

# Blue Mountains & Hawkesbury River Cruise 8 Day Fully Escorted Tour



OCTOBER 2025  
8 DAY PACKAGE  
**\$4,600**  
PER PERSON

## FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR

### Experience the Beautiful Blue Mountains

Highlights Include: Benalla Rose Garden, Street Art, Silos Tour, Red Stag Deer Emu Farm, Cowra Japanese Garden, Perennial Plants Emporium, Garden Curator of Orange, Mayfield Gardens Hillside Harvest, Mount Canobolas, Millthorpe, Katoomba, Govetts Leap Lookout, Mount Wilson, Nooroo Garden Mt Wilson, Leura, Three Sisters Skyway, Scenic World, and Seven Islands of Hawkesbury Cruise.

**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.

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SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT  
\$720 PP



DEPARTING:  
MONDAY 13  
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**DAY ONE** MONDAY 13 OCTOBER 2025



## Benalla Rose Garden / Street Art & Silo Art Tour / Red Stag Emu Farm / Albury

Embark on a luxurious journey through country Victoria as you depart your home on your luxury Christians Coach. Begin your day with a delightfully catered morning tea, setting the stage for a day of discovery and indulgence.

As you journey toward Benalla, prepare to be captivated by the first blooms of the season at the Local Rose Garden, where a catered lunch awaits amidst the fragrant blossoms.

Afterward, immerse yourself in the vibrant local culture with a guided talk and tour of the stunning street art and remarkable silo art installations.

Your afternoon brings a delightful pause at the Red Stag and Emu Farm, where you can savour world-renowned Devonshire Tea. Relish in the warmth and hospitality of your hosts, making this first day on tour a truly memorable experience.

As the day winds down, relax in the comfort of your coach as you make your way to Albury. Along the way, soak in the breathtaking views of the Victorian Snow Country, with the scents of springtime.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT** Quality Resort Siesta  
416 -422 Wagga Road Albury NSW 2641



Cowra Japanese Garden

**DAY THREE** WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER 2025



## Orange / Mayfield Garden / Private Garden Tour with the Garden Curator of Orange / Towac Valley / Mount Canobloas / Millthorpe / Country Food Trails / Katoomba, Blue Mountains

Start your day with a delicious Breakfast at Dunryleague, an elegant landmark nestled in the picturesque grounds of Orange. Your exploration begins with a stroll through a historic guest house and a drive through the town of Orange, where you'll uncover tales from the Gold Rush era and visit the birthplace of the legendary Banjo Paterson. Continue your journey through the spectacular Towac Valley, gaining insights into the diverse food produce cultivated in the region over the past century.

Following on from this, you can enjoy a guided farm tour at Hillside Harvest, specially tailored for our group to explore every aspect of fruit cultivation and its journey from paddock to plate – delight in this exclusive behind-the-scenes tour, followed by an oil tasting opportunity.

Indulge in a morning tea and a visit to a stunning private garden curated by Colleen Southwell. Celebrate the beauty of the natural environment and enjoy tea on her inviting verandah, followed by a scenic drive up Mount Canobloas for panoramic views over Orange.

After your morning with Pam from Country Food Trails, take a scenic drive to the heritage-listed town of Millthorpe. Embark on a heritage walk through its storied streets, where history whispers from every corner. Lunch will be at your own expense today.

In the afternoon just after lunch, we enjoy some time at Mayfield's Garden – the Hawkins Family estate. A spring festival of blooms and Tour Guide sighting stunning stonework sculptured Bridges and exploring gardens. We then travel through picturesque towns and landscapes as you make your way to the Blue Mountains. Your destination is the renowned Carrington Hotel in Katoomba, where you will unwind and relish the elegance of the Grand Dining Room over the next four nights.

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

**DAY TWO** TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2025



## Cowra Japanese Garden / Canowindra Perennial Plants / Orange

This morning, set off on a serene journey to the renowned Cowra Japanese Garden, stopping at the Perennial Plants Emporium in Canowindra. Designed by the renowned architect Ken Nakajima, the Cowra Japanese Garden transcends mere horticulture.

Relax and unwind amongst the lush landscape before enjoying a delicious lunch at the onsite café with the views and landscapes of the NSW canola fields ever present.

After Cowra, our luxury coach then takes us to the Perennial Plants Nursery and Café Emporium Garden Centre. For a stretch of the legs and an afternoon cuppa to enjoy the natural environment here.

Following this, you'll travel to your accommodation, where comfort and relaxation await.

**DINNER** Whitneys Restaurant in the Hotel  
**OVERNIGHT** The Remington Hotel Orange



**Blue Mountains Govetts Leap Lookout / Mount Wilson “Windy Ridge” Garden / Three Sisters / Township of Leura / Scenic World & Skyway**

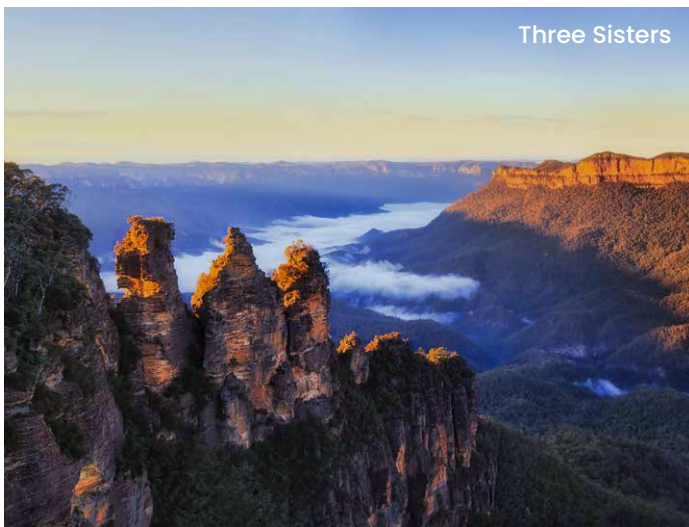
Begin your day’s adventure with a stop at Govetts Leap Lookout, where you can take in the sweeping vistas that stretch as far as the eye can see.

Following this, enjoy morning tea in the heritage-listed village of Leura. Here, you’ll have some free time to explore the picturesque township.

There will be time to get lunch (at your own expense) before visiting the famous Three Sisters, a landmark steeped in legend and natural beauty. Your journey continues to Scenic World to ride the steepest incline railway in the world. Feel the thrill as you descend through lush landscapes, and don’t miss the Skyway across the valley and return.

As the afternoon light casts its gentle glow over the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains, you’ll be enveloped in a landscape of majestic beauty and wonder.

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



Three Sisters



**River Boat Postman / Seven Islands of the Hawkesbury**

Our Morning Tea stops will vary through the tour as we drive through the landscapes. Today is no different and we find a perfect pitstop before embarking on a cruise and learn about the history of the Hawkesbury’s islands. Discover the tales of Lion Island, Dangar Island, Spectacle Island, Peat Island, Milson Island and Bar Island. As you cruise past Lower Hawkesbury’s secluded, water-access-only settlements, prepare to be mesmerised by the serene beauty surrounding you.

Your journey will lead you to the remarkable sight of the HMAS Parramatta, Australia’s first warship, here you will find out how this vessel ended up on the Hawkesbury River, lying at the foot of the spectacular sandstone Cliffs. This half-day tour includes a Ploughmans lunch, tea and coffee.

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

**Katoomba Blue Mountains / Train Zig Zag / Central Tablelands / Township of Lithgow**

After a leisurely breakfast at The Carrington Hotel Dining Room, where you are spoiled by old-fashioned charm, our journey today takes us through the Megalong Valley, Medlow Bath, Mount Vistorica Hartley Vale and onto the classically beautiful Township of Clarence.

Experience the magic of steam trains and and the breathtaking beauty of the Blue Mountains as you embark on Australia’s historic rail adventure. Step aboard the steam locomotive, established in 1869, and let the nostalgic charm transport you over the iconic Great Lithgow Zig Zag.

Following this ride, you’ll drive to the nearby township of Lithgow. Here, you can enjoy lunch (at your own expense) and take the opportunity to explore the township.

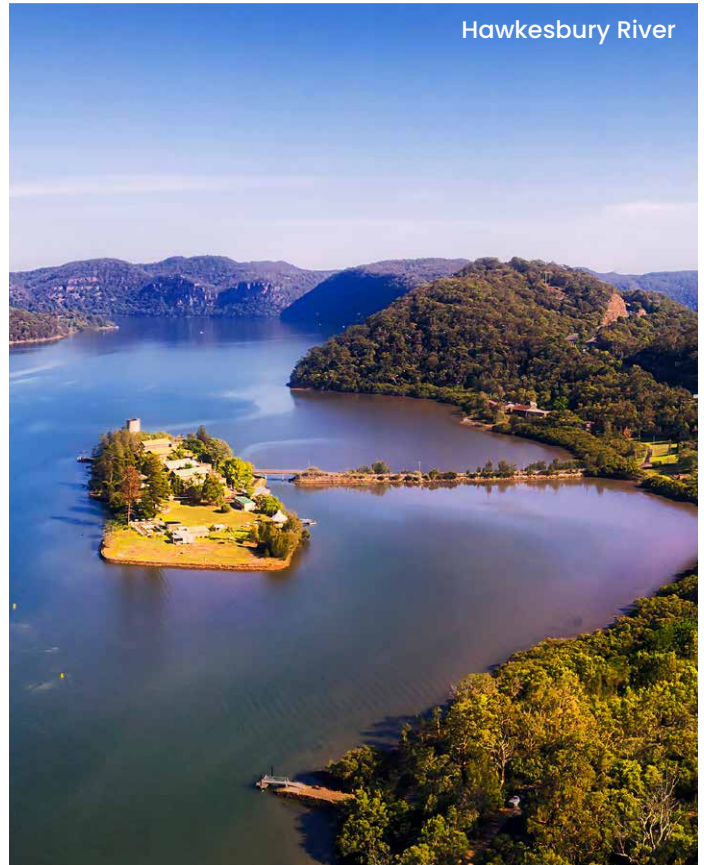
If time allows, your tour may include a visit to Mount Wilson Lookout on return to your accommodation, where you can unwind and refresh before savoring a delightful dinner in the Grand Dining Room.

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

**DAY SEVEN** SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER 2025



Hawkesbury River



## Katoomba Blue Mountains / Historic Hartley Village / Canowindra Historical Society/ Grenfell Silo / Wagga Wagga

We you leave the Blue Mountains today, prepare for a journey through history and countryside charm. Your first stop is the Historic Hartley Village, a small village consisting of several small buildings that seem to be frozen in time. Wander through its captivating 19th-century inn and courthouse, each a testament to the village's rich colonial architecture and heritage.

Continue onto Canowindra and enjoy a packed picnic lunch at the Canowindra Historical Society Museum, where you can relax and soak up the sunshine. After a relaxing lunch break, we continue onto Grenfell Museum Visitors Centre and Art Gallery with a stop at the majestic vibrant Grenfell Silo Art for some photo opportunities. We make pit stops along the way as we watch the Conola paddocks in full yellow pastures past our windows to reach the countryside destination of Wagga Wagga for our Farewell Dinner.

**DINNER & OVERNIGHT** Mercure Wagga Wagga

**DAY EIGHT** MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025



## Wagga Wagga / Albury Botanical Gardens / Home

We begin our journey home, stopping in Albury for morning tea at the Botanical Gardens. We then cross the Murray River and enter Vicotria, where we enjoy our last lunch together (at our own expense) before continuing our drive into Melbourne, where our door-to-door complimentary transfer drivers meet the main coach, and we begin transferring our Travelers to their Homes safely as part of our exceptional service.

### 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.**

#### KEY

- B** = Breakfast   **MT** = Morning Tea   **L** = Lunch
- 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 as 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.