



As winter arrives, we're excited to share a wonderful new season of travel

Alongside an exciting range of day tours, festive outings and memorable experiences, this edition also marks the beginning of a new quarterly newsletter format. From now on, Potter Travel Talk will be released every three months, giving us more time to focus on developing exciting new tours, enhancing your travel experiences and bringing even more wonderful destinations to our members!

Please also note that we have a new email address: tours@deanes.com.au.

From the end of July, please contact us using this email address for all tour enquiries and bookings. We look forward to assisting you with your next adventure!

As we settle into the cooler months, we're looking forward to another exciting season of touring, with plenty of special experiences and memorable journeys ahead. From festive winter outings such as Cruising into Christmas in July and Bundanon Estate, to our travellers heading off to Darwin & the Top End, there is plenty to look forward to in the months ahead.

With a wonderful mix of day tours, extended holidays and exciting new destinations on the horizon, we're delighted to continue creating opportunities for our travellers to relax, connect and enjoy unforgettable experiences together.

*The Potter Travel Team
and the Deane Family xx*

We're also excited to continue releasing new tours and experiences. For our music lovers don't miss the upcoming Beatfest in Bathurst, Tamworth Country Music Festival, 3 Days 2 Musicals 1 City (*now featuring Fiddler on the Roof*), Opera by the Lakes in Lakes Entrance and A Beautiful Noise: The Neil Diamond Musical.

Exciting international tours Singapore Chinese New Year and expressions of interest for New Zealand North Island.

New day tours Innovation in Action – Western Sydney Airport and Amazon Facility, and Joadja Ghost town & Distillery.

Thank you for being part of the Potter Travel community. We truly appreciate your continued support.

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Potter Travel Membership

is available on our website or by emailing our office.

NEW EMAIL

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Meet the Team


The Fun We've Had


NEW Canberra Office Address

 8 Sawmill Circuit, Hume

Office hours

9-5am Monday - Friday

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NEW DAY TOURS



Joadja Ghost Town & Distillery Thursday 27th August 2026

Step back in time to Joadja, a remarkably intact 1870s shale-oil mining village hidden in the Southern Highlands — then unwind with a seated tasting at one of Australia's most awarded boutique distilleries. Add a relaxed country lunch in historic Berrima, and you have a full, easy-paced day out with everything taken care of.

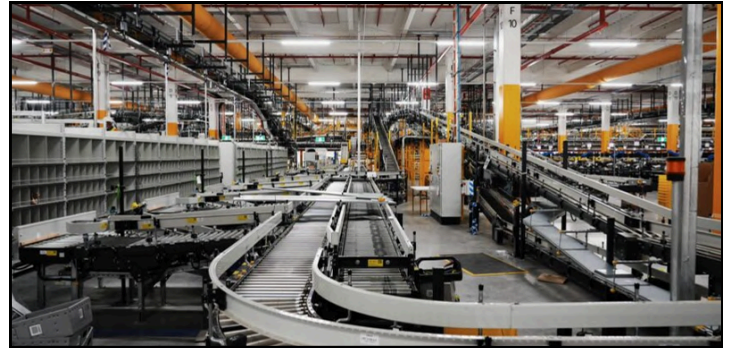
\$295 pp Members
\$315 pp Non Members



Snowy Mountains Discovery Tuesday 24th November 2026

Depart Canberra and travel through the stunning Monaro region, stopping for morning tea and a visit to the Cooma Motoring Museum. Continue to the Cooma Monaro Railway Museum, where you'll enjoy a BBQ lunch on the platform. Take in the scenic views as you journey to Adaminaby to explore the Snowy Scheme Museum and discover the fascinating stories of Old Adaminaby, the township now submerged beneath Lake Eucumbene.

\$280 pp Members
\$300 pp Non-Members



Innovation in Action- Western Sydney Airport & Amazon Facility Wednesday 21st October 2026

Discover the future of Australia on this fascinating day tour to Amazon's Kemps Creek Fulfilment Centre and the Western Sydney International Airport Experience Centre. See cutting-edge robotics and logistics in action, enjoy lunch at Lunden House Café, and explore the exciting development of Sydney's newest airport. A unique day of innovation, technology and behind-the-scenes discovery.

\$295 pp Members
\$315pp Non Members



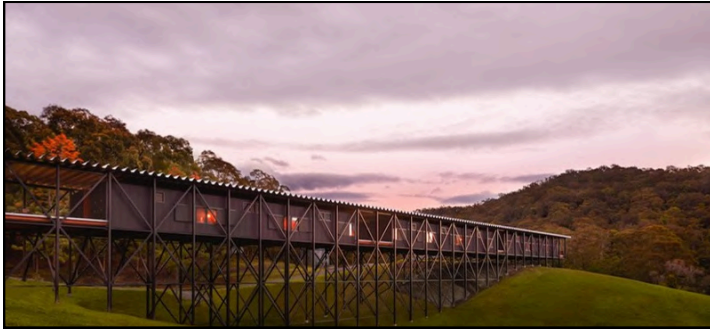
Bombala: Platypus Country Thursday 8th October 2026

Trade the everyday for high country air. After a morning tea stop in Cooma we drive to Bombala, where at the Visitors Centre we wander through the heritage railway buildings and shop for local lavender products, enjoy a gentle stroll along the riverside boardwalk to the platypus viewing area to see if we can spot a shy platypus or two. Afterwards we head off for a country lunch in Nimmitabel. Returning home via Cooma, all in a single day trip that has you home before dark.

\$280 pp Members
\$300 pp Non Members



DAY TOURS



Bundanon Art Museum

Friday 17th July 2026

Waitlist

Enjoy a cosy winter escape to Bundanon Estate, gifted to the Australian people in 1993 by Arthur and Yvonne Boyd, spanning over 1,000 hectares of bushland overlooking the Shoalhaven River near Nowra. On arrival, take in the surroundings before discovering the stories and architecture of the Art Museum and The Bridge, a striking 160-metre structure suspended above a gully. While there, view the current exhibition *Man on Fire: Visions of Nebuchadnezzar*, bringing Arthur Boyd's iconic series into dialogue with a major new commission by contemporary artist Shaun Gladwell. Enjoy a seasonal lunch prepared by Ramox Café in the Creative Learning Space, then spend the afternoon at leisure wandering the exhibitions and soaking up the peaceful scenery

\$290 pp Members

\$310 pp Non Members



Spring Tulip Trail

Tuesday 15th September 2026

Step into spring with a beautifully timed day tour showcasing two of the region's most spectacular floral displays. Travel in comfort from Canberra through the countryside to the stunning Tulip Tops Gardens in Sutton, where you'll enjoy morning tea and time to wander vibrant spring blooms in the peaceful hidden valley garden.

Continue through the scenic Southern Highlands to Bowral for the famous Tulip Time Festival at Corbett Gardens. Set in the heart of town, the gardens burst into colour with thousands of tulips and seasonal flowers, offering the perfect backdrop for a leisurely afternoon of sightseeing and photography. A picnic lunch is provided to enjoy at leisure, before returning home after a delightful day soaking up the very best of spring in full bloom.

\$220 pp Members

\$240 pp Non Members



Members Christmas Lunch at Gledswood Estate

Wednesday 16th December 2026

\$295 pp Members



Celebrate the magic of Christmas with a festive day out to **Gledswood Homestead & Winery in Camden Valley**. Travel in comfort with a relaxing morning tea stop before arriving at this historic colonial homestead, set among picturesque countryside, gardens, and vineyard surroundings. Gledswood is one of the region's original estates, offering a unique glimpse into early Australian rural life, with heritage buildings, rustic charm, and a warm country atmosphere that provides the perfect festive backdrop. Enjoy a traditional Christmas-style luncheon featuring all the seasonal favourites, live entertainment, and plenty of time to relax and soak up the surroundings. Share in the spirit of Christmas, connect with fellow travellers and the Potter Travel Team, and take a moment to reflect on a wonderful year of travel memories and experiences.

MUSICAL TOURS



A BEAUTIFUL NOISE
The Neil Diamond Musical
1 Day
Thursday 3rd December 2026

Experience the magic of A Beautiful Noise – The Neil Diamond Musical on this unforgettable Sydney day tour. Enjoy comfortable coach travel from Canberra, free time for lunch in the theatre precinct, and a delicious club dinner on the way home. A fantastic day of music, memories and Neil Diamond's greatest hits awaits!



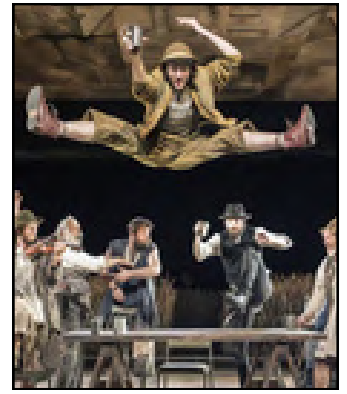
\$450pp Members
\$470pp Non Members



My Fair Lady at the Opera House
1 Day
Tuesday 29th September 2026
Only 1 ticket available!

Join Potter Travel for a delightful Sydney theatre escape to see the beloved musical My Fair Lady during its limited season. Enjoy a comfortable coach journey from Canberra with premium seating for the matinee performance at the Sydney Opera House. Featuring unforgettable songs, dazzling costumes, and timeless charm, this memorable day concludes with a relaxing Club dinner before returning home to Canberra.

\$565 pp Travel Club Member
\$585 pp Non Member



3 Days, 2 Musicals, 1 City ✨🎭🎪
3 Days
Wednesday 2nd - Friday 4th September 2026

Experience the magic of Sydney on a musical escape from Canberra. Enjoy premium theatre experiences with **Disney's The Lion King** at the Capitol Theatre and the hit musical **Fiddler on the Roof** at the **Theatre Royal**.

Discover Sydney Fish Market, explore transport history at the Bus Museum, and indulge in elegant High Tea at historic NSW Parliament House. Stay at the Mercure Sydney Central close to the action for this iconic Sydney experience worthy of a standing ovation.

\$2310 pp Twin/Double
\$2630pp Sole Occupancy



Sydney Spectacular
2 Days
Wednesday 18th - Thursday 19th November 2026
🌟 Tickets are limited - Book today! 🌟

Escape to Sydney for a magical midweek getaway featuring Cirque du Soleil: KOOZA under the Big Top at Moore Park. 🎪🎭. Witness breath-taking acrobatics, colourful storytelling, an overnight stay, and a relaxed journey home via Bowral with shopping and morning tea before returning to Canberra early afternoon.

\$970 pp Twin/Double Share
\$1,150 pp Sole Occupancy

EXTENDED TOURS

Beatlesfest in Bathurst

4 Days

Thursday 20th - Sunday 23th August 2026

Free Beatlesfest T-Shirt for the first 10 bookings!

All You Need Is Beatlesfest!

Join Potter Travel for four unforgettable days in Bathurst, at Australia's premier Beatles tribute festival. Departing Canberra with a comfort stop in Goulburn, arrive in Bathurst for a scenic drive around the famous Mount Panorama Circuit and a visit to the National Motor Racing Museum. Enjoy three nights' comfortable accommodation, cooked breakfasts, welcome dinner and a countryside day trip to heritage villages Millthorpe (winery lunch) and Carcoar.

Highlights include the spectacular LadyBeatles Matinee Show and the joyful Live Singalong finale at Keystone 1889, plus free festival performances and memorabilia exhibitions across town.

Everything's organised, comfort stops, meals and entertainment included, so all you have to do is sit back, sing along and Come Together for the ultimate Beatles weekend away!

\$2570 pp Twin/Double Share

\$2855 Sole Occupancy



Tasmania Highlights

7 Days

Wednesday 14th - Tuesday 20th October 2026

Discover Tasmania's wild beauty and rich history on this unforgettable journey from Launceston to Cradle Mountain and Hobart—with flights included for a seamless travel experience.

Begin in Launceston, exploring scenic Cataract Gorge and the Tamar Valley, including Beaconsfield's gold mining heritage and unique wildlife encounters at Seahorse World and Platypus House.

Stay: Best Western Plus Launceston – 2 nights

Travel via the mural town of Sheffield to spectacular Cradle Mountain. Discover alpine landscapes, visit Devil @ Cradle, and soak up the wilderness atmosphere.

Stay: Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge – 1 night

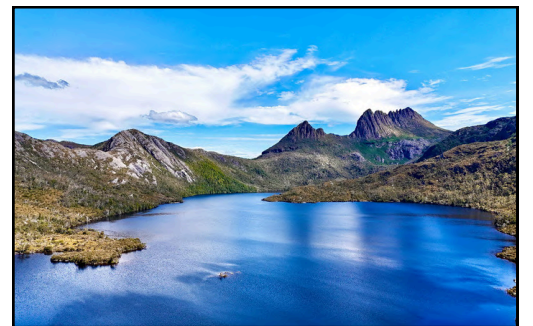
Continue to Hobart, your base for exploring southern Tasmania. Highlights include city sights beneath kunanyi/Mt Wellington, the moving Cascades Female Factory, historic Richmond, and the powerful Port Arthur Historic Site. Enjoy a special dinner overlooking the Derwent River.

Stay: Wrest Point Hotel Casino – 3 nights

A captivating mix of nature, history, and iconic Tasmanian experiences.

\$6815 pp Twin / Double Share

\$7650 Sole Occupancy



EXTENDED TOURS



Coming Soon



Wool, Wheels and the Good Ol Days

3 Days

Saturday 3rd - Monday 5th October 2026

Remember when a long weekend meant a country festival, a proper pub lunch and time to chat with the locals? Join us this October long weekend as we bring the good old days back to life on a three-day coach adventure through the heart of the Riverina.

Our home for two nights is the Kidman Wayside Inn in Griffith, and dinner each evening at Benny's Restaurant right on site. Comfort stops every couple of hours and unhurried boarding at every stop make the journey as pleasant as the destinations.

Tour highlights

- **The famous Running of the Sheep at Boorowa** — a mob of Merinos thundering down the main street, with festival stalls and country hospitality (Day 1)
- **The Good Old Days Festival at Barellan** — vintage tractors, heritage machinery and the Big Tennis Racquet honouring local legend Evonne Goolagong Cawley (Day 2)
- A relaxed Griffith morning — Pioneer Park Museum, the Hermit's Cave lookout on Scenic Hill, and the Italian cafes and cellar doors of Banna Avenue (Day 3)
- Homeward via golden Riverina plains with a stop at charming Jugiong on the Murrumbidgee



Twinkling Lights & Tastes of the Hunter Valley

5 Days

Tuesday 10th - Saturday 14th November 2026

Last date to book - Thursday 28th October 2026

Celebrate the festive season on our magical 2026 Christmas tour to Hunter Valley Gardens. 🌲💡

See millions of dazzling lights transform the gardens into a glowing Christmas wonderland. With enchanting displays and festive music, it's a truly special experience that captures the joy of the season.

Enjoy a delicious Christmas dinner in great company, making for a relaxed and memorable celebration. **This will be our Christmas tour for 2026.**

Discover the best of the region with a winery luncheon and tastings, plus indulgent stops for local chocolates and cheeses. Visit the historic Tocal Homestead, and experience Darley Stud, where you'll see magnificent thoroughbred stallions and learn about world-class horse breeding. An unforgettable festive escape filled with sparkle, flavour, and unique experiences.

\$2515 pp Twin / Double Share

\$2980 pp Sole Occupancy



2026 Christmas Tour



EXTENDED TOURS

Tamworth Country Music Festival

5 Days

Sunday 17th - Thursday 21st January 2027

Join us for an unforgettable journey to the iconic **Tamworth Country Music Festival, Australia's largest celebration of country music** and one of the world's premier music festivals. With over 300,000 visitors and hundreds of performers, Tamworth transforms into a vibrant hub of music, culture, and entertainment where the streets come alive with live shows, buskers, and festival energy. This tour offers the perfect blend of great music, regional discovery, and relaxed travel through some of New South Wales' most scenic destinations.

We begin in Bathurst with visits to the historic Abercrombie House and the National Motor Racing Museum before continuing to Tamworth for two days immersed in festival festivities, with time to explore at leisure or attend selected shows. From there, we travel through the Upper Hunter to Newcastle for our final night, then return home via the Southern Highlands, stopping for a delightful high tea at Centennial Vineyards. A memorable journey filled with entertainment, scenery, and the very best of country hospitality.

\$3780 per person - Twin/Double share
\$4590 Sole Occupancy



Singapore Chinese New Year! 🧧 🎆

8 Days

Tuesday 9th February 2027 - Tuesday 16th February 2027

Get your passports ready for an exciting international getaway to vibrant Singapore, where modern cityscapes, rich culture, and unforgettable experiences await. ✈️ 🌍

Begin your journey travelling by coach to Sydney, where you'll stay at the convenient Rydges Airport Hotel before flying direct with Qantas to Singapore the next day, settling in for five nights at the stylish PARKROYAL COLLECTION Marina Bay, perfectly located for exploring this dynamic city. Discover Singapore's highlights including the National Orchid Garden, Merlion Park, colourful Chinatown, and the fascinating Peranakan Museum. Enjoy unique experiences such as breakfast at the zoo, high tea at the iconic Raffles Singapore, and a full day on Sentosa Island featuring a cable car ride, Fort Siloso, and the spectacular new Singapore Oceanarium. Be dazzled by the evening light show at Gardens by the Bay and explore Bird Paradise, with time also to enjoy the festive atmosphere of Chinese New Year.

On your final day, enjoy a leisurely morning followed by transfers to Changi Airport, where you can explore the Jewel, the Butterfly Garden, shops, and attractions before relaxing in the transit lounge ahead of your overnight flight home. On arrival the following morning, you'll be met by Deanes Coaches and transferred comfortably back to Canberra, completing a seamless and memorable Singapore escape.

\$9750 pp Twin/Double Share
\$11,595 Sole Occupancy



EXTENDED TOURS



Adelaide & Monarto Safari Resort

7 Days

Tuesday 23rd February - Monday 1st March 2027

Join Potter Travel for an extraordinary journey through regional NSW into the heart of South Australia, taking in the Barossa Valley, Adelaide's culture and history, and the wilds of Monarto Safari Resort.

Our journey begins with a scenic drive through the Riverina, stopping at Rocking Horse Restorations for a tour and light lunch with local identity Libby Bailey, before overnighing in Griffith. From there we continue via Hay, taking in the striking Hay Water Tower Art, and on to Mildura, before crossing into South Australia to the iconic Barossa Valley for lunch and wine tasting at Kies Family Wines, and on to Adelaide for a two-night stay including a guided city tour, the David Roche Gallery, Fermoy House and Adelaide Central Market. We then head into the Adelaide Hills to charming Hahndorf, visiting The Cedars, home and studio of iconic landscape painter Sir Hans Heysen, and Beerenberg Farm, with time at leisure in the main street.

The tour concludes with two nights at the luxurious Monarto Safari Resort, featuring an exclusive after-hours Sunset Wildlife Safari and the unforgettable Lions 360 Experience, before a final day visiting Jurlique Farm and a 'feed me' style lunch at Wirra Wirra Winery in McLaren Vale, ahead of our flight home to Canberra. A perfect blend of regional hospitality, wine country, culture and wildlife adventure.

\$6945pp Twin/Double Share

\$7965 Sole Occupancy



Opera by the Lakes - Lakes Entrance

5 Days

Friday 19th March - Tuesday 23rd March 2027

*COOMA Pick up available for this tour!

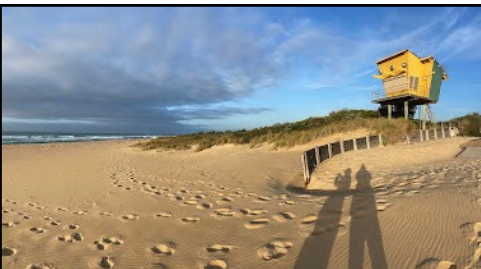
Experience the beauty of East Gippsland on this unforgettable 5-day escape to Lakes Entrance.

Featuring the spectacular Opera by the Lakes at stunning Nyerimilang Heritage Park overlooking the Gippsland Lakes. This much-loved event showcases world-class Opera Australia performers in a breathtaking outdoor setting, blending opera favourites, musical theatre classics and contemporary entertainment.

Along the way, enjoy beautiful lake and coastal scenery, local food and wine, a relaxing cruise, and visits to regional highlights including Wyanga Park Winery, the Sea Shell Museum and Orbost Exhibition Centre. Combining music, nature and regional hospitality, this tour promises a truly memorable getaway.

\$3450pp Twin / Double Share

\$3680 Sole Occupancy



EXTENDED TOURS

Lord Howe Island

6 Days

Sunday 25th April 2027 - Friday 30th April 2027

A Tropical Island Paradise, Where Nature's Beauty Comes Alive.

Leave the everyday behind and immerse yourself in the natural beauty of Lord Howe Island. From crystal-clear waters to lush green mountains, this UNESCO World Heritage-listed paradise is a haven for relaxation, adventure and unforgettable memories.

Explore the island's unique plant and birdlife on guided walks, enjoy gentle cruises and turtle spotting along pristine coral reefs, and discover the vibrant marine life that surrounds North Bay. Take in breathtaking views from scenic lookouts, stroll along the many various grades of walking tracks, feed the fish at Neds Beach, or simply soak in the tranquil island atmosphere. This exclusive destination has only 400 visitors on the island at any one time; there are no crowds and plenty of tranquil secluded places to be discovered.

This multi-day escape also gives you the chance to meet the friendly locals, experience island culture, and savour delicious meals at some of the island's favourite restaurants, all while making memories that will last a lifetime.

Small Group Tour: Maximum 18 Guests!

\$6265 pp Twin / Double Share **(2 rooms remaining)**

\$7110 pp Sole Occupancy **(Waitlist)**



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



AUCKLAND AND SURROUNDS

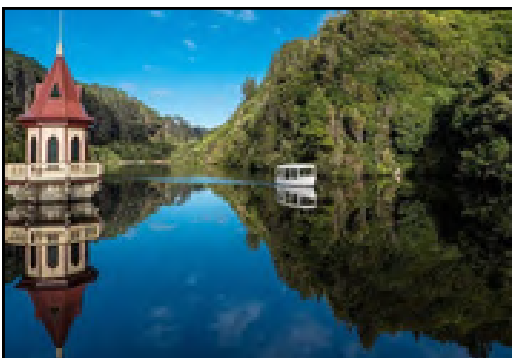
10 Days - February 2027

Expressions of Interest are now open for our Auckland and Surrounds tour featuring Waitangi Day. Discover the very best of New Zealand's North Island on this fully escorted holiday, including return flights and accommodation in a centrally located Auckland hotel.

Enjoy an orientation tour of Auckland before cruising the beautiful Waitematā Harbour at sunset with a memorable dinner on the water. Experience the charm of Waiheke Island with a full day of wine tasting, local flavours and cultural experiences, then journey north to the historic Waitangi Treaty Grounds and the stunning landscapes of Northland.

Continue south through the geothermal wonderland of Rotorua and the spectacular scenery of Lake Taupō and the Coromandel Coast.

Travel aboard the iconic Northern Explorer rail journey to Wellington for 2 nights, where we enjoy sightseeing including a visit to Zealandia Wildlife Sanctuary, before flying home.



POTTER TRAVEL CLUB MEMBERSHIP



MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Become a member and enjoy exclusive savings, added value and special perks every time you travel with us. Members receive \$20 off every day tour, exclusive access to members-only departures, priority access to newly released tours and special offers throughout the year. It's our way of saying thank you for travelling with us and being part of our touring community.

We are also excited to be expanding our member benefits even further, with new partnerships and rewards coming soon. Upcoming perks include 10% off at Bags To Go, a complimentary glass of bubbles at Waters Edge with every booking, exclusive partner offers and even more exciting rewards designed to make your touring experience even more enjoyable from start to finish.



TRAVEL INSURANCE SAVINGS

Domestic travel insurance provides valuable protection and peace of mind when travelling within Australia, covering unexpected events such as trip cancellations, delays, extended travel costs, lost luggage. It also helps safeguard your holiday investment, ensuring you're not left out of pocket if plans change due to unforeseen circumstances.

Potter Travel Club members enjoy added value with a 10% discount on annual travel insurance policies, making it easier and more affordable to stay protected on every journey throughout the year.

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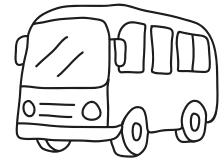
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MEET THE TEAM



This month we're shining a light on one of our fantastic coach captains, Reece, a firm favourite with guests for good reason.

Reece is a true dog lover, and there's always a tennis ball tucked away on the coach for whenever he makes a new furry friend along the way. He's also got a sharp eye for the beauty around us and won't let you miss a thing, whether it's a stunning sunset or a hidden gem just off the road. A walking encyclopedia, Reece keeps everyone entertained with fascinating commentary throughout the journey, sharing facts and stories that bring each destination to life.



Often sending us amazing, eye-catching photos! Like the one on our front page - he captures some great images on his many adventures too.

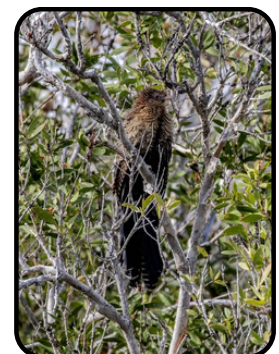
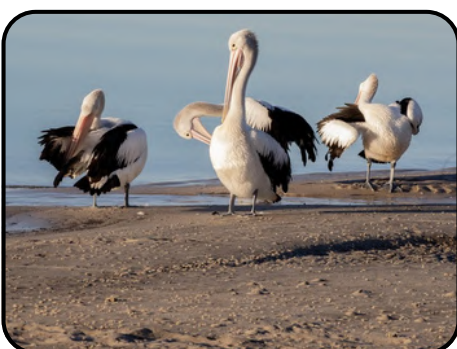
With boundless energy, Reece is always ready to lend a hand; he'll scout ahead for the best and safest access to a location and be back before you've even noticed he was gone. Safe, friendly, and always looking out for his passengers, Reece is exactly the kind of coach captain who makes a Potter Travel journey feel special.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PHOTOS



One of the joys of touring with Potter Travel is seeing our destinations through our guests' eyes, and this month, we're delighted to share a stunning set of bird photography from Alison Milton, captured on our recent Caloundra tour.

Alison has joined us on many Potter Travel tours, and she always brings along more than her travel bag — her camera goes everywhere too, and she has a wonderful eye for the beautiful little details the rest of us might walk right past. Her photos here capture **Pelicans** in the early morning light, **Tawny Frogmouths**, **Blue-Faced Honeyeater** and **Pheasant Coucal**, our largest native cuckoo. Thank you, Alison, for letting us share your talent with the Potter Travel community. We can't wait to see what you capture next!



THE FUN WE'VE HAD

One of the best parts of travelling with Potter Travel is the fun we share along the way. From laughter over morning tea to unforgettable moments exploring new places, it's the people and the experiences that make every journey special.

Caloundra Winter Escape

What a jam-packed 9-day adventure we had exploring Queensland's Sunshine Coast, charming coastal towns and lush hinterland on our Caloundra Winter Escape with our lovely travellers!

The tour was filled with great company and so many memorable experiences as we made our way north from Canberra to Queensland. Along the way, our travellers enjoyed visiting the Sea Acres Rainforest Centre, Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries and the Koala Hospital in Port Macquarie before continuing on to Caloundra.

Once on the Sunshine Coast, the group packed in a wonderful mix of sightseeing and local experiences. Highlights included cruising through the tranquil Noosa Everglades, browsing the famous Eumundi Markets, visiting The Ginger Factory for lunch, tastings and a train ride, and stepping back in time aboard the historic Mary Valley Rattler. Travellers also enjoyed a relaxing sunset cruise in Caloundra and explored the stunning Crystal Castle Gardens, taking in beautiful coastal and countryside scenery along the way.

From rainforest wildlife encounters to market browsing, local flavours and scenic cruising, our travellers made the most of every stop and every moment together, with plenty of new friendships formed along the way.

It was a big, full itinerary, and we want to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for bringing such great energy and good humour to every long day on the road. We're always listening to feedback from tours like this one, and we'll be looking closely at travel times and scheduling to make sure future Sunshine Coast tours give everyone a little more time to soak in each destination.

A very big thank you to Liz for hosting this tour with such warmth and organisation, and to Reece for his excellent driving and for getting everyone there safely throughout the journey; both of you went above and beyond. We also thank all of our wonderful travellers who joined us for this adventure, and we look forward to welcoming you on another Potter Travel holiday soon.

