



Wallis Lake with the twin towns of Forster and Tuncurry

Photo: NSW Government

Gloucester Forster Insights

Thursday 29th April to Monday 3rd May, 2010

This relaxing 5 day autumn tour travels by chartered luxury 14 seat coach from Thirroul and visits the Mid North Coast of NSW. We explore the original Great North Road, Barrington Tops National Park and board the "Free Spirit" for a relaxing cruise on Wallis Lake. As well there is scenic coastal touring and a charter cruise on the Myall River. Discover the insights of Gloucester and Forster at a relaxed pace.

ITINERARY

DAY 1 Thursday 29th April Thirroul to Gloucester

Leave from Thirroul this morning with a tea break at Brooklyn beside the Hawkesbury River as we travel to the historic Hunter River port of Morpeth for lunch. This afternoon we continue to the quaint village of Stroud which was built by the Australian Agricultural Company as a private town in 1824. Several of the buildings still stand which we shall see during our tour. A short distance away is Gloucester where we stay two nights at the Bucket's Way Motel.

DAY 2 Friday 30th April Gloucester

Today we have a half day tour with a local knowledgeable guide to the Barrington Tops National Park. We will visit Thunderbolt's Lookout and Devil's Hole which are part of this 74,000 hectare World Heritage Area. There will be an opportunity for a short walk before we enjoy a picnic lunch in a bush setting. We arrive back at Gloucester in the mid afternoon – ample time to relax and perhaps explore the main street precinct of Gloucester with its interesting shops and or take a stroll through the Gloucester Boomerang Discovery Walk.

DAY 3 Saturday 1st May Gloucester to Forster

Leaving Gloucester this morning we travel to the seaside resort towns of Forster and Tuncurry. We visit the Tuncurry grower's market to see the locally grown products then board MV Free Spirit for an informative luncheon cruise on Wallis Lake. The lake is one of NSW cleanest waterways and home to many oyster leases. Later we have a guided tour of an oyster lease production in Forster before heading to Cape Hawke lookout for a magnificent coastal view. Overnight: Island Palms Motor Inn

DAY 4 Sunday 2nd May Forster to Cessnock

Morning drive to Tea Gardens via the Lakes Way with spectacular views of Mungo Brush crossing the Myall River on the punt at Bombah Point. We join our chartered vessel, the MV Wallamba, at Tea Gardens for a cruise on the Myall River. A picnic lunch will be served on board. This afternoon we continue by our coach to Cessnock passing through historic Hunter Valley towns and vineyards enroute.

Overnight: Hunter Valley Traveller's Rest Resort



Settlers Arms Inn, St. Alban's

DAY 5 Monday 3rd May Cessnock to Thirroul

Morning visit to Wollombi then traverse the historic Great North Road constructed with convict labour between 1825 and 1836. Several of the original culverts and embankments can still be seen. We arrive at the 1836 built Settlers Arms Inn at St. Alban's for lunch. . We continue to Thirroul after lunch, following the McDonald River to Wiseman's Ferry where we cross the Hawkesbury River. On our way to Thirroul we pass the early established towns of Wilberforce and Windsor. We plan to arrive at Thirroul in the late afternoon.

General Information

Cost The cost of this tour is **\$1095**

The cost includes:

1. all transportation as shown in the itinerary
2. all sightseeing excursions including 2 cruises
3. accommodation on a twin share basis
4. guided touring as specified in itinerary
5. all meals
6. all taxes
7. complimentary bottled water on the coach
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 it to Insights Tours with your payment.

Cancellations prior to or on Friday 26th February, 2010

Refunds will be subject to a cancellation fee of \$250. For this reason Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider obtaining travel insurance for loss of deposit in the event you need to cancel.

Cancellations after Friday 26th February, 2010

There will be no refunds possible. Insights Tours strongly recommends that insurance cover be obtained.

Travel Insurance

We recommend that you consider travel insurance. Insights Tours is an agent for Aussie Travel Cover. Should you wish to consider this insurance we would be delighted to send you the insurance proposal form and to explain the details of the policy.

Coach

Insights Tours will be chartering a luxury 14 seat air-conditioned coach that has very comfortable and well-spaced seating with excellent visibility.

Accommodation

All accommodation is in good standard motels. The cost of the tour is based on twin share ensuite accommodation. Limited single accommodation is available for an additional cost of \$125.

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. Please note that the portage of luggage is not provided unless requested at the time of booking.

Water

Insights Tours provides complimentary bottled water on the coach

Insights Tours

Is a tour company 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 13 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. This tour will be escorted by Paul Tuckerman.

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 booking, please contact Paul

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BOOKING FORM

“Gloucester Forster Insights” 29th April to 3rd May, 2010

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Any special requirements or requests:.....

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Room type: please circle your choice: Twin Double Single

Payment of deposit

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

I / we acknowledge the general information and conditions of booking

Signature/s: