

# Barrington Tops Upper Hunter

5 day



## Monday 4/11/19 LD Kyogle to Gloucester

We make an early departure on our tour to Barrington. Picking up through Kyogle, Casino Alstonville and Ballina then South.

Stopping for a comfort break and morning tea.

Travelling through Coffs Harbour to Nambucca Heads where we enjoy a great value lunch.

Our afternoon journey continues through Kempsey and Taree to Nabriac where we turn off the Pacific Hwy and follow the very scenic Bucketts Way to Gloucester and Barrington and our comfortable accommodation.



## Tuesday 5/11/2019 BLD Barrington Tops

A leisurely breakfast before departing 8.30am to **Camp Cobark**. Meet on arrival in the foothills. Here we find a fully operational cattle station run by Allan and Diane Shultz in the old fashioned way with horses and dogs. They put on a bush lunch on the banks of the river and we can learn a little of their operation in this tranquil setting. After lunch we continue westward deeper into the Barrington State Forest. The Park features World Heritage listed rainforests, wilderness areas and wild scenic rivers. With plenty of wild life, it is possible to view Brumbies, wombats, kangaroos and take in the diverse vegetation that is part of this unique wilderness area. At 5000 feet we have a stop at Pol Blue, the start of the Hunter River. You have time to take in the Mountain air and stretch your legs with walk around the area and take some photos.

Travelling down the Western Side of the Barrington Tops through Belltrees and Gundy. This is rich horse breeding areas through Murrurundi and Scone. Then on to our accommodation for the next 2 nights at Singleton.

## Wednesday 6/11/2019 BLD Upper Hunter

We have a change in pace today, Craig Benjamin will be our guide today. He has been involved with the Upper Hunter and Denman area for many years and gives us a good taste of the diversity in this area. With a visit to a either Darley (Woodlands) or Coolmore Horse Stud. Stopping at Martindale Homestead, The unique country township of Denman. Lunch is included in a century old Hotel. After lunch, visiting two Rivers winery– with tastings. Pukara Olive Grove - Hunter Belle Cheeses. After the gourmet food and Horse breeding highlights, we look at the 3rd major employer. A driving tour of the



Bengalla Coal Mine at Muswellbrook. Ending our day touring.

**Thursday 7/11/2019 BD Singleton to Port Macquarie.**

Linger over breakfast before we travel the short distance to (AAIM) Australian Army Infantry Museum. It was opened by the Chief of the Defence Force in late August 2012. This purpose-built facility forms the centrepiece of the Army Museum Network and is the custodian of Infantry Corps history and its customs and traditions. The display space is divided into two main spaces. The lower floor features exhibitions focuses on the history of operations, from Sudan in 1885 through to our current deployments such as Afghanistan today. The mezzanine level features the 'tools of the trade', that is, the small arms and their associated training aids, how they have changed and developed and how these changes have influenced the tactics, techniques and procedures of the Regiments of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. Lunch at own expense. To Port Macquarie where we check into our motel. This evening we embark on a 2 hour Sunset Cruise from 5.30 to 7.30. We head upstream along the Hasting river and make our way through the Broadwater canals as you enjoy the sights, sounds and smells of the area. Plenty of wildlife can be seen on these trips and if you are lucky we may have an encounter with our friendly, local dolphins. Its a BYO, so you can enjoy your own drinks and nibbles as we play some evening music. Our last dinner together on tour is then back at the Motel



**Friday 8/11/19 BLD Port Macquarie to Kyogle**

On our final day together, we can enjoy the scenic drive to Kempsey where we visit the Slim Dusty Centre. The Museum exhibition features objects and images from the Kirkpatrick family's own extensive archive, as well as contributions from fans and friends all over the world. The early years of adventures with Joy, family and their mates, touring the towns and villages of Australia's Outback.



Departing Kempsey, we travel on the old Highway

back to Nambucca Rsl club (midday to 1pm) for another value meal. Its really on the way home now. Through Coffs Harbour Grafton, 4pm Ballina Lismore Casino and 6pm Kyogle

**5 Days \$1488 per person twin Share. Single Supplement \$250**

Accommodation is in **3.5 star motels**. Accommodation is Priced on a **Twin Share** basis. . All Breakfasts are Cooked plus Cereal and toast. **All lunches** are included in the price except Thursday.

Daily Morning teas are supplied.

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