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Hunter Valley Explorer

7th November, 2016

7 Days

\$1499.00 PP

Price based on twin share

**FREE home
Pick-up & Return***

Highlights

- Goulburn
- Kurri Kurri guided tour
- Maitland guided tour
- Hunter Valley Gardens
- Sisters of Mercy Sacred Spaces
- Bimbadgen Estate
- Darley Woodlands Horse Stud
- Belltrees Country House & Farm
- Port Stephens
- Dolphin Watch Cruise
- Stockton Beach Sand Dunes
- Bradman Museum
- Wagga Wagga



This tour includes

- β Luxury 5-star coach
- Σ Quality accommodation
- T 6 Dinners
- T 6 Breakfasts
- T 2 Lunches
- Entry fees as per itinerary

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Day 1: Ocean Grove – Goulburn (D.)

We depart your hometown and meet up with your fellow travellers on board your Christian's Bus Co coach. We make our way along the Hume Highway and scenic Victorian countryside. Crossing into NSW we continue our journey to Goulburn arriving late afternoon. We will stop for morning tea and lunch (own expense) along the way.

Overnight & Dinner: Goulburn Heritage Motel, 69 Sydney Rd, North Goulburn Ph: 02 4821 9377

Day 2: Goulburn – Kurri Kurri - Rutherford (B.D.)

This morning we continue our journey north as we travel to Kurri Kurri where in 2003 a group of town folk decided to undertake a mural project with the aim of getting more of the thousands of cars that pass through the town to stop and see what Kurri Kurri has to offer. In less than four years the town has over 40 murals showcasing the area's history, heritage and uniqueness. Our local guide will join us and unravel the story of the murals and town history. Late afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the historic city of Maitland before arriving in Rutherford, our home for the next 4 nights.

Overnight & Dinner: Old Maitland Inn, 279 New England Highway Rutherford Ph: 02 4932 5255

Day 3: Hunter Valley (B.L.D.)

Following breakfast our first stop is the magnificent Hunter Valley Gardens with over 25 hectares of spectacular international display gardens that will amaze us with sensational sights, colours, fragrances and adventures. Exploring over 8 kilometres of paths, we are able to experience each of the superb feature gardens of all of a standard we won't see elsewhere in Australia. Ride the Hunter Valley Gardens train for a tour and listen to the commentary to learn more about the history and development of the gardens from our friendly train driver. We then stroll freely through the gardens at our own leisure. After leaving the gardens we travel up to Singleton for a light lunch and tour of the Sisters of Mercy Sacred Spaces. Our guided tour takes us through the first Sisters' Chapel, the old Cottage Museum, the beautiful Motherhouse Convent, the new Sisters' Chapel and the superb gardens that surround them. This afternoon we stop at the impressive Bimbadgen Estate Cellar Door which is beautifully sited at the northern end of Pokolbin, the winery and cellar door are impressive constructions with a Mediterranean feel to them. Later in the day we travel back across to Rutherford before dinner in the motel.

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Day 4: Upper Hunter Valley (B.L.D.)

Today we make our way up to Jerry's Plains where we meet our guide and thoroughbred horse expert Craig. We then venture to the magnificent Darley Woodlands Horse Stud for a comprehensive guided tour and wonderful introduction to the equine industry. After a busy morning we make our way up through Scone to the magnificent Belltrees Country House & Farm for a delicious lunch and tour. Many guests come to Belltrees to relax and for them a leisurely stroll around the charming garden is an ideal pastime. After lunch we enjoy our own tour of the property and homestead conducted by one of the members of the family. This afternoon we travel down through Muswellbrook and into Rutherford to our motel to relax before dinner.

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Day 5: Port Stephens – Nelson Bay (B.D.)

An early start today as we make our way up to Nelson Bay and the Blue Water Paradise of Port Stephens. At the Nelson Bay Marina we board our cruiser for a 1.5 hour Dolphin Watch Cruise. Enjoy the scenic beauty of Port Stephens harbour exploring the spectacular Port Stephens headlands and eastern harbour and meet the local resident dolphins. After our cruise we are able to purchase lunch from the cafes at the Marina Precinct. This afternoon we enjoy the sights of Port Stephens including Shoalhaven, Soldiers Point and Anna Bay before arriving at the amazing Stockton Beach Sand Dunes. These sand dunes need to be seen to be believed – covering an area of 2,500 hectares along the 32 kilometre long Stockton Beach. After meeting our expert drivers and guides we board our 4wd vehicles and take in 11 kilometres of beautiful beach and gigantic sand dunes as we drive to Tin City, a small makeshift fishing village that emerges from the dunes like a mirage! We see the WW1 and historical sites, with beach activities including pipi catch and release and if you're game sand boarding and more. Later in the day we return to our motel with time to freshen up for dinner.

Overnight & Dinner: Old Maitland Inn, 279 New England Highway Rutherford Ph: 02 4932 5255

Day 6: Hunter Valley - Wagga Wagga (B,D)

We bid our hosts farewell as we make our way south to Wagga Wagga. We stop at Bowral to experience the legend of Sir Donald Bradman at the Bradman Museum. We are able to relive the glories of Australian cricket and follow the Sir Dons footsteps from his birth to becoming one of the greatest cricketers of all time. The museum is not only a monument to Don, but to the game itself and next door is the Bradman Oval, one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in the world and where the great man started his cricketering career. We continue south arriving at our hotel late afternoon.

Overnight & Dinner: Charles Sturt Motor Inn, 82 Tarcutta St, Wagga Wagga Ph: 02 6923 4100

Day 7: Wagga Wagga – Ocean Grove (B.)

This morning we depart Wagga Wagga early for our trek back down along the Hume Highway enjoying several comfort stops along the way for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (own expense). We arrive home late afternoon after a magical seven days away in the beautiful Hunter Valley Region of New South Wales.

Single supplement \$315.00

B. = Breakfast, L. = Lunch, D. = Dinner

NOT INCLUDED: Drinks, Telephone Calls, Laundry and items of a personal nature. **Includes** Luxury five star coach, motel accommodation with private facilities on a twin share basis. Meals and entry fees as per the itinerary. **Tour Conditions: Payment** A deposit of \$100 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance is due 30 days prior to departure. **Cancellation fees** will be levied as follows: Prior to 30 days of departure - Loss of deposit, 29 to 15 days prior 40% of total fare, 14 to 8 days prior to departure 50% of total fare, 7 days or less 100% total fare. **Christians Bus Co** has arranged this tour upon the express condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur either by reason of defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft of another company engaged to provide transportation on behalf of Christians Bus Company. Whilst the company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Information as stated is correct at time of publication, but is subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. If the tour has insufficient bookings, it may be cancelled with full refund paid. **Food and Drink** must not be consumed on the coach. **Smoking** is prohibited under Government regulations. Passengers are requested to restrict their smoking to stops en-route in the interests of other passengers. **Luggage** of one medium size suitcase plus one carry bag per passenger of maximum combined weight, 20kg. **Seating-** to enable everyone to enjoy forward and window seating, a seat rotation system will operate and passengers will be required to change seats each day. **Prices are based on twin share. Conditions apply. Insurance is strongly recommended.**

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