

NSW Historic Explorer: Bowral, Blue Mountains & Christmas Hunter Valley Gardens

11 Day Fully Escorted Tour



NOVEMBER 2026

11 DAY/10 NIGHT PACKAGE

\$7,425

PP TWIN SHARE/DBL*



INCLUDES
GOULBURN EXPLORER
CRUISE & SEVEN
ISLANDS OF THE
HAWKESBURY
CRUISE

BLUE
MOUNTAINS
PRIVATE
GUIDES

FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR

Experience the beauty of Victoria, journey through rural Bowral in New South Wales, explore the Hunter Valley, and enjoy the coastal delights.

Highlights include: Cruising the Goulburn River with a catered lunch on Nagambie Lakes; The majestic luxury of Peppers Manor House, Sutton Forest; Exploring the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains and the iconic Three Sisters; Visiting Blackheath, Hartley Village, and Lithgow; The scenic Hawkesbury River Cruise; The Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular; Ettalong Beach.

FREE HOME PICKUP & RETURN: Melbourne, Geelong, Torquay, Bellarine Peninsula, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown, Colac, Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh, Bendigo & all Melbourne airports. Additional locations may be an option, please enquire directly with us.

\$7,425
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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$850

ALL MEALS
INCLUDED

DEPARTING:
MONDAY 9
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DAY ONE MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2026

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Home / Goulburn Explorer Cruise / Wangaratta / Tahbilk Winery

Start your escape with our door- to-door service, conveniently picking you up from home and transporting you to join the group on our luxury Christians Travel Coach. Sit back, relax and unwind as you journey through Victoria, then explore New South Wales, Bowral, the Blue Mountains, Hunter Valley and Ettalong Beach.

Your first stop is Violet Town, where you can enjoy a cuppa and a bite to eat at Café Bowser Bean while getting to know your fellow travellers.

From there, you'll head onto lunch on a unique and special Boat Cruise on the **Goulburn Explorer Cruise on Nagambi Lakes**, you'll enjoy a catered lunch over 2 hours.

You'll depart from Jacobson's Outlook Jetty, and cruise through Lake Nagambie, heading downstream towards **historic Kirwans Bridge**.

There may even be time to stop at **Tahbilk Winery** for a tasting, the oldest family-owned winery and vineyard in Victoria.

Returning to **Wangaratta** for your First Night on Tour. A home away from home for many. You'll really enjoy this location and can easily settle in comfortably for the first night on tour.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

Hotel Quality Hotel Wangaratta Gateway
29-37 Ryley Street, Wangaratta Vic, T 03 5721 8399



Tahbilk Winery

DAY TWO TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2026

B MT L D

Holbrook / Yass Banjo Paterson / Sutton Forrest / Bowral

After a restorative rest and country style breakfast you'll enjoy a scenic drive to Holbrook for Morning Tea located at the **Holbrook Submarine Museum**. Here you can discover WWI heroics and rare submarine memorabilia, all in one spot.

Next, enjoy a stop at **Gundagai**, where since 1932 the famous dog on the Tuckerbox has sat beside the Hume Highway as a much-loved historical monument

As your journey continues through NSW, you'll arrive in **Yass** for a **Catered Picnic lunch** at Banjo Paterson Park. The bronze bust in the park, from the notable poem *Waltzing Matilda*, commemorates the district boy himself.

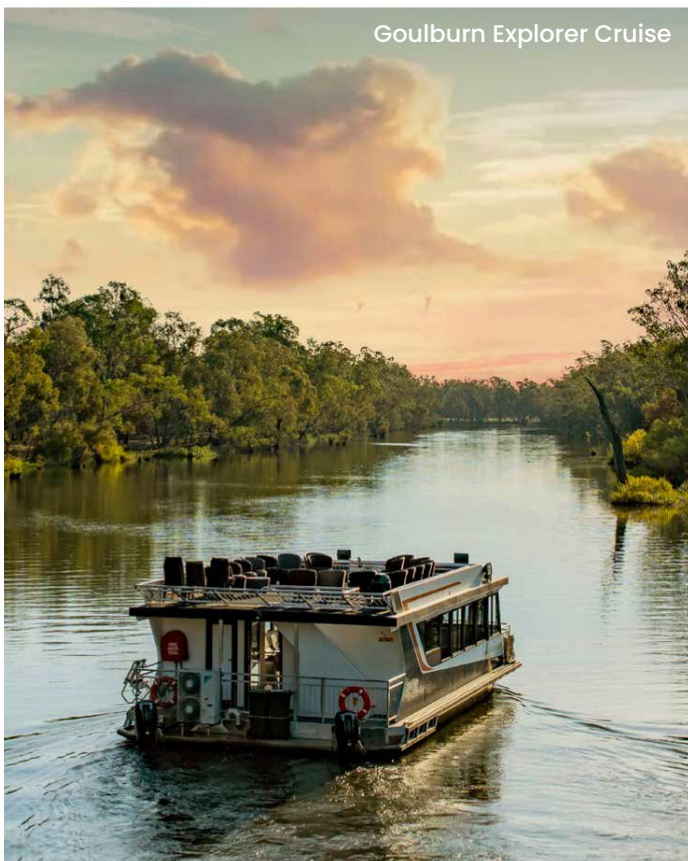
You'll then explore the **Yass archives** with a guided tour at the Yass & District Historical Society, where volunteers share a fascinating photographic and print record of the region.

The countryside between Yass and **Sutton Forrest** features rolling hills, rural properties, vineyards and rich agriculture, a historic charm showcasing the region's rich agricultural history.

Finally, you'll arrive at Peppers Manor Sutton Forrest where you can explore all the region has to offer in the **Southern Highlands** - majestic grandeur wrapped in rural charm estate.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

Peppers Manor House, Kater Road,
Sutton Forrest NSW 2577, T 02 4860 3111



Goulburn Explorer Cruise

DAY THREE WEDNESDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2026



Sutton Forrest / Mittagong / Bradman / Bowral / Berrima

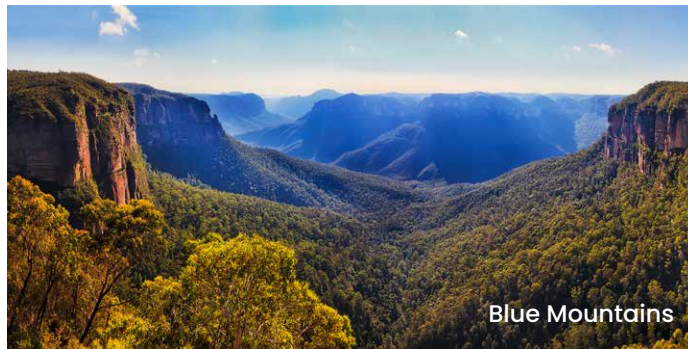
This morning begins with a fresh produce **Southern Highlands** breakfast, nestled in the landscape of rolling hills. Your day continues with a personal touch as you're joined by Judith, our step on guide for the day. You'll enjoy morning tea at **Lake Alexandra** and then vast extensive views of **Mt Gibraltar** before reaching Bowral, beautiful in the Springtime.

Upon arriving in Bowral, you'll pass **Sir Donald Bradman's** home and the delightful country cricket pitch. Viewing bronze statues of **Mary Poppins**, you'll continue onto **Moss Vale** for lunch. Back on the road to **Berrima**, there will be time to explore here with a short walk or some time to explore the shops.

Later, visit the National Trust property of **Harper's Mansion** and pass the stone courthouse.

Dirty Janes Bowral, a family-run vintage & antiques market and quaint tearoom is your afternoon tea stop, with time to browse the main street. Soak up the village atmosphere before returning to your tranquil accommodation for a well-earned rest.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT Peppers Manor House



Blue Mountains

DAY FIVE FRIDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2026



Guide and Scenic World / Wentworth Falls Conservation Hut

After a leisurely breakfast in the Carrington Hotel Dining Room, where old-fashioned charm surrounds you, your day begins with a visit to **Scenic World**. This classic Blue Mountains attraction offers a unique blend of nature, scenery, and a touch of adventure—experiences found nowhere else on earth.

Enjoy a guided tour of the **Scenic Railway, Scenic Skyway, and Cableway**, as well as the elevated boardwalk through **ancient rainforest**. Your guide will share local knowledge throughout the day, adding fascinating insights along the way.

At lunchtime, drive through the charming village of Leura to **Wentworth Falls**, stopping at the **Conservation Hut** café. Perfectly positioned amidst the beauty of the National Park with uninterrupted views of the **Jamison Valley** and **Mount Solitary**.

After lunch, your guide will take you to **Narrow Neck Lookout** for a short talk on local history, followed by **Cahills Lookout** to enjoy the late afternoon sun. A short stroll completes the sightseeing before returning to the Carrington Hotel by mid-afternoon.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT The Carrington Katoomba

DAY FOUR THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2026



Sutton Forest / Moss Vale Village / Blue Mountains

Following breakfast, enjoy some **free time** to soak up the country charm of Peppers Retreat in the **Southern Highlands**.

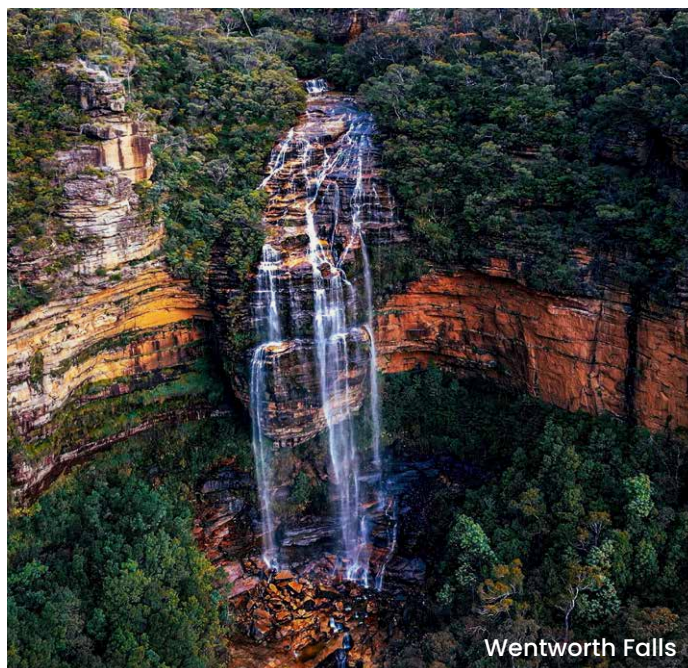
Morning tea is served in the dining room, giving you the chance to relax in a peaceful landscape of rolling hills and restore your energy during this break away from home.

Later, wander into **Moss Vale Village** for lunch (at your own expense). Surrounded by cottage gardens and a vibrant streetscape, the village offers plenty of options to suit every taste, all served with warm country hospitality.

In the afternoon, your journey continues along the Blue Mountain Range towards Katoomba, where you'll settle in for a three-night stay. This serene escape lies within the **World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains**, a UNESCO site of breathtaking natural beauty.

Once in Katoomba, there's time to unpack and perhaps take a stroll through the nearby village, perfectly located right in the heart of town, before dinner is served in the Grand Dining Room.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT The Carrington Katoomba
Katoomba Blue Mountains, Grand Dining Room



Wentworth Falls

Blackheath / Govetts Leap / Hartley Village / Lithgow

This morning, head to **Blackheath** to meet two rangers who will guide your group through the day.

Begin in the theatre for an introduction to the area, followed by a short, paved **cultural walk** with a First Nations Ranger. Along the way, enjoy stunning views of **Govetts Leap** and see areas recently regrown after bushfires. Learn about the **cultural heritage** and fragile ecosystems of the **Blue Mountains National Park**, including insights into traditional bush tucker and its significance.

Your coach will meet the group for morning tea in this naturally beautiful setting. Afterwards, enjoy lunch in Blackheath (at your own expense), a charming town situated at the highest point of the Blue Mountains, with plenty of inviting cafés to choose from.

In the afternoon, explore the villages of **Hartley** and **Lithgow**, with your guide sharing stories of old convict history, country houses, and the surrounding landscapes.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT The Carrington Katoomba



Hartley



Hawkesbury

Blue Mountains / Hawkesbury / Hunter Valley

At the start of the day, we bid farewell to Katoomba and make our way north to Brooklyn. You'll board the **Seven Islands of the Hawkesbury Cruise** for a morning on the water. Discover the stories of Lion Island, Dangar Island, Spectacle Island, Peat Island, Milsons Island, and Bar Island as you cruise the Lower Hawkesbury.

During the **three-hour cruise**, enjoy a **Ploughman's catered lunch** while taking in the serene beauty of settlements accessible only by water. The tranquil scenery and unique islands are sure to mesmerize.

After the **river cruise**, continue your journey to the peaceful landscapes of the **Hunter Valley**, travelling up the **Central Coast of NSW** to your accommodation for a two-night stay. Arriving mid-afternoon, you'll have time to relax, unwind, and enjoy some personal time before the evening.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens, Cnr Broke And McDonalds Road, Pokolbin NSW, T 02 4998 2000

Kurri Kurri / Pokolbin Estate / Christmas Lights Spectacular Hunter Valley Gardens

After breakfast, you'll have the option to spend the morning at your leisure or join the planned activity on the luxury coach for a visit to the nearby country town of **Kurri Kurri**. Mid-morning meet your **guide** for a **Mural Tour**, in a town full of vibrant artwork and heart, showcasing its unique local character.

Next, visit **Pokolbin Estate Vineyard** for a wine and cheese pairing experience, where you can savor some of the Hunter Valley's finest produce.

The afternoon offers some time to relax at your own pace (lunch at your own expense). We arrive at the Christmas Lights Spectacular and Gardens in daylight to enjoy the heart of the Hunter Valley Blooms before the evening's highlight: the **Hunter Valley Christmas Lights Spectacular**. Enjoy a dazzling display of lights, followed by a festive **Christmas dinner feast** set in the gardens.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

Mercure Resort Hunter Valley Gardens

DAY NINE TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2026



Hunter Valley / Yarramalong Valley / Ettalong Beach

Leave the Hunter Valley and travel toward **Yarramalong Valley**, stopping for morning tea along the way.

Enjoy lunch at Angel Sussurri Restaurant and **Manor House**, then take some time to stroll around the township of **Yarramalong** and visit the historical Alison Homestead.

In the afternoon, you'll stop at the **Brisbane Water National Park** for afternoon tea and a short break out of the coach, before continuing your journey to the coast at Ettalong Beach.

DINNER Dinner RSL Services Club
OVERNIGHT Mantra Ettalong Beach,
53 The Esplanade Ettalong Beach, T 02 4344 8888



Hunter Valley

DAY ELEVEN THURSDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2026



Wagga Wagga / Home

Today, begin the journey home with a stop at the **RAAF BASE Wagga Wagga** to view the mural at the Heritage Centre, celebrating and recognizing the centenary of the Royal Australian Air Force.

Enjoy morning tea at the **Albury Botanical Gardens** and as you cross the border into Victoria, take a lunch stop (traveler's expense) before meeting our door-to-door complementary transfer drivers.

Relax on the final leg of your New South Wales Explorer Tour, reflecting on the many cherished moments of the journey, before being safely returned to your home.

DAY TEN WEDNESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2026



Ettalong to Wagga Wagga

As you leave the **Central Coast**, enjoy the changing scenery along the water views during your drive to Wagga Wagga.

Stop at **Parramatta Wharf** to meet your **guide, Sue**, and follow the footsteps of convict women on a tour of the Female Factory Sites—an informative and unique insight into the area's history.

Continuing on, stop in **Bowral** to enjoy the ever-flowering Jacarandas in November. Take some time to choose a spot for lunch and stretch your legs with a stroll down the charming streets.

Arrive in **Wagga Wagga** in the afternoon and settle in for a farewell dinner, reflecting on the majestic moments of your journey and the memories made along the way.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT Mercure Wagga Wagga
1 Morgan Street Wagga Wagga NSW, T 02 6939 7200

EXCLUSIONS

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 \$250 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance is due 45 days prior to departure. Cancellation fees will be levied as follows: Prior to 45 days of departure - Loss of deposit, 45 to 30 days prior 50% of total fare, 29 to 14 days prior to departure 75% of total fare, 14 days or less 100% total fare. Christians Travel 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 Christian's Travel. 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 - one medium size suitcase plus one carry bag per passenger - maximum combined weight, 20kg's. 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. No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

*Prices are based on twin share. Conditions apply.
Insurance is strongly recommended.

B = Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch

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AT = Afternoon Tea **D** = Dinner



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Additional information



Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

1. Easy
2. Active/Moderate

Relaxed pace tours – Level 1 fitness – Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

Tours with some mild physical activities – Level 2 fitness – Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand – mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the time of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.

Special Dietary Requirements

Please notify us of any dietary requirements at the time of booking.