



INSIGHTS RAILMOTORS

Friday 20th May to Sunday 29th May 2011

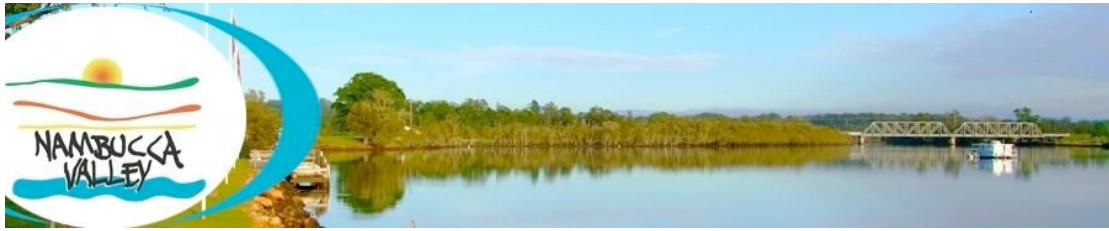
Insights Tours is very pleased to offer you the unique experience of travelling on our privately chartered heritage railmotors. Heading northward from Thirroul we spend 3 relaxing days travelling to Brisbane with off train touring and interesting insights enroute. In Brisbane we change to the narrow gauge railmotor of Queensland Railways and continue our tour to the south westerly part of Queensland then on day 7 we rejoin our NSW railmotor at Moree for an interesting tour route to Thirroul.



The tour is fully escorted and we stay at good motels. All meals, entrance fees and touring are included. Come and join us for a very special experience travelling by our exclusively chartered trains which have seating for about 100 although with our guest numbers limited to 40, you can be assured of spaciousness and comfort.

Day 1 Friday 20th May Thirroul to Wingham

We depart Thirroul at around 0745 for Wingham on the NSW mid north coast. The train takes us via the scenic south coast line to Central and northwards to Wingham. Morning and afternoon teas as well as a hearty 2 course lunch will be served enroute. Late afternoon we are due to arrive Wingham where there will be a tour to Wingham Brush – a nature reserve with a boardwalk through remnant rainforest.

Day 2**Saturday 21st May****Wingham to Grafton**

Departing Wingham we cross the Manning River at Taree northward to the village of Kendall where we stop for morning tea and time to see the local artisan's outlet "Kendall Crafts" located at the station. At the small town of Macksville we alight for a chartered luncheon cruise sailing down the Nambucca River to the town of Nambucca Heads. Here we rejoin our train and continue through Coffs Harbour to Grafton for overnight.

Day 3**Sunday 22nd May****Grafton to Brisbane**

We go by our railmotor to the town of Casino where we transfer to the coach for a half day tour starting with a guided tour of the former river port of Lismore and then heading up into the hills to Nimbin – renown as an alternative lifestyle community. It has other interesting insights such as the Nimbin Candle Factory of which we will have a guided tour. Then we take the coach through the hills westward to the tiny village of Cawongla where we have lunch at the 90 year old general store. Leaving there we head back to the train at Kyogle but not before meeting some local people who are keen to explain their role in a local Landcare project. From Kyogle we are northbound to Brisbane, crossing the border into Queensland via Border Loop an engineering feat which allows the railway to cross the ranges with minimal tunnelling.

Day 4**Monday 23rd May****Brisbane to Toowoomba**

Our railmotor will depart Brisbane' Roma Street station about 8.15am heading west through historic Ipswich to Gatton where we alight for a tour to Bauer's organic vegetable farm in the fertile Lockyer Valley. Rejoining our railmotors we then ascend the range to Spring Bluff and onwards to Toowoomba – the major city of the Darling Downs region. Afternoon city tour on arrival and tonight we dine at a Thai restaurant located adjacent to our motel.

Day 5**Tuesday 24th May****Toowoomba to Warwick**

Morning guided tour to the Cobb and Co museum which also houses the national coach collection. Then to the historic Jondaryan Woolshed which is the centrepiece of Jondaryan Woolshed Open Air Working Museum that was established in 1975 to present the history of Jondaryan Station and its role in the development of pastoralism on the Darling Downs. After lunch we will board our railmotor at Oakey for the trip to Warwick and have an enroute stop for afternoon tea at the renovated Toowoomba railway refreshment room.

Day 6 Wednesday 25th May Wallangarra day tour

A full day of touring in some of the highest country in Queensland where it occasionally snows. We have an option of seeing the natural arch at Girraween national park or you may choose to visit Pyramids Road Winery instead. At Wallangarra railway station you'll see the results of petty officialdom and enjoy lunch in the restored dining room on this once extremely busy station which literally straddles the border between NSW and Queensland.

Day 7 Thursday 26th May Warwick to Gunnedah



Today will feature relaxing touring through pastoral regions as we make our way to Goondiwindi with lunch served onboard. Our coach will transport us across the state border and south to the town of Moree where we will be reacquainted with the NSW 620 class railmotor. We cross the black soil plains of northern NSW and arrive Gunnedah in the late afternoon.

Insights Tours' guests during our 2007 Cairns to Brisbane tour aboard the QR 2000 class railmotor

Day 8 Friday 27th May Gunnedah to Cessnock

After breakfast we ascend Pensioner's Hill for scenic views over the town of Gunnedah. Then we travel about an hour to Werris Creek where we have a break to visit the Australian Railway Monument and Rail Journey's Museum. Lunch will be provided on the train as we traverse the Liverpool Ranges and at Muswellbrook we will be taken on a guided tour of Woodlands, one of the local, famed horse studs. We then continue via Branxton to Cessnock for overnight with dinner at Peden's Hotel.

Day 9 Saturday 28th May Cessnock to Mittagong



Today's travels will see us traversing some of the NSW's most scenic lines and we cross Sydney from north to south. We have applied for special permission to run the railmotors over the Sydney Harbour Bridge and through the underground network of Central Sydney. Our rail journey ends at the hamlet of Buxton on the former Picton loopline. From there we go to Mittagong by our coach for our final night.

Day 10 Sunday 29th May Mittagong to Thirroul



This morning we tour to the historic town of Berrima and meet our guide for an inspection of the National Trust owned "Harper's Mansion" which dates from 1834. Late morning we arrive at Fountaindale Grand Manor at Ranelagh near Robertson for a sumptuous Yuletide luncheon. After lunch we join our railmotor at

Fountaindale's private platform at the bottom of the garden and descend the Illawarra Range to Thirroul. Enroute there will be a viewing stop at Summit Tank lookout.

General Information

Cost

The cost of this tour is \$3,995 (AUD)

The cost includes:

1. private chartered railmotors for all rail travel
2. private chartered cruise on the Nambucca River
3. chartered air conditioned coach for all road transport and luggage transfers
4. accommodation on a twin share basis in 3 or 4 star motels for 9 nights
5. all sightseeing excursions, guided touring and entrance fees to all places specified included in the itinerary
6. all meals
7. all taxes and charges and gratuities
8. bottled water
9. services of Insights Tours' escort throughout the tour

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

Places on the tour require a \$500 deposit.

The balance of \$3,495 will be due by Friday 1st April, 2011.

To make a booking

Please complete the booking form and return it to Insights Tours with your deposit.

Cancellations policy

Cancellations prior to or on Friday 1st April, 2011.

Cancellation fee is the full amount of the deposit. That is, there is no refund.

For cancellations after Friday 1st April, 2011.

Cancellations fee is 100% of the total tariff. That is, there is no refund.

Insights Tours strongly recommends that you consider travel insurance in case you need to cancel.

Insurance

We strongly recommend considering travel insurance to cover cancellation penalties. Insights Tours can provide information about obtaining insurance. Insights Tours is an accredited agent of Aussie Travel Cover insurance.

Chartered Trains

Insights Tours has chartered a 620 class diesel railmotor for all rail travel within NSW and to Brisbane. For rail travel on days 4 to 7 we have chartered a Queensland Railway's 2000 class railmotor. Both of these trains are pictured on the front page of this itinerary. They were designed and used for inter-regional travel and offer a level of comfort commensurate with such rail journeys ie 2-2 seating, comfortable seat upholstery and good spacing. They each have 2 toilets and are non air conditioned. Both railmotors have seating for at about 100 guests but to ensure your optimum experience the number of guests is limited to 40.

Coach

Insights Tours has chartered an airconditioned coach for all touring by road and transfers between trains and motels. This coach will also convey luggage between motels so that we avoid any time consuming and cumbersome luggage transshipments onto the trains.

Accommodation

All accommodation is of a 3 or 4 star standard. The cost of the tour is based on twin share ensuite accommodation. Ground floor accommodation is available upon request.

Limited single accommodation is available for an additional cost of \$525.

Joining the tour

The tour starts and finishes at Thirroul. For those guests who may find it more convenient, Insights Tours can offer the possibility of joining the tour at Sydney Central station or at Broadmeadow station. Please contact Paul for full details.

Luggage

Please limit your luggage to 1 suitcase and 1 piece of hand luggage per person. Porterage of luggage can be provided but this must be requested at time of booking.

Water

Insights Tours provides complimentary bottled water on the coach.

Insights Tours

Insights Tours is a boutique tour business operated by Paul and John Tuckerman. We arrange tours which utilise coaches, aeroplanes and trains and provide guests with spacious and comfortable accommodation. Our philosophy is to arrange tours 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 guests 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 40 guests.

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 John Tuckerman and assisted 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 bookings, please contact Paul at

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In person: 14 Allenby Parade Bulli (please make an appointment to ensure our office is attended when you visit)

BOOKING FORM

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Name/s:

Address:

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Telephone:.....Email.....

Any special requirements or requests:.....

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Contact in an emergency

Room type: please circle your choice: Twin Double Single

Deposit

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

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 terms and conditions of booking

Signature/s: