



Mountains and Valleys



Monday 21st to Thursday 24th October 2019

Mountains and Valleys features 3 nights accommodation at one place and our customary insightful touring. In the glorious season of spring we will see gardens at Mt Tomah, Oberon and Blackheath as well as history, heritage and spectacular scenery. Our touring includes the spectacular Capertee Valley, historic Hartley, and picturesque Rylstone. Mountains and Valleys is all-inclusive, fully escorted, travels by private mini-coach and has a maximum of 15 guests.

Day 1

Monday 21st October - Wollongong to Lithgow

Depart Wollongong and Thirroul (other places possible - please contact us) stopping at Warragamba Dam for morning tea with home-baked treats before travelling up the Bell's Line of Road to Mt Tomah for our guided tour of the Blue Mountains Botanic Gardens. The Garden comprises 252 hectares of land with 28 hectares open to the public, it is situated within a World Heritage Area and is focused on the conservation of cool climate plants.

After a picnic lunch our guide will introduce us to the superb gardens which at this time of year should be in full bloom. This afternoon we learn of the profound and important mining and railway history at the Lithgow State Mine Museum with a passionate local guide. Our home for the next three nights will be the very comfortable Zig Zag Motel with its on-site restaurant.

Day 2

Tuesday 22nd October - Oberon, Hartley and Mayfield

A day of touring, first up is Mayfield Gardens near Oberon. Mayfield is a spectacular, world-class 16-hectare cool climate garden. Our guided tour will show us the highlights of these beautiful gardens. Enjoy lunch in a restored 1890's railway carriage at the depot of the Oberon Heritage Railway then its off to Historic Hartley to see the preserved courthouse and church. This afternoon we will stop at the highest lookout in the blue mountains at Hassan's Walls Lookout for magnificent views over the Hartley Valley (weather permitting). The Lithgow Valley Film Society's cinema is our final stop for today and where we will have an exclusive screening of a short local documentary film.



Day 3

Wednesday 23rd October - Capertee Valley and Rylstone

Travelling on some scenic byways we head to Kandos via Glen Davis and the majestic escarpments of the Capertee Valley. At Kandos we visit the museum detailing the history of this former cement producing town. A local guide will meet us at Rylstone to tell us about its well preserved streetscape and then we visit the Rylstone Olive Nest and the Naked Lady Winery for lunch and tastings. On the way home to Lithgow we will stop at the Capertee Lookout for another view of the valley.

Day 4

Thursday 24th October - Lithgow to Wollongong



Morning departure for the Blackheath Rhododendron Gardens which should be in full bloom at this time of year. After a stroll around the extensive gardens we will travel to Scenic World at Katoomba for a ride on the World's steepest railway. Our lunch will be at the National Trust Everglades property at Leura then we'll have ample time to browse and practice the art of retail therapy at Leura where special shops adorn the main street. Our afternoon sees us descending the blue mountains

and returning to Thirroul and Wollongong in the late afternoon.

About Insights Tours

Insights Tours is a tour company operated by Paul, Brigitte 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. Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are taken care of.

If you would like details or assistance with any booking, please contact Paul:

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General Information & Booking Conditions

Cost

The cost of this tour is \$1,475 AUD

The cost includes:

- All road transport in a chartered air-conditioned coach
- complimentary reusable water bottle
- accommodation
- all sightseeing excursions
- all meals
- services of Insights Tours' tour escort throughout the tour
- all taxes and charges
- good quality motel accommodation on a twin-share basis in an ensuite room
- all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places as specified in the itinerary

The additional costs are:

drinks, travel insurance and items of a personal nature and anything not specified above.

Single accommodation is available for an additional cost of \$200.

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 Wednesday 21st August 2019.

Cancellation policy

For cancellations on or before Wednesday 21st August 2019 the cancellation fee will be the amount of the deposit.

For cancellations after Wednesday 21st August 2019 the cancellation fee will be the total tariff.

Insights Tours strongly recommends that insurance cover be obtained.

Insurance

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover cancellation fees as well as medical emergencies, lost luggage and unforeseen delays during the tour. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. We are an accredited agent of Aussie Travel Cover insurance.

Viability of tour

In the event that the economic minimum number of guests is not reached, the tour will be cancelled by Insights Tours no later than Thursday 22nd

August 2019 and we will refund in full any money paid.

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to a maximum of 1 medium size bag and 1 piece of hand luggage. Please note that portage of luggage is not provided unless requested at the time of booking.

Coach

Insights Tours has chartered an air-conditioned mini coach for all transfers and road travel as described in the itinerary.

Guides

Insights Tours has engaged our own proficient guides wherever we have advertised a guided tour in the itinerary.

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.

Images

Front cover (L to R): Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mount Tomah; Mayfield Garden, Oberon; Capertee Valley.

Inside: Oberon Railway Station, Oberon; Scenic World, Katoomba

All images courtesy Destination NSW.

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 indicate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin (2 beds) <input type="checkbox"/> Double (1 large bed) <input type="checkbox"/> Single supplement (additional \$200)	
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

Guest 1

Guest 2

Please return to: Insights Tours
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