



INSIGHTS TOURS NEWS

Autumn 2023



Welcome to our Insights' latest news. We hope you're keeping well and looking forward to enjoying some insightful touring.

Firstly, a big thank you to all our guests who've travelled on our tours since the last newsletter. *North Coast Insights* departed in October with 36 guests, some new guests and many (83%) returning guests; thank you all! Our train travel along the verdant North Coast of NSW after the recent rainfall saw us witnessing all the countryside looking luxuriantly green.

Our next tour is *Hume Insights*; an itinerary featuring coach travel departing on Tuesday 2nd May. We'll spend 3 nights at Goulburn's Mercure Hotel with daily touring to specially selected places in the region. There are still some places available if you wish to join this tour.

Future Program of Tours

Since our last newsletter we've been crafting several new itineraries and we are very pleased to offer two new tours which will feature chartered railcars. ***Riverina Insights*** in September will feature travel by 620 class railcar in which we've travelled on many past tours.

And in March 2024, ***South Island of New Zealand Insights*** will feature extensive travel aboard Tokomaru. It's a unique railcar with 52 seats and to maintain Insights Tours' customary spaciousness and comfort level we will limit the number of guests to 20. More details below....

WA by Air departs in July and August with our customary small group of maximum 6 guests per tour guaranteeing everybody their own window seat.

Hume Insights - 2nd to 5th May 2023

Our next shorter itinerary tour featuring coach travel and 3 nights at Goulburn with day touring to specially selected places in the region will be *Hume Insights*. Departing from Thirroul and Wollongong on 2nd May with a maximum of 20 guests in a full size coach we can assure you of a spacious and comfortable experience.

WA Insights by Air (2 departures) 24 July to 5 August & 17 to 29 August 2023

This is a comprehensive air tour of Western Australia by private, chartered aircraft. This 13 day itinerary starting and ending in Perth encompasses superlative scenery and experiences in some of the remotest regions in Australia. Travelling in a Cessna Caravan aircraft similar to our *Islands of Tasmania* aircraft with a maximum of 5 other guests you will experience the length and breadth of this diverse state from your guaranteed window seat. Experience the wonder and sensation of flying into Bungle Bungles Purnululu World Heritage area and Karijini National Park. Stunning landscapes rarely seen from the air await you on this carefully crafted, unique itinerary. We will offer this tour again in 2024.

Riverina Insights – 6th to 11th September 2023

A six day tour of the Riverina and North East Victoria travelling by a private, chartered railcar with touring by our accompanying coach. In the Riverina we'll visit a cotton processing factory, Bundawarra Museum at Temora, the unique heritage of the township of Walla Walla, quaint towns and villages and National Trust listed Chiltern where we'll have guided tours of Dow's Pharmacy and the Federal Standard Printing Works.



Also included is a chartered luncheon cruise at Yarrowonga on the Murray River aboard the paddle steamer *Cumberoona*. We'll also experience Coolamon where we'll visit the Up to Date Store museum and Coolamon Cheese. Back on our train to Junee where we have a specially arranged lunch served in the dining room of Junee's grand junction station. And more! Full details are available on our website or we can post you a brochure if you prefer.

Islands of Tasmania – 17th to 23rd February 2024



Leaving from Shellharbour Airport (near Wollongong) this truly unique tour connects many spectacular, scenic and remote islands. There's a host of special experiences on the ground as well as magnificent flight-seeing from your seat in our private chartered plane.

This 7-day tour visits five of the Tasmanian islands: Flinders, King, Maria, Bruny and Sarah, with comprehensive guided sightseeing throughout the tour. You will experience the diversity of Tasmania's islands, their unique Aboriginal and colonial history and rugged natural beauty.

South Island NZ Insights - 13th to 23rd March 2024



Commencing in Wellington on the North Island, we'll meet and start the tour with a special dinner at the Blue Train Restaurant. We'll cross Cook Strait by air for some insightful touring of Marlborough and Havelock on the northern tip of the South Island before commencing our extensive rail journey aboard our private, chartered railcar from Picton. We visit a diverse array of

carefully selected and crafted touring highlights including Hanmer Springs thermal pools, the West Coast town of Hokitika, and its jade and Maori history, Bluff at the very southern tip of the South Island and the southernmost NZ city of Invercargill which we reach from Picton all the way by our train. We will also visit Dunedin, cross the Alps at Arthur's Pass, enjoy many kilometres of scenic coastline viewed from the train, NZ Beeswax factory and Evandale Cheese factory. We think, a unique itinerary and a very special travelling experience.



Sydney Basin Waterways - May 2024

Sydney is a city of waterways. Its landscapes, populations and livelihoods have been shaped by water, with diverse histories lived on and around its many rivers, bays and harbours. Its famous harbour may be considered the jewel in the crown, but our Sydney Basin Waterways tour will show you some of the other gems, from north to south. Travel by private chartered coach, with guided tours and heritage accommodation and cruises on all the waterways of the Sydney Basin; Port Hacking, Georges River, Sydney Harbour, Pittwater and the mighty Hawkesbury River.

Top End Insights - July 2024

This tour is still in the planning stages but here is a sneak preview of the proposed itinerary for *Top End Insights*....starting and ending in Cairns, flying in our chartered Cessna Caravan aircraft; highlights will be: Horn Island, Torres Strait including visits to Thursday Island one of the Torres Strait island such as Poruma or Saibai, the contrasting eastern and western coastlines of Cape York, Quinkan Rock Art, Lotus Bird Lodge, Cooktown, the Gulflander train at Normanton, Adels' Grove in Lawn Hill NP, Arnhem Land, Kakadu and MORE! Stunning landscapes, rarely visited islands, unique contrasting experiences all in the one tour.

WA Insights by Air - August 2024

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Eyre Peninsula Insights – early September 2024

An 11 day tour to South Australia's less-visited region of the Eyre Peninsula. We'll travel to and from Broken Hill on TrainLink's Broken Hill Explorer train then continue to the Eyre peninsula travelling on our chartered coach. The itinerary will include Port Augusta, Whyalla, Cleve, Cowell, Port Lincoln, Coffin Bay as well as some highlights of the Yorke Peninsula and the mid north of South Australia.

Outback by Air – late September 2024



One of our most loved tours. The unique experience of the spectacle of the Outback especially on this current season of verdant rainfall. From their very own special birds-eye-view seat on our private chartered aircraft our guests experienced the truly amazing sight of lush green outback. Some of the highlights included are: a 4WD tour to Siller's Lookout at Arkaroola in the Flinders Ranges, sunset on the giant Big Red dune in the Simpson Desert and soaking in the hot artesian spa bath at Yowah.

That's all the news for now. If you are interested in any of the tours we invite you to register your interest and we will be pleased to send you a detailed itinerary brochure. Just let us know you're interest via your preferred method: by email, SMS, telephone or post.

All our tour itineraries are also published on our website.

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