



## HUNTER INSIGHTS SHORT BREAK

**Thursday 21st May to Sunday 24th May 2009**

We invite you to join us for the first section of our Hunter Insights tour. You will travel from Thirroul by airconditioned chartered coach to Cessnock in the heart of the Hunter Valley. The first highlight of your short break is a private chartered ferry cruise on the Hawkesbury River with lunch served on board. The tour will take you to historic Hunter towns, the Richmond Vale Mining and Railway Museum and the long established Drayton's Family Winery near Pokolbin. You will also have the experience of travelling on our chartered private railcar train as we travel to the Upper Hunter Region of Singleton and Muswellbrook.

Hunter Insights Short Break is an all inclusive and fully escorted tour.

### **DAY 1            Thursday 21st May            Thirroul to Cessnock**



This morning we travel by coach from Thirroul to Berowra where we board our chartered heritage ferry "Macquarie Princess" for a leisurely cruise on Berowra Waters and the Hawkesbury River. In the afternoon we continue to Cessnock in the heart of the Hunter Valley. We stay for 2 nights at Cessnock.  
MV Macquarie Princess

### **DAY 2            Friday 22nd May            Cessnock**

Today we tour the Hunter district in the vicinity of Cessnock, which was first settled in 1826. It is named after Cessnock Castle in Scotland and is now the heart of the Hunter Valley wine-producing region with many of the iconic Australian wineries being located in the surrounding

area. There is also an enormous coal mining industry for which Cessnock is one of the principal service towns. This morning we have a guided tour of Cessnock before visiting the Richmond Vale Railway and the coal mining museum. We will have a specially chartered steam train ride on the Richmond Vale line then a barbeque lunch. This afternoon we will visit Drayton's Winery at Pokolbin for inspection and tastings of their wines.

**DAY 3                  Saturday 23rd May                  Cessnock to Muswellbrook**



This morning we board the railmotors at Maitland and proceed to Singleton where we have a guided inspection of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps Museum situated at the Singleton Army Barracks. The museum has a collection of infantry equipment, uniforms, weapons and memorabilia including a history of the Royal Australian Regiment's campaigns from Korea through to current peacekeeping operations. We then transfer to the restored Sisters of Mercy convent, Sacred Spaces, for a tour of their buildings. The convent is one of several significant 19th century buildings in Singleton and has been occupied by the nuns since 1875. Reboard the railmotors for Muswellbrook where we have a town tour before arriving at the motel. A self guided heritage walk can be taken at your leisure during our stay in Muswellbrook.

**DAY 4                  Sunday 24th May                  Muswellbrook**

The tour concludes after a full country breakfast.

You may choose to enjoy the morning and relax before boarding the Countrylink Explorer train to Sydney.

**General Information**

**Cost**

The cost of this tour is \$725

The cost includes:

1. all transportation as shown in the itinerary
2. accommodation on a twin share basis
3. all sightseeing excursions
4. all entrance fees
5. guided touring as specified in the itinerary
6. all meals
7. all taxes
8. services of Insights Tours escort throughout the tour

The additional costs are: drinks and items of a personal nature .

**To make a booking**

Please complete the booking form and return to Insights Tours with a deposit of \$500 per person. The balance of \$225 will be due by Friday 20th March, 2009.

**Cancellations prior to Friday 20th March, 2009**

Refunds will be made less any cancellation fees which may amount to 100% of the deposit. For this reason Insights Tours strongly recommends that you obtain travel insurance at the time of booking.

**Cancellations after Friday 20th March, 2009**

No refunds will be possible after Friday 21st March, 2009.

We strongly recommend that insurance cover be obtained. Insights Tours can assist you with insurance policy options.

**Railmotors**

Insights Tours has chartered two CPH (CPH1 and 7) railmotors from Paterson Railmotor Society. The railmotors are 1920's vintage and have total seating for 76, however the tour will be limited to 38 passengers to ensure comfortable and spacious travelling. There is a flushing toilet in each railmotor. The railmotors are not airconditioned and have opening windows. Complimentary morning or afternoon tea and coffee will be served by the hospitality attendants.

**Coach**

Insights Tours has chartered a coach which is airconditioned, toilet equipped and has well spaced seating. The coach will be utilised for all road travel and transfers. Once placed aboard the coach each day your luggage is transferred to the motel for that evening leaving you to relax and enjoy the journey.

**Accommodation**

All accommodation is of at least a 3 star standard. Ground floor accommodation is available upon request. The cost of the tour is based on twin share ensuite accommodation.

Limited single accommodation is available for an additional cost of \$130.

**Luggage**

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. Please note that portage of luggage is not provided but can be arranged at additional supplement if desired.

**Water**

Insights Tours provides complimentary bottled water on the coach so that whenever we are travelling by coach or transferring to the train you have the opportunity to procure a bottle.

**Insights Tours**

Insights Tours is a boutique tour business operated by Paul and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise chartered trains, coaches and aeroplanes and provide passengers with spacious and ample accommodation. Our philosophy is to provide a tour with a spectrum of interesting visits, inspections and conveyances. Each tour is uniquely arranged to encompass the most interesting sights of the regions visited. Insights Tours engages our own guides to ensure that our passengers have the best insight into the location being visited.

Passenger numbers are limited to ensure a commodious travelling experience and to ensure that visits and guided tours are of maximum benefit. This tour is for a maximum of 38 passengers.

Each of our tours is personally escorted ensuring you can relax in the confidence that all of the pesky administrative details and arrangements are being taken care of.

There is always the chance that our itinerary could be delayed or curtailed in some way beyond our control. Except for prolonged or unexpected events, the tour will be conducted as closely as possible to the itinerary stated above. Every reasonable endeavour will be made to conduct the advertised itinerary however we reserve the right to alter the itinerary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

If you would like details or assistance with any bookings, please contact Paul Tuckerman

# BOOKING FORM

## “Hunter Insights Short Break” 21st May to 24th May, 2009

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Address: .....

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Any special requirements or requests:.....

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Room type: please circle your choice:    Twin        Double        Single

Deposit / full payment

Cheque enclosed.    (please make cheques payable to Insights Tours)

OR

Electronic / bank transfer.    Our account details are:

- Name of account: Insights Tours client travel account
- BSB: 062 607
- Account number: 1013 1313

Signature/s: .....