

# Newcastle & the Hunter Valley



Day 7 Tuesday 17 September

## Lower Hunter Valley & Maitland

Today you travel to the nearby lower Hunter Valley and the fine city of Maitland where you visit the Regional Art Gallery and have time to enjoy on site Seraphine Café for morning tea. Continue to National Trust listed Grossman House which was built in 1871. (\$8 pay on the day). Grossman House was built by the merchant Isaac Beckett and this immaculately restored home captures the prosperity of Victorian-era Maitland. Housed within is an extensive collection of 19th century costumes and textiles related to local life and industry, and characteristic furnishings. There is time for lunch in the centre of Maitland before taking a history walk with your tour leader. Mid afternoon you return to Newcastle for some free time and a farewell dinner.

**Overnight Newcastle**  
**Breakfast • Farewell Dinner**



Day 8 Wednesday 18 September

## Newcastle to Adelaide

After breakfast and check out this morning you transfer to Newcastle airport for your direct flight with Qantas back to Adelaide. Arrival in Adelaide is in the early afternoon.

**Breakfast**



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**Newcastle • Hunter Valley • Nelson Bay • Fingal Bay • Tocal Homestead  
Historic Morpeth & Paterson • Forster • Tuncurry • Wallis Lake Cruise  
Myall Lakes • Hunter Valley Gardens • Richmond Valley Railway • Historic  
Greta, Broke & Wollombi • Maitland**

**F**ly direct with Qantas to Newcastle on the beautiful NSW Pacific Coast and relax, unpack and unwind in your high end, superbly located waterfront hotel. Newcastle is Australia's second oldest city which has undergone a vibrant urban revival but is still underpinned by its fine historical architecture. Enjoy leisurely daily touring with your tour leader exploring the bountiful treasures this rich and picturesque region has to offer. Take a lunch cruise on lovely Lake Wallis with bird and dolphin sightings and enjoy gorgeous Nelson Bay, Fingal Bay, Forster and Tuncurry. Take a train ride on the historic Richmond Valley Railway and explore charming hamlets, historic townships, breathtaking gardens and the vineyards and wineries of the famous Hunter Valley. A carefully planned tour with quality inclusions.

**Tour Leader:** Trevor Feder is an experienced tour leader with WEA Travel's cultural and heritage tours. He has a background as a university lecturer in the education sector and is a dedicated and caring leader.

**Tour Includes:** Full escort; High quality hotel accommodation in waterfront rooms for seven nights; All breakfasts; All luxury coach transportation; All fees, tours & sightseeing, boat cruise and train ride as per itinerary; Lunches & morning teas as per itinerary; Welcome & Farewell Dinners; Historical travel notes.



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**Day 1 Wednesday 11 September**

**Adelaide to Newcastle**

Fly Qantas direct to Newcastle at the northern tip of the beautiful New South Wales Central Coast. On arrival you are taken to your fabulous hotel, which is located on the Hunter Harbour and waterfront. Water view rooms have been secured for you where you can unpack and relax for the next seven nights. A welcome dinner has been arranged at the hotel for you this evening.

**Overnight Newcastle  
Welcome Dinner**



**Day 2 Thursday 12 September**

**Nelson Bay & Fingal Bay**

After breakfast you head out for a leisurely day of touring via Tanilba Bay and Lemon Tree Passage to Bob's Farm. A delicious Devonshire morning tea awaits you at the Cookabarra Barramundi Farm after which you tour the farm before continuing to scenic Nelson Bay for a lunch break. In the afternoon you drive via Shoal Bay to breathtaking Fingal Bay where you walk to Barry Park Lookout for gorgeous views and some free time. On your return to Newcastle you stop in



Raymond Terrace to visit historic Sketchley Pioneer Cottage and Museum. Sketchley is a rare timber slab colonial farm house built in the 1840s as a family home for William Sketchley and his descendants. Explore the early settler's home which is furnished in its original style and also the separate museum built on the cottage grounds. This displays a collection of farm equipment, tools, a working blacksmith's shop, sea shells, old bottles, clothes, household items, radios and office machines.

**Overnight Newcastle  
Breakfast • Morning Tea**

**Day 3 Friday 13 September**

**Tocal, Paterson & Morpeth.**

Today you travel to Tocal Homestead near Paterson which was built in 1843 on the traditional lands of the Wonnaura people. It is one of Australia's oldest colonial working farms. Enjoy a half day tour of Tocal which includes morning tea on arrival and also lunch. Originally established by assigned convicts, this historic property is now an agricultural college and one of Australia's most significant 1840s sites. After lunch you visit the historic townships of Paterson and Morpeth. Explore the 1862 Courthouse Museum in Morpeth (\$2 pay on the day) followed by a town history walk with your tour leader.

**Overnight Newcastle  
Breakfast • Morning Tea • Lunch**



**Day 4 Saturday 14 September**

**Forster Tuncurry & Lake Cruise**

Set out on a full day excursion today north of Newcastle to Forster and Tuncurry. Pause in Bulahdelah on the banks of the Myall River and lakes system. The Myall Lakes National Park is the largest natural freshwater lake system on the New South Wales coast. Continue to Forster and have a stroll before boarding your wonderful Free Spirit cruise on Wallis Lake. A tour highlight, this stunning eco cruise features exquisite bird life and frequent dolphin sightings and a delicious lunch is served on board. Following the cruise there is leisure time in Forster.

**Overnight Newcastle  
Breakfast • Lunch**

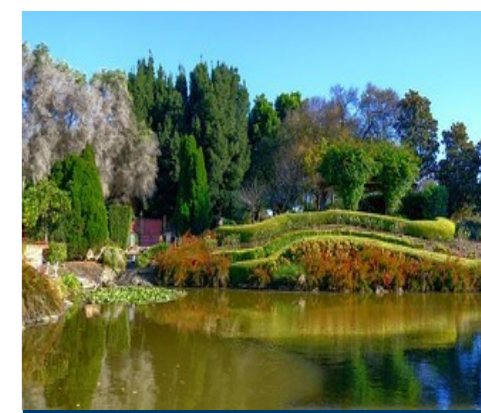


**Day 5 Sunday 15 September**

**Richmond Valley Railway & Hunter Valley Gardens**

This morning you drive in to the nearby Richmond Valley for a historic train ride and to explore the railway museum in an old colliery building. As well as railway items the museum depicts the history of the local colliery. Continue through Kurri Kurri and Cessnock to the spectacular Hunter Valley Gardens at Pokolbin. There are ten individually themed gardens here showcasing the artistry of garden style and architecture from around the world across fourteen hectares. There are both extensive native and exotic plantings. On arrival you have a History of the Gardens walk before sitting down to lunch which is arranged for you at the lovely on site Garden Terrace café. There is ample time to enjoy the wonder of the gardens at your own pace after lunch before returning to Newcastle in the late afternoon.

**Overnight Newcastle  
Breakfast • Lunch**



**Day 6 Monday 16 September**

**Hunter Valley**

After breakfast you drive through another pretty part of the Hunter Valley to the historic village of Broke via Greta, Branxton and Mount Thorley. Stop in quaint Greta for a morning tea break then enjoy the beautiful Hunter vineyard views and landscapes en-route to Broke. Here you visit the multi award-winning family owned Margan Winery and restaurant for lunch. Take in the views over the vines as you enjoy a Ploughman's style lunch and seasonal wine tasting of Margan's estate grown and estate made wines at this lauded five star establishment. After lunch you drive down to Wollombi where there is time to browse and enjoy the town's cafes, shops and heritage buildings as well as a history walk with your tour leader. You might also like to have a drink at historic Gray's Inn, a 19th century sandstone Georgian property in the village centre.

**Overnight Newcastle  
Breakfast • Lunch**