

Berry Garden Festival & South coast

Corbett Gardens, Kangaroo Valley, Berry's best and brightest gardens,
Hampden Vale, Cliff Bridge of Stanwell Park.

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4 Days

Day 1: Home—Nowra (LD)

Departing from Thornton we commence our journey south picking up from the Hunter, Tuggerah, Hornsby and Strathfield, following morning tea at Homebush we make our way to the Southern Highlands, to visit **Corbett Gardens** where we will have a picnic lunch. We visit the **Moss Vale**, spectacular for its shaded hollow as it seems to slow the blossoming process for long lasting displays. From here it is on to one of the local **Open Gardens** with time to enjoy their displays. Later in the afternoon we will arrive in **Kangaroo Valley** for some time to browse the many craft, curiosity and ice cream shops. We will travel to Nowra, our base for the next 3 nights - only a half hour away allowing time to freshen up before dinner.

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Day 2: Berry Garden Festival (BD)

Today we will venture into the village of Berry for the **Annual Garden Festival**. We will visit some of the **Exhibition Gardens** opened up for this year followed by morning tea. We will head to another garden with the opportunity to purchase lunch before the last garden of the day. Please bring a hat and flat walking shoes, most of today's gardens are on a large scale ranging from 2 to 5 acres. They are mostly flat with plenty of shady trees and seats to sit under and admire the hard work that has gone into establishing them. Some of the plants to be on the lookout for include Australian natives, camellias, roses, azaleas and maples - each have their own sections. There are many water features ranging from traditional Japanese style to water Lily ponds. Numerous hedges such as the Metasequoia-Dawn Redwood Hedge and a Leylandii hedge will be seen. This amongst manicured lawns and cottage gardens make it a day to remember.

Day 3: Nelligen Cruise & Milton (BLD)

We make our way south along the Princess Highway through Ulladulla towards Bateman's Bay for morning tea, later we board the **Clyde River Cruise** for our journey to Nelligen. At **Nelligen** we have a short stop to explore the arts and crafts this town is host to, before reboarding the boat for **lunch** and more information on the importance of this river system for the local oyster industry. On our way back to Nowra we enjoy the **historic village of Milton** for ice cream and crafts.

Day 4: Nowra—Home (BL)

This morning we visit one of the local markets of the South Coast to grab a bargain. There will be time to visit the **Berry township** before visiting the last of our gardens. **Enjoy fish and chips** for Lunch today at Wollongong on the water. Our journey home will take us past the seaside communities of Corrimal, Bulli, and Coledale before arriving at the new **Sea Cliff Bridge of Stanwell Park**. At the top there will be a stop to admire the view back along the coast, before our journey home to Strathfield, Hornsby and the Hunter.

