

Stuarts Coaches

5 DAY BATHURST & MAITLAND TOUR



Day 1 (LD): BATHURST VIA BLUE MOUNTAINS – Monday 09 November 2020

Welcome to our **5 Day Bathurst** and including the stunning **Mayfield Garden**. This morning we depart the depot at 6.45 am, we head just north of Penrith where we stop at the **Vine Cottage Tool Museum and Tea Rooms**. This venue exhibits a wide and varied range of tradesman tools dating back from Australia's early colonial era. We enjoy a talk from the owners about their collection and then our High Tea style lunch is served in the Tea Rooms. This afternoon we pass through the Blue Mountains on our way to Bathurst. Our accommodation is situated right on the Mount Panorama racing circuit, so before we settle in to our hotel we can take a scenic drive around the track and have a look at the **National Motor Racing Museum**. *(Lunch at the Vine Tea Rooms, dinner at the hotel)*

Rydges Mt Panorama Bathurst – 2-night stay

Day 02 (BLD): MAYFIELD GARDENS – Tuesday 10 November 2020

This morning, we make our way to **Oberon**. The isolated township of Oberon is located on a plateau 1113m above sea level and takes its name from the King of the Fairies in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*. The area is well known for its gardens and today we visit **Mayfield Garden**, one of the largest privately-owned cool climate gardens in the world. The gardens are made up of two main areas, **Mayfield Garden** and the **Hawkins' Family Garden** – together they make up the spectacular, world-class 65-hectare cool climate garden. We have plenty of time to take in the gardens with a guided tour and lunch. In the afternoon we can wander and discover the gardens at leisure before returning to Bathurst. *(Breakfast and dinner in the hotel, lunch at Mayfield Gardens)*

DAY 3 (BLD): BATHURST TO MAITLAND – Wednesday 11 November 2020

Leaving Bathurst, we make our way via **Sofala** to **Mudgee** for our morning break. Architect Robert Hoddle designed the town street plan, which proved to be so successful that Melbourne was designed from the same basic grid. He designed Mudgee's wide streets to be broad enough to turn a team of oxen. Many of the fine old stately buildings from the last century thankfully remain and most are now classified by the National Trust, so as to preserve the town's heritage. Our lunch stop today is in **Gulgong** and we can have some free time to take a look around town. From here we make our way to the upper Hunter Valley town of **Merriwa** where we stop to look at one of the newest painted Silo's in New South Wales. The mural depicts a flock of sheep in red socks and was completed by Melbourne artist David Lee Pereira and pays homage to the town's beloved annual Festival of the Fleeces. Later this afternoon we arrive in Maitland and check into our motel for the next 2 nights. *(Breakfast and dinner in the hotel, lunch at Prince of Whales Hotel)*

Old Maitland Inn – 2-night stay

DAY 4 (BLD): MAITLAND: Thursday 12 November 2020

Maitland is lined with historical buildings that date from the early 1800s and we will take a sightseeing tour with a local guide around town before our visit to the **Maitland Gaol**. The gaol has a vibrant history spanning more than 150 years and housed some of Australia's most hardened and notorious criminals. It closed as a Correctional Institution in 1998 and the cell doors have now been swung open to learn about the facility, past prisoners and daring escapes. Next we are heading to **Mortels Sheepskin Factory**. Here we have lunch in the café followed by a guided tour (often with a Mortels family member) through the purpose-built Australiana shearing shed style premises where we see a fully operational manufacturing plant. Our guide is proud to show Mortels UGG boots from the raw materials to the finished product. At the end of the tour we can look through the store before heading back to our motel and enjoy our final dinner together for the tour. *(Breakfast and dinner in the hotel, lunch at Mortels Sheepskin Factory)*

DAY 5 (BL): HEADING HOME: Friday 13 November 2020

Following breakfast, we farewell our hosts and head to the **Brooklyn Wharf** where we join **Hawkesbury Cruises** for the **Dangar Island Cruise** on the **Hawkesbury River**. Dangar Island played an important role in the discovery of much needed farmlands for the newly colonised Sydney. Governor Phillip used the Island as a base for his explorations of the Hawkesbury River, resulting in the farming settlements of Windsor and Richmond. Later, the Island housed the construction workers for the all-important Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge, completed in 1889. Our cruise today includes a fish and chips lunch and also takes in the township of Brooklyn and the settlements of Wobby Beach and Cogra Bay, as well as the entrance to Mooney Mooney Creek, and wonderful views of the ocean. This afternoon we make our way back to the coast and arrive home following a fantastic short break away. *(Breakfast in hotel, fish and chips included in cruise)*

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\$150 per person deposit at time of booking

Balance by 14th September 2020

Minimum No's needed for this to proceed

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