

A Three-Day Escape - 2-4 December 2018

THE HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 3-DAY ESCAPE COACH TOUR

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Day 1: Sunday 2 December – Canberra & Queanbeyan, Gosford, Pokolbin

Inclusions: All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Lunch, Two-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner, Four-Star Accommodation

This morning, between 5.00am and 6.30am, most Canberra and Queanbeyan-based passengers will be collected from either outside or close to their homes, before departing for this exciting three-day break to the beautiful Hunter Valley. After leaving Canberra, you'll head to **Trapper's Bakery**, in **Goulburn**, where you'll have time to use the restrooms and enjoy some refreshments, before heading to McDonalds, on the M4 at Eastern Creek, for another rest stop, and where the Sydney-based passengers will join the tour. After departing Eastern Creek, you'll head straight to the **Mount Penang Gardens Christmas Fair**, on the **Central Coast**. This large outdoor Christmas Fair usually contains around 170 high quality stalls, offering a wide and diverse range of products and goods for sale, including clothing, shoes, jewellery, homewares, kitchenware, arts, crafts, leatherware, a huge variety of potential Christmas presents, and much, much more! After spending around 90 minutes at the Fair, you'll head to the **Central Coast Leagues Club**, where you'll enjoy a delicious **All-You-Can-Eat Buffet Lunch**. The cuisine choice is second to none! There are literally dozens and dozens of dishes to choose from! From Seafood to Roasts, Asian Cuisine to Italian temptations.... there's even a Japanese Sushi Bar! You'll be so impressed by the range of Desserts on offer, that you're sure to find it difficult to make your selections! After departing from the Club, you'll head straight to **Harrigan's**, in **Pokolbin**, where you'll check in to your lovely room for the next two nights. After having a couple of hours to relax and unpack, you'll make your way into the adjacent **Harrigan's Irish Pub**, where you'll sit down to a delicious **Two-Course Alternate Drop Dinner**. After being served Garlic Bread on arrival, for Main Course you'll be served either Beef & Guinness Pot Pie – a tender house-made Beef, Mushroom and Guinness Crock Pot with Flakey Puff Pastry, accompanied by Creamy Potato Mash and Broccolini, or Battered Fish & Chips – Battered Saltwater Barramundi Fillets, served with Chips and a Fresh Garden Salad. For Dessert, you'll be served either Lemon Curd Tart with Berries and Double Cream or Chocolate Mud Cake with Berries and Double Cream. Following Dinner, Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will be available.

Day 2: Monday 3 December 2018 – Pokolbin

Inclusions: Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Entry to Hunter Valley Gardens, Two-Course Lunch, Wine-Tasting at Tulloch Wines, Wine-Tasting at Lindeman's Winery, Two-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner, Entry to Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Display, Four-Star Accommodation

This morning, you'll make your way into **Harrigan's Irish Pub** between 7.00am and 8.15am, where you'll enjoy a **Full Cooked Buffet Breakfast**. Breakfast will consist of four Cereal choices, Fruit, Yoghurt, Breads, Croissants, Danishes, Muffins, Apple Juice, Orange Juice, Tea, Coffee, Bacon, Eggs, Mushrooms, Hash Browns and Sausages. At 8.50am, you'll board the coach for the 5-minute journey to **Hunter Valley Gardens**. This spectacular Garden is one of the most stunning private gardens in Australia. Spanning over 60 acres, you'll be amazed by the sensational sights, colours and fragrances of the ten stunning feature gardens. Explore each garden one-by-one, and enjoy an exciting journey through the thousands of flowers, trees and shrubs. Bask in the lavish array of colours and scents found in the Rose Garden, where there are more than 8,000 roses on display; laze above the 10 metre waterfall, and take in the superb views from the lookout; or step back in time with all your favourite fairytale characters in the Storybook Garden. Along the eight kilometres of walking paths are more than six thousand trees, one million ground covers and six hundred thousand shrubs. The floral display, featuring a variety of plants and statuary, is of a standard that you won't see elsewhere in Australia. If you'd prefer to be conveyed around the Gardens in a motorised Train, this service is available at a cost of \$7.00 per person. The tour is provided by the Gardens' experienced Visitor Services staff, and offers you the opportunity to enjoy a 35-minute continuous tour aboard the "HVG Express", complete with a full commentary. The Train Ride is an interesting and informative way to cover a large portion of the Gardens without too much physical effort! If you wish to take advantage of this service, you must advise Phillip or Karen at the time of booking on this tour. The \$7.00 cost for the ride is to be paid at the time of lodging the first payment for this tour. Following receipt of the Train Ride payment, your seat on the Train will be booked with the staff at the Gardens, and upon arrival at the Gardens, you'll be guided to the Train's boarding point. During your visit to the Gardens, be sure to make your way to the other side of the lake, to the **Hunter Valley Gardens Shopping Village**. Situated on a flowing stream, complete with fish ponds and footpath bridges, the Village contains a wonderful variety of interesting and intriguing shops. At 12.00pm, you are to make your way into the **Garden Terrace Restaurant**, where you'll sit down to a **Two-Course Lunch**, consisting of Gourmet Sandwiches and Wraps, followed by an alternate drop Dessert, consisting of either Pavlova or Cheesecake. Tea and Coffee will then be available. Following Lunch, you'll have two options available to you: Option No.1 - return to Harrigan's, where you can spend the afternoon relaxing, or Option No.2 - board the coach for an afternoon visiting two popular wineries, and a highly-regarded chocolate outlet. If you choose Option No.2 you'll head to **Lindeman's**, where you'll enjoy a wine-tasting. You'll then head down the road to **Tulloch Wines**, where, again, you'll enjoy a wine-tasting. This Cellar door not only offers a range of wines for sale, but also locally produced products such as Olive Oil, Jams, Sauces, Chutney, Chocolates, and more! Before returning to Harrigan's, you'll visit the fabulous **Hunter Valley Chocolate Company**. The Company continually strives for perfection, and uses only the finest Belgian couverture chocolate, together with Australian dried fruits and nuts. Distilled pure fruit oil is used for infusion, which results in a subtle but true flavour of the fruit. After completing your visit to this outlet, you'll return to Harrigan's at around 5.00pm, where you'll have time to relax and freshen up, before boarding the coach at 6.10pm for the short journey back to the **Garden Terrace Restaurant**, where you'll sit down to a large serve **Two-Course Alternate-Drop Christmas Dinner**. For Main Course, you'll be served either Traditional Roast Pork, with Crackling and house made Apple Sauce, accompanied by Honey Baked Pumpkin Pie, Roast Chat Potatoes, Steamed Green Vegetables & Rich Roasting Pan Gravy, or Traditional Oven Baked Turkey stuffed with Orange, Herbs and Pecans, accompanied by Honey Baked Pumpkin Pie, Roast Chat Potatoes, Steamed Green Vegetables & Rich Roasting Pan Gravy. For Dessert, you'll be served either Pavlova with Whipped Cream, Ice Cream, Fresh Berries, Passionfruit, and Gingerbread Crumble, or Sticky Date Pudding, with warm Caramel Sauce, fresh Berries, and Double Cream. Following dinner, you'll make your way into the Gardens, where you'll be treated to the **Christmas Lights Display** - one of the most breath-taking displays of lights and lighting effects in Australia! With over one million lights illuminating the Gardens, you're sure to be totally mesmerized! After strolling through the display, you'll have two departure time options to return to Harrigan's – 8.45pm or 9.30pm.

Day 3: Tuesday 4 December – Pokolbin, Nelson Bay, Westfield Tuggerah, Canberra & Queanbeyan

Inclusions: Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, 1.5-Hour Port Stephens Dolphin Watch Morning Tea Cruise

After enjoying a **Full Cooked Buffet Breakfast**, served between 6.45am and 8.00am, you'll depart from Harrigan's at around 8.30am to head straight to **Nelson Bay**. Upon arrival, you'll board the multi-level **Moonshadow V Supercat**. This vessel offers triple 360 degree viewing decks, an open sundeck, huge boom nets to allow you to enjoy a swim during the cruise, a waterslide, licensed bars, and underwater cameras to view the marine life at close range. After returning to the wharf at 12.00pm, you'll have around 1½ hours to stroll around the picturesque Nelson Bay Shopping Centre. At around 1.30pm, you'll depart from Nelson Bay to head to **Westfield Shopping Centre**, in Tuggerah, where you'll have around an hour to enjoy some refreshments and stroll through some of the nearly 250 shops in the Centre. At around 4.15pm, you'll depart from Tuggerah to head to McDonalds, at Eastern Creek, for a 30-minute rest stop, before returning home to Canberra and Queanbeyan between 9.45pm and 11.00pm.

SUNDAY 2 DECEMBER - TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2018

CONVENIENT DEPARTURE POINTS IN YOUR AREA

TOUR PRICE: SINGLE - \$965.00 PP TWIN SHARE/DOUBLE - \$795.00 PP TRIPLE SHARE - \$755.00 PP

(INCLUDING GST)

INCLUDES LUXURY COACH TRAVEL, ALL-YOU-CAN EAT BUFFET LUNCH (SUNDAY), TWO-COURSE ALTERNATE DROP DINNER (SUNDAY) 4-STAR ACCOMMODATION (SUNDAY), FULL COOKED BUFFET BREAKFAST (MONDAY), ENTRY TO HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS (MONDAY), TWO-COURSE LUNCH (MONDAY), WINE-TASTING AT LINDEMAN'S WINERY (MONDAY), WINE-TASTING AT TULLOCH WINES (MONDAY) TWO-COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER (MONDAY), ENTRY TO CHRISTMAS LIGHTS DISPLAY (MONDAY), 4-STAR ACCOMMODATION (MONDAY), FULL COOKED BUFFET BREAKFAST (TUESDAY), 1.5-HOUR PORT STEPHENS DOLPHIN WATCH MORNING TEA CRUISE (TUESDAY)

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CALL PHILLIP OR KAREN

ON

4868 2263 OR 0438 682 263

TOUR DETAILS CONTINUE OVERLEAF

BOOKING & PAYMENT PROCEDURE

POSSIBLE DEPARTURE POINTS

MOST PASSENGERS LIVING IN CANBERRA AND QUEANBEYAN WILL BE COLLECTED FROM EITHER OUTSIDE OR CLOSE TO THEIR HOME. IF YOU DECIDE TO BOOK ON THE TOUR, PLEASE CALL US TO DISCUSS WHERE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BOARD THE COACH TO JOIN THIS TOUR. THE DEPARTURE TIMES WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED DEPARTURE POINTS, BUT THEY WILL BE BETWEEN 5.00AM AND 6.30AM

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS FOR THIS TOUR

DUE TO THE FACT THAT OUR RECENT HOLIDAYS HAVE EITHER BEEN FULLY BOOKED, OR CLOSE TO BEING FULLY BOOKED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BOOK EARLY FOR THIS TOUR. THERE ARE ONLY 45 SEATS AVAILABLE!

THIS TOUR HAS ALSO BEEN OFFERED TO RESIDENTS ON OUR MAIL-OUT LIST IN SYDNEY AND THE LOWER BLUE MOUNTAINS YOU WILL NOTE THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS TOUR. THESE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS ARE DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO FORWARD A SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSIT TO FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS TOUR.

1. **Ring to book your seat by Friday 7 September, 2018.** If, when you ring to book, the tour is already full, your booking will be placed on a standby list to await any cancellations.
2. **A deposit of \$300.00 per person must be received by Friday 21 September 2018.**

PAYMENT METHODS

- Cheque
- Money Order
- Bank Transfer
- Visa or Mastercard - PLEASE NOTE: Credit Card payments attract a 1.85% processing fee.

To pay the required deposit and the final tour payment by credit card, please call 4868 2263.

To pay the required deposit and the final tour payment by bank transfer, please call 4868 2263 to obtain our bank account details.

To pay the required deposit and the final tour payment by cheque or money order, please make the cheque or money order payable to **Out & About Day Tours**, and address your envelope to:

**OUT & ABOUT DAY TOURS
PO BOX 369
MOSS VALE NSW 2577**

2. **The balance owing for each passenger must be received by Friday 9 November, 2018.**
3. If you pay the required deposit and the balance owing by cheque or money order, **please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with each of your payments** to enable the post of a receipt for each of the payments.
4. If you pay the required deposit and the balance owing by cheque or money order, **enclose a list of all the names and required departure points** of any passengers that you have included in your booking.

**A RECEIPT FOR THE DEPOSIT PAYMENT WILL BE POSTED OUT TO YOU BY FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER 2018.
A RECEIPT FOR THE FINAL TOUR PAYMENT WILL BE POSTED OUT TO ARRIVE TO YOU ABOUT FIVE DAYS
PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF THE TOUR**

BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS - APPLICABLE TO ALL PERSONS WHO BOOK ON AND PAY TO TRAVEL ON THIS TOUR

If a person has paid the required deposit of \$300.00, and the person cancels their booking between Friday the 21st of September, 2018, and Friday the 9th of November, 2018, the person will only be eligible for a refund of \$150.00. The remaining \$150.00 will be retained by the aforementioned facilities.

If a person cancels their booking after Friday the 9th of November, 2018, the required deposit will not be refunded.

After Friday the 9th of November, 2018, all money paid will be deemed totally non-refundable.

If a person cancels their booking on this tour for whatever reason, any payments made by the person for this tour cannot be transferred to another tour.

Money will not be refunded to any person who cancels their booking or who is unable to travel on the tour after Friday the 9th of November, 2018, for whatever reason.

If you are concerned about losing money paid for this tour, due to having to cancel your booking, or for being unable to travel on the tour, for whatever reason, Out & About Day Tours recommends for you to take out travel insurance.

Travel Insurance companies such as Cover-More (Phone: 1300 728 822) and One Cover (Phone: 1300 192 021) may offer travel insurance for tours such as this. The cost of travel insurance normally ranges between \$50.00 to \$200.00, depending on the passenger's age, health conditions, and required length of cover.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours) reserves the right to cancel this tour if an insufficient number of passenger bookings are received. In the event of this occurring, passengers will be notified of this decision by either mail or telephone.

Should this occur, all fares remitted by passengers will be fully refunded within seven (7) days of the tour being cancelled.

Whilst Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, there is no acceptance for any liability for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control.

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Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees reserves the right to alter or omit any part of the tour itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances, or in the event of inclement weather or environmental conditions.

Any changes to the itinerary will be decided by the tour organiser in consultation with the Coach Driver, either prior to, or on the day of the tour.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees or any associated agents or party shall not in any circumstances be held liable for any property loss or damage, or personal injury.

Menu choices, itineraries and other components of this tour may change due to circumstances beyond the control of Out & About Day Tours.

If this should occur, passengers will be advised of any changes.

By booking on this tour, it is deemed that you unreservedly agree with the Booking Terms & Conditions as set out above.