

join us ... on a Holiday Coach tour of  
**New Year in Cowra & Surrounds**  
 5 Days / 4 Nights ... With Mary And Brian  
*We pick you up and return you home*



**Tour Departs: Sunday 29 December 2019 - Thursday 2 January 2020**

*Discover Cowra, the great outdoors, vineyards, adventure of true country experiences from relaxing the tranquil Japanese Garden, experience Cowra's fascinating history, from the days of steam trains to the largest Prisoner Of War breakout in modern military history.*

*Great Food and wine a chance to sample the superb local food and wine available where it is actually produced, still retaining country hospitality.*

**Tour Highlights:** Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum; Cowra Breakout Holographic Theatre; Highlights of Cowra - Australian World Peace Bell, Australian and Japanese War Cemetary, POW Camp



Sites & Cowra Italy Friendship Monument; Japanese Gardens & Cultural Centre; Windowrie Estate; Age of Fishes Museum; Forbes Visitor Centre; Lachlan Valley Rail Heritage Centre; Iandra Castle; Grenfell Walk of Fame; Wallangreen Sculpture Park and Gardens; Abercrombie House and much more!

(see the comprehensive itinerary)



**Tour Inclusions:**

- ✓ Pick up from your home, transport and return  
(Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- ✓ Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- ✓ 4 Fully cooked breakfasts
- ✓ 4 Three course Dinners with choices
- ✓ Lunch days 2, 3 and 4
- ✓ 4 nights quality accommodation, twin share
- ✓ All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary
- ✓ Escorted tour

**Tour Fee including GST:**

**Members**                    **\$1635.00**  
 per person twin share  
**Non Members**           **\$1685.00**  
 per person twin share  
**Single Supplement**    **\$260.00**

Minimum loading 20 passengers book and pay  
**by Thursday 24th October 2019**  
 Please note that the itinerary is  
 subject to change without notice

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*"A journey is best measured in friends, rather than miles" - Tim Cahill*

# Itinerary New Year in Cowra & Surrounds Tour

## Day 1. Sun 29 Dec: Home Port - Lithgow - Bathurst - Cowra

Dinner

This morning we pick you up from home and begin our journey across to the Cowra Region of New South Wales. We stop at the Lithgow Workers Club for lunch at own expense, then continue into Bathurst and visit the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum for a guided tour. The Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum is situated in the heart of Bathurst and housed in a refurbished 1876 Public School building. It is one of the most spectacular fossil and mineral collections in the world and permanently on show is the Somerville Collection, which exhibits a 10 metre long Tyrannosaurus Rex - the only one in Australia - as well as several dinosaur eggs and a 40 million year old lizard caught in amber and rare minerals. This afternoon we continue through to Cowra where we check in and enjoy a welcome dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Sovereign Inn Cowra

## Day 2. Mon 30 Dec: Cowra

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast this morning we visit the Cowra Tourist Centre to view the **Cowra Breakout Holographic Theatre**, a nine minute hologram tells the story of the Breakout and its aftermath. We are then joined by a local guide for a **highlights tour of Cowra**, including a stop at the **Australian World Peace Bell**, which is a replica of the one that stands in the forecourt of the United Nations Headquarters in New York. The Bell was awarded to Cowra in 1992 for its long standing contribution to world peace and international understanding. On our tour we also stop by the **Australian and Japanese War Cemetery, POW Camp Sites, the Cowra Italy Friendship Monument and Bellevue Hill**. For lunch we visit the **Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre**, which is designed to embody the entire landscape of Japan, where every bend takes you on a voyage of discovery. This afternoon we visit the **Old Mill, home to Windowrie Estate**, one of the largest wine producers of the area. The cellar door forms part of an old flourmill built in 1861 from local granite and has been painstakingly restored. We enjoy a tour and tastings for a relaxing end to our day. We then return to our accommodation for a rest before dinner.

Overnight: Sovereign Inn Cowra

## Day 3. Tue 31 Dec: Canowindra - Forbes

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we travel up to Canowindra, the Balloon and Fish Fossil capital of Australia. We visit the **Age of Fishes Museum** where a chance discovery in 1955 revealed an extensive fossil bed dating from the Devonian Period. The 360 million year old formation contained the fossilised remains of over 3500 freshwater fish. After our tour we continue across to Forbes where Bushrangers Ben Hall, Frank Gardiner and their respective gangs became notorious for their daring robberies in the district and stories of their exploits have become part of the folklore. We stop at **Forbes Visitor Centre** to view a video in the Ben Hall Room, followed by a light lunch and a highlights of Forbes tour. After our visit we return to Cowra and call into the **Lachlan Valley Rail Heritage Centre** for a guided tour of the living railway museum. This afternoon we return to our accommodation for a rest before dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight: Sovereign Inn Cowra

## Day 4. Wed 1 Jan: Cowra - Grenfell

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we head to Greenethorpe to visit the **stunning landra Castle**, a magnificent 53 room castle similar to those in the English countryside. Built by Mr G.H. Greene, construction took four years from 1899 to 1903. We enjoy a guided tour of the castle and a cuppa from the coach before we continue into Grenfell to follow the **Walk of Fame**. The Walk of Fame commemorates the 50th Henry Lawson Festival of Arts in 2007, plaques honouring each official guest were laid in the Main Street footpaths. We also visit the monument to Henry Lawson, now shaded by a sugar gum tree. Lunch is at the **Grenfell Bowling Club** and this afternoon we visit the **Wallangreen Sculpture Park and Gardens**. Wallangreen encompasses a hectare of grounds with water features and metal sculptured automatons, emus, birds, bugs and life sized bushrangers. After an afternoon exploring the gardens, we return to our accommodation for a rest before dinner.

Overnight: Sovereign Inn Cowra

## Day 5. Thu 2 Jan: Cowra - Home

Breakfast

This morning we farewell our hosts and make our way to the **Abercrombie House in Bathurst** for a guided heritage tour of the House, followed by morning tea. We then depart for home, stopping via Lithgow to purchase lunch at the Workers Club, and arriving home this afternoon after a memorable time up in the Cowra Region with Mary and Brian.



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