

Christmas in Nambucca Heads

23 – 28 December 2018

Hi Ho, Hi Ho, it's off to Nambucca we go! Come join us for our fun-filled Christmas Tour for 6 days/5 nights.

You'll discover the spectacular sights, sounds & tasty delights of the River Country along the East Coast of New South Wales. Aboard our air-conditioned coach, you'll enjoy scenic views of some of New South Wales' mighty river systems - the Bellingen, Maclean, Kalong and Clarence Rivers. Throughout the trip you'll spend time exploring the quaint & often quirky townships of Ballina, Bellingen, South West Rocks, Nambucca, Coffs Harbour, Grafton and Casino.

Let's not forget the delicious Christmas luncheon you'll enjoy with your new friends at the Anchors Wharf Cafe situated on the banks of the Kalong River, Urunga. We hope you'll join us for what will be a memorable Christmas tour discovering new places & friendships along the way.

Duration: 6 days

Departure Date: 23 December 2018

From \$2190.00

Departure Location: Gympie

Return Location: Gympie (Brisbane)

Pricing:

Twin Share: \$2190.00

Solo Use: \$2545.00

Deposit of \$250 per person required within 7 days of booking

Balance of your payment due 8 weeks prior to tour commencement

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- 4 motel breakfasts
- 1 continental breakfast Christmas Day
- 4 motel dinners
- 1 light supper Xmas Day
- 1-night Ballina
- 3 nights Nambucca Heads
- Ebor Falls
- Dorrigo National Park/Rainforest Centre including the spectacular Skywalk
- Lunch at the Canopy Café
- Historic Bellingen
- Christmas lunch with all the trimmings at the Anchors Wharf Café Urunga
- Trial Bay Gaol at South West Rocks
- Lunch at The Pub With No Beer, Taylors Arms
- Bowraville Folk Museum, Bowraville
- The breathtaking Forest Sky Pier Coffs Harbour
- Tapas High Tea at Two Tails Winery
- Benefield's Rose Farm
- 1-night Casino
- Lunch at the Beaudesert RSL Club

DAY 1 SUNDAY 23.12.18**GYMPIE TO BALLINA****D**

After loading the coach and completing our passenger pick up service, we head south via Brisbane and the Gold Coast to Ballina. Ballina is a bustling town located at the mouth of the Richmond River. It has several beautiful beaches, art gallery and shopping galore.

DAY 2 MONDAY 24.12.18**BALLINA TO NAMBUCCA****BD**

Today we head south through Nymboida to Ebor for our morning stop. The viewing platforms at Ebor Falls provide us with dramatic views of the falls and the rugged country to the north. For many years hand tinted photographs of these picturesque falls featured in the carriages of New South Wales Railways.

Following the Waterfall Way, we drive to the Dorrigo Plateau and the Dorrigo National Park. This national park offers a real experience and we can see some magnificent rainforest country and stunning views as we travel through this lovely area. The Skywalk especially will provide some spectacular views.

After lunch in the Canopy Café, we drive down towards the coast with a brief stop in the historic township of Bellingen. Nestled on the banks of the beautiful Bellinger River, Bellingen is one of the most beautiful and historic towns on the North Coast. Once the centre of a thriving timber industry, Bellingen's main street still retains the charm of these early days.

Step back in time in Bellingen with its traditional-style main street, the highlight of which is the restored Hammond and Wheatley Emporium building, which is as grand as its name suggests. From the National Park we travel on to Nambucca Heads, home for the next three nights.

DAY 3 TUESDAY 25.12.18**MERRY CHRISTMAS****BLD**

Merry Christmas! There will be time to attend church services for those who wish to before we meet for our Christmas lunch. We have a treat in store as we have lunch planned in Urunga at the Anchors Wharf Café, situated right on the Kalang River.

This afternoon we can walk off our lunch or just take in the view as we head to the Urunga's timber boardwalk which runs from the Urunga township to the Pacific Ocean. We may have time to squeeze in an afternoon nap before we catch up over dinner to continue the Christmas Cheer.

DAY 4 WEDNESDAY 26.12.18**NAMBUCCA TO SOUTH WEST ROCKS****BLD**

After breakfast we set off to explore the area. We travel south to visit South West Rocks, which was not established until 1896 and grew slowly around the mouth of the Macleay River. We make an interesting visit to the Trial Bay Gaol. Work on the gaol commenced in 1877 as an experiment in penal reform. It was constructed of locally quarried pink and grey granite with the first wing being completed in 1886. It was closed in 1903 but reopened in 1915 to hold internees from Germany as a result of World War I, where they were allowed out onto the beaches during the day but locked up at night.

We then head to Taylors Arm. Here we enjoy a visit and lunch at the Pub With No Beer, an Australian icon. For just over 100 years The Pub With No Beer has been dispensing Australia's most valuable liquid asset, beer. Legend has it, however, that it once ran out! Local timber cutter and songwriter, Gordon Parsons, immortalised this story in what became one of Australia's most famous songs, "The Pub With No Beer". The song was recorded by Slim Dusty and became the biggest selling single in 1958. It remains one of Australia's biggest selling singles of the past 60 years! Following lunch, we have time to view an array of artefacts and memorabilia, each with its own interesting history, which adorn the pub walls!

After lunch we make our way back to Nambucca heads via Bowraville - the town known as the Verandah Post Town and not a lot has changed over the years. We take some time to explore the town, including a visit to the Bowraville Museum and the many craft shops before making our way to Nambucca Heads with time to freshen up before dinner at the motel.

We depart Nambucca Heads this morning and make our way to Coffs Harbour where we head for Bruxner Park, driving up through banana plantations and avocado groves to the Forest Sky Pier. The Forest Sky Pier is located on an escarpment 310 metres above Coffs offering amazing views out to the coast, on a clear day we can see 100km to the south!

Back on the coach, we head inland to Nana Glen where we stop for a savoury treat - Tapas High Tea at Two Tails Winery! Continuing on, we make our way to Grafton a city of tree lined streets and graceful old buildings overlooking the Clarence River.

As early as 1866 Grafton council resolved to consider by-laws for the planting and preserving of trees and shrubs in the streets and recreation grounds. There are now some 7000 trees in Grafton and many beautiful parks. The most famous of the trees is the Jacaranda.

We continue on to Casino situated at the junction of the Summerland Way and the Bruxner Highway. A focal point for the town is the Richmond River, especially the Platypus Pool, situated below Irving Bridge. It provides an unforgettable experience if you are lucky enough to get a glimpse of these shy creatures.

On arrival we check into our hotel for the last night on tour.

Sadly, all good tours come to an end. Crossing the border from New South Wales, we continue on our way home stopping for lunch at the Beaudesert RSL Club.

We arrive home late afternoon after a wonderful trip away!

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc.

We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.