



Wednesday 30 October 2019 – Monday 04 November 2019

Day 1 (LD): HOME TO GRAFTON

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Departing Nowra at **6.00am** this morning we head north through the Illawarra with pick-ups along the way at Berry, Albion Park, Figtree and Fairy Meadow. We stop along the way for comfort stops plus lunch. Today is a long travel day and we arrive in Grafton with time to freshen up before dinner. (*Lunch en route, dinner in motel*)

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Day 2 (BLD): GRAFTON

Thursday 31 October 2019

Grafton is situated on the broad Clarence River, surrounded by river flats. The city itself is a gracious, historic city famous for its jacaranda trees, originally planted in the 1870s by a local seed merchant. We are joined on the coach by a **local specialist** who will give us a sightseeing **tour** of the town. Next we head to Junction Hill to visit **Lanbruk's Gunyah**. Here we will be taken on a **tour** through the Olive grove, before a delicious homemade **lunch**. We have the opportunity to browse through the gift shop to admire local handicrafts and, of course, pick up a supply of the organic olive oils produced here. There is even a museum housing the fully restored and still running, 1926 Chevy Utility. We step back in time to a bygone era with our visit to **Schaeffer House**, now home to the Clarence River Historical Society, the oldest historical society in the country. Built from 1901 to 1903, the homestead was built by the son of a pioneer German family, Mr Frederick Schaeffer, who was the town's first architect. We return to our motel to relax prior to dinner. (*Breakfast and dinner in motel, lunch at Lanbruk's Gunyah*)

Day 3 (BLD): LOCAL TOURING**Friday 01 November 2019**

Today we follow the Clarence River north through to **Maclean**, known as the Scottish town and noted for its historical buildings. There is time here to drop by the Clarence Coast Visitor Information Centre and browse in the **Ferry Park Gallery**, showcasing many local artisans quality work. A little further on is **Tullymorgan** where we visit the **Glen Ian Ostrich & Emu Farm**. We are treated to an insight of these giant birds, in addition to the incubation process and chicks. The farm is also home to Alpacas and goats – not to mention numerous other bird varieties. Whilst here, we also enjoy **lunch**. We head back to Grafton to have a relaxed afternoon before an early dinner. Tonight is the **Venetian Carnival***, part of the Jacaranda Festival set on the banks of the Clarence River where the skies light up with **Fireworks***. (*Breakfast and dinner in motel, lunch at Farm*)

Day 4 (BD): JACARANDA FESTIVAL**Saturday 02 November 2018**

Breakfast this morning at the motel before we have a leisure day! The day is yours to mosey through the markets selling local wares and locally sourced produce. You can choose to hop onto the shuttle service that takes you around the private gardens to view the beautiful Jacaranda trees. This evening we watch as Grafton's CBD comes awash with a riot of colour and sound for the annual **Float Procession** down the main street. What a day! We return to the motel for a slightly later dinner. (*Breakfast and dinner in motel, lunch at own cost*)

** the program for the 2019 Jacaranda Festival has not been released yet. Therefore events cannot be guaranteed over these dates until this information is released. We will then advise so that the itinerary can be updated with the correct events over these dates.*

Day 5 (BLD): GRAFTON TO NEWCASTLE**Sunday 03 November 2018**

We farewell our hosts today and make our way to **Port Macquarie** where we enjoy a **lunch** stop at **Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries**, boasting five varieties of hydroponic strawberries, with over 30,000 plants growing in their greenhouse. It will be an interesting visit especially if you enjoy delicious fresh produce. This afternoon we continue down the coast passing the Myall Lakes to Newcastle. Dinner tonight at the motel (*Breakfast and dinner in motel, lunch at Ricardoes*)

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Day 6 (BL): NEWCASTLE TO HOME**Monday 04 November 2018**

After a leisurely breakfast we make our way to the harbour where we board our morning tea cruise taking in the sights and activities of Newcastle's working Harbour and the lower Hunter River. What a great way to finish our touring. Relaxing back on the coach we head for home stopping along the way for lunch. We arrive late afternoon completing our fabulous 6 day tour to Grafton and the Jacaranda Festival. (*Breakfast in motel, lunch en route*)

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Balance by 15th September 2019
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