

Autumn in the Blue Mountains

\$369ppts
\$85s/s

9 April 2010
2 days

Day 1: Blue Mountains, Three Sisters, Echo Point, Katoomba High Tea (H/T,D)

This morning we make our way up the Great Dividing Range of the Blue Mountains, stopping for our famous homemade morning tea. Our coach will depart from the Highway and commence the scenic journey from Leura Village around to Echo point. Great views of the valley and the three sisters rock formations offer great targets for the camera buffs, from here it is around to Scenic World for exploring and reminiscing. Your pass allows you the option of taking the cable way and scenic rail to better explore the grounds. This world Heritage listed venue is Australia's most visited tourist attraction. This afternoon we will be having our exclusive Grand Tea at the Famous Carrington Hotel, with a choice of 8 different teas and a 3 stand gourmet platter this is an afternoon that you will not forget. Following this extravaganza you will have time to explore the nick nacks and nookery crafts of Katoomba. Our stay tonight will be in the four star Redleaf Resort located on two acres at Blackheath, remember your swimmers as this property boasts indoor heated pool, spa and sauna.

Redleaf Resort 02 4787 8108



Day 2: Mt Tomah Botanic Gardens, Kurrajong Heights, Windsor, Govetts Leap (BL)

After a hearty breakfast, we will make our way to Evans Lookout for views into the Grose River Region. For those who wish to stretch their legs there is a 45 minute walk from here around to Govetts Leap. For the remaining passengers a quick stop in Blackheath shops before collecting the rest of the walkers at Govetts Leap. From here we make our way to Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens, this is one of the finest cool climate botanical gardens in the world. You will have time to meander along the many paths and particularly to admire the annuals before lunch in the Gardens Tea House. Our journey home this afternoon is via the leafy Heights of Bilpin & Kurrajong Heights, eventually hitting the flats of Windsor. From here it is back on to the freeway for our journey home.

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12 April
2010
3 Days

Orange foodie's tour

*enjoy gourmet meals
& the very best produce*

\$666ppts
\$152s/s

Day 1: Newcastle—Bathurst—Orange (LD)

We will depart Newcastle, Central Coast and Sydney, enjoying Robert's famous home made morning tea before we venture north to the mountains. Our gourmet experience starts with lunch in **Secret Valley** just on the edge of Lithgow, continuing on to Orange to Borrodell Winery for some wine and olive tasting. Before the end of the day you will have some time to explore the **local visitors centre, art gallery and local shopping precinct**. Continuing over the range one of the first things we will notice is the new season apples. Tonight we **sample local wines** with dinner.

Country Comfort Orange (2 nights)

Day 2: Orange Providores (BLD)

This morning we depart the motel, before we start our day with a **leisurely brunch**, highlighting some of the region's amazing produce. Then onto the **Fig and Hazelnut Farm**, with an informative talk from the farmer. Next it will be off to **Hillside Orchard** to learn more about the local fruit tree industry. Max will take us for a walk among the apple, pear, plum, and cherry trees, a very informative morning and the opportunity to buy from their roadside stall. Over lunch at **Mountainside Winery** we will enjoy some more wine tasting and platters of local produce. This afternoon something a little different, with a visit to **Yuri's Organic Farm**, bring your flat shoes as Yuri will take you off to his market gardens. On our return to the motel we will enjoy dinner, again with **local wines to sample**.



Day 3: Orange—Home (BL)

Following breakfast you have a choice of two activities this morning. Either option is included in your package, however you need to pre-book your choice. Please indicate which you would like to do when you book, as there are limited spaces for each option.

Option A: We visit the century-old **Boree Cabonne Mansion** and enjoy a guided tour by the great, great granddaughter of John Smith, who took up the lease in 1851. Following the tour we have an old fashioned country morning tea. **OR**

Option B: We participate in an **organised cooking school**. A chef from the local TAFE will take you through the preparation, cooking, serving and (best of all) eating two or three courses. This is a hands on activity, but no cooking experience is required!

Following our experiences we will reboard the coach, enjoying lunch in the mountains before returning back to Sydney and then on to the Hunter.

