

GRAND PACIFIC DRIVE

SEP 21ST - 26TH

TOUR PRICE

\$1800 Per Person Twin Share \$2350 Single Traveller

Deposit: \$100 per person required on booking Final Payment: Wednesday 21st August 2019

DAY 1 - Saturday 21st Sep Dubbo - Penrith

There is an adventurer inside all of us. So if you're ready to escape the everyday, try something different and discover somewhere new, then this tour is for you. Tonight enjoy a dinner cruise on the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler, cruising the wilderness areas of the Blue Mountains National Park and the Nepean Gorge you are guaranteed an unforgettable experience for all those on board.

DAY 2 - Sunday 22nd Sep Penrith - Grand Pacific Drive - Wollongong

Head South from Penrith and weave through the beautiful Royal National Park- the world's second oldest. We stop at Stanwell Tops to visit the Laurence Hargrave Memorial of Flight, which offers incredible ocean views and is internationally renowned as a hang gliding mecca. The Grand Pacific Drive is a 140 kilometre scenic coastal drive taking you through rainforests, over the iconic Sea Cliff Bridge and through the coastal cities and townships. This afternoon you will be exploring the Nan Tien Temple, the largest Buddhist Temple in the Southern Hemisphere. The visual delights of grandeur architecture, art and culture, combined with the spiritual and religious experience is unforgettable and even life changing for some.



DAY 3 - *Monday 23rd Sep*Wollongong - Kiama

Wollongong is an inspiring region; full of wonderful experiences, memorable adventures and beautiful beaches. Our first stop for the day is the Port Kembla steelworks. Then step back in time and immerse yourself in Australia's aviation history- view some of the most amazing historic aircraft at the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society Museum. On display is the world famous 'Connie' Lockhead Super Constellation, the airliner of the 1950s that conquered the world. Get up close and personal with two Neptune Bombers. Have your photo taken with 'Felix' who proudly represents the Black Cat Catalina Squadron of the RAAF. The most recent addition is the Qantas 747-400 City, which made history by flying London to Sydney non-stop and then making the shortest flight from Sydney to Illawarra Regional Airport. Before the day ends you visit Kiama Lighthouse and, of course, the Kiama Blowhole.

PORT KEMBLA STEELWORKS

AIS (Australian Iron and Steel) was formed in 1928 by the Hoskins family to establish and operate a steelworks at Port Kembla. Charles Hoskins had been the first person to profitably make steel in Australia, having taken over in 1908 the Lithgow steel plant of William Sandford Limited which had gone into liquidation. In the mid-1920s he decided to move the steelworks Pork Kembla because of its deep water harbour, high quality coal deposits and coke ovens the family owned at nearby Wongawilli, and proximity to limestone deposits at Marulan.

The Port Kembla Steelworks is still the largest of the company's global operations, where currently 2.6 million tonnes of raw steel are produced each year. The company is a world leader in metallic coating and painting technologies, supplying a wide range of branded products. It serves its customers through a network of distribution and manufacturing facilities throughout Australia.

DAY 4 - *Tuesday 24th Sep*Kiama - Nowra - Bowral - Mittagong

The Shoalhaven River offers some breathtaking scenery along its banks including amazing rocky outcrops, spectacular bushland, impressive industry and beautiful farming land. You will be welcomed aboard the Shoalhaven River Cruise and enjoy a leisurely 2 hour cruise including morning tea, skippers commentary and the gorgeous scenery along the Shoalhaven River. You have the chance to visit the internationally awarded Tulip Time in Mittagong, one of Australia's oldest and best loved floral festivals. It is a celebration of stunning tulip displays, entertainment, special events and premier private gardens, so essentially there's something on offer for both young and the young at heart.

DAY 5 - Wednesday 25th Sep Mittagong - Richmond

The highlight of today is a visit to the Guide Dogs Centre where you will be sure to have a pleasant experience and gain a deeper insight into the work they do to enhance the independence and safe mobility of people who are blind or vision impaired.

DAY 6 - *Thursday 26th Sep*Richmond - Dubbo

We depart Richmond and spend morning at the Blue Mountains Botanic Garden, Mt Tomah to admire the garden that overlooks the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area and boasts stunning panoramic views. Your adventure comes to an end this afternoon.

