

Rhododendron Festival



Day 1: Blue Mountains, Three Sisters, Echo Point, Scenic World (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 includes access to the skyway, the cable way and scenic rail and the walkway. There will be free time for lunch at own expense, before we go to **Bacchante Gardens (the Campbell Rhododendron Gardens)**. The Gardens is the home of the Blue Mountains Rhododendron Society and is a garden of 45 acres, with over 1500 rhododendrons. 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



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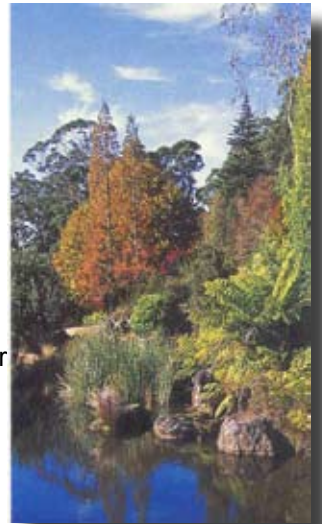
**5 November
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3 days**

Day 2: Rhododendron Festival, Evans Lookout, Govetts Leap (BD)

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 45 minute walk from here to **Govetts Leap**. For the remaining guests there will be a quick stop in Blackheath shops before collecting the walkers at Govetts Leap. Our plans today include the best of the **Festival program**, and we will be flexible to ensure we see the best of the Festival. We return to our hotel late afternoon for dinner.

Day 3: Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens, Putty Road—Home (BL)

This morning we go to **Mount Tomah Botanic Gardens**, one of the finest cool climate botanical gardens in the world. We will have morning tea, before a walk around the garden, with 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 Putty Road, and through Windsor back into Sydney. From here it is back on to the freeway for our journey home to Thornton.



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Andre Rieu returns to Newcastle

Day 1: Home—Newcastle (D)

This morning our coach will depart from Taree, Tuncurry, Forster, Gloucester and Stroud with home made morning tea before arriving in Maitland. Free time to explore the historic and attractive river port of **Morpeth**, with its many shops and historic buildings, full of nostalgia and the charm of yesteryear. Lunch at your own expense in one of the local Eateries. This afternoon we enjoy a **town tour of Newcastle City**, the Foreshore and beaches, taking in the Nobby's Headland and King Edward Park, Christchurch Cathedral, Newcastle Mall as well as the beaches through to Merewether. We stop at **Strelzcki Lookout, above Mary Gilmore Beach**, a popular launching point for the local hanggliders. Bring your camera as there are great photo opportunities. We check into our **newly refurbished 3.5 star motel** with time to freshen up before an **early dinner**, as our show starts promptly at 8pm. Following the Success of the 2008 concert extravaganza, Andre will be playing with and conducting some of the world's greatest singers and musicians, as part of his **Johan Strauss Orchestra**. We hope to again see the enchanting young Australian singer Mirusia, who looks and sings like an angel! We have tickets at the beginning of the tiered section. As the **Newcastle Entertainment Centre** is a much smaller building than the arenas and concert halls in Sydney you have excellent views of the castle from an elevated position, whilst still capturing the fun and excitement of the live concert. We found in November 2008 and October 2009 that slightly elevated views are the best! Following the show our coach will return to our hotel.

Travelodge Newcastle 02 4926 3777

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October
2010
2 Days**



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Day 2: Newcastle—Home (BL)

This morning we start our day with a hearty breakfast before heading down to the Western side of **Lake Macquarie** for our **Luncheon Cruise**. Our cruise will be on the **Wangi Queen Showboat**, exploring the Majestic Lake Macquarie as we enjoy lunch with great views. Later in the afternoon we commence our journey home arriving back later in the afternoon.

