved area. The town of Airlie Beach on the mainland is the region's central hub and our base during our stay. There is time to enjoy the local 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: \$2,995 pp twin share \$3,655 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS

3 DAY SYDNEY VIVID LIGHT FESTIVAL Tuesday 24 August 2021



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: \$855 pp twin share \$995 sole use

3 DAY SPRING MYSTERY TOUR Friday 03 September 2021



Want to disappear for three days? 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 Potter Travel staff entertaining you whenever they can! We promise we will bring you back home!



Member Cost: \$745 pp twin share \$875 sole use

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 **Wilcadene 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: \$1,885 pp twin share \$2,215 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: \$3,195 pp twin share \$3,890 sole use

3 DAY RIVERBOAT POSTMAN CRUISE Monday 11 October 2021



The February 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: \$695 pp twin share \$835 sole use

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 guided tour of the 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: \$1,395 pp twin share \$1,750 sole use

EXTENDED TOURS

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: \$1,385 pp twin share \$1,710 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.

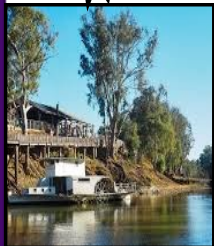


Member Cost: \$5,895 pp twin share \$7,160 sole use

5 DAY HOLIDAYS

NEW

5 DAY MURRAY RIVER HISTORIC RIVERPORT, Departs Monday 07 June 2021



Unpack and stay 4 nights at the **Meninya Palms Echuca**. Uncover the largest river in Australia, the Murray River and her willow-lined river banks. Explore Echuca and be enchanted by the Paddlesteamers who brought trade and prosperity to many of the regional towns in the district. We'll visit many enterprises each of whom all rely on the river that begins life as a small stream in the Australian Alps. Relax on a luncheon cruise on one of the many **paddlesteamers** on the river. Visit the **Arbuthnot Sawmill** at Koondrook and take a look at the **Red Gum Statue River Walk** that has been created by a local chainsaw carver. **The Camel Milk Co, The Great Aussie Beer Shed** and **Pacdon Park** are some of the other attractions on this great '5 Day Holiday'.

Member Cost: \$1,165 pp twin share \$1,395 sole use

NEW

5 DAY RIVERINA, Departs Tuesday 28 September 2021



Unpack and stay 4 nights at the **Newell Motor Inn Narrandera**. This is the gateway to the NSW Riverina and the vast Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. Known for its tree lined streets, parks and gardens, it is often referred to as an 'oasis', blessed with abundant water and hugging the banks of **Lake Talbot** and the **Murrumbidgee River**. This is an ideal base from which to explore the local area. As well as Narrandera we visit the towns of **Coolamon, Leeton, Griffith** and **Junee**. There are local gardens and wineries such as at **Careri Gardens**, food producing establishments such as **Glendale Citrus & Hazelnut Orchard**, the **Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory** plus the **Taste of Leeton Tour**. Add the fabulous **Altina Wildlife Park** at Darlington Point as well some of the other attractions we visit on this tour and you're in for a memorable '5 Day Holiday'.

Member Cost: \$1,165 pp twin share \$1,395 sole use

NEW

5 DAY LAKES ENTRANCE, Departs Monday 22 November 2021



Unpack and stay 4 nights at the **Esplanade Motel Lakes Entrance**. With five main lakes, fed by four major rivers, and fringed by the **Ninety Mile Beach**, the Gippsland Lakes system is the biggest expanse of inland waterways in the southern hemisphere, so a cruise will be a tour highlight. Also visit **Wyanga Park Winery**, the oldest vineyard in East Gippsland. Lunch in Metung and a visit the **National Trust Nyerimilang Heritage Park**. Visit Bairnsdale and the beautifully painted murals of **St. Mary's**. At Newlands Arm home of Hans and Trudy Kosmer, soak in the water views over lunch and be inspired as they shares their passion for their extensive garden. Buchan, a small timber town renowned for a group of spectacular limestone caves is also on our itinerary as is lunch at the Historic Marlo Hotel and a scenic drive along the coast to **Cape Conran**.

Member Cost: \$1,165 pp twin share \$1,395 sole use