pottertravel SEVEN ISLANDS OF THE HAWKESBURY RIVER

3 Day Tour

Departing: Tuesday 26 November 2024 Returning: Thursday 28 November 2024



TOUR COST: \$1065 per person Twin/Double Share \$1285 Sole Occupancy **PICK UP TIMES:**

7.10am: Crawford Street Queanbeyan 7.30am: Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange 7.50am: West Row Bus Stop, City 8.00am: Riggall Place Lyneham

So you've 'done' the Riverboat Postman. What's next? Seven Islands of the Hawkesbury—Enjoy the magnificent scenery as we learn the history of the islands, cruise into secluded areas and listen to stories of the Hawkesbury River

DAY 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO CENTRAL COAST: Tuesday 26 November 2024

Boarding our touring coach, we set off on our journey with anticipation of the tour ahead. We are basing ourselves in the gorgeous coastal region of the **Central Coast**. Travelling by coach we bypass Sydney to **Berowra** where we stop for lunch before continuing to Gosford. Here we visit the picturesque Edogawa Commemorative Gardens, a beautiful, peaceful place located in the **Gosford Regional Gallery Precinct**. The garden is based on traditional 'shuyu' (strolling style) garden, incorporating Japanese features with meandering pathways, a traditional teahouse and a Japanese pavilion overlooking the Koi Pond. Later we arrive in Forresters Beach and check into our accommodation for the next two nights.

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DAY 2: (BLD): SEVEN ISLANDS OF THE HAWKESBURY: Wed 27 November 2024

Today we travel to Brooklyn Wharf where we board our special **Seven Islands of the Hawkesbury Cruise**. Onboard we'll learn the history of the islands of the river – Lion, Dangar, Spectacle, Long, Peat, Milson and Bar Islands. Cruise past the water access only settlements of the lower Hawkesbury and see the wreck of the **HMAS Parramatta**, Australia's first warship and find out how it ended up lying at the bottom on the cliff! The views to the ocean behind **Lion Island** make for some spectacular photos, and we also get a close-up view of some ancient Aboriginal rock carvings at **Eagle Rock**. Our cruise also includes a delicious **Ploughman's lunch** served on board. Back on dry land we travel to **Firescreek Botanical Winery** who make award winning wines from a variety of fruits and botanicals. Here we enjoy a **wine tasting with a twist** as we try four Firescreek Botanic Wines paired perfectly with four exquisite handmade chocolates. After a fantastic experience, we have time to wander the beautiful property before returning to our overnight accommodation.

DAY 3: (BLD): HOMEWARD BOUND: Thursday 28 November 2024

Leaving Forresters Beach, we travel to **Alison Homestead** where we enjoy a guided tour followed by delicious morning tea. The homestead is set on two hectares in a rural setting on Wyong's first land grant back in 1825. In the homestead and other buildings on site there are displays of memorabilia, photos, furniture, toys and other household items, equipment, machinery and tools all relating to the early settling of Wyong and surrounds. Along the way we stop at **Camden Valley Inn** for our lunch before returning home, completing our unique getaway to the Central Coast.



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FINAL PAYMENT: THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2024.

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