

Canowindra Balloon Challenge Tour

A special event in the Central West

4 Days/3 Nights



Date: Thursday 26 to Sunday 29 April 2018

FREECALL 1800 611 735

DAY 1

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Your tour begins today with coach pick up in the morning from your home. Morning tea stop provided by Kiama Scenic Tours at Mittagong. We will then travel south west along the Hume Highway. Lunch stop during the day (your expense) Arrive into Cowra in the afternoon, where we enjoy a visit to the POW Theatre located inside the Visitor Centre. We will then check in to our accommodation for our 3 night stay, Sovereign Inn Cowra. Dinner taken onsite at motel (Please note: stairs to access onsite restaurant) Accommodation: Sovereign Inn Cowra Ph 6342 1055

DAY 2

BMD



Full hot & cold buffet breakfast provided at motel Today we head to Canowindra. The town became world famous in 1955 when a 360 million-year-old fossil was found! Our day in Canowindra will include a visit to the Age of Fishes Museum, a Bushranger History guided tour and a chance to see the balloons taking off (weather dependent). A chance discovery in 1955 revealed an extensive fossil bed dating from the Devonian Period. The best of the fossils so far recovered are now on public display at the Age of Fishes Museum. We will take a tour of the museum to find out more! The 1860s in the Central West of NSW were a time of unprecedented turmoil. Bushrangers held the roads, harried the wealthy and confounded the New Police for five years. Our Bushranger History tour will paint a vivid picture of the times and characters involved and explain where, and why, it all happened. In the afternoon balloons start flying. Watching a mass launch of a fleet of colourful balloons is a spectacular visual and photographic experience. See balloons of all shapes, sizes and colours from all over the world. Please note: all spectators are reminded that hot air ballooning is completely weather dependent. Events may be delayed or cancelled if the conditions are unsafe for flying. Don't forget your camera! Morning tea will be provided by Kiama Scenic Tours during the day. Lunch in the town during the day will be at your expense. Return to Cowra late afternoon. Dinner taken onsite at motel (Please note: stairs to access onsite restaurant) Accommodation: Sovereign Inn Cowra Ph 6342 1055



DAY 3**BML**

Full hot & cold buffet breakfast provided at motel

This morning you will have a relaxing start to the day before we venture out late morning to the Cowra Railway & Roundhouse. Visit includes entry and tour guide. Light morning tea will be provided onsite.

Return to the motel for lunch (hot buffet lunch will be served, as dinner tonight is at your expense at the Balloon Glow)

After lunch you will have time to have a rest in your room before we head to Canowindra late afternoon for our night out.



Arrive into Canowindra late afternoon/early evening to enjoy all the festivities of the Balloon Glow & Night Markets. This is the public highlight of the week where balloons light up their burners in the dark to music. The afternoon program starts with local dance group, greet the "Pilots on Parade" followed by Amitie, female singing group and the children dancing and singing with their Glow Wands. The spectacular Balloon Glow commences at approx. 7pm and will be followed by Peter Byrne in his "Forever Diamond" show. The concert will go ahead irrespective of weather conditions. In the event of windy or wet weather, in the interest of safety, the balloons may not be able to be inflated. In this case the pilots will still put on a spectacular burner display in the dark.

Entry to the Balloon Glow & Night Markets event has been included.

Dinner during the night will be at your expense. There will be plenty of food market stalls where you can buy your dinner.

PLEASE NOTE: There is very little seating provided at the Balloon Glow, so we recommend to please bring a chair or rug to sit on. The weather may get cool in the evening so bring a jumper or jacket for your personal comfort.

Return to Cowra at conclusion of balloon glow (departing time flexible)

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**DAY 4****BM**

Full hot & cold buffet breakfast provided at motel

This morning we check out from our accommodation at Cowra.

We head back, stopping in to the town of Boorowa. You will have a chance to view the local war memorial, as well as browse the visitor centre, which is inside the old court house, and includes an arts & craft co-op.

Devonshire tea will be served for you during the visit.

Lunch stop during the day (your expense)

Return to your home late afternoon

B = Breakfast **M** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

**Itinerary subject to change without notice*

Inclusions: 3 night's accommodation, all breakfasts, dinner on 2 nights, lunch on 1 day, morning tea on all days, entry to all attractions and coach pick up & drop off from your home (Illawarra, Shoalhaven & Sydney areas only).

	Price per person twin share	Single supplement
Travel Club Members	\$995	\$170
Non-Member	\$1045	\$170

Deposit required: \$100 per person

Balance due: Friday 6 April 2018

All payments can be made by the following options:

- In person at our tours office
- Via credit card payment over the phone (VISA or Mastercard only)
- Cheque or money order sent to our post office box. All cheques/money orders are to be made payable to 'Kiama Scenic Tours'.
- Direct deposit – Please ask for our details if you choose to pay by this method

CANCELLATION FEES AND AMENDMENTS

All fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given

Days Notice:	60-90 Days ↓	15-60 Days ↓	Within 14 days ↓
Deposit:	Full refund <u>OR</u> Transferable**	50% refundable & Non-transferable	Non-refundable & Non-transferable

**If you cancel your booking 60 days or more prior to your booked tour, the deposit is transferable to another advertised tour. This deposit is only transferable once. Should you cancel a tour a second time, full deposit will be lost. Please contact office for further details.



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