

HUNTER VALLEY CHRISTMAS LIGHTS - 6 DAY TOUR

November 25 – 30



The Christmas Lights Spectacular will be lighting up the Hunter Valley Gardens so be sure to join us to see the dazzle of sparkling lights, immersive displays and delight in the joyful entertainment.



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6 days – Twin / Double \$ 2570.00 pp

Single \$ 3190.00

Deposit \$300.00

inc - Airfare - Brisbane to Williamstown

Day 1 SUNSHINE COAST TO THE HUNTER VALLEY

Thu 24 Nov (LD)

Welcome to our tour to the Hunter Valley to witness the **spectacular Christmas Lights** at the glorious Hunter Valley Gardens. We board our flight in Brisbane to Williamstown where we are met by our coach captain fit for our adventure ahead. Ready for lunch we drive into Port Stephens and the Tomaree Peninsula, often referred to as Blue Water Paradise. Arriving at the Tailor Made Fish Farm we enjoy a delicious **lunch** followed by a **tour** of the premises. As a premier Barramundi farm it produces a total of 1000 kilos of live and freshly chilled barramundi per week. We have the opportunity to see how a commercial farm operates as we are guided through the production sheds and the nursery to see the baby barra. We can also meet "**Big Barry**". Heading to the Hunter Valley, we settle into our accommodation for 3 nights.

Lunch in Port Stephens | Dinner in motel
3 nights | Mercure Hunter Valley Resort

Day 2 HUNTER VALLEY GARDENS**Fri 25 Nov (BLD)**

Spending our day in the township of Pokolbin, we begin with a visit to the **Hunter Valley Gardens**. Take a relaxing stroll on the paths that wind through hectares of beautifully manicured grounds, showcasing gardens from around the world. You will be amazed by the astonishing attention to detail, vibrant colours and pretty fragrances as you spend the morning taking pleasure from being surrounded by such natural beauty. **Lunch** today will be served in the Gardens before heading to the **Hunter Village** for free time to enjoy the many shops. We make a time to head to the motel to freshen up and have an early dinner. As the sun begins to set, we return to the Gardens for the **Christmas Lights Spectacular**. Entering a world where over 100,000 Christmas lights are illuminated, wind your way through the remarkable displays including a white Christmas scene complete with snow cave and white topped trees where the spirit of Christmas will come alive.

Breakfast & Dinner in hotel | Lunch in HVG

Day 3 KURRI KURRI & MORPETH**Sat 26 Nov (BLD)**

Taking a drive around the valley today, we head to **Kurri Kurri** to view the outdoor public artworks on display. We are taken on a pictorial journey showcasing the area's history, heritage and uniqueness with the town's **murals**. Next, we are heading to **Mortels Sheepskin Factory**. Here we have a **guided tour** (often with a Mortels family member) through the purpose-built shed to see a fully operational manufacturing plant. Our guide is proud to show Mortels UGG boots from the raw materials to the finished product. At the end of the tour we can look through the store followed by **lunch** in the café. With full stomachs we make our way to the charming village of **Morpeth**. Under a heritage order, the entire township has been frozen in time, right down to the street kerbs and guttering of sandstone block. We also take in **Campbells Store** to taste some **locally produced Fudge, ginger beer and honey**. A **local expert** will then take us on a tour of this historic town before we return to our motel.

Breakfast & Dinner in hotel | Lunch included

Day 4 LARRIKINS LOCK-UP**Sun 27 Nov (BLD)**

Departing the Hunter Valley, we head for the hills. This drive takes us through one of the loveliest and most magnificent alpine regions in Australia before arriving at Comboyne. It is here we are set to drop in on the enchanting setting of **Larrikins Lock-Up**. Our hosts welcome us to their labour of love, excited to show us the restoration projects of the early century Police Station and Comboyne's first Gaol. Relax riverside, under the shade of the beautiful mature trees with our **picnic lunches** then take a wander around the garden and witness the bowerbirds at play. After a thoroughly wondrous day, a picturesque drive awaits us as we head to Port Macquarie then onto Coffs Harbour.

Breakfast & Dinner in hotel | Picnic lunches
2 night's | Opal Cove Resort Coffs Harbour**Day 5****COFFS HARBOUR****Mon 28 Nov (BD)**

We have the entire day to enjoy the resort and make the most of this beachfront resort. Take a stroll along one of the nature walks or simply relax poolside. We'll meet up again for dinner tonight so we can share our day's adventures with everyone.

Breakfast & Dinner in hotel | Lunch at own expense

Following an inland route, we head for home via Casino and Lismore before breaking for lunch in Uki. Watched over by the awe-inspiring majesty of Mount Warning and heritage national parks, the countryside through Murwillumbah is a blend of rolling green hills with banana plantations and pockets of sugar cane. The Nimbin Valley delivers us into the Gold Coast where we make tracks to the Sunshine Coast. Arriving home later this afternoon, we thank our coach captain and reflect on all the adventures we've been a part of and lucky enough to experience.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch |

Tour Inclusions

- 5 night's motel accommodation
- 5 cooked motel breakfasts
- 5 motel dinners
- 4 included lunches
- Lunch and guided tour at Tailor Made Fish Farms, Port Stephens
- Day entry, train ride and lunch at the Hunter Valley Gardens on day 2
- Night entry to the Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights
- Step-on guided tour of Kurri Kurri Murals
- Guided factory tour and lunch at Mortels Sheepskin Factory, Maitland
- Guided town tour of Morpeth including visit to the Campbells Store
- Talk on Larrikins Lock-Up property including a picnic lunch
- Coach t/fer from Sunshine Coast to Brisbane airport and return

Confirmed Accommodation

- Mercure Resort, Hunter Valley
- Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour

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