

## 9 DAY Hunter Valley & East Coast



*Visit the beautiful Hunter Valley Gardens and a special treat is the Hunter Valley Christmas Light Spectacular. Immerse yourself in this magical world with its stunning display of more than three million lights. In Eden, enjoy a whale watching cruise aboard the 'Cat Balou' and cruise through amazing coastal scenery with various wildlife that inhabit the area. Arriving in Melbourne delight in the beauty and tranquillity of William Ricketts Sanctuary. Enjoy a delicious smorgasbord lunch at the Bavarian styled Cuckoo Restaurant. Visit the magnificent National Rhododendron Gardens.*

Departing: Thursday, 10th November 2022



### COACH/FLY

Fitness Level: M – Moderate

Meals: B = Breakfast, M = Morning Tea, L = Lunch, A = Afternoon Tea, D = Dinner

#### **DAY 1 MARYBOROUGH – COFFS HARBOUR D**

Thursday, 10th November: Pick up passengers from Hervey Bay to Brisbane Coach Terminal. Continue through the Gold Coast to Coffs Harbour. Stay Opal Cove Resort.

#### **DAY 2 COFFS HARBOUR – MAITLAND BMLD**

Friday, 13th October: Depart Coffs Harbour, travel to Urunga for a visit to the Honey Place, then on to Kempsey for lunch and some free time at the Slim Dusty Centre. Pause for an afternoon break at Bulahdelah before arriving in Maitland. Stay Old Maitland Inn

#### **DAY 3 MAITLAND – HUNTER VALLEY – BOWRAL BD**

Saturday, 12th November: Make our way to the Twenty-3-Twenty Chocolate & Fudge Factory for a tasting, then visit the Hunter Valley Gardens. Enjoy a train tour around the gardens followed by some free time to explore. After lunch (own expense), make our way to Bowral. Stay Briar's Country Lodge

#### **DAY 4 BOWRAL – EDEN BMLD**

Sunday, 13th November: A day of scenic splendour as we make our way to Kiama's Blowhole Point with its magnificent view of the coastline. Kiama Blowhole is the largest in the world and the spectacular plumes of water can spout 20 metres or more into the air. Near the blowhole is the Kiama Lighthouse established in 1887. Pause at beautiful Bateman's Bay for lunch, then continue to Eden where we take a scenic drive before settling into our motel. Stay Coachman's Eden

#### **DAY 5 EDEN – LAKES ENTRANCE BLD**

Monday, 14th November: All aboard the Cat Balou for a fantastic whale watching cruise this morning. Admire amazing coastal scenery and the various wildlife that inhabit the area. After lunch, make our way to Lakes Entrance which is known for its vast system of inland waterways. Stay Bellevue on the Lakes

#### **DAY 6 LAKES ENTRANCE – MELBOURNE BLD**

Tuesday, 15th November: This morning take a walk across the pedestrian bridge to Ninety Mile Beach, which stretches along the town's Tasman Sea shoreline. Leaving Lakes Entrance, travel into the Latrobe Valley to Old Gipps town. Step back in time to the 1850's at this heritage park. Stroll

along the streets with authentic old buildings, horse-drawn carriages, agricultural machinery, and general store. After lunch, continue onto Melbourne. Three night stay Crest on Barkly Hotel

**DAY 7 MELBOURNE SIGHTSEEING BLD**

Wednesday, 16th November: Today we head into the Dandenong Ranges, visiting William Ricketts Sanctuary, a place of beauty and tranquillity, with its natural setting and the mystical sculptures half hidden amongst the ferns. Continue onto Olinda, in the heart of the stunning Dandenong Ranges, to enjoy a delicious German smorgasbord lunch at the Bavarian styled Cuckoo Restaurant. With the staff dressed in traditional Bavarian costume and with live entertainment, music and a floor show, cow bell rings & some pretty fancy yodelling, it's sure to be a fun filled visit. Reluctantly, we move on to the National Rhododendron Gardens with its unparalleled variety of brilliantly coloured blooms, mainly rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, cherries and daffodils. Returning to Melbourne, visit the Shrine of Remembrance and Botanical Gardens before returning to our motel.

**DAY 8 MELBOURNE FREE DAY BD**

Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November: A free day in Melbourne to explore the city at leisure before a farewell dinner together.

**DAY 9 MELBOURNE – DEVONPORT B**

Friday, 18th November: Transfer to the Melbourne Airport to join a return flight to home port. A free day for passengers travelling to Tasmania.

Adult: \$3896 pp

Pensioner: \$3878 pp

Past Passenger: \$3869 pp

Single Supplement: \$672 pp

Final Payment Due: Monday, 26th September 2022