

STUARTS COACHES

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A 5 Day F.O.O.D Tour to Orange April 2018

(Program is available late January 2018)

The shires of Orange, Cabonne and Blayney are known as 'The Food Basket' of NSW and each year F.O.O.D. Week (Food Of Orange District) supports local produce and 'fine food' with an annual event held over 10 days - in April showcasing the producers, their products, the local chefs and restaurants, and other enterprises that provide the region with its great reputation for fine food and wine.

Meet those who grow such the produce, the chefs, caterers and cooks who create extraordinary dishes for our dining pleasure from it and everyone else who works in the food and hospitality industries. These people are overwhelmingly passionate about what they do and thankfully, for all of us, they are equally passionate about sharing what they do! Visiting Orange during the F.O.O.D Festival guarantees us an entertaining and gastronomically exciting time that we won't forget!

Day 1 (LD): Home to Orange – Wednesday 11 April 2018

Departing Stuarts Depot at 7.00am.

Welcome to our tour taking advantage of the activities surrounding the **F.O.O.D. Festival** in Orange. Orange is a substantial and sophisticated rural service centre which lies at the heart of some of the richest and most beautiful agricultural land in the whole of New South Wales. Sit back and enjoy the drive as we head via Goulburn to Millthorpe where on arrival we enjoy lunch at the **Millthorpe Golden Memories Museum**. Millthorpe was known as Spring Grove until 1884 and still retains all of its charm of yesteryear. The museum has fascinating history of pioneering days, gold discovery and mining displays and a huge collection of farm machinery. The Good Templars Hall houses many treasures . Victorian and Edwardian pieces as well as a pistol and fossicking pick belonging to John Lister. We continue through to Orange, on arrival we travel to **Lake Canobolas** and to the top of **Mount Canobolas** for panoramic views of the surrounding region. Mt Canobolas, an extinct volcano encircled by a nature reserve rich in native fauna, is the highest point between the Blue Mountains and the Indian Ocean - the view is superb. We check into our motel and settle in for dinner. *(Lunch at Millthorpe Golden Memories Museum and dinner in hotel)*

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Day 2 (BLD): F.O.O.D Festival – Thursday 12 April 2018

Our day will be filled with events from the glorious event program of the **F.O.O.D. Festival**. Firstly we make our way to **CCC Artists @ The Barracks** where we visit some of the region's most dedicated and contemporary artists to view their work and studios. Professional and emerging artists working in an historic railway building will have us enthralled at their creativity. Our next stop is also our lunch venue at **Racine's Restaurant**. Willa and Shaun are committed to giving diners an amazing experience, good food, good wine and good service that creates a flavour of the region. Racine offers the full Orange experience of vineyard, views and amazing food. It will be a fabulous afternoon. Returning to Orange we visit **Trunkey Creek**, a local producer of bacon, kransky and chorizo. *(Breakfast and dinner in motel, Lunch Racine Restaurant)*

Day 3 (BL): Orange and Molong – Friday 13 April 2018

Following breakfast we meet our local guide for a tour of the township discovering some of the yarns of yesteryear. Speaking of yarns, we are off to **Molong** to the **Molong Yarn Market** where we view the famous tapestry created by the people of Molong and district, as their contribution to the bi-centenary. We enjoy lunch at **Jayes Café** before looking through the wonderful Gallery and sculpture garden. Tonight we visit the F.O.O.D week night market, there will be over 50 stalls representing the Orange region's food providers. We have time to relax and purchase dinner from the many food options available. This is a perfect end to our day. (*Breakfast in the Motel, Lunch Jayes Café, dinner own cost and arrangements*)

Day 4 (BLD): Canowindra – Saturday 14 April 2018

This morning we head to **Canowindra**, a small town which was held up by the infamous Bushranger Ben Hall! Situated on the Lachlan River, Canowindra's curving main street has a number of interesting old buildings dating back to the 1800s. While in Canowindra this morning we visit the **Age of Fishes Museum** home to some very rare and important fish fossils, which palaeontologists date to 360 million years ago. They are a significant find linking fish to the first amphibians; we enjoy a talk by one of the local volunteers as well as viewing a video. We spend some time at the **Trading Post** wandering through the two floors of antiques and homewares. Last stop this afternoon is **The Canowindra Historical Museum** depicting the development of Canowindra from the 1840s frontier township on the Belubula River to its growth as a rural centre. Horse drawn vehicles, vintage farm machinery, textiles, household memorabilia and an authentic slab hut recall the pioneering days. A special lunch is booked in for today which I know you will all enjoy! Canowindra also describes itself as 'The Balloon Capital of Australia' as more flights are said to take place here annually than anywhere else in Australia but we will have to visit again to experience this! (*Breakfast and dinner in the Motel, mystery lunch at Canowindra*)

Day 5 (BL): Orange to Home – Sunday 15 April 2018

Sadly our touring is coming to an end. We farewell our hosts and head from home via the beautiful **Blue Mountains** where we have arranged lunch at **Gardners Inn**. After all the inspiration of the weekend, what will we cook for dinner tonight? (*Breakfast in the Motel, Lunch at Gardners Inn*)

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.

Deposits Due upon booking \$300 per person. Full payment due 1st March 2018

Booking Conditions

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- Less than 7 days prior to departure, 100% of tour price.

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