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## GREAT WAYS TO SAVE

### PAST GUEST SAVINGS

Past guests save \$200 per person on all tours if booked at least two months prior to departure.

### TRAVEL WITH FRIENDS & SAVE

Book and travel in a group of 5 or more of your favourite people and you will each receive \$200 per person off the tour price.

### SECOND TOUR DISCOUNT

Book two or more of our tours at the same time and receive \$200 per person off your second tour price.

## G'DAY AND WELCOME ABOARD

We hope you'll join us on board our private *Aurora Australis* train for an adventure in Regional NSW.

You'll probably remember the Southern Aurora overnight sleeping train which ran from 1962-1986. We've bought 16 carriages from this famous train, and have restored 11 of them back to operation, so that you can enjoy the comfort of travelling in them once again.

Across our three different rail tours, you'll see some of NSW's best scenery, as we primarily

travel during daylight hours. You'll enjoy meeting the locals on river cruises, at museums and gardens. You'll hear about innovations from farmers and producers. You'll love the guidance provided by our Off-train Guest Attendants and coach drivers.

You'll enjoy hearty meals in our dining carriage prepared by our onboard chef, Scott Dowling from Orange, NSW. He uses local produce wherever he can.

The decor in your compartment is straight out of the 1960's, and you'll find the service from your

guest attendant to be just like flying Business Class.

We're sure you'll have a great holiday, all while supporting regional small business. You'll also be making a real contribution to the preservation of this iconic train, and helping Railway Societies to preserve our heritage.

Regards,

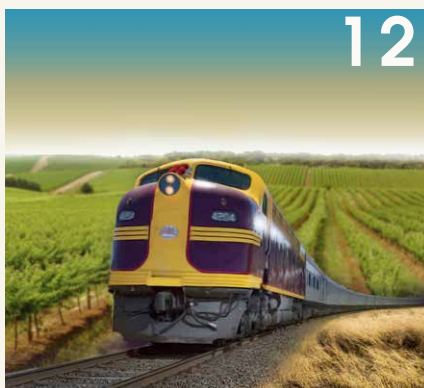
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& Danielle Smith**

*Train Owners & Directors*  
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## ..... IN THIS BROCHURE YOU WILL FIND



**GOLDEN WEST RAIL TOUR**



**RIVERINA RAIL TOUR**



**NORTH COAST RAIL TOUR**



# COMBINED RAIL TOUR MAP



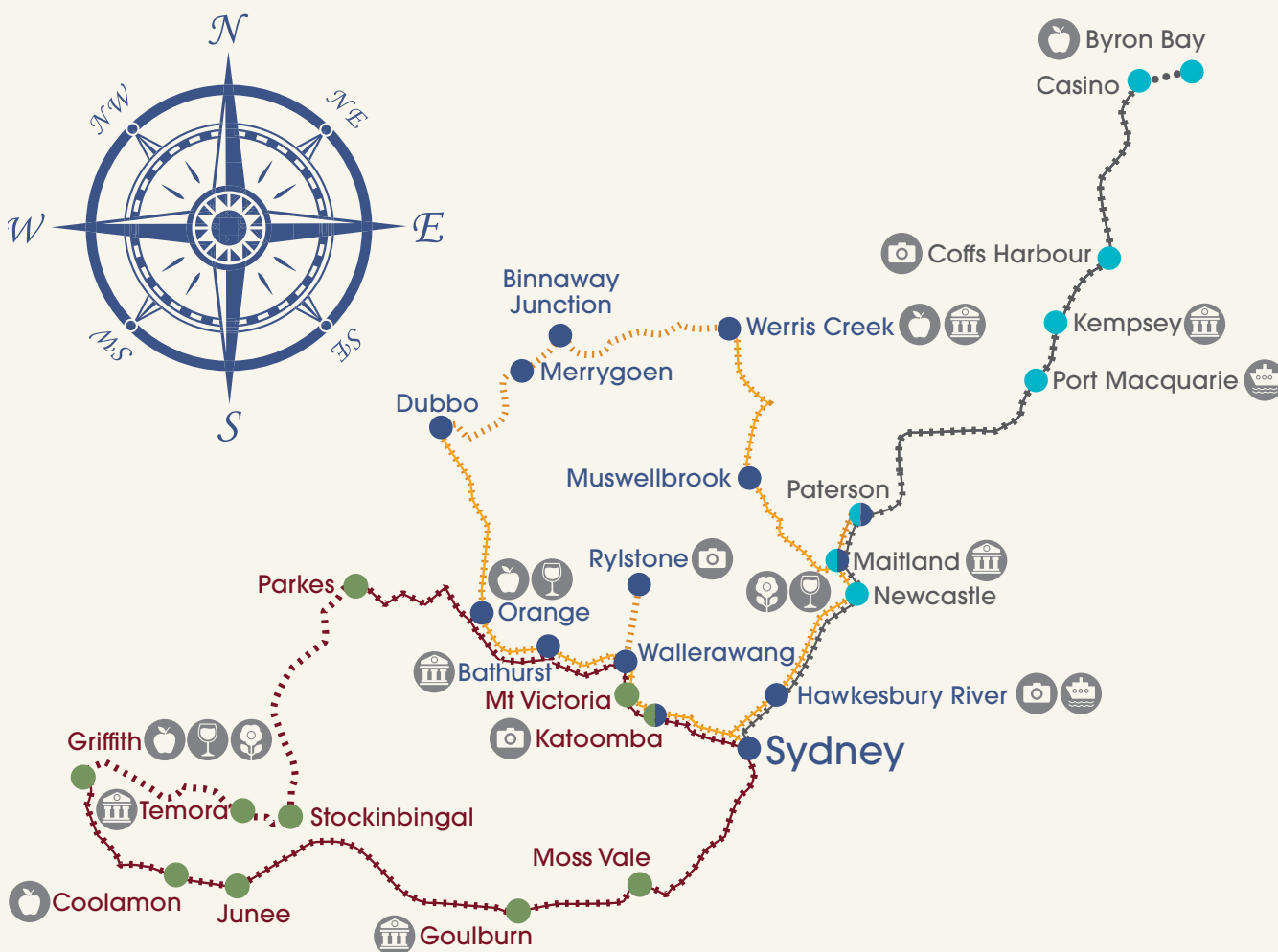
Piccolo Family Farm, Griffith  
Img: Destination NSW



Abercrombie House, Bathurst  
Img: Destination NSW



Hastings River, Port Douglas  
Img: Destination NSW



## LEGEND

- Golden West Rail Tour
- Riverina Rail Tour
- North Coast Rail Tour
- Freight line
- Coach
- Breathtaking scenery

- Meet the producers
- Taste wine
- Experience history
- Visit gardens
- Take a river cruise



Coolamon Cheese, Coolamon  
Img: Destination NSW



# YOUR CARRIAGE AWAITS YOU!

Vintage Rail Journeys is proud to share our passion for Australian railway history. We have lovingly restored these carriages to their original condition. This is first class 1960's style, and we hope you love the experience.

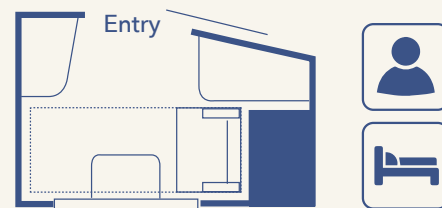
Rail travel really is the most relaxed way to enjoy Australia. Whether you are watching the scenery roll by from the comfort of your private compartment, or taking a short walk to the lounge and dining carriages to enjoy the company of other guests. Our itineraries are designed so that most of our travel is during daylight hours, and we are stabled for most of the night.

Your carriage will have a dedicated Guest Attendant who will be on hand to assist, answer your questions or make you a cuppa.



## TWINETTE COMPARTMENTS

- Twinette compartments accommodate 2 guests, or you can pay a supplement to have sole occupancy of a twinette compartment.
- By day you have a 3 seat lounge.
- By night, you have upper and lower bunks (one member of your party will need to be able to climb the ladder to the top bunk).
- You have your own ensuite, complete with the original fold down hand basin and fold down toilet.



## ROOMETTE (SOLO) COMPARTMENTS

- We love to have solo guests, and there is no single supplement for our Roomette (solo) compartments.
- Each roomette compartment has a Day Lounge, a foot rest, a fold down washbasin and mirror.
- By night, your compartment converts to a cosy bed.
- Roomy, shared bathrooms are available at either end of the Roomette (solo) carriages.



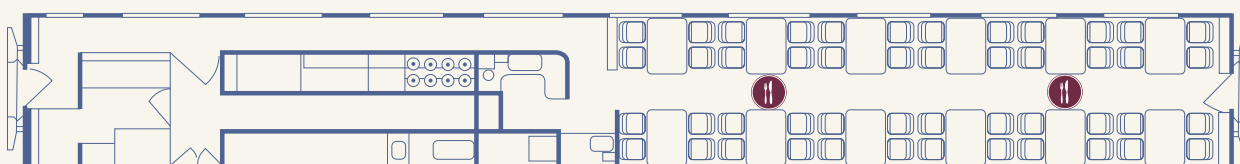
## LOUNGE CARRIAGE

- Join us in the Lounge Carriage where tea/coffee, soft drinks and juices are included in your tour price. The bar on the *Aurora Australis* is licensed to sell alcoholic drinks which are at a modest additional cost. As we are licenced, you can't consume your own alcohol onboard.

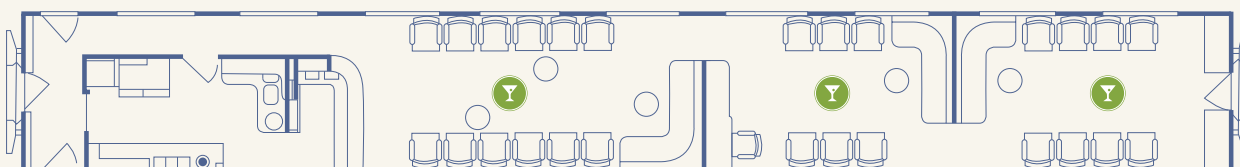
## DINING CARRIAGE

- Our chef, Scottie from Orange, NSW freshly prepares hearty meals in our original ex-Southern Aurora Dining Carriage.

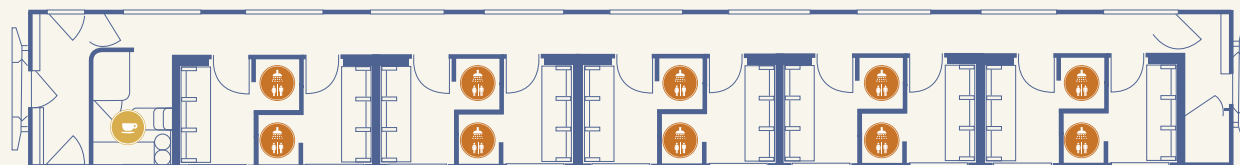
### DINING CARRIAGE



### LOUNGE CARRIAGE



### TWINETTE CARRIAGE



### ROOMETTE (SOLO) CARRIAGE



- Dining
- Bar
- Galley
- Shower & Toilet
- Toilet
- Shower

## LUGGAGE

- Your compartment is compact, so anything bigger than carry-on luggage will be a squeeze. Each guest's suitcase should be 56cm high x 36cm wide x 23cm deep. A Garment Bag is also a good idea, as there is hanging space in all compartments.
- Large luggage can be stored in our luggage van, however you won't be able to access it during the tour.





# GOLDEN WEST RAIL TOUR

Our original and most popular rail tour - we enjoy the dramatic sandstone cliffs of the great dividing range at the beginning and end of our journey, the vineyards of the Hunter Valley and Orange, and we have the rare opportunity to travel on freight only lines across the Liverpool Plains from Werris Creek on the way to Orange. A real treat is the spectacular scenery in the Capertee Valley on the way to Rylstone.

## 5 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS

### Commences:

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### Concludes:

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## PRICING (GST INCLUSIVE)

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### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- A 'Riverboat Postman' cruise on the Hawkesbury River
- The Hunter Valley
- The Liverpool Plains
- Abercrombie House, Bathurst
- Rylstone and the Capertee Valley



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

For available dates, please contact Chris or Tammy on 1300 421 422 or visit [www.vintagerailjourneys.com.au](http://www.vintagerailjourneys.com.au).





Brisbane Water  
Img: Destination NSW



Hawkesbury River



## DAY 1

### SYDNEY - THE HAWKESBURY - PATERSON

#### (L) (D) SUNDAY

Your Golden West adventure starts at **Sydney's Central Station**. Once on board, you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining carriages, or your private compartment while we travel to the spectacular **Hawkesbury River**. You'll then take a short walk to board the famous 'Riverboat Postman' for a lunch cruise.

When you rejoin our train, you'll enjoy views from the train which we think are some of the best in

Australia. You'll see the whole length of the train as we round curves and the line traces the waters edge at **Mullet Creek**. The waterside theme is continued after we go through **Woy Woy Tunnel** and alongside **Brisbane Water**. We skirt around **Newcastle** and on to **Maitland** in the **Hunter Valley**. The train will be stable for the night at **Paterson Rail Motor Society**.

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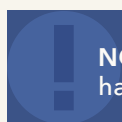
## DAY 2

### HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS AND VINEYARDS - WERRIS CREEK

#### **B** **D** MONDAY

Today you will be visiting the **Hunter Valley**, and we have three choices of off-train experiences for you.

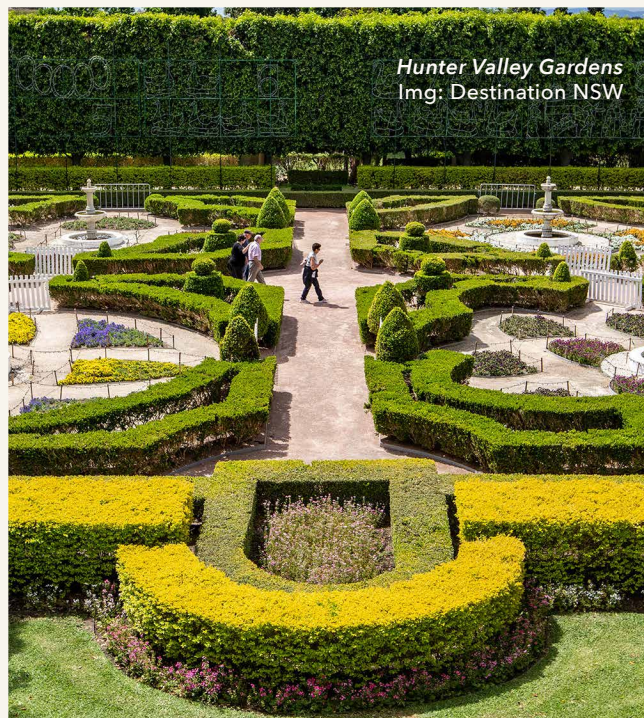
- **HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS AND THE VILLAGE**  
Visit the 10 amazingly themed gardens with influences from all over the world. You will then have a choice of staying at the Gardens for longer, or walk or take the coach to the nearby **Hunter Valley Gardens Shopping Village** with its unique collection of boutique retailers promoting the best local produce, artistic talent, contemporary cafe dining and cellar door wine tasting; or
- **HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS AND AUDREY WILKINSON WINES**  
After viewing the gardens, board a coach to visit this winery established in 1866, set on top of a hill with spectacular views overlooking the vineyards. You will enjoy a guided wine tasting; or
- **MARGAN WINES**  
Travel by coach to **Broke** (this option does NOT visit the **Hunter Valley Gardens**). Walk down the garden path through the kitchen garden, then past the olives and vineyards into the winery for a guided, behind the scenes tour. Learn how the single vineyard and sustainably farmed wines are made from vine to glass in this award winning winery.



**NOTE:** To choose this option you must have good mobility.

The coach will return you to **Branxton Station** where we will board our train, travelling the remainder of the **Hunter Valley**, and on through **Ardglen Tunnel** to **Werris Creek**. Dinner will be served on-board the train at **Werris Creek Station**, where we will be stabled for the night.

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## DAY 3

### WERRIS CREEK - BINNAWAY JUNCTION - ORANGE

#### **B** **L** **D** TUESDAY

Enjoy breakfast on board the train, and take the opportunity to visit the **Werris Creek Railway Journeys Museum**, which the volunteers will open especially for you.

You'll then board coaches to meet with locals and gain a greater understanding of the **Liverpool Plains**, which boasts some of the best and most productive agricultural land in the country - it is our national food-bowl. We'll spend the rest of the day travelling along the freight only line from **Werris Creek**, arriving at **Binnaway Junction** by mid-afternoon. At **Binnaway Junction**, you will have the opportunity to watch the locomotives go past the carriages while we change direction.

From **Binnaway Junction** we travel past **Dubbo**. Dinner will be served on-board the train on our way to **Orange Railway Yard**, where we will be stabled for the night.

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## DAY 4

### ORANGE - BATHURST - RYLSTONE

#### (B) (L) (D) WEDNESDAY

We'll board coaches early this morning to enjoy breakfast hosted by Paula and Allen Charnock at **Hillside Harvest**. This is a third generation family run orchard, and the family has been growing fruit in the rich volcanic soils of **Mount Canobolas** since their first orchard was established in 1947. Their 75 acre property proudly yields many varieties of cherries, apples, pears, stone fruit and berries. After breakfast the coach will take you on a coach tour around **Orange** on the way to rejoin the train.

Our train will take you from **Orange Railway Yard** to **Bathurst Railway Station**.

A coach will then take you to **Abercrombie House**, an outstanding example of Victorian Tudor style architecture, built by the Stewart family in the 1870's. The Morgan family purchased the house in 1969, have made major restorations and currently live in the house. Lunch will be provided at **Abercrombie House**. After lunch, the Coach will take you to **Bathurst Railway Station** to rejoin the train.

We will then have the rare opportunity to ride the closed **Gwabegar** line from **Wallerawang**, up the **Capertee Valley**, the world's widest canyon. The valley offers truly spectacular views and is credited as being one of the best railway journeys to be had anywhere. Enjoy Dinner on the train as we approach **Rylstone** where we will stable for the night.

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**Abercrombie House.**  
Img: Destination NSW



**Paula Charnock,**  
**Hillside Harvest owner.**  
Img: Destination NSW

## DAY 5

### RYLSTONE - SYDNEY

#### (B) (L) THURSDAY

Enjoy breakfast on board the train. We'll then board coaches to explore **Rylstone** and surrounds. The district was settled in the 1820's, making it one of the oldest settlements west of the **Great Dividing Range**. **Rylstone's** streetscape features 19th century sandstone public houses, cottages and government buildings. You'll enjoy a visit to either **Rylstone Olive Press** to see how cold pressed olive oil is made; or visit **Kandos Museum** to learn about the town's industrial heritage including the production of cement that built the **Sydney Harbour Bridge**.

We'll then reboard the train in time for lunch, as we travel back up the stunning **Gwabegar** line and cross the **Great Dividing Range** to **Wallerawang**. At **Lithgow** we'll travel through the 10 tunnels that replaced the **Lithgow Zig-Zag**, then cross the **Darling Causeway** on the way to **Katoomba**.

You will have the option of departing the tour at **Katoomba** if you wish to spend a couple of days in the **Blue Mountains** (additional cost) before making your own way home.

We will again board the train for our return to **Central Station**. You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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# RIVERINA RAIL TOUR

The second adventure that we designed is our Riverina Rail Tour heading south from Sydney into the heart of Australia's 'food bowl'. You'll receive a warm welcome from the communities of the Riverina, and learn a lot about the produce that they grow, some of their challenges and innovations. You will also travel on some rail lines which don't have scheduled passenger services, making this a real adventure.

## 5 DAYS AND 4 NIGHTS

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Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre  
Img: Destination NSW

### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Historic Goulburn
- Coolamon Cheese Factory
- Piccolo Farm
- Emeri De Bortoli's Private Garden
- Bundawarra Centre
- Blue Mountains



Breakfast



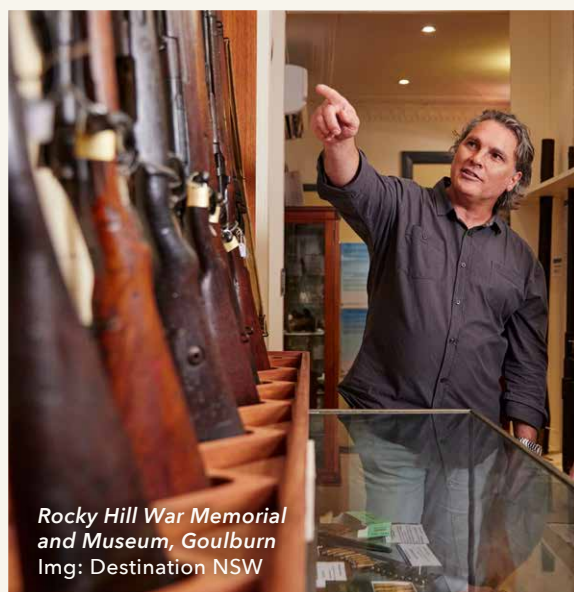
Lunch



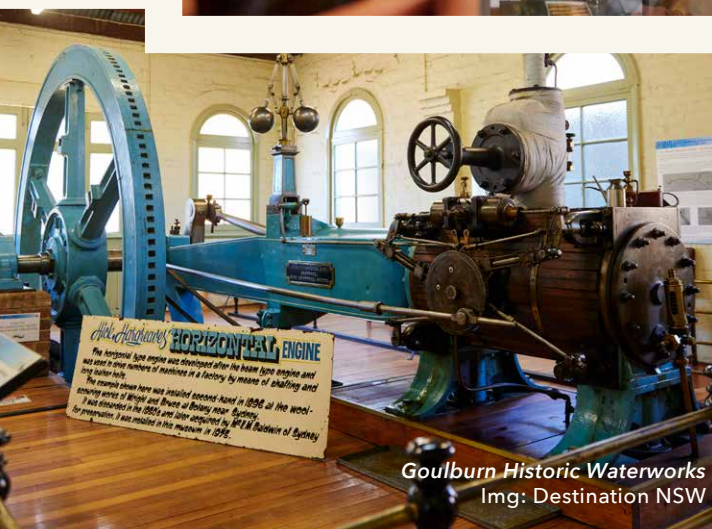
Dinner

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Rocky Hill War Memorial and Museum, Goulburn  
Img: Destination NSW



Goulburn Historic Waterworks  
Img: Destination NSW

## DAY 1

### SYDNEY - GOULBURN

#### Ⓛ ⓓ SUNDAY

Your Riverina adventure starts at **Sydney's Central Station**. Once on board the *Aurora Australis*, you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining carriages, or your private compartment while we travel along the Main South Line to **Goulburn**.

Lunch will be served onboard the train today as we travel to **Goulburn**, where you will explore the sights and historic offerings of Australia's oldest inland city. Off-train experiences include the **Goulburn Locomotive Roundhouse** (Vintage Rail Journeys' restoration base); **Rocky Hill War Memorial**; and the **Goulburn Historic Waterworks Museum**.

Dinner will be served on-board the train at **Goulburn Railway Station** where we will be stabled for the night.

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## DAY 2

### COOLAMON - GRIFFITH

#### (B) (D) MONDAY

Enjoy breakfast on board as we leave **Goulburn** and continue along the Main South Line. We pass many interesting villages and towns today as we travel through the Canola Trail, so keep an eye out for the many grain silos adjacent to the rail line. Today we spend time in **Coolamon**, stopping at the **Coolamon Railway Station** dated 1881. **Coolamon** is named after the Wiradjuri word for a vessel carrying goods, children and water, "Gullaman" and this little town offers us a warm welcome.

Flanked by the Train Station at one end of the street and the Fire Station at the other, we have developed an afternoon experience of ambling the beautifully preserved heritage main street of **Coolamon**. A stop at the **Coolamon Cheese Factory** is a must for anyone who likes cheese or is interested in the cheese making process. The **Up-To-Date Store**, built in 1909 plays host to a variety of museum displays and collections. A stroll through this heritage listed building will bring back memories for some and offer interesting stories for others. The **Coolamon Fire Museum** hosts a truly amazing private collection of fire fighting equipment, uniforms and memorabilia. Along with heritage museums and buildings, the main street contains many local shops, restaurants and cafes, making this afternoon an unforgettable experience for all.

We will return to **Coolamon Railway Station** where we will travel by train along the **Yanco to Griffith** Line. Dinner will be served on-board the train at **Murrumbidgee Grain Siding**, where we will be stabled for the night in the serenity of the Australian bush.

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## DAY 3

### GRIFFITH - TEMORA

#### (B) (D) TUESDAY

We'll board coaches early this morning to enjoy breakfast at **Piccolo Family Farm** in **Griffith**. Peter & Luke will explain their sustainable farming practices before you enjoy breakfast in their new 'cellar door'.

You'll then choose from three optional off-train experiences:

- **CALABRIA FAMILY WINE**

Board a coach to take you to the **Calabria Family Wine Cellar Door**, where you will have a delightful time tasting Calabria's fine wine, with an accompanying small cheese plate. The coach will then take you to '**Banna Avenue**' where you can enjoy the remainder of the afternoon.

- **DE BORTOLI WINE AND IL CAMPO GARDEN**

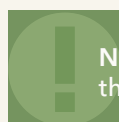
Emeri De Bortoli has transformed a 14 acre plot into a beautifully landscaped memorial garden dedicated to her late husband Deen. Guests take a stroll through the garden as well as experience a wine tasting at the **De Bortoli Cellar Door** just across the road.

The coach will then take you to '**Banna Avenue**' where you can enjoy the remainder of the afternoon.

- **MORELLA GROVE AND WHITTON MALT HOUSE**

Established by the Dal Bon family, Natasha and her Dad, Frank are passionate about their produce and guests will experience a farm visit to **Morella Grove**.

Frank will tell the story of the farm, the water efficient practices and the many processes the olives go through. You'll then continue on to **Whitton Malt House**, where you will have a guided tour of the **Southern Cotton Gin**. After your tour you can purchase lunch from the **Whitton Malt House Cafe** (extra cost).



**NOTE:** You will need good mobility as there is a flight of stairs into the Gin.

Coaches will then take you to **Yenda Grain Siding** to re-board the train where we will travel on the freight only **Lake Cargellico** Line. Dinner will be served on-board the train at **Temora Grain Siding**, where we will be stabled for the night.

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# DAY 4

## TEMORA - ORANGE

### (B) (L) (D) WEDNESDAY

Breakfast this morning is on board the **Aurora Australis** before experiencing **Temora**. Today you can choose one of two **Temora** tours:

- **BUNDAWARRAH CENTRE**

The coach will take you to the **Bundawarra Centre** which houses the **Temora Rural Museum**. Spend the morning experiencing the history of the region including a cottage of hardwood slabs that was Sir Donald Bradman's first home, a one room public school, bush church, country dance hall, printery, flour mill and ambulance station. The **Ambulance Museum** includes ambulance vehicles and conveyances dating back to 1897 and originating from throughout Australia, including NSW, ACT and Victoria.

- **TEMORA AVIATION MUSEUM**

The coach will take you to the **Temora Aviation Museum** which was built on the site of the biggest and longest lasting **RAAF Elementary Flying Training School** during World War II. Spend the morning in the three main exhibit buildings, the Museum which is in the original 10 EFTS Guardhouse; the second exhibition area, located in the **Engineering Hangar** overlooking the aircraft which are currently in maintenance; and the **Display Hangar** which houses the new exhibitions area along with the aircraft.

Coaches will return you to **Temora Station** where lunch will be served in the Dining Carriage as we travel on freight only lines via **Stockinbingal**. There are many freight trains to pass on this single track line, and we are likely to experience substantial delays. Dinner will be served on-board the train as we travel through **Parkes** and onto the **Broken Hill** line to **Orange Rail Yard** at an unknown time (!) where we will be stabled for the night.

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Temora Ambulance Museum  
Img: Destination NSW

# DAY 5

## ORANGE - BLUE MOUNTAINS - SYDNEY

### (B) THURSDAY

Enjoy breakfast as we travel from **Orange** and towards the **Great Dividing Range**. On through **Lithgow** and through the 10 tunnels that replaced the **Lithgow Zig-Zag**, then cross the **Darling Causeway** on the way to **Mount Victoria**.

Stopping at **Mount Victoria**, you will depart the train and board your Blue Mountains Explorer Bus to see the vibrant **Blue Mountains** villages on a guided coach tour. Walk out to the edge at **Echo Point**, see the majestic **Three Sisters**, check the waterfalls and the vibrant villages. Take a 'Scenic World' ride (optional extra - tickets may be bought on the train).

Lunch is at your own arrangements in the picturesque **Blue Mountains** villages.

This afternoon we board the train for our return to **Central Station**. You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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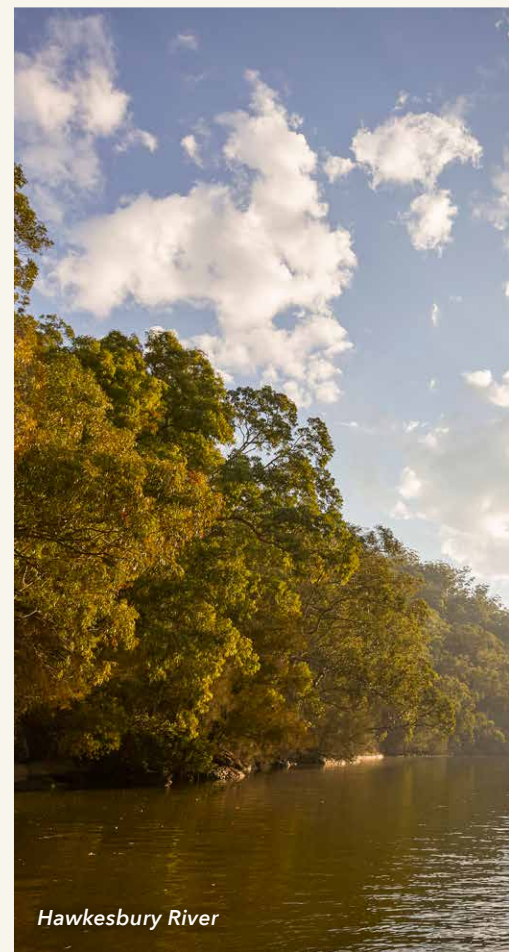
Temora Aviation Museum  
Img: Destination NSW

Three Sisters, Blue Mountains





## NORTH COAST RAIL TOUR



Hawkesbury River

The newest of our tours, the North Coast Rail Tour is fast becoming one of our favourites. Every day there is a different view of the NSW coastline. Our guests have told us that they saw the North Coast in a way they never have before.

You'll discover the beautiful **Hastings River** at **Port Macquarie**, the breathtaking hinterland rainforest and eclectic community of the **Northern Rivers** region, the crystal clear creeks and uncrowded surf beaches of the **Macleay Valley Coast**, and the history and heritage of **Maitland & Morpeth**.

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#### HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- North Coast Rail Line
- Hastings River Dolphin Spotting Cruise
- Meet producers on their farms
- Slim Dusty Museum
- Arakoon National Park
- Trial Bay Gaol
- Historic Maitland & Morpeth



Breakfast



Lunch



Dinner

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Illalung Park, Morpeth  
Img: Destination NSW



Trial Bay Gaol  
Img: Destination NSW

## DAY 1

### CENTRAL STATION, SYDNEY – KEMPSEY

#### Ⓛ ⓓ SUNDAY

Your North Coast adventure starts at **Central Station, Sydney** at approximately 9:30am. Welcome aboard the *Aurora Australis* where you can choose to sit in the lounge or dining carriages, or your private compartment.

Today we'll spend all day on the train. We'll travel over the spectacular **Hawkesbury River**, alongside **Mullet Creek** and through the 'Venice of Australia' to **Brisbane Water**. We skirt around **Newcastle** and on to **Maitland** in the **Hunter Valley**, where we turn right to join the meandering North Coast Line.

At **Gloucester**, the North Coast Line starts to follow the **Gloucester River**, continuing the enjoyment of travelling beside the water. The **Gloucester River** joins the **Manning River** and we follow it through **Taree** and on to **Kempsey** on the **Macleay River**, where we will stable at a nearby siding for the night.

Lunch and Dinner will be served on board the train in the Dining Carriage today.

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Cape Byron Lighthouse, Byron Bay  
Img: Destination NSW



Zentveld's Coffee  
Farm and Roastery  
Img: Destination NSW



## DAY 2

### KEMPSEY - PORT MACQUARIE - CASINO

#### (B) (L) (D) MONDAY

Enjoy breakfast on board the *Aurora Australis* before boarding coaches to explore **Port Macquarie**.

We'll take a scenic lunch cruise of the tranquil waters of **Port Macquarie**, with the possibility of seeing dolphins, turtles, osprey and sea eagles. Enjoy the peaceful rural landscapes and abundant wildlife on the **Hastings River**.

We'll return to the train after lunch, as we continue up the North Coast Line. We will be travelling for around five hours through fascinating scenery. We will be inland for a while before turning to the coast again and travelling along the water, past **Sawtell** and through **Coffs Harbour**. We then head inland again, traversing curves following the **Orana River**, as the line climbs through banana plantations. You will enjoy dinner on our way to **Casino**, where we will stable at a nearby siding for the night.

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## DAY 3

### CASINO - NORTHERN RIVERS - KEMPSEY

#### (B) (D) TUESDAY

Enjoy breakfast on board the *Aurora Australis* before boarding coaches to explore the **Northern Rivers Region**, known for its natural attractions and eclectic community.

While in the region, you have the option of visiting **Zentveld's Coffee Plantation and Roastery** which will see you walking through the plantation and seeing the coffee being grown, watching as the team roast the beans and tasting their Australian coffee creations. You'll also visit **Duck Creek Macadamia Nuts**, who have built a reputation as a producer of Australia's finest Macadamia Products. Alternatively, visit **Cape Byron Lighthouse & Maritime Museum**.

Lunch today is at your own choice and cost.

Your coaches will return you to the train and we will then head south travelling inland for a while before turning towards the coast and travelling along the water through **Coffs Harbour**, past **Sawtell** and on to **Kempsey** where we will stable at a nearby siding for the night.

Dinner will be served on-board the train this evening.

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## DAY 4

### KEMPSEY – PATERSON

#### (B) (L) (D) WEDNESDAY

Enjoy breakfast on board the train before boarding coaches to enjoy a scenic drive to the **Arakoon National Park** and the **South West Rocks** area. National Parks in this area have the best vantage points to see whales during their annual migration (from May to November). Guests will walk through the **Trial Bay Gaol**, an open air museum which captures the history of the area.

Alternatively, visit the **Kempsey Museum**, where you can experience First Nations history, boot making, timber industry, military history, natural history, dairy industry, shipping, historical vehicles to name just a few subjects touched on in the collections, displays and historic artefacts. You can also spend time in the **Dunghutti-Ngaku Aboriginal Art Gallery**, the gallery showcases and markets works of prominent, established and emerging Aboriginal artists of the **Dunghutti** region and **Mid North Coast** area.

We will then visit the **Slim Dusty Centre**, an innovative museum dedicated to Australia's Cultural Icons, Slim Dusty and Joy McKean. The museum honours the positive impact on rural and regional Australia by these two amazing people. You will also enjoy lunch at the **Slim Dusty Centre**.

Your coaches will return you to our train where we will continue South along the North Coast Railway line to **The Rail Motor Society, Paterson** where we will be stabling for the night. The rolling hills of this prime dairy country are really shown to best effect as sunset approaches.

Dinner will be served on-board the train this evening.

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Morpeth Heritage Walk  
Img: Destination NSW



Slim Dusty Museum

## DAY 4

### PATERSON - CENTRAL STATION, SYDNEY

#### (B) THURSDAY

Enjoy breakfast on board the *Aurora Australis* at **The Rail Motor Society, Paterson**.

Today we will discover **Maitland** where you will spend time at the 1870 built **Grossmann House**, restored by the National Trust in the 1960's and the **Maitland Regional Art Gallery**.

Then discover **Morpeth**, an historic inland river port alongside the **Hunter River**. A visit to **Morpeth** is a real journey through time. Visit the narrow laneways, walk along sandstone footpaths and into heritage buildings where you'll discover unique shopping, artisan treasures and delightful treats.

Lunch is at your own choice and cost today.

At **Maitland** we will board the train for the last time, as we travel back past **Brisbane Water** and the **Hawkesbury River**, concluding your rail journey at **Central Station, Sydney** at approximately 8:00pm.

You will have had a truly memorable Vintage Rail Journey!

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Trial Bay Gaol, South West Rocks  
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# INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

## HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION

Phone Chris or Tammy at Vintage Rail Journeys on **1300 421 422** to make your reservation. You will be asked to complete and send in a booking form (10% deposit required). Late bookings will be accepted subject to availability.

Full payment is due 90 days prior to tour departure as per the booking form. Cancellation charges are detailed on the booking form.

## JOINING AND DEPARTING THE TOUR

All tours commence and terminate at **Sydney Central Railway Station**. Approximately 10 days prior to departure you will receive a welcome letter confirming the tour departure time and any information specific to the tour on which you are travelling.

## FITNESS & MOBILITY



Our tour does not require a special level of fitness, however you must have a good level of mobility. Heritage trains are not designed to accommodate wheelchair bound or walker reliant passengers. If booking a twinette room, 1 member of your party will need to be able to climb a ladder up to and down from the top bunk. You will need to be able to embark and disembark trains, coaches and other methods of transportation without assistance, handle your own luggage, walk moderate distances, stand comfortably and climb steps and stairs.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we work and tour. We recognise their continued custodianship and connection to the land, waters and community. We pay our respects to them and their Elders past and present.

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