



4 DAY NEWCASTLE TOUR

Monday 8th April 2019 – Thursday 11th April 2019

DAY 1 (LD): HOME TO NEWCASTLE: Monday 8 April 2019

Welcome to our **4 day tour to Newcastle and the Central Coast of NSW**. This morning we **depart Stuarts Depot at 6:30am**, we travel via the outskirts of Sydney to **Castle Hill** where we have arranged a visit to the **Museums Discovery Centre**. The Museums Discovery Centre is collaboration between the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences Australian Museum and Sydney Living Museums. On our guided tour we see and experience the vast collection that is typically the domain of specialist staff, including curators, scientist and conservators. From the rare car collection, to furniture, musical instruments and Olympic memorabilia, you are sure to discover some hidden gems as well as see collections not on public display. Lunch is not far away at the Mean Fiddler and from here we continue north to **Newcastle** where we'll check into our accommodation at the Travelodge Newcastle – our home for the next three nights (*Lunch at The Mean Fiddler, dinner in motel*).

Travelodge Newcastle - 02 4926 3777: All rooms have a shower over bath.

DAY 2 (BLD): NEWCASTLE: Tuesday 9 April 2019

Today we take a look around **Newcastle**, a city of industry as well as history with its terraced houses, majestic cathedrals and a 19th century Fort. A mixture of the old and new landmarks can be viewed. We take in both as we join the famous **Talking Tram**. The 45 minute ride through Newcastle's streets, takes us past the sites of our convict past, fort and gaol, Australia's oldest school, oldest restaurant and many other places of interest. Next we join our **luncheon cruise** on Newcastle harbour extending to the Hunter River and Koorangang Wetlands. Our cruise will take us along the Steelworks channel under the Stockton Bridge to the mouth of the Hunter River where we anchor for lunch. We return along the picturesque Newcastle foreshore and back to the wharf. After disembarking we reboard the coach and make a stop at nearby **Fort Scratchley**. Perched above the harbour, the fort was constructed during the Crimean War to protect the city from invasion. At the height of World War II, the fort returned fire on a Japanese Submarine making it the only fort in Australia to have engaged the enemy in a maritime attack. We then return to our motel with time to freshen up before dinner. (*Breakfast & dinner in motel, luncheon cruise*)

DAY 3 (BLD): TOURING THE AREA: Wednesday 10 April 2019

This morning we head out of Newcastle to the area south of Port Stephens where we take a tour of **Medowie Macadamias** which is one of the most southern commercial growing macadamia plantations in Australia. The plantation was established in 1980 and now has the five varieties of macadamia tree all in full production over 12 acres. Our next visit is to the **RAAF Williamtown** base and **Fighterworld**. Exhibited in two hangars, we can walk around, touch and look into the

cockpits of famous aircraft such as the Mirage III, the Avon Sabre, the Gloster Meteor, the first Vampire jet built in Australia and new in 2013 the mighty F-111. There is a Russian designed MiG-21 jet fighter, Hawker Hunter, WWII Spitfire replica, a Messerschmitt replica and much more. Perched on the Observation Deck we can witness the various aircraft of the RAAF's premier Fighter Squadrons take-off and land while listening to all the action on the live audio feed direct from the Williamstown Control Tower. We have lunch here, then this afternoon we are visiting the **Stockton Bight Sand Dunes**. The dunes need to be seen to be believed. Covering an area of over 2,500 hectares along the 32km long Stockton Beach, the brilliant white sand dunes climb up to 30 metres high with slopes up to 60°. We will board a very comfortable 4WD vehicle and take a drive through the dune, along the beach and past 'Tin City', a small makeshift fishing village that emerges from the dunes like a mirage! *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel, lunch at Williamstown)*

DAY 4 (BL): HEADING HOME: Thursday 11 April 2019

We farewell our hosts and depart the hotel. Our first visit this morning is to the **Kurri Kurri**, we have a **guided walking tour around the Murals**, which will take about an hour before we travel to King Tide café at **Brooklyn** for lunch. We commence our journey home arriving home later this afternoon having had a fabulous 4 day tour to **Newcastle and the Central Coast of NSW**. *(Breakfast in motel, lunch at King Tide café at Brooklyn)*

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.

\$200 per person deposit at time of booking.
Minimum No's needed for this to proceed

Balance by 25th February 2019

Booking Terms & Conditions

Accommodation is on share room basis in Motels, Hotels etc. The accommodation named may be altered without notice.

The right is reserved to amend or modify the Itinerary at any time without notice for unpredictable weather or road conditions or for any other reason beyond our control.

Cancellation Fees: In the event of cancellation of a tour the following fees apply:

- 60 days or more prior to departure, loss of deposit.
- Between 7 and 59 days prior to departure, 50% of tour price.
- Less than 7 days prior to departure, 100% of tour price.

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The operator of this tour is **Stuarts Travel Pty Ltd**

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