

SYDNEY VIVID LIGHTS Tour

7 Days – 22nd > 28th May 2024



A Week of enchantment:
Coastal Wonders and Urban Marvels in Sydney and Beyond

In 2024, Vivid Sydney celebrates Humanity.
Celebrate Inspiring works of Light Design and 3D Projections as it
explores what makes us human



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7 days - Twin / Double pp \$3160.00
Single \$3910.00
Deposit \$500.00

*Inc - Home p/up & return**
** Brisbane > Sunshine Coast Regions*

DAY 1: (D) SUNSHINE COAST TO GLEN INNES

Wednesday 22 May 2024

Join us for an exciting journey as we embark on a tour to **Sydney**, experiencing the magical light celebration of the **Vivid Lights Festival**. Following our pickups in Brisbane we make our way through to Warwick for a relaxing lunch break. We continue our scenic route to **Glen Innes**, affectionately referred to as the Land of the Beardies. This quaint town, originally settled by Scots, proudly considers itself the Celtic capital of New England. In addition to its rich cultural heritage, Glen Innes is renowned for its abundant gemstones and minerals, serving as the epicentre of a thriving sapphire industry.

1 night | New England Motor Inn Glen Innes

Lunch | Dinner in Hotel

DAY 2: (BLD) GLEN INNES TO SYDNEY

Thursday 23 May 2024

Resuming our expedition, our drive takes us through Armidale, a **picturesque university town** that serves as the vibrant heart of the stunning New England high country. We pause in the pretty village of **Uralla** for a morning break then continue our journey, travelling Thunderbolts Way through some spectacular scenery towards **Gloucester**. Surrounded by the wonders of nature, we stop to enjoy our **picnic lunches** before our path guides us on our final approach into the bustling metropolis of Sydney. We check into our hotel and settle in for the next 3 nights.

3 nights | Parkroyal Darling Harbour

Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel | Picnic lunches

DAY 3: (BLD) SYDNEY & THE VIVID LIGHTS

Friday 24 May 2024

Our morning adventure begins with an exploration of some of Sydney's iconic local sights, commencing at the historic **Mrs Macquarie's Chair**. Meticulously carved out of sandstone by convicts, the chair was a gift for Governor Lachlan Macquarie's wife, offering her a vantage point to observe the bustling activity on the harbour. It now has perfect views of the **Sydney Opera House**, the majestic **Harbour Bridge** and the storied **Fort Denison**. Now, we pass by the exclusive suburbs of Double Bay and Rose Bay as we head to splendid **Vaucluse House**. Steeped in history, this 19th century estate became Australia's very first house museum in 1915. Returning to the city, we indulge in lunch before embarking on a captivating tour of the **Australia National Maritime Museum**. Australians have an indelible connection to the sea, woven through aspects of commerce, defence, exploration, immigration, adventure, sport, and recreation. The museum brilliantly captures these intricate threads of our maritime history with an array of fascinating artefacts, engaging exhibitions, interactive displays and the unique opportunity to board historic ships, providing an immersive experience of life on the water. With time to refresh at our hotel, we head for the harbour to join our **Vivid Lights Cruise**. As the sun falls below the horizon, we are transported to a mesmerising world of light installations and projections all brought to life by the wonderful **Vivid Lights Festival**. We enjoy the views of Sydney's transformation and a delicious dinner before our cruise returns to port.

Breakfast in Hotel | Lunch at Museum | Dinner Cruise





DAY 4: (BD) MORE OF SYDNEY

Saturday 25 May 2024

Our morning begins with a visit to the **Sydney Opera House**, where we embark on a **guided tour**. We will explore its magnificent theatres, uncovering the fascinating stories and history behind this renowned landmark. We also gain an insight into the visionary architect Jorn Utzon's journey in bringing this UNESCO heritage-listed masterpiece to life. Take the remainder of the day to discover more of Sydney as you desire.

This evening's special treat sees us ascending to the 82nd floor of the iconic **Sydney Tower**. Here the tower restaurant, known as Skyfeast, awaits us with its breathtaking 360 degree revolving views of the sparkling harbour and the city below. This exceptional dining experience offers an unrivalled perspective to appreciate the dazzling brilliance of the Sydney Vivid Lights Festival as we dine amidst the city's radiant skyline.

Breakfast in Hotel | Lunch at own cost | Dinner at Sydney Tower

DAY 5: (BLD) SYDNEY TO COFFS HARBUR

Sunday 26 May 2024

We bid farewell to the city of Sydney this morning, our journey carrying us towards the coastal beauty of Coffs Harbour. Along the way we reach the charming town of **Nabiac**, where we pause for a delightful lunch at the **Artisan Farmer**, a culinary haven offering a true paddock to plate encounter. Every dish is crafted from locally sourced ingredients celebrating the rich flavours of the region.

Nabiac also beckons us with the **National Motorcycle Museum of Australia**, a purpose-built haven for motorcycle enthusiasts. An astonishing collection of over 800 motorcycles stands alongside an extensive array motorcycle memorabilia, a well-stocked private library and a gift shop tailored to motorcycle aficionados. Among the treasured gems on display is a rare Kenilworth scooter from 1919, a twin cylinder water-cooled 2 stroke Scott, and the legendary Vincent Black Knight. There is also an excellent range of vintage bikes spanning the early 1900s to more contemporary marvels. With our senses enriched and our curiosities satisfied, we continue our journey towards the coastal allure of **Coffs Harbour**.

2 nights | Opal Cove Resort Coffs Harbour

Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel | Lunch in Nabia

DAY 6: (BD) COFFS HARBOUR**Monday 27 May 2024**

The entire day stretches before us, allowing us to fully enjoy the offerings of this magnificent beachfront resort. Whether you choose to meander along one of the tranquil nature walks or simply bask in the sun by the inviting pool, the day is yours to relish at your leisure. Later this evening, we'll meet up again for a delicious dinner providing the perfect opportunity to recount and share the adventures of our day with one another.

Breakfast & Dinner in Hotel | Lunch at own cost

DAY 7: (B) COFFS HARBOUR TO THE SUNSHINE COAST**Tuesday 28 May 2024**

Gently tracing the coastal route homeward, we drive via the charming communities that dot the NSW north coast. The countryside of rolling green hills with banana plantations merges into the Tweed Valley as we cross the border to make tracks to the Sunshine Coast. Arriving home later this afternoon, we farewell our fellow passengers and take a moment to reflect on the incredible adventures that has enriched our tour.

Breakfast at Hotel | Lunch

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Tour Inclusions

- 6 night's motel accommodation
- 6 motel cooked breakfasts
- 4 motel 2 course dinners
- 3 included lunches
- Picnic lunch on Day 2
- Guided tour of Sydney
- Guided tour of Vaucluse House, Sydney
- Light lunch and entry to the Australian National Maritime Museum, Sydney
- Dinner cruise for the Vivid Sydney festival with Majestic Cruises, Sydney
- Private Tour of the Sydney Opera House, Sydney
- Buffet Dinner at SkyFeast at Sydney Tower
- Lunch at the Artisan Farmer, Nabiac

Confirmed Accommodation

- New England Motor Lodge, Glen Innes – 1 night
- Parkroyal Darling Harbour – 3 nights
- Opal Cove Resort – 2 nights

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