7-Day Vivid Sydney & Blue Mountains

# 30.05. - 05.06.2024

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# HIGHLIGHTS/ INCLUSION

- Guided Tour by a Member of Premier Qld,
- Accommodation 4 Star
- ✓ Meals as per itinerary
- ✓ Nepean Belle
  Paddlewheller
- ✓ Scenic World
- ✓ Hunter Belle Cheese
- ✓ Vivid Ligths Cruise
- ✓ Sydney Tower Restaurunt
- ✓ Sydney Opera House
- Australian Country Music Hall of Fame



Travel to Vivid Sydney and feast upon the inspiring works of light artists and brilliant minds. Discover the illuminating installations and 3D projections that transform Sydney's architecture while cruising along the Harbour foreshore.

# What will you Experience

# 1. Group Adventure 2. Like Minded Travellers 3. Relaxed Pace

#### COST PER PERSON:

# TWIN /DOUBLE SHARE \$3020pp

## SINGLE ROOM \$3390pp

Non-Refundable Deposit \$250.00 per Person required within 7 days of booking. Final payment is required 10 weeks prior to departure. Booking can be made directly with us at 84 Warwick St. Toowoomba. Phone 07 4591 3111

# Itinerary

## Day 1. Thursday 30 May

## TOOWOOMBA TO COFFS HARBOUR

Welcome to our fantastic 7 day tour taking in the spectacular **Vivid Sydney** and New South Wales Coast. With our pick-ups complete it's time to sit back and relax as we head towards the picturesque area known as Tamborine Mountain. Here we call in at the **Tamborine Mountain Coffee Plantation** where our guide will take us on a journey and hands-on experience into how coffee is made. We'll stay on for **morning tea** before making tracks for the Coast. We stop for lunch in **Byron Bay** before continuing south to **Coffs Harbour** for our welcome dinner and overnight stay.

## Day 2. Friday 31 May

## COFFS HARBOUR TO SYDNEY

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This morning we hit the road running! Making great time, we arrive into **Forster Tuncurry** where we have the opportunity to witness one of Australia's cleanest lakes. **Wallis Lake** is the sparkling jewel in the crown that consists of the Great Lakes region in the Barrington Coast. The lake stretches for 25 kilometres between Wallingat State Forest and a sliver of land separating the lake from the sea. We break for **morning tea** and a chance to browse the **Forster Arts and Crafts Centre**. This is the largest working craft centre in NSW, providing an exciting and fascinating collection of handcrafted pieces. Back on board we continue on to **Newcastle** where the friendly folk at the **Queens Wharf Hotel** will be waiting to greet us for lunch. Our travels this afternoon take us through the stunning **Central Coast** - a vibrant mix of quaint seaside towns and hinterland villages. We reach Sydney late afternoon. Dinner tonight will be at the hotel. The evening is free to immerse ourselves in VIVID or simply relax in the hotel.

#### Day 3. Saturday 01 June

#### **UNCOVERING SYDNEY**

Uncovering the sights of Sydney today we make our way to the Harbour foreshore and **Mrs Macquarie's Chair**. The chair, carved out of the sandstone by convicts for Governor Lachlan Macquarie's wife to watch the activity on the Harbour offers great views of the **Sydney Opera House**, **Harbour Bridge** and **Fort Denison**. Afterwards there will be time to wander along **Circular Quay** and feel the ambiance that only Sydney can exude with plenty of eating choices for **Iunch**. This afternoon we make our way to the **Sydney Opera House** for a guided tour. We see the theatres, discover the stories, history and magic of the House and learn how architect Jorn Utzon's heritage listed masterpiece came to life. We then have an enchanting evening ahead. Dinner tonight will be located 82 floors above the city CBD, in the iconic **Sydney Tower Restaurant**. SkyFeast offers spectacular, 360- degree revolving views of the harbour and city below showcasing all the brilliance that **Sydney Vivid Lights** have to offer.

### Day 4. Sunday 02 June

#### **VIVID SYDNEY**

This morning we head across the **Sydney Harbour Bridge** and onto **Manly** where we have some time at leisure before we take a tour of the **Quarantine Station** at North Head. For many, this historical site was the beginning of a new life in Australia and today you'll hear the personal stories of the passengers quarantined and the dedicated staff who lived and worked on site. After our interesting tour we'll sit down to enjoy **lunch**. Returning to the hotel you'll have time to relax before a fantastic farewell dinner. As darkness falls, Sydney's transformed into a spectacular canvas of light, filled with creativity and inspiration. Transferring to our vessel, we commence our dazzling **Vivid Lights Cruise!** Enjoy dinner while witnessing the city come to life with immersive light installations and projections. What a magical way to end our stay in Sydney.

#### Day 5. Monday 3 June

#### SYDNEY TO BLUE MOUNTAINS

Today we leave the hustle and bustle of Sydney behind and head for the beauty of the Blue Mountains. Following breakfast, we head to Penrith where we board the **Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler** for a morning cruise on the Nepean River, with the opulent scenery of the **Blue Mountains National Park** around us. The Nepean Belle is a romantic old-world style Paddlewheeler. Reflecting the grace and charm of yester-year, the "Belle's" interiors are beautifully panelled with stained timbers featuring cedar and teak. This afternoon we arrive in the **Blue Mountains** and immerse ourselves in nature at **Scenic World**. Descend into the Jamison Valley on the world's steepest train, the **Scenic Railway**, glide on the **Cableway** past the iconic Three Sisters, take a stroll beneath ancient rainforest or journey between cliff tops taking in the panoramic views of World Heritage landscapes on the **Scenic Skyway** – the choice is yours! We complete our day with a visit to **Echo Point** and see the **Three Sisters** at **Katoomba** – a great stop for a photo opportunity! It's time now to make our way to Lithgow.

#### Day 6. Tuesday 04 June

#### **BLUE MOUNTAINS TO TAMWORTH**

Today we farewell the Blue Mountains and head through the stunning **Capertee Valley**, the world's second largest canyon. Making a stop for **morning tea** from the coach along the way we follow the **Bylong Valley Way** passing through **Denman** reaching **Muswellbrook** early afternoon. It's time to sit back, relax and let our tastebuds dance with the flavours of the region at **Hunter Belle Cheese**. Viewing windows into the cheese making, maturation and packing rooms allow us to understand how cheese is made from the milk of Brown Swiss Cows. We are enjoying our time here so much we stay on for a delicious **lunch** however the main attraction is "Bessie" a life-sized Fibreglass cow that can be hand milked, showing firsthand exactly where milk comes from. From here we make our way through to **Tamworth** stopping briefly for a group photo opportunity at the iconic **Big Golden Guitar** and a look through the onsite **National Guitar** and **Gallery of Stars Wax Museum**. A visit to the **Australian Country Music Hall of Fame** is a must while in Tamworth. Here, we learn all about the story of Australian country music through fascinating exhibits and brilliant displays of memorabilia from legendary artists such as Slim Dusty to new stars like Keith Urban and Kasey Chambers. We have time to relax a little at the hotel before our farewell dinner.

#### Day 7. Wednesday 05 June

#### TAMWORTH TO TOOWOOMBA

Sadly, our tour must come to an end today! Departing Tamworth, we travel up to **Oxley Scenic Lookout**, located on Bald Hill, for some fantastic views over the city and region. Our journey takes us through rich sheep and cattle country. We arrive in **Glen Innes**, known fondly as the 'Land of the Beardies" for a morning tea break from the coach. The town was settled by Scots and regards itself as the Celtic capital of New England. We continue through to **Tenterfield**, often referred to as the birthplace of the nation. It was here that Sir Henry Parkes made his famous speech which set the federation of Australia in motion. We visit the **School of the Arts**, where the celebrated speech took place, before time in town to purchase **lunch**. We continue over the Queensland border arriving home mid-afternoon with some fond memories of our fabulous getaway

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