

9 Day | Port Stephens Easter Tour



7 April – 15 April 2020

SUBLIME NATURAL BEAUTY

Enjoy a memorable Easter uncovering the wonders of Port Stephens



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Known as the “blue water paradise,” **Port Stephens** is the perfect place to spend Easter. Absorb the laid-back lifestyle of this idyllic coastal town and witness its fabulous scenery typified by volcanic peaks to crystal clear bays. Explore the flourishing wine country of the neighboring **Hunter Valley** and uncover delicious delights and welcoming communities!

9 days - Twin/Double \$2990.00 p/p
Single \$3490.00
Deposit \$550.00

DAY 1: (LD) COOLUM to BRISBANE to GLEN INNES

Tuesday 7 April 2020

We start our journey this morning travelling from the Sunshine Coast to Brisbane, picking up our guests along the way. We stop for a welcome morning tea before continuing to Warwick for our lunch break.

After lunch we continue our journey to Glen Innes where we settle into our motel for a relaxing evening

1 night | New England Motor Lodge, Glen Innes
dinner at hotel | lunch

DAY 2: (BLD) GLEN INNES TO PORT STEPHENS**Wednesday 8 April 2020**

We start our journey this morning travelling from Glen Innes to Armidale, Uralla & Walcha - then on "Thunderbolts Way" to Gloucester where we stop for lunch. Continuing our journey, we view the Barrington Tops National Park in the distance as we make our way to **Port Stephens**.

Here we settle in and ready ourselves for the Easter holiday ahead, filled with sparking blue bays, resident bottlenose dolphins and village charms!

6 night | Marina Resort, Port Stephens
dinner at hotel | lunch

DAY 3: (BLD) EXPLORING LOCAL SIGHTS**Thursday 9 April 2020**

Explore **Port Stephens** and the **Tomaree Peninsula**. Let your guide unveil why the area is referred to as the "Blue Water Paradise" as they take you around this stunning coastal area before heading to **Fighter World** in Williamstown. Walk through the facility, experiencing first-hand the day to day operations of an active Fighter Base. See some of the best fighter aircraft ever made and view the aircrafts in action in the large photographic display. Enjoy lunch at the café before heading out on a very comfortable 4WD vehicle to witness a sight that has to be seen to be believed, the **Stockton Bight Sand Dunes**. Marvel at the white sands that climb to the sky and discover the makeshift fishing village, Tin City, as it merges from the dunes like a mirage. After a day of exploration, we return to our hotel.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Fighters World

DAY 4: (BLD) A RELAXING GOOD FRIDAY**Friday 10 April 2020**

We have the morning free for those who would like to attend the local church before making our way to the **Tailor-Made Fish Farm**. As it is Good Friday, we enjoy fish for lunch before discovering the inner workings of this premier barramundi facility. See how this commercial farm operates as you are taken through the production sheds and the baby barra nursery. Returning to our hotel, there will be free time to absorb the laid-back lifestyle of this idyllic coastal town before rejoining for dinner.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Tailor Made Fish Farms and Cookabarra Restaurant

DAY 5: (BD) HOMESTEADS AND VILLAGE CHARMS**Saturday 11 April 2020**

In Patterson today we visit the **Tocal Homestead**, one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings. Letting our guide reveal the homestead's rich history, we stroll through the Blakett Barn, Thunderbolt's Cottage and a range of other out buildings. Travelling to **Morpeth**, an entire township frozen in time, right down to the street kerbs and guttering of sandstone block. You will have time here for lunch and to browse the antiques stores, quaint art & craft galleries and curio stores, seeing why this charming village has become renowned as the art & craft centre of the Hunter Region. After a pleasant afternoon exploring, we head back to Port Stephens, no doubt chatting along the way about what we had seen in the charming stores of Morpeth.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own arrangements and expense

DAY 6: (BLD) DOLPHIN SPOTTING**Sunday 12 April 2020**

Happy Easter! Making sure we have our cameras packed, we head out for a spectacular cruise on the crystal blue waterways of **Port Stephens**. Relax and enjoy the commentary as we keep our eyes peeled for the long-time locals - the friendly dolphins. Returning to dry land, we head to the **Murrays Brewing Co** for a guided brewery tour and to enjoy a few tastings. Before returning to our hotel we visit to the **Nelson Head Lighthouse Museum** which offers beautiful views, local history and information on marine rescue.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch with Moonshadow Cruises

DAY 7: (BLD) HUNTER VALLEY DELIGHTS**Monday 13 April 2020**

Taking a leisurely drive to the **Hunter Valley Gardens**, we discover a vast acreage of spectacular international display gardens. You'll have plenty of time to wander the grounds at your own pace. With lunch being served at the Garden Terrace Restaurant, it makes for a very peaceful morning. At the Hunter Valley **Village Shops**, you'll spend time browsing the various store, from cheeses to chocolates and the British Lolly Shop. Of course, no visit to the Hunter Valley would be complete without a wine tasting. At **McGuigans Wines**, we take time to taste and enjoy their fine offerings before returning to Port Stephens with possibly a bag or two full of goodies from the Hunter Valley!

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Garden Terrace Restaurant

DAY 8: (BLD) PORT STEPHENS TO COFFS HARBOUR**Tuesday 14 April 2020**

It's fair to say that we have had a wonderful Easter together, exploring this splendid coastal town and the charming villages of the Hunter region. However, it is now time to pack our bags and farewell the natural beauty of Port Stephens. Travelling toward Port Macquarie, we veer off the beaten track, stopping in Laurieton to enjoy lunch before taking in the spectacular scenery of this region's coastline as we loop past North Haven and Camden Head back to the freeway. This afternoon we arrive at our hotel in Coffs Harbour and freshen up before dinner.

1 nights | Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at Laurieton United Services Club

DAY 9: (BL) HOMEWARD BOUND**Wednesday 15 April 2020**

Today we sit back and begin our journey home. Relaxing into our comfortable seats spend this travel day reflecting on the special moments we have experienced together this Easter. From immersing ourselves in Port Stephens sublime natural beauty to enjoying the local produce and the charming villages of the Hunter region. You'll now arrive home eager to share your many memories with friends and family.

Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch

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Tour Inclusions

- 8 night's motel accommodation
- 8 cooked motel breakfasts
- 8 motel dinners
- 8 included lunches –
 - Warwick | Lunch
 - Gloucester | Lunch
 - Port Stephens | Port Stephens step on guide
 - Williamtown | Fighter World entry
 - Williamtown | Cafe Fighterworld light lunch incl. tea and coffee
 - Port Stephens | Port Stephens 4WD Tours 4wd Tour Stockton Bight Sand Dunes
 - Port Stephens | Tailor Made Fish Farms and Cookabarra Restaurant tour of Barramundi and hydroponic vegetable production facilities, lunch including tea and coffee
 - Maitland | Tocal Homestead half day Homestead tour
 - Port Stephens | Moonshadow Dolphin Discovery Cruise and buffet lunch
 - Port Stephens | Murrays Brewing & Co brewery tour
 - Port Stephens | Nelson Head Lighthouse & Rescue Station
 - Hunter Valley | Hunter Valley Gardens entry, train tour and light lunch incl. tea and coffee
 - Hunter Valley | McGuigan Wines tasting
 - Laurieton | Laurieton United Services Club lunch incl. tea and coffee

Travel Insurance

- *Please note that insurance is not included, however it is highly recommended.*

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