

Armidale & the New England Experience the High Country! 7 Days/6 Nights



Date: Sunday 19 to Saturday 25 May 2019

FREECALL 1800 611 735

DAY 1 - Sunday

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Your tour begins with mini coach pick up in the morning from your home. Morning tea stop provided by Kiama Scenic Tours & meet large coach. We will then travel north up the Pacific Highway and then left on to the New England Highway. Lunch at venue of driver's choice (your expense). Before we reach Scone we will drop into Pukara Olive Grove Estate at Denman for tasting and an overview of the business. Purchases can be made of the products. We will then check in to our accommodation for our overnight stay, Colonial Motor Lodge Scone. Dinner taken onsite at motel. Accommodation: Colonial Motor Lodge, Scone Ph 02 6545 1700

DAY 2 – Monday

BMD



Cooked Buffet Breakfast provided at motel. Check out and departure from our accommodation at Scone this morning. We make our way out of Scone and drive east towards Glenbawn Dam. We will enjoy a talk on the history of the area, as well as morning tea in the kiosk. We then head north towards Armidale. We will stop in the small town of Wallabadah to view the First Fleet Memorial Garden. A wonderful tribute to those who were on board in 1788. Lunch in Tamworth (your expense) and visit to the Big Golden Guitar. Upon arrival into Armidale we will do a short scenic drive around the town, including taking in the views of the city from Apex Lookout. We will then check in to our accommodation for our 4 night stay at Deer Park Motor Inn. Dinner taken onsite at motel (including welcome drink). Accommodation: Deer Park Motor Inn, Armidale Ph 02 6772 9999
Note: some rooms have a shower over bath in bathroom

DAY 3 – Tuesday

BMLD



Cooked Breakfast provided at motel. Today we explore the history and beauty of Armidale and its surrounds. Our tour guide will join us on board the coach this morning as we enjoy a tour around the town. You will receive a historical background of the city and be shown heritage buildings, cultural places, special gardens, schools and the university. During the tour you should be able to walk inside "Boooloominbah", a magnificent former gentleman's residence. It now houses the principal administration offices at the University of New England. A light morning tea will be provided during the tour when we stop in at the Railway Museum. Return to Armidale itself for visit to a local museum for more history. Lunch today will be provided by Kiama Scenic Tours (venue to be confirmed). In the afternoon our guide will join us again as we travel the Waterfall Way. We will visit lookouts & picnic areas that are accessible to us by coach. Take in the natural beauty of the area! Kiama Scenic Tours will provide afternoon tea during this time. Return to your accommodation. Dinner taken onsite at motel. Accommodation: Deer Park Motor Inn, Armidale Ph 02 6772 9999

DAY 4 - Wednesday

BMLD



Cooked Breakfast provided at motel

A big day today as we travel north from Armidale to Tenterfield.

Our first stop is Glen Innes, which sits at an altitude of 1062m – about half the height of Mount Kosciuszko! We will visit the Australian Standing Stones.

Created in 1991/92 the Standing Stones is the national monument to Celtic people, past and present. The Stones acknowledge the contribution to Australian culture made by people from the Celtic nations of Scotland, Ireland, Cornwall, Wales, the Isle of Man, Brittany, Asturias and Galicia.

Kiama Scenic Tours to provide morning tea during the visit.

We then go on to Tenterfield, an untouched, well-renowned historical district surrounded by spectacular bush lands. The area enjoys blazing red autumns with stunning tree lined roads.

Your day in the town will start with a 1 hour guided town tour, where your guide will jump on the coach and point out places of interest. You will also enjoy visits to the Tenterfield Railway Museum, Tenterfield Saddler and Henry Parkes Museum. Lunch during the day will be provided for you at the Courtyard Café (included).

On our return journey from Tenterfield to Armidale we will drive back through Guyra to view the Mother of Ducks Lagoon.

Please note: The order in which we visit today's attractions in Tenterfield may vary on the day.

Return to accommodation in Armidale late afternoon.

Dinner taken onsite at motel.

Accommodation: Deer Park Motor Inn, Armidale Ph 02 6772 9999

DAY 5 – Thursday

BMD



Cooked Breakfast provided at motel

Today we head south out of Armidale towards the town of Uralla.

Our first stop will be Saumarez Homestead, a National Trust historic pastoral property comprising an imposing house, set in extensive English-style gardens, and a complex of twelve farm buildings. Our visit will include an introduction of the houses' history then tour of main house interior. You will then enjoy a wonderful Devonshire Tea onsite.

We will then go on to Uralla to visit the McCrossins Mill Museum. The museum houses an eclectic collection of memorabilia from the early days of Uralla and the adjoining Rocky River goldfields. Most notable is a collection of nine paintings by Phillip Pomroy depicting the demise of Captain Thunderbolt, the notorious and local bushranger.

Lunch and free time during the day in Uralla township. You might like to make your way to The Thunderbolt Inn (also known as The Bottom Pub!) for a classic pub-style lunch (your expense)

After lunch we will take you up to Uralla Square to view the grave of Captain Thunderbolt before making our way towards Gostwyck, home to the historic chapel. View the chapel, homestead and surrounds from the coach, as the property is now privately owned so we cannot access. The vine-clad chapel is a spectacular sight, and (fingers crossed) should be ablaze with Autumn colour. Further down the Gostwyck Road (which is a magnificent tree lined avenue of two hundred elms) we will find Deeargee Woolshed, built in 1872. Its unique octagonal shape is erected on brick pillars and its successive roofs are of galvanised iron.

We will then take a leisurely drive back to Armidale.

Return to accommodation.

Dinner taken onsite at motel.

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DAY 6 - Friday

BMD



Cooked Breakfast provided at motel
Today we check out and depart our accommodation in Armidale.
First stop will be Thunderbolt's Rock, just south of Uralla. The time-worn cluster of granite boulders were the perfect vantage point for Captain Thunderbolt as he monitored the approach of unwary mail coaches.
We continue to travel south until we find our way to Tamworth again.
After a Morning tea stop by Kiama Scenic Tours off the coach, we will visit the Australian Country Music Hall of Fame Museum. The museum contains display of artefacts belonging to Australian Country Music Artists. These include stage clothing, instruments, posters and photographs! The museum is also home to the Walk a Country Mile Exhibit
We will then drop you into Tamworth town centre for a quick browse and to have an early lunch (your expense)
Back on the coach again as we head towards Scone.
This afternoon we enjoy a wonderful Thoroughbred Stud Tour with our guide Craig Benjamin from Upper Hunter Tours. Visit a local stud in the heart of thoroughbred horse country and hear the history of the property as well the workings of the farm and the horses they have onsite.
We will then check in to our accommodation for our overnight stay again, Colonial Motor Lodge, Scone.
Dinner taken onsite at motel.
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DAY 7 - Saturday

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Cooked Buffet Breakfast provided at motel
Check out and departure from our accommodation at Scone.
Travel via Aberdeen and Muswellbrook.
Kiama Scenic Tours to provide morning tea en-route.
Lunch stop taken along the way at venue of driver's choice (your expense)
Return to your home late afternoon.

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

**Itinerary subject to change without notice*

Inclusions: 6 night's accommodation, all breakfasts, all dinners, morning tea on all days, lunch on 2 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	\$1835	\$310
Non-Member	\$1885	\$310

Deposit required: \$100 per person

Balance due: Wednesday 8 May 2019

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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