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2019

29th May	Nan Tien Temple
12th Jun	Mystery Trip
18th - 24th Jun	Ballina Tour
22nd Jun	Sydney Quilt Show
10th Jul	Christmas in July the Fiddler
24th Jul	Legends of Doo Wop
5th Aug	Huge Jackman Show - Qudos Bank Arena Syd
7th Aug	Muriel's Wedding – Lyric Theatre - <i>Waitlist</i>
15th Aug	The Story of Steel
16th Aug	Canberra Craft & Quilt Fair
21st Aug	West Side Story – Opera House - <i>Waitlist</i>
29th Aug	Mystery Trip
2nd - 9th Sep	Lightning Ridge 8 day tour
18th - 24th Sep	Toowoomba Flower Festival 7 day tour
25th Sep	Chicago – Capital Theatre
26th Sep	Tulip Top Southern Highlands
30th Sep - 9th Oct	Goldfield and Grampians 10 day tour
2nd Oct	Floriade
16th Oct	Chicago – Capital Theatre
19th Oct	The Royal Edinburgh Tattoo - ANZ Stadium - <i>Waitlist</i>
23rd Oct	The Castle, Robertson
30th Oct - 4th Nov	Jacaranda Festival, Grafton 6 day tour
6th Nov	Billy Elliot
8th - 25th Nov	New Zealand 18 day fully escorted tour
27th Nov	School of Rock – Capital Theatre
3rd - 4th Dec	Hunter Valley Garden Christmas Lights 2 day tour
7th - 9 Dec	Young Cherry Festival 3 day tour
12th Dec	Christmas Lunch
31st Dec - 1st Jan	New Year's Eve Cruise 2 day tour

2020

22nd - 26th Jan	Tamworth Country Music Festival 5 day tour
Date TBA Feb	Lord Howe Island 7 day tour
16th - 26th Mar	The Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island 11 day tour
16th - 20th Apr	Tumut & Festival of Falling Leaf 5 day tour
4th - 8th May	Albury & North East Victoria 5 day tour
Date TBA Jul	Sunshine Coast & Gold Coast 11 day tour
14th - 18th Sep	Port Stephens & Nelson Bay 5 day tour
12th - 17th Oct	Griffith Gardens and the Riverina 6 day tour

For more information please ring our office !!!

Dear Member,

They say time flies when you are having fun! I must be having lots of fun, as the past seven months have flown by since I started working here. I have been lucky enough to meet so many of you on our day trips, and the extended tours.

Just in case I have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet, here is a little bit about me. I emigrated here from Cardiff South Wales UK over 20 years ago, with my husband and two small children. They are not so small now, and have both left home, so we are empty nesters. We came out here on a working holiday in 1989, and fell in love with Australia, and decided to apply to emigrate to call Australia home. We left all our family, friends and jobs to give our children a better way of life. My son Jamie is a maths teacher in Coonabarabran, and my daughter Ceri (this is the Welsh way to spell "Kerry") is studying animal studies at Tafe and volunteers at Symbio Zoo. My husband Simon works in Wollongong and Nowra Tafe. I am really

enjoying my job here, and look forward to all the amazing places we plan to visit. Watch this space to see where your travels may take you on your next adventure.

Regards Trisha

If you would like an itinerary for any of our upcoming tours please call the office or visit our website.

Thank you again to all our Hoppers for your continued support of the "Travel Club". If you have any suggestions, comments or feedback on our services please drop by the office, call us on 4421 0332 or email us at enquiry@stuartcoaches.com.au

Happy reading! Our next booklet will be in your letterboxes at the end of this year. Can you please let us know if you do not want any photos taken of you while touring and day tripping uploaded onto our social media face book page. Thank you.

DAY TOURS 2019



NAN TIEN TEMPLE. Wednesday 29th May

Located in a quiet, peaceful environment overlooking Mount Keira and Mount Kembla, Nan Tien Temple has now been recognised as a wonderful place to visit. In 1990, the Mayor of Wollongong had the support of council members to build this Buddhist temple. The ground breaking ceremony took place on the 28th November 1992. This project took 5 years planning, and 2 years construction. We have arranged a very informative tour led by a highly trained tour guide, followed by a cultural activity of origami - this is the art of paper folding for those who would like to participate. We will then enjoy an authentic vegetarian lunch, and learn about Buddhism in the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere.

The tour offers a unique visual experience of the buildings, statues, shrines and beautiful gardens of the Nan Tien Temple. It will also provide an insight into Chinese culture and the beliefs and practices of Humanistic Buddhism.

Cost : \$60 pp

Includes : Coach, morning tea, attraction and lunch

Departs : Depot 8:30am, SoA 8:35am, BMI 8:40am, Berry 8:50am, Albion Park 9:20am

THIS IS A MYSTERY TOUR. Wednesday 12th June

Today is a Mystery, so only the driver will know where we will end up and he is sworn to secrecy! There is some walking involved for the day and you must wear covered shoes (i.e. not sandals or thongs). All bags must be left in the lockable cupboards provided. Please bring only the essentials as space is limited.

Cost : \$95 pp

Includes : Coach, morning tea, attraction and Lunch

Departs : Depot 6:00am, SoA 6:05am, BMI 6:10am, Berry 6:20am, Albion Park 6:50am, and Figtree 7:05am



SYDNEY QUILT SHOW. Saturday 22nd June

Always a popular and fun day, the Sydney Quilt Show is being held in the International Convention Centre at Darling Harbour. With the best of Australian Quilts on display – over 400 of them, plus Historical Fashion displays, workshops, embroidery, card making and 100's of craft idea's on offer, you can literally shop till you drop today. Head off in your own little world or spend a day with a friend browsing the show together – either way you will have a great day.

Cost : \$70pp

Includes : Coach, ticket to show

Departs : Depot 6.30am, SoA 6.35am, BMI 6.40am, Berry 6.50am, Albion Park 7.20am

LEGENDS OF DOO WOP. Wednesday 24th July

Today we head to The Joan Theatre in Penrith for an award-winning trio show: The Lion's Den with special guest Belinda Marks. This will be a toe-tapping event. After the show we will head to St Marys RSL for lunch.

Cost : \$99 pp

Includes : Coach, morning tea, attraction and lunch

Departs : Depot 6:45am, SoA 6:50am, BMI 6:55am, Berry 7:05am, Albion Park 7:35am, and Figtree 7:50am



THE STORY OF STEEL. Thursday 15th August

Looking for something different? Then this is a day not to be missed! Why not book onto our three-hour coach guided tour of the Port Kembla Steelworks Industry and Port tour. This guided tour of the gigantic Port Kembla Steelworks offers an up close and personal sensory experience of the largest and most dynamic concentration of heavy industry in Australia. This unique tour brings together heritage, culture, safety, environment and education. Most people know the steelworks at Port Kembla is a big place, but it's not until you really start paying attention to it that you realise just how big it really is. Enjoy an all you can eat luncheon at Julianna's. You must wear long trousers or slacks and flat, enclosed shoes.

Cost : \$75 pp

Includes : Coach, morning tea, attraction and lunch

Departs : Depot 7:30am, SoA 7:35am, BMI 7:40am, Berry 7:50am, Albion Park 8:20am.



CANBERRA QUILT SHOW. Friday 16th August

For those that like a smaller country quilt show, then today is for you. The Canberra Quilt Show is more of a country fair than its big city cousins, but with just as much punch! Workshops, patch working displays, latest craft ideas and much more is on offer. The Canberra Quilt Exhibition is also on display. This may be where you find that little hidden treasure for your latest craft project.

Cost : \$65 pp

Includes : Coach, morning tea, ticket

Departs : Depot 7.00am, SoA 7.05am, BMI 7.10am

THIS IS A MYSTERY TOUR. Thursday 29th August

Don't miss this fun-filled day! Which way will we go? You can ask the driver, but he won't give you any clues, except to say that we will turn right out of the driveway, from there it is anyone's guess. You will need to bring a hat and flat shoes. Minimum walking required.

Cost : \$125 pp

Includes : Coach, morning tea, attraction and lunch

Departs : Depot 7:30am, SoA 7:35am, BMI 7:40am, Berry 7:50am, Albion Park 8:20am.



TULIP TOP SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS. Thursday 26th Sept

Everyone loves gardens, our day starts by visiting the Red Cow Farm - this is a unique, cool climate garden set on 2.5 Hectares in the picturesque rural village of Sutton Forest. From there we travel to Corbett Garden to see the array of lovely Tulips on display, where you can also purchase lunch. Our next stop is Milton Park which is a renowned garden designed by the English school of Landscape. It remains the only work undertaken outside of Europe. Many of the trees here remain the oldest of their species outside of Europe. They include Oaks, Elms, Beeches and many more. In fact, the three giant Weeping Beeches on the lawn to the North of the house are the oldest in Australia, and 30 years older than similar specimens in Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens.

Cost : \$75 pp

Includes : Coach, Morning tea, Entry to gardens. Lunch at own expense.

Departs : Depot 7:30am, BMI 7:40am, Kangaroo Valley 8:00am

FLORIADE. Wednesday 2nd October

Celebrate as spring time arrives and we are blessed with the beautiful blooms of tulips. It started as a one off festival to celebrate the Bicentennial of Australia, but it was so well received that it was decided to keep this festival going on an annual basis. With over 1 million bulbs planted, it is truly stunning to wander around Commonwealth Park on the foreshore of Lake Burley Griffin. This is Canberra's most loved festival and everybody is invited.

Cost : \$55 pp

Includes : Coach, morning tea,

Departs : Depot 7:00am, SoA 7:05am, BMI 7:10am



OVERSEAS TOURS

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18 DAY DISCOVER NORTH AND SOUTH NEW ZEALAND TOUR. 8th - 25th NOVEMBER 2019

If you have seen New Zealand by a cruise boat, then this magical tour taking in both North and South Islands of New Zealand is going to blow you away. For 18 days we are escorted around New Zealand with an experienced Coach Captain who will enlighten us about the Maori culture, New Zealand Heritage and everything in between. We arrive on the North Island and spend a couple of days relaxing at the beautiful Bay of Islands, before heading down to Rotorua for a swim in the hot pools and some Maori culture. Crossing over to the East Coast we spend a night at the Art Deco town of Napier, before heading into Wellington. After a short ferry ride over to the South Island, we head around the island and down the west coast from Christchurch to Glazier country, Queenstown and Milford Sound, which is dominated by the grandeur of Mitre Peak and Bowen Falls. Dunedin, Omarama and Christchurch finishes off this exciting 18 days. You have the option for a Chopper Flight onto Fox or Franz Joseph Glacier or Mount Hutt – all three are magnificent. You will be amazed what this country has to offer and its beautiful scenery. No one is ever disappointed with this holiday.

Costs : \$7,150 pp. Twin Share, \$9,100 Single Supp

Included : Accommodation 17 nights 17 breakfasts, 14 dinners, admission costs as per Itinerary, transfers to /from Sydney Airport from Nowra, taxes. Passport is required for New Zealand. Insurance is recommended.

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised.

EXTENDED TOURS IN AUSTRALIA



BALLINA. 18th – 24th June

What better place to visit this time of year! Beat the cold as we head north for our 7 day tour. First stop is the Central Coast for lunch at the Sanctuary Café, set in tranquil bushland and gardens, this café is part of the Ken Duncan Photographic Gallery, we bypass Newcastle, and have our first night in Forster. Continuing north we stop at Forest Sky Pier. This is located 310 metres above Coffs Harbour with amazing views. We can then look forward to 4 nights at Ballina. We visit the pretty village of Bangalow, travel to Byron Bay Lighthouse and take a short walk towards the point.

Ever wondered about Tea Tree Oil? Find out all about it while we visit the fascinating Thursday Plantation. We will have Grandstand seats to see some fantastic Lanterns at the Lismore Lantern Parade. After fine views of the coastline, we spend a night at Port Macquarie before travelling back home.

Cost : \$1960 pp twin share, \$2495 S/S

Departs : Depot 7:00am, SOA 7:05am, BMI 7:10am, Berry 7:20am, Albion Park 7:50am, and Figtree 8:05 am

Included : Coach Transfer, 6 nights acc, 6 B/fast, 5 Dinner's, 6 lunches.

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised

LIGHTNING RIDGE DUBBO & MUDGEES. 2nd – 9th Sept

Opals, I hear you say? Join us for this 8 day tour. Firstly, spend 2 nights in Dubbo, visiting Taronga Western Plains Zoo, then head to Dundullimal Homestead. In Lightning Ridge, a local tour guide will tell us a tale or two, and get to view an open cut mine, see Bore Baths and Coopers Cottage, also visit Amigos Castle, which is a must-see place that was built by one man. A visit to the pub in the Scrub, The Glengarry Hilton and Sheeppark Flats. Spend two nights in Mudgee, where a local guide will give us all the information that we need to know about the town. Head home via the Blue Mountains after what will be a memorable holiday (with hopefully an opal or two!).

Cost : \$2455 pp Twin Share, \$2995 S/S

Includes : Coach Transfer, 7 nights acc, 7 B/fast, 7 Dinner's, 7 lunches.

Departs : Depot 7:00am, SoA 7:05am, BMI 7:10am, Berry 7:20am, Albion Park, 7:50am, Figtree 8:10am

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised



TOOWOOMBA CARNIVAL OF FLOWERS. 18TH – 24th Sept

Spring into action and join us on a fabulous 7 day tour. The tour features the Carnival of flowers festival and street parade, this is not to be missed if you're a budding gardener. Staying at Port Macquarie for 1 night, then Toowoomba for 4 nights. Included is a visit to Pullmans Garden Centre, where we hop aboard their Gumtree Express train, and explore their world renowned wholesale nursery. A local guide, will take us around the magnificent gardens in and around the town. This is a must for garden lovers. On our travels towards Tamworth we visit the Jamworks as well as Ballandean Estate Wines, for a tasting or two before our last night stay in Tamworth.

Cost : \$1950 pp Twin Share, \$2465 S/S

Includes : Coach Transfer, 6 nights acc, 6 B/fast, 6 Dinner's, 6 lunches.

Depart : 6.30am depot, SoA 6.35am, 6.40am BMI, Berry 6.50am, Albion Park, 7.20am, Figtree 7.40am

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised

GOLDFIELDS & GRAMPIANS. 30th Sept – 9th Oct

This is a wonderful 10 day tour to the Victorian Goldfields and the Grampians. Staying at Shepparton, Bendigo, Halls Gap, Ballart and finally Albury. Enjoy a 2 hour luncheon cruise on Lake Nagambie, Bendigo Pottery known as Australia's oldest working pottery, Talking Tram and Old Castlemaine Goal.

At the Grampians we take in Reeds Lookout, McKenzie Falls, Old Dadswell Town and much more. In Ballarat we have a local guide join us for a Town tour and Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka and Eureka Stockade.

Cost : \$3300 pp twin share, \$3885 S/S Includes : Coach Transfer, 9 nights acc, 9 B/fast, 9 Dinner's, 9 lunches.

Departs : Depot 7.00am, BMI 7.10am, Kangaroo Valley 7.30am

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised



JACARANDA FESTIVAL, GRAFTON. 30th October – 4th November

This 6 day Grafton tour featuring the Jacaranda Festival. Admire the brilliant canopy of mauve, and discover the glorious colours of the open gardens throughout the festival. A local guide joins us for a town tour then out to Lanbruk's Gonyah Olive Farm for lunch, finishing off with a visit to Schaeffer House. We visit the Glen Ian Ostrich & Emu Farm where we get an insight into these giant birds. In town there will be markets selling local wares, and locally sourced produce. Grafton CBD comes awash with a riot of colour & sound for the annual Float Procession, down the main Street. We have included a morning tea cruise in the lower Hunter River, to take in the sights of Newcastle's working harbour.

Cost : \$2050 pp Twin Share, \$2490 S/S

Includes : Coach Transfer, 5 nights acc, 5 B/fast, 5 Dinner's, 5 lunches.

Departs : Depot 6.00am, SoA 6.05am, BMI 6.10am, Berry 6.20am, Albion Park, 6.50am, Figtree 7.10am

HUNTER VALLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. 3rd – 4th December

This overnight at the Hunter Valley Gardens will surely get you into the spirit of Christmas. There are themed gardens throughout the display. It will be difficult to pick your favourite section – the Australian Natives, The Twelve Days of Christmas, Candyland, Around the World or the Traditional Christmas Story. With over 3 million lights you will be in one of this amazing garden. To add to our time away we visit the Hunter Valley Cheese shop, and Hunter Valley Chocolate shop. You will then get some time back at the Gardens the following day, to look around the other gardens that were not on display during the night activities. A must see for all ages. . . .you won't be disappointed!

Cost : \$405 twin share, \$480 S/S

Depart : 8.00am depot, 8.10am BMI, 8.20am Berry, 8.50am Albion Park, 9.05am Figtree

Included : Coach Transfer, 1 night acc, 1 B/fast, 1 Dinner, 2 lunches, attractions as per itinerary

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised



CHERRY FESTIVAL, YOUNG. 7th – 9th December

Young comes to life over this weekend with the annual Cherry Festival lighting up the streets. It's a great country festival with an afternoon Street Parade, market stalls, cherry pie eating competition, cherry pie auction. . . . plus much more. We have time to explore around the area with a visit to the Rustic Maze, Illandra Castle, tastings at Bluestill Distillery and some retail therapy at Poppa's Fudge Factory. This is a fun weekend ending with us purchasing our own cherries and cherry pies.

Cost : \$695 pp twin share, \$850 S/S

Depart : 6.30am depot, 6.40am BMI, Moss Vale 7.30am

Included : Coach Transfer, 2 night acc, 2 B/fast, 2 Dinners, 2 lunches, attractions as per itinerary

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised



NEW YEARS EVE CRUISE, SYDNEY HARBOUR. 31st December – 1st January

Join us on Sydney Harbour to watch the New Year's Eve Fireworks live. This is the best way to see the spectacular Sydney Harbour come to life with both the 9.00pm and midnight fireworks on board the MV Lady Kendall 2. Boarding the boat along The Parramatta River, we cruise downstream admiring the houses along the river into Sydney Harbour. Dinner is served on the boat with a bar on board to purchase your drinks. The 9pm fireworks are viewed from the Darling Harbour side of the bridge and we cruise around near Shark Island to watch the fantastic Midnight fireworks. Enjoy a sleep in the following morning before we board the coach and head for home. This is definitely one you need to tick off your bucket list.

Cost : \$795 pp twin share, \$995 S/S. Triple and Two Bedroom apartments available on request

Depart : 1.00pm depot, 1.10pm BMI, 1.20pm Berry, 1.50pm Albion Park, 2.10pm Figtree, and 2.15pm Fairy Meadow Officeworks

Included : Coach Transfer, 1 night acc, 1 B/fast, 1 Dinner, cruise, attractions as per itinerary

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised

EXTENDED TOURS IN AUSTRALIA 2020



TAMWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC. 22nd – 26th January 2020

If you're into Boot Scootin', Country Music and a fun time, then this week is for you. Tamworth is the largest Country Music Festival in Australia with over 120 venues and 2,500 acts performing over the two week period that the festival runs for. We are visiting the festival for the main week, and your biggest problem for the week will be fitting in all the shows you want to see. Whether it's the top name artists or the buskers in Peel Street, the level of talent will amaze you. Bookings are already being taken for this festival and rooms are limited. If you're not a Country Music Fan don't panic. . . .you can't help but have a great time in Tamworth.

Cost : \$1160 twin share, \$1960 S/S

Depart : 6.30am depot, 6.40am BMI, 6.50am Berry, and 7.20am Albion Park

Included : Coach Transfer, 4 night acc, 4 B/fast, 1 Dinner.

Not Included : Any items of a personal nature. Insurance is advised

**LORD HOWE ISLAND. Call to express your interest.
February 2020 Date to confirmed. Fully Escorted.**

Experience the breathtaking wonder of Lord Howe Island on this fully escorted tour. You will be amazed as there are so many ways to enjoy this World Heritage listed paradise. We will enjoy the magnificent coral reef and hand-feed fish on Ned's Beach. The marine park is teeming with sea life, which we will see when we take a tour on a glass-bottomed boat to see the abundant marine life in the crystal clear lagoon. Lord Howe is a small part of paradise situated in the Pacific Ocean 600kms east of Port Macquarie. With visitor numbers limited to 400 on the island at any one time, crowds will not be an issue on your time away! It is part of Australia, therefore we do not require a passport to visit. We will be staying at Blue Lagoon Lodge for the 6 nights.

Cost : TBA Included : Coach Transfer, flights, 6 night acc, 6 B/fast, Dinner, 6 lunches and attractions as per itinerary

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THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD & KANGAROO ISLAND. 16th - 26th March 2020

This 11 day Great Ocean Road trip is one not to be missed. This is a breathtaking drive along one of Australia's most spectacular coastlines. We visit Otway Fly – a tree top walk, the longest and highest canopy walk. A guided tour of Warrnambool which has a rich maritime history, and is a final resting place of over 180 wrecks. We will stay at Warrnambool/ Mt Gambier/ Victor Harbour and Kangaroo Island. Whilst on Kangaroo Island, we have planned a visit to Seal Bay, and the Flinders Chase National Park. For more information on this tour call for a brochure. Itinerary and costing to be advertised in the next brochure

Cost : To be confirmed

**ALBURY & NORTH EAST VICTORIA.
4th - 8th May 2020**

On this tour our accommodation will be at the Quality Resort Siesta for the 4 nights. On the way down we call into The National Museum of Australian Pottery in Holbrook. For some that have stayed here before, we have a completely new itinerary including Mitta Valley, Dartmouth Dam, The Art Silo Trail and a guided tour of Benalla and its Murals. Itinerary and costing to be advertised in the next brochure

Cost : To be confirmed



THEATRE SHOWS 2019

**Saturday Night Fever - Wednesday 8th May,
Lyric Theatre - \$120 pp (Waitlist)**

**Saturday Night Fever - Wednesday 22nd May,
Lyric Theatre - \$120 pp (Waitlist)**

**Muriel's Wedding - Wednesday 7th August,
Lyric Theatre - \$140 pp (Waitlist)**

**Chicago - Wednesday 25th September,
Capital Theatre - \$125 pp**

**Chicago - Wednesday 16th October,
Capital Theatre - \$125 pp**

**Billy Elliott - Wednesday 6th November,
Lyric Theatre - \$135 pp**

**School Of Rock - Wednesday 27th November,
Capital Theatre - \$120 pp**

BOOKING REQUIREMENTS

Deposits for all tours and day trips are required at the time of booking. Day Trips require a 50% deposit within 7 days for your seat to be held. If no deposit has been received within 7 days of booking, your seat will be released for someone else. Full payments for Day Trips to be paid in full 14 days prior to departure.

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