

Hunter Valley

6 days, departs Apr 19, Sep 11

Tour Highlights

- Hunter Valley Gardens
- Newcastle Harbour Cruise
- Newcastle Tram
- Maitland and Morpeth
- Kurri Kurri Town of Murals
- Hunter Valley Cheese Company
- Hunter Valley Zoo
- Fighterworld Aviation Museum

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Day 1 (L,D) HOME, NEWCASTLE, KURRI KURRI, POLKOLBIN

Today we fly to Newcastle to begin our relaxing holiday. We travel to Kurri Kurri, view the amazing murals that are located throughout the township. Onto Polkolbin in the Hunter Valley and our home for five nights Harrigan's Irish Pub, located adjacent to the famous Hunter Valley Gardens.

Day 2 (B,L,D) HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS, CESSNOCK, HUNTER VALLEY CHEESE FACTORY

A later start today as we spend a leisurely day exploring the Hunter Valley Gardens, Australia's largest garden display spanning 25 hectares. Stroll amongst the displays, take in the superb views from the lookout, sit and ponder at the 10 metre high waterfall at the Sunken Garden or step back in time at Storybook Garden. This afternoon we visit Cessnock and the Hunter Valley Cheese Factory.



Storybook Garden- photo courtesy of Dushan Hanuska

Day 3 (B,L,D) HUNTER VALLEY ZOO, SINGLETON

An enjoyable morning for nature lovers as we visit the Hunter Valley Zoo. Wander through the interactive enclosures where you can feed the animals, take plenty of photos and even cuddle a koala or two. We then make our way to Singleton for a visit to the Australian Army Infantry Museum, the custodian of the Infantry Corp's customs and traditions. Our day concludes with a guided tour of the Convent of Mercy, established in 1909 by the Sisters of Mercy.

The magnificent Hunter Valley is a beautiful area to visit especially in Autumn. Harrigan's is the perfect location for our five night stay, with its authentic Irish décor and surrounded by beautiful gardens, vineyards and mountains. The area is beautiful and our newly renovated Studio rooms have walk in showers and a private courtyard or balcony.



Hunter Valley Gardens Chapel

All meals / most morning and afternoon teas

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Kurri Kurri Murals



Hunter Valley Zoo - photo courtesy of Marc Dalmulder

Day 4 (B,L,D) POKOLBIN, MAITLAND, MORPETH

Another leisurely start today, with some time to explore the village shops adjacent to our hotel. We then visit a local winery and enjoy lunch (wine tastings also if you wish). This afternoon we take a leisurely drive to Maitland and Morpeth, a quaint village with a rich history as a former river port. We take some time to explore the village and view some of the heritage buildings that date back to the early 1800's.

Day 5 (B,L,D) NEWCASTLE HARBOUR CRUISE , NEWCASTLE TALKING TRAM TOUR

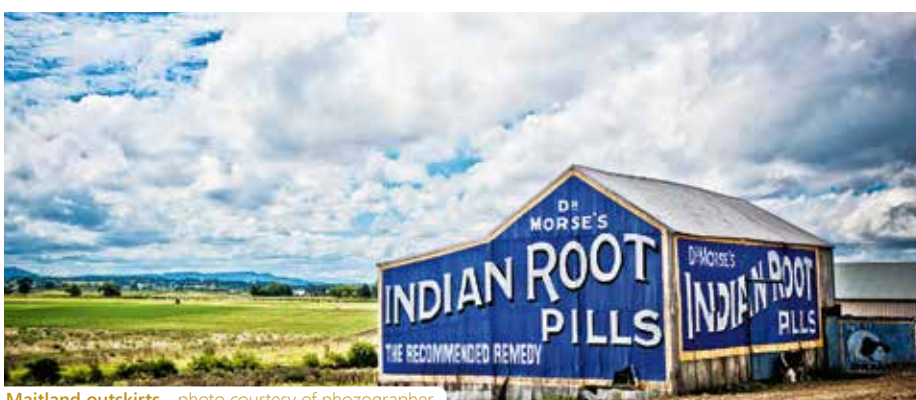
We return to Newcastle, where we spend an enjoyable morning cruising Newcastle Harbour. Take in the wonderful views along the foreshore and headlands as we cruise. Following lunch we take a ride with a difference on the famous Newcastle Tram as it rumbles past the major attractions of central Newcastle and along the waterfront.

Day 6 (B,L) FIGHTERWORLD, NEWCASTLE, HOME

This morning following breakfast we return to Newcastle Airport, also home to the Williamtown RAAF base. At Fighterworld Aviation Museum, adjacent to the airport we view the comprehensive display of the history of the Royal Australian Air Force. Following lunch, it is fond farewells before we board our homebound flights, completing our enjoyable holiday in this beautiful region of Australia.



Sunken Garden



Maitland outskirts - photo courtesy of phozographer

All prices are per person twin share	
Tour Price*	\$3,210
Adelaide	\$3,660
Brisbane	\$3,460
Canberra	\$3,660
Hobart/Launceston	\$3,810
Melbourne	\$3,460
Perth**	\$4,135
Sydney	\$3,210
Single supplement	\$ 425

*Tour commences and ends in Newcastle.

**Pre-tour overnight Melbourne includes airport transfers, dinner & breakfast.

Deposit of \$400 due within 7 days of booking, plus any additional deposit needed for non-refundable airfares.

Balance due 60 days prior to departure.

Prices from other cities available on application.