

HIGHLIGHTS / INCLUSION

Guided Tour by a Member of Premier Qld - Accommodation - Meals as per itinerary Armidale Heritage Guided Tour - Wine Tasting - McCrossin's Mill - Open Air Gallery, Walcha School of Arts, Tenterfield - Dobson Distillery, Kentucky - Saumarez Homestead - Dutton Trout Hatchery - Australian Standing Stones - Texas Rabbit Museum – Ebor Waterfalls – Gostwyck Chapel – Ebor Waterfalls – Wollomombi Gorge – Gara Gorge – The Makers Shed, Deepwater

What will you Experience!

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COST PER PERSON: TWIN /DOUBLE SHARE SINGLE ROOM

\$ 2.290.00 pp \$ 2.685.00 pp

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 or visit our website wwww.premierqld.com – E-Mail <u>travel@premierqld.com</u>

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Itinerary

TOOWOOMBA TO ARMIDALE

Welcome to our fantastic 5-day tour taking in the spectacular Armidale Region. Our first stop will be Stanthorpe for morning tea at the Storm King Dam. We continue through to Tenterfield, often referred to as the birthplace of the nation. It was where Sir Henry Parkes made his famous speech which set the federation of Australia in motion. Before we have lunch, we visit the School of the Arts, where the famous federation speech took place. We continue over the NSW border arriving mid-afternoon in Armidale. Passing through various country towns. We are stopping at the Makers Shed, which is a artisanal Galler and bookshop in Deepwater before we arrive in Glen Innes, known fondly as the 'Land of the Beardies. The town was settled by Scots and regards itself as the Celtic capital of New England. Our first stop will the. Our next stop will be at the Australian Standing Stones, pay tribute to the Celtic Heritage of the early European settlers to the district, visiting the Martins Lookout and The Croft Celtic Cultural Centre. Arriving mid-afternoon in Armidale. For the next 4 nights we will be staying in Armidale. Meeting in the evening for our welcome dinner at the Accommodation.

Day 2. Tuesday 13 May

Day 1. Monday 12. May

Uncovering the sights of Armidale today we have a guided Heritage Tour, where we will be taken on a historical journey through Armidale with a lively and personal commentary from our local tour guide. Visiting the Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place in Kentucky Street, which houses a fine collection of local Aboriginal artifacts and historical material. The New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM). The University of New England and the heritage listed homestead "Booloominbah", has a rich history telling story of the White family in New England. The home was completed in 1888, Australia's centenary year. Its most spectacular feature is the "Gordon Window" - a large stainedglass window above the main staircase. In between these stops, you will be given the descriptions and history of many of the old and beautiful buildings that grace the City of Armidale. After lunch we make our way to Ebor, stopping along the way at some great waterfalls and the Dutton Trout Hatchery, the hatchery offers a self-guided tour and hand feeding of the fish. We continue to the new England National Park, which covers over 3000 000 hectares of wilderness. We will stop at Point Lookout which offers a spectacular panoramic view of the Bellinger Valley. Our next stop is the Ebor Waterfalls, plunging 100metres over two waterfalls. On our way back we will be visiting the Wollomombi Gorge and **Gara Dam** before heading back to Armidale. Meeting for dinner.

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Day 3. Wednesday 14. May

After a leisurely Breakfast we will explore the two storey Edwardian mansion - the jewel of Saumarez - has many outbuildings around and the exquisite gardens. After our tour we make our way for lunch and wine tasting. In the afternoon we will visit the Gara Gorge with an option to do a loop walk. Later in the afternoon we will return to the Accommodation before meeting for dinner.

ARMIDALE

UNCOVERING THE ARMIDALE REGION Day 4. Thursday 15 May

This morning, we hit the road to explore the Armidale Region. Our first stop the Gostwyck Chapel and Deeargee Woolshed. Our second stop is the McCrossin's Mill, built in 1870, the three storey McCrossin's Mill is now a highly regarded, award winning museum. The Mill holds a diverse and unique collection of exhibits, including a fascinating display of Captain Thunderbolt artefacts. A short stroll around town offers the opportunity to browse the antiquarian bookshop, antique stores, art galleries and specialty stores – or just sit and enjoy one of the many cafes, or friendly pubs. We are continuing to Walcha exploring the **open-air Gallery** and enjoying a lovely Lunch. Leaving Walcha via Oxley Highway to Woolbrook, a tiny hamlet nestled amongst shady trees. Woolbrook has some great old houses and sandstone block architecture, which fits aptly with the ambience of the Town. Continuing onto Kentucky, which is a small village of peace and quiet, trees, chooks and a vegetable patch lifestyle. Visting Dobson's Distillery, as grain to glass artisan distillers, they pride themselves on making all their spirits in house, we have the chance to taste their products. We arrive late afternoon to our Accommodation, and we have dinner at the Accommodation.

Day 5. Friday 16 May

ARMIDALE TO TOOWOOMBA

Sadly, our tour must come to an end! Departing Armidale we travel west along Bundarra Road, cross part of the Great Dividing Range. We stop for morning Tea in Inverell, known as gemstone country, because of its beautiful sapphires, guartz crystals and gemstones. We cross the border to Queensland for our next stop, which is **Texas** for a farewell Lunch and visit at the restored Texas Rabbit works, believed to be the only rabbit processing works remaining in Australia. We arrive home mid-late afternoon with some fond memories of our fabulous getaway.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes beyond our direct control.

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