Spring Insights

Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th October 2026

Spring Insights is a special itinerary of the National Capital and Shoalhaven. It encompasses 3 insightful days of touring including two nights in Canberra. The tour features travel by private chartered full-size coach with a maximum of 16 guests and is fully escorted with all meals included.

Day 1 Monday 12th October – Thirroul and Wollongong to Canberra

Departing from Thirroul at 7.45am with the option to join at Wollongong or Woonona. We travel by our chartered coach to the historic village of Collector where we enjoy morning tea at a local café. Then to Gungahlin - aboriginal for "little rocky hill" and the northern terminus of the Canberra light rail network. We will ride the tram from Gungahlin to its city terminus before a short stroll to lunch. This afternoon we visit the National Film and Sound Archives and discover the superb collection of film material. We stay 2 nights at Rydges Canberra

Day 2 Tuesday 13th October – Canberra day tour

Today's touring includes some very different insights. Our day starts with a visit to the National Museum for their special Great Southern Land guided tour then to the National Gallery of Australia where our guide will lead us on a private tour of the gallery featuring the Boyd Tapestries. Afterwards we will transfer to Parliament House where we will enjoy lunch then attend Question Time and meet with our local MHR. Our last visit of the day will be to the Australian War Memorial for a self-guided tour before attending the Last Post ceremony which features a memorial sharing of a service-person whose name is on the Honour Roll. We then return to our hotel for our second night.

Day 3 Wednesday 14th October – Canberra to Wollongong and Thirroul

Departing from Canberra we travel via the hamlet of Nerriga in the upper catchment of the Shoalhaven River before gradually descending to the coast at Greenwell Point where we again meet the Shoalhaven. We embark on a luncheon cruise on the "Shoalhaven Explorer" for a relaxing 2 and 1/2 hour cruise taking in Crookhaven Heads, Shoalhaven Heads and Orient Point. Freshly prepared fish and chips and salad will be served onboard during the cruise. Our coach then conveys us from Greenwell Point to Wollongong, Woonona and Thirroul.

General Information & Booking Conditions

Cost

The cost of this tour is AUD $2,250. The cost includes:

- accommodation on a twin-share basis in ensuite rooms.
- all meals
- private, chartered coach travel as per the itinerary
- 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
- a personal complimentary reusable metal water bottle

Additional costs

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

Single supplement

Single occupancy of a room is available for an additional cost of AUD $199.

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 AUD 500 deposit.

The balance will be due by Wednesday 12th August 2026.

Cancellation policy

If you need to cancel your booking prior to or on Wednesday 12th August 2026 the cancellation fee is AUD $200 per person.

If you need to cancel your booking after Wednesday 12th August 2026, the cancellation fee is 100% of the total tariff, that is, there is no refund of the total tariff.

Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider travel insurance in case you need to cancel.

Insurance

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover cancellation fees as well as medical emergencies and unforeseen delays during the tour. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. We are an accredited agent of Covermore 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 Friday 14th August 2026 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.

Coach

Travel will be by private chartered 48 seat coach.

Guides

Insights Tours has engaged 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.

Force Majeure

Insights Tours will not be liable for any failure or delay in performing an obligation under this Agreement that is due to any of the following causes, to the extent beyond its reasonable control: acts of God, accident, riots, war, terrorist act, epidemic, pandemic, quarantine, outbreaks of infectious disease or any other public health crisis, civil commotion, breakdown of communication facilities, natural catastrophes, governmental acts or omissions, changes in laws or regulations, national strikes, fire, explosion, generalised lack of availability of raw materials or energy.

Limitation of liability

Subject to Australian Consumer Law, Insights Tours does not accept any liability in contract, tort or otherwise for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused by suppliers or third party providers over whom Insights Tours has no direct control.

Insights Tours is not liable for force majeure or any other event which is beyond Insights Tours' control or which is not preventable by Insights Tours.

Insights Tours arranges and coordinates services provided by suppliers and Insights Tours cannot guarantee the performance of suppliers.

Privacy and your data

Insights Tours provides data about you to third parties only to the absolute minimum necessary to provide you with our advertised services. For example; we provide your name to accommodation providers for the purposes of registration as a guest where this is required by regulation.

Images

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Day 3: Shoalhaven Cruises

About Insights Tours

Insights Tours is a tour company operated by Paul, Brigitte and John Tuckerman. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. We utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide our guests with spacious and comfortable accommodation. 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.

Guest numbers are limited to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. This tour will be for a maximum of 16 guests. 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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In person: 14 Allenby Parade, Bulli (by appointment)

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)	☐ Twin (2 beds) ☐ Double (1 large bed) ☐ Single supplement (Single occupancy of double room. Additional AUD 199)	

Deposit:

☐ Electronic transfer/direct deposit

Account Name: Insights Tours Client Travel Account

BSB: 062607

Account Number: 10131313

☐ Cheque payable to Insights Tours

I/we acknowledge the terms and conditions of booking.

Signature/s

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Guest 1 Guest 2

Date _____

Please return by email or post to:

john@insightstours.com.au

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