


# TWINKLING LIGHTS AND TASTES OF THE HUNTER VALLEY

TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER - SATURDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2026

 5 Days

 Hunter Valley , NSW



\$2515 per person - Twin share  
\$2980 Sole Occupancy

## Gourmet Flavours, Twinkling Lights & Memorable Experiences

Enjoy a delightful blend of gourmet flavours and festive experiences showcasing the best of the Hunter Valley. Highlights include relaxed visits to sample local produce, cheese-making, wine tastings and leisurely lunches at local venues.

The tour also includes engaging sightseeing, with a visit to the world-renowned Darley Stud in the Upper Hunter and a guided tour of historic Tocal Homestead, offering insight into the region's rural heritage and colonial life.

A magical highlight is an evening visit to the Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular, where, in November, the twinkling displays can be enjoyed at a calmer pace before the holiday rush. Gently lit pathways, festive music and themed displays create a joyful atmosphere, complemented by Christmas shopping in charming Morpeth and experiences such as Fairground Follies in Bowral a relaxed and delightful way to welcome the Christmas season.

### INCLUSIONS

- 4 Nights Accommodation, dinner and breakfast at the Hunter Valley Gardens Mercure Resort
- Lunch at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club
- Tocal Homestead visit & lunch
- Lunch at a Local Hunter Valley winery
- Peterson's House wine tasting
- Hunter Valley Cheese Company demonstration and tastings
- Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular entry
- Hunter Valley Chocolate Company visit and tastings
- Darley Stud - Visit a world-class thoroughbred horse breeding farm
- Upper Hunter sightseeing Tour
- Luxury coach travel & GST

### PICK-UP

- 6.10am** Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
- 6.30am** Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange
- 6.50am** Canberra Theatre Bus Stop
- 7.00am** Riggall Place, Lyneham

### CANBERRA TO HUNTER VALLEY

**Day 1 - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (LD)**

Welcome to our tour to the gorgeous Hunter Valley. Once we have everyone on board and loaded the coach, we are ready to go! After a stop for lunch at **Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club** we continue to make our way into the Hunter Valley region. We stop at **Petersons House**, where the beautiful cellar door boasts over 30 different varieties of sparkling wines. We'll have a chance to taste a few before making our way to our motel where we have time to freshen up before a buffet dinner. at the Hotel.

**4 Nights | Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens**



### HUNTER VALLEY

**Day 2 - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (BLD)**

After breakfast, enjoy a leisurely morning discovering the Hunter Valley's gourmet delights. Begin with some relaxed browsing and shopping at the **Hunter Valley Chocolate Company**, followed by a visit to the **Hunter Valley Cheese Company** where you can watch a **cheese-making demonstration** and sample a selection of delicious cheeses. We then pause to observe Remembrance Day before continuing to a local venue for a relaxed lunch in this picturesque region.

This evening is a truly magical highlight with a visit to the **Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular**. Stroll the gardens in the early evening before a festive **Christmas Dinner**. As night falls, the gardens are transformed into a sparkling wonderland, with millions of twinkling lights illuminating themed displays such as Candyland, Winter Wonderland, Santaville, and Festive Shores. Wander the gentle pathways at your own pace, enjoy the joyful sights and festive surprises, and capture beautiful memories. With live entertainment and a selection of festive treats and refreshments, this enchanting evening offers a delightful, relaxed way to experience the magic of the holiday season.





### UPPER HUNTER

**Day 3 - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (BLD)**

A local guide joins us today for some Upper Hunter sightseeing. Our first stop, **Darley Stud**, is a magnificent operation with animals and scenery that will be remembered. Darley (Woodlands) is owned by Sheik Mohammed from Dubai, the largest breeder of thoroughbreds in the world. We stop for lunch in **Denman**, before visiting some local enterprises and enjoying a wine tasting.

### TOTAL HOMESTEAD & MORPETH

**Day 4 - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (BLD)**

A short journey to Patterson today brings us to **Total Homestead**, one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings dating back to the 1830s. Let your guide reveal the homesteads rich history through the Blakett Barn, Thunderbolt's Cottage and a range of other out buildings. We conclude this fascinating visit with lunch before travelling to **Morpeth**. The entire township feels frozen in time, right down to the narrow cobblestone laneways, sandstone gutters and beautifully preserved buildings.



You will have time to browse the antique stores, quaint art and craft galleries and boutique stores. After a pleasant afternoon exploring, we head back to our hotel before our farewell dinner at the Hotel.

### HOMeward BOUND

**Day 5 - Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2026 (BL)**

After breakfast we depart the Hunter Valley and travel to the southern highlands, where you'll enjoy morning tea and time to explore **Fairground Follies**. This hidden gem features a remarkable collection of antique mechanical instruments, vintage fairground treasures and restored attractions, including a **100-year-old carousel**, European dance hall organs and self-playing street organs that charm visitors with their nostalgic sounds.



After Fairground Follies, enjoy free time in **Bowral** for lunch at your own expense and to explore the town's boutique shops, cafés and streets. Later, we continue home, arriving in Canberra in the late afternoon.

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