



Gardens and Vistas

Tuesday 20th October to Friday 23rd October, 2009

This 4 day spring time tour travels by chartered luxury 14 seat coach from Thirroul and visits the Blue Mountains. Highlights of *Gardens and Vistas* include Sublime Point and Conservation Hut at Wentworth Falls, Leura Cascades, the Blackheath Rhododendron Park and lunch at Bon Tom in Leura. There will be guided visits of the gardens at Windyridge, Mt Wilson as well as at Mt Tomah and Mt Annan Botanic Gardens.

Insights Tours has arranged our own guides at the gardens and you'll have ample time to explore, investigate and relax. We travel to Katoomba on day 1 where we stay for 3 nights at the Three Sisters Motel that has its own dining room and is within easy walking distance of Echo Point and is close to the centre of Katoomba. Each day we will arrive back at Katoomba mid afternoon allowing you some free time to relax and to do your own thing.

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DAY 1 Tuesday 20th October Thirroul to Katoomba

Morning departure from Thirroul travelling via Picton and Mulgoa for morning tea at Glenbrook. We continue to Springwood for an inspection of the private Francesca Gardens. Continuing to Wentworth Falls we have the opportunity of witnessing the magnificent vista from two vantage points before lunch at the cosy Conservation Hut. Afterwards we have a guided tour of the gardens at Everglades – a 1930's National Trust property at Leura. In the mid afternoon we arrive at Katoomba where we stay for 3 nights.

DAY 2 Wednesday 21st October Mt Wilson and Mt Tomah

This morning we travel to the village of Mt Wilson to visit the private "Windyridge" garden then to the botanic garden at Mt Tomah where we have a guided walk and lunch. After lunch there will be ample time for you to take in the attractions of the gardens at your own leisure before returning to Katoomba.

DAY 3 Thursday 22nd October Blackheath and Leura



Interior of Bon Tom Café, Leura

Morning visit to Blackheath to visit Govett's Leap for a view over the Grose Valley and then to the Blackheath Rhododendron Park which should be in full bloom. We go to Leura for lunch at Bon Tom following which there will be time to explore Leura's many interesting galleries and boutiques and shops. We return to Katoomba where the remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure.

DAY 4 Friday 23rd October Katoomba to Thirroul

Morning visit to Leura Cascades and Sublime Point at Leura then the tour continues to the Mt Annan Botanic Garden for lunch and guided tour. We will arrive at Thirroul about 4pm.