

New Year Tour 2020



Sunday 29th December 2019

Pick up Holiday Makers from the Grand concourse, Sydney Central (9:30am) and Everton Road, Strathfield (10:00am) and head towards the Southern Highlands, before stopping for lunch (own expense). After lunch, we travel through to Canberra. We continue on the Monaro Highway through places like Michelago, Bredbo, Bunyan and on to Cooma in time for a delicious dinner.



Sydney to Cooma



Monday 30th December 2019

Bombala

Today we travel to the picturesque town of Bombala, its diverse natural environment is inspiring – with treeless plains, rolling pastures and dense native forests, intersected by a network of rivers and streams. Here we will see Lavender House with fascinating range of lavender products and the historic machinery and engine shed. We'll enjoy afternoon tea at Delegate Early Settlers Hut. We return to the motel for another delicious meal.



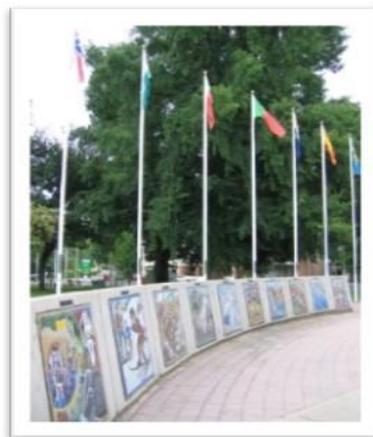
Tuesday 31st December 2019

Cooma Local Day

The Snowy Mountains Hydro-Electric Scheme is one of the engineering wonders of the modern world, it is a symbol of Australian endeavour at its best. We will visit the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre which has an informative audio visual display. The state of the art visitor facility showcasing the amazing story of the Snowy Mountains Scheme, from the early construction days to the role the Scheme plays today in the development of Australia.

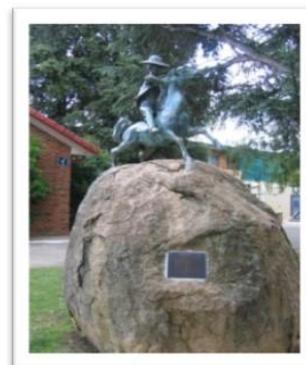


We then venture down town to the local lock up, the Cooma Correctional Centre museum; this is a delightful presentation bringing you up to date with one of the oldest government departments, along with the early settlers



and their exploits in Australia. Informative guides take us through the fascinating displays at the Cooma Gaol Museum, unveiling devious plots and intrigue through the nation's penal history.

Then it's time to roam the shops and view our flags of many nations, a tribute to those who worked on the Snowy Scheme and the pictorial mosaics depicting our local regional history.



Wednesday 1st January 2020 *New Year Day Murray 2 Power Station*

Today we visit Murray 2 Power Station. The construction of the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric Scheme is a well documented part of our nation's history and a great example of Aussie innovation and ingenuity. The cornerstone of is the mighty Snowy Mountains Scheme - the 4100MW hydro generation power plant located in Australia's Snowy Mountains region. Snowy Hydro operates under a stringent water licence that allows them to capture, store and divert water in order to generate electricity. That water is then released into the River Murray and Murrumbidgee River systems to be used by irrigators and downstream water suppliers.



Thursday 2nd January 2020 **Nimmitabel**



Today we travel from the Mountains to the Sea. Our first stop is Nimmitabel, the name means 'dividing of the waters' - so described because the rainfall to the south of the village flows on to the Snowy River and rainfall to the north flows to the Murrumbidgee River. Look for the elephant along the main street. We go down Brown Mountains to Pipers Lookout which on a clear day offers spellbinding views over the Bemboka escarpment and Bega Valley.

We will pass a quaint village called Bemboka. We then visit the township of Tathra, a coastal town rich in history and traditions of the sea.

Friday 3rd January 2020

Cooma to Sydney

Our last delicious hot breakfast and a chance to soak in the view before we load up the bus, bid the friendly staff goodbye and pass some national icons of Canberra then continuing on our way back to Sydney.

All Tour itineraries are subject to change without notice

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