

# Autumn Insights

26th April to 1st May 2017



# Touring Programme

Autumn is a beautiful time to visit the country, with the glorious colours of deciduous trees on display. This relaxing six-day tour travels by chartered railcar and accompanying private coach and visits the Southern Tablelands of NSW, the Riverina and North East Victoria. You'll experience country hospitality, sample the delicious products of the land, meet creative and passionate locals and gain an insight into the history and contemporary life of the regions.

We look forward to welcoming you on *Autumn Insights*.

John and Paul Tuckerman

## **Day 1     Wednesday 26th April     Thirroul to Temora**

Departing Thirroul by private coach, we transfer to Picton where we board our chartered heritage railcar for travel to the tiny town of Stockinbingal, with lunch served *en route*. At Stockinbingal we visit the Minehan Seed Cleaning Plant and enjoy some country hospitality at afternoon tea before continuing by train to Temora, where we stay overnight. *Alternative departures are also available from Sydney and Canberra – contact us for more information.*

## **Day 2     Thursday 27th April     Temora to Leeton**

The Temora Aviation Museum is acclaimed as one of the best collections of operational heritage aircraft, and a guide will be on hand on our specially arranged tour this morning, to explain the history and highlights of the collection. Then it's time to board the train for the next leg of our journey. First stop is Griffith, where we take a short town tour, before enjoying lunch at local smallgoods manufacturer Codemo Smallgoods before continuing to Leeton, for the Taste of the Region experience, sampling the delicious range of products produced in the Leeton region. Today's touring concludes with wine tasting at the family owned Lillypilly winery, internationally acclaimed for their fortified wines. Overnight at Leeton.

## **Day 3     Friday 28th April     Leeton to Albury**

Today we visit the John Lake Centre at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre, to learn about its important role in conserving some of our iconic native freshwater species like the Murray Cod, as well as fish breeding and scientific research. At the tiny village of Boree Creek we rejoin our train and travel to Lockhart for a guided tour of the town and the famous Doris Golder Wool Art Gallery which features Doris Golder's incredible wool portraits, some which hang on the walls of Parliament House. We enjoy lunch on the train as we journey to Albury via The Rock. Overnight at Albury.



**Day 4     Saturday 29th April     Beechworth, Bright and Glenrowan**

A relaxing day trip today into the North East Region of Victoria by coach and railcar. A guided tour of the gold-rush era town of Beechworth, with its stunning autumn colour, beautifully preserved streets and buildings and brush with Ned Kelly fame, is followed by free time to explore on your own. Lunch in picturesque Bright at the River Deck Café near the pretty Ovens River before travelling through the Ovens Valley to Glenrowan, where we will visit the Kelly Museum. Return via train to Albury. Overnight at Albury

**Day 5     Sunday 30th April     Albury to Canberra**

Heading north by train on the main Melbourne–Sydney line we stop at Wagga Wagga to visit the National Art Glass Gallery, which houses the most comprehensive public collection of contemporary Australian studio glass – be amazed at some of the exquisite artworks. We continue to Yass Junction where we transfer by coach to Canberra. Enjoy dinner on Lake Burley Griffin aboard the MV Southern Cross, exclusively chartered for this evening. Overnight at East Hotel, Manuka.



Tour end for Canberra guests.

**Day 6     Monday 1st May     Canberra to Thirroul**

We depart Canberra by train on the final leg of the journey. We visit quaint village of Tarago and the nearby Woodlawn Bio-reactor. Lunch is served en route through the Southern Highlands before our dramatic descent to the Illawarra via the Moss Vale–Unanderra line. Stop at Summit Tank to take in the view from the Illawarra escarpment. We arrive at Thirroul late afternoon where the tour ends. Sydney guests continue to Central Railway Station.

**Alternative arrangements for Canberra/Sydney guests**

Canberra guests may join on Day 1 departing Yowani Country Club for transfer by tour coach to Gunning Railway Station to board the train. Lunch is served on board. Thereafter, all arrangements are as published in the itinerary until arrival at East Hotel, Kingston on Day 5. On Day 5, dinner aboard the MV Southern Cross is included, however transfers to and from the boat are not included. If you would prefer any other arrangement, please contact us to discuss.

Sydney guests may join the tour prior to Thirroul - please contact us to discuss your options.

# General Information & Booking Conditions

## Cost

The cost of this tour is \$2795 ex Thirroul/Sydney and \$2575 ex Canberra.

The cost includes:

- ✿ all transportation as per the itinerary
- ✿ all sightseeing excursions
- ✿ accommodation on a twin-share basis
- ✿ guided touring as specified in the itinerary
- ✿ all meals
- ✿ all taxes
- ✿ complimentary re-usable metal water bottle
- ✿ services of Insights Tours' tour-guide throughout the tour

The additional costs are: drinks and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above.

Single accommodation is available for an additional cost of \$310 ex Thirroul/Sydney and \$195 ex Canberra.

## To make a booking

Please complete the enclosed booking form and return it to Insights Tours with your deposit. Places on the tour require a \$500 deposit.

The balance will be due by Monday 27th February 2017.

## Cancellation Policy

### **For cancellations on or before Monday 27th February, 2017**

Refunds will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$250. For this reason Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider obtaining travel insurance for loss of deposit in the event that you need to cancel.

### **For cancellations after Monday 27th February, 2017**

There will be no refunds possible. Insights Tours strongly recommends that insurance cover be obtained.

## Insurance

We recommend that you consider travel insurance. Insights Tours is an agent for Aussie Travel Cover. Should you wish to consider this insurance we would be delighted to send you the insurance proposal form and to explain the details of the policy.

## Coach

Insights Tours will be chartering a 46 seat air-conditioned coach that has very comfortable and well-spaced seating with excellent visibility.

## Accommodation

All accommodation is in good standard motels. The cost of the tour is based on twin share ensuite accommodation.

## Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. Please note that the portage of luggage is not provided unless requested at the time of booking.

## Railmotors

Insights Tours has chartered a 620 Class railcar from the Railmotor Society. The railcar has seating for approximately 96 passengers however Insights Tours has limited the number of guests to a total of 42 to ensure a comfortable and spacious travelling experience.

## Meals

All meals are included and are a set menu. We take care to ensure that the menu is varied throughout the tour. Please ensure that you carefully note any dietary or any other requests on your booking form so that we can oblige your requirements.

## Changes to the itinerary

There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to conduct the advertised itinerary however we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

# About Insights Tours



Is a tour company operated by Paul and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide passengers with spacious and ample accommodation. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides to ensure that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

Passenger numbers are limited to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. This tour is for a maximum of 40 passengers. Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are being taken care of. This tour will be escorted by Paul Tuckerman.

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(please make an appointment to ensure our office is attended when you visit)

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## Booking Form

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	Guest 1	Guest 2
Name		
Address		
Telephone		
Email		
Emergency Contact Person & Telephone		
Any special requirements or requests (especially dietary)		
Room type (please circle)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 large bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Single supplement (additional \$ )	
Deposit <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque enclosed - Please make cheques payable to "Insights Tours" - or - <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic transfer/direct deposit Account Name: Insights Tours Client Travel Account BSB: 062607 Account Number: 10131313		

I/we acknowledge the terms and conditions of booking

Signature/s

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Guest 1

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Guest 2

Please return to: Insights Tours  
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