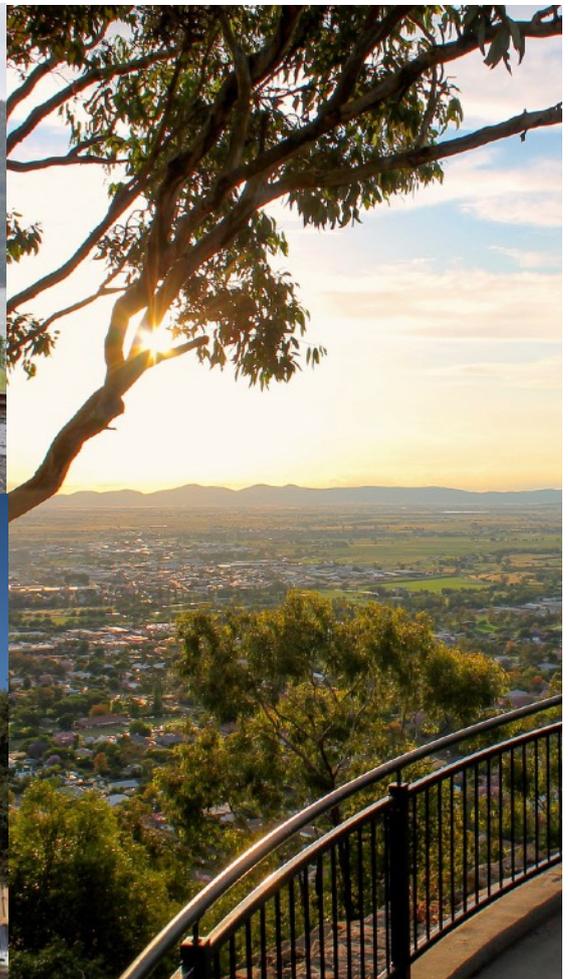




Northern NSW by Train

Wednesday 6th to Tuesday 12th May 2020



This tour of Northern NSW features travel on an exclusive chartered railcar and accompanying private coach. Sit back and relax on your heritage train with plenty of space – 96 seats and a maximum of 38 guests. Our touring features insights into the history and contemporary life of the places we visit.

Day 1

Wednesday 6th May – Thirroul to Maitland

Departure from Wollongong or Thirroul, with optional boarding at Thornleigh for guests wishing to join in Sydney. Travel to Gosford on our private coach, where we board our chartered vessel, the MV Lady Kendall. A delicious buffet lunch will be served onboard as we cruise the Brisbane Water and Broken Bay.

We then continue to the village of Greta in the Lower Hunter Valley where a local historian guide will lead us on a gentle walk along the Main Street and introduce us to the diverse history of this town. Greta was established in 1842 and was part of the original route from Sydney to Maitland. Later, the town prospered when coal was discovered nearby. After World War II thousands of migrants started their new lives in Australia at the Greta Migrant Camp.

Overnight accommodation at Mercure Maitland Monte Pio.

Day 2

Thursday 7th May – Maitland to Armidale

We join our exclusively chartered railcar at Telarah for our scenic and relaxing ride all the way to the top of the Hunter Valley. After passing through the Ardglen Tunnel underneath the Liverpool Ranges we make our way onto the Northern Tablelands passing through one of the highest (above sea level) – and still operational – railway stations in NSW at Uralla. North of the city of Tamworth you will see the hamlets of Walcha Road and Uralla before we arrive at the bluestone city of Armidale.

On arrival in Armidale our coach transfers us to the New England Regional Art Museum – NERAM – where we have a guided tour. NERAM is home to one of regional Australia's most significant art collections.

Overnight at Moore Park Inn.



NERAM, Tamworth Golden Guitar, Saumarez Homestead

Day 3

Friday 8th May – Armidale to Tamworth

This morning we tour Armidale, focussing on the heritage buildings and history of this university city. After seeing the University of New England we travel to the outskirts of the city to Saumarez Homestead. Our guided tour takes us through this elegant Edwardian mansion dating from 1888, complete with original furnishings. Stroll through the garden and the extensive farm buildings with their collections of early farm equipment then enjoy morning tea.

Our coach takes us to visit the McCrossin's Mill Museum at Uralla before we board our train for Tamworth, with lunch served on board. At Tamworth we visit the Country Music Hall of Fame and the Oxley Lookout to get a panoramic view of the city.

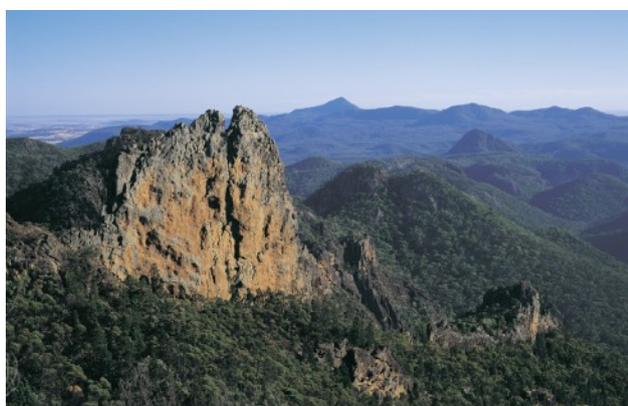
Overnight at Ibis Styles Hotel.

Day 4

Saturday 9th May – Tamworth to Coonabarabran

Our train makes a stop at Werris Creek to visit the Australian Railway Memorial and Museum. Leaving Werris Creek, it's time again to sit back and enjoy the peace and relaxation of travelling on your own spacious train. We travel over rarely-used lines from Werris Creek to Binnaway, once a former important railway depot. Here we board our coach for transfer to Emu Logic farm to learn about the variety of emu products and their production. From the farm, we tour through the spectacular Warrumbungles National Park on our way to Coonabarabran.

Two nights accommodation at Acacia Motor Lodge.



Warrumbungles NP



Emu Logic

Day 5

Sunday 10th May – Coonamble and Mendooran day tour

Our coach takes us via Baradine to the north western NSW town of Coonamble where we meet our train. Lunch and complimentary beverages are served on board as we travel past hamlets and country towns such as Gular and Gilgandra. At Mendooran we stop for tastings at the Black Gate Distillery. Back on the train afternoon tea is served as we travel beside the Castlereagh River, alighting at Binnaway for a short coach transfer back to Coonabarabran.

Day 6

Monday 11th May – Coonabarabran to Cessnock

Our coach conveys us to meet the train at Dunedoo for travel via the scenic Ulan line and along the Goulburn River Valley enroute to Muswellbrook. Rejoining the Main Northern Line, we head south to East Greta Junction where we have specially arranged to travel on the privately-owned East Maitland Railway line to Cessnock. Morning and afternoon tea, as well as a delicious lunch and complimentary beverages, will be served on the train during this relaxing and interesting day.

Overnight accommodation at Wine Country Motor Inn.

Day 7

Tuesday 12th May – Cessnock to Thirroul

This morning we visit the historic hamlet of Wollombi then follow the convict built Great North Road to picturesque St Albans where we enjoy lunch at the historic Settlers Arms Inn. Continuing on scenic routes beside the mighty Hawkesbury River, our coach takes us to Windsor station where Sydney guests may alight for convenient connection via scheduled trains to anywhere in Sydney. From Windsor continue to Thirroul and Wollongong, where the tour ends 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 John:

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Postal: PO Box 180, Thirroul NSW 2515

In person (by appointment): 14 Allenby Parade, Bulli

General Information & Booking Conditions

Cost

The cost of this tour is AUD 3,495

The cost includes:

- Travel by private, chartered heritage railcar train travel as per the itinerary
- good motel quality motel style accommodation on a twin-share basis in ensuite rooms
- all coach travel as per the itinerary
- chartered vessel for luncheon cruise on day 1
- all meals
- complimentary morning and afternoon tea when travelling on the train
- complimentary glass of wine or juice when travelling on the train
- services of Insights Tours' tour escort throughout the tour
- all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places as specified in the itinerary
- all taxes, charges and entry fees
- complimentary reusable water bottle

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 \$395.

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 Friday 6th March 2020.

Cancellation policy

For cancellations on or before Friday 6th March 2020 the cancellation fee is \$200 per person.

For cancellations after Friday 6th March 2020 the cancellation fee is 100% of 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 Monday 9th March 2020 and we will refund in full any money paid.

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person.

Water

Insights Tours will provide you with your own complimentary, refillable water bottle.

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.

Train

Insights Tours has chartered the 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 38 to ensure a comfortable and spacious travelling experience. The train is equipped with a toilet and opening windows. It is not air-conditioned.

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

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 occupancy of a double room. Supplement is an additional \$395.	
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

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