

The Scone Cup

A Fabulous Race Day!

3 Days



The Scone Cup is the Richest Country and Provincial Race Meeting in Australia. Located in the Heart of the Hunter Horse Stud Region, the prize pool tops \$2,000,000 each year and over 8,000 patrons attend the event.

Day 1: Home—Hunter Valley (LD)

Departing from Strathfield at 8.30am we continue to Hornsby and make our way north to the Hunter Valley collecting fellow passengers en route. Regrouping at our Thornton Depot we will meet up with our interstate passengers, over a **Gourmet Luncheon** at Woodys Café & Conference Centre before heading further into the Hunter Valley. We visit the **Hunter Valley Gardens** for a walk and a train ride through the extensive 60 acres of gardens. Later in the afternoon we visit **Tempus Two Winery**, with time for wine tasting and the award winning **Smelly Cheese Shop**, complete with its mouth watering array of home made gelato ice creams. Checking into our motel at the Hunter Resort, we have an **instructed wine tasting class**, before dinner. We will visit the winery and barrel room before entering the classroom to make our tastes and smell senses more aware. This is one of the **best presented courses** as an introduction to wine tasting in the country. A **BBQ dinner** will be served in the grounds where once again you can further your knowledge of the local wines, (if you are not a wine drinker you will not go thirsty as they also produce their own boutique beer, the Hunter Valley's famous Blue Tongue).

Hunter Resort 02 4998 7777 (2 nights)

Day 2: Scone Cup (BD)

A full day today, following a hearty cooked breakfast, There will be **prizes awarded at breakfast** for the best and most originally dressed, so dress up and enjoy. Following these frivolities we board the coach and continue up the **Valley to Scone**. This morning we are being hosted by the **Scone Jockey Club** who have organised a guided tour of one of their leading horse studs. This is your opportunity to learn all about the sport of kings, as well as possibly pick up a tip or two for the afternoon meeting. Touring the stables you will have the opportunity to ask many questions. Just before lunch we arrive at the **Scone Race Course** which has recently undergone major refurbishments totalling over \$1 million dollars in preparation for the two day **Scone Cup Carnival**. As Scone is the horse capital of Australia, it has had a long standing relationship with the thoroughbred industry and this is further emphasised by the calibre and strength of the horses entering the cup. The meeting has been run since 1947 and today is the richest country and provincial meeting in Australia with over \$2 million dollars in prize money.



2011 will see the 2nd running of the the Inglis Guineas for 3 year olds. Last year a pool of \$700,00 was achieved in the bonus scheme and there are expectations it will be surpassed again this year. Fashion in the field continues to flourish with this years prizes in excess of \$15,000. The meet is a stand alone event which always helps ensure that good patronage. If you are looking for a vibrant, exciting full country race day, this is not to be missed. Tonight you can either celebrate your winnings or drown your sorrows, but either way, you will **enjoy a beer tasting** at our Resort's own brewery where you will be taken on a whole new appreciation of the amber liquid.

Day 3: Options—Home (BL)

Enjoy a late breakfast before you have the choice of included activities for your day either a round of golf, a morning massage and pamper package, a wine school or cooking school. Please indicate what activity you would like to participate in at time of booking:

Golf 18 Holes: including buggy and club hire at the Greg Norman designed Vintage course followed by Gourmet BBQ. Morning Pamper package and Ka Huna Style Massage/Spa followed by Gourmet BBQ.

Food & Wine Premium Package: Advanced Premium Range Hunter Wine School with Gourmet BBQ.

Morning Cooking School: with Executive Chef Phil Collis and lunch to follow.

The afternoon we reboard our coach for return to Newcastle and Sydney arriving back to Sydney late afternoon.