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5 Days / 4 Nights with Brian and Mary

Tour Date Friday 19- Tuesday 23 April 2024

Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport to Cowra and return to your doorstep
- (Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- Luxury Coach Travel, Seatbelts and Restroom
- All fully cooked breakfasts
- Four Three Course Dinners with Choices at the motel
- Four nights quality accommodation,
- Lunches day 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
- All entry fees and guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted tour

Tour Highlights:

Mayfield Gardens, Cowra Visitors Centre, Rose Garden Coffee House, Japanese Gardens & Cultural Centre, Lachlan Valley Heritage Railway Centre, Canowindra, Age of Fishes Museum, Montrose House, Rosnay Farm, Boorowa, Witchcraft Coffee Cottage, Hawkesbury Kelpie Farm, Crookwell, Lindner Sock Factory, and more.....

Tour Fee including GST:	Members	\$2,046.00 per person twin share
	Non Members	\$2,096.00 per person twin share
	Single Supplement	\$389.00

Book now Paid by Thursday 22 February 2024

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The Itinerary

Day 1 Friday 19 April 2024 Home to Cowra

Lunch, Dinner

Today we are heading West over the Blue Mountains via Oberon to **Mayfield Gardens**, one of the largest privately owned cool climate gardens in the world. Nestled within a 5000 acre working farm, initial works on the garden were quite modest in scale but as tends to happen with gardens, it grew....and grew...and grew. We have lunch on arrival and time to wander through the entire garden, experiencing the colours and growth including an 80m cascade that tumbles down the hillside. Mid-afternoon we head to Cowra, the town made famous by the POW Camp located here during WWII and the "Cowra Breakout". We check into accommodation and settle in for dinner.

Cowra Services Club Motel - 02 6341 1999

Day 2 Saturday 20 April 2024 Japanese Gardens

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

At the **Cowra Visitors Centre**, we have time to see the nine-minute presentation that tells the story of the Cowra Breakout in 1944. We can also look around the visitor centre and the lovely rose garden before morning tea in the **Rose Garden Coffee House**. Next a **local guide** joins us on the coach for a tour around Cowra where we will see the **Australian World Peace Bell**, the Cowra Italy Friendship Monument and the **Australian Japanese War Cemeteries**, containing the graves of the Japanese involved in the POW Breakout during World War II. This is the only Japanese War Cemetery in Australia. Lunch and our afternoon is spent at the **Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre**. Designed by landscape architect Ken Nakajima, the 5 hectare garden is the largest in the southern hemisphere. It was built because of Cowra's special significance to the Japanese. The Cultural Centre displays art history and crafts and has become known as the centre of Japanese Culture in Australia. Our final visit for the afternoon is to the **Lachlan Valley Heritage Railway Centre**. It covers an area of approximately two hectares encompassing the 1923 Cowra Locomotive Depot and Roundhouse, similar to the Junee Roundhouse. We have a **tour and talk**, with time to look at the collection before heading back to the hotel.

Day 3 Sunday 21 April 2024 Canowindra

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning we travel north to **Canowindra**. Every year pilots from all over Australia and overseas gather at Canowindra to enjoy the challenge of the sport of competition ballooning, colouring the sky over Canowindra. We look at the Hot Air Balloons before arriving at the **Age of Fishes Museum**, home to some very rare and important fish fossils, which palaeontologists date to 360 million years ago. They are a significant find linking fish to the first amphibians; we enjoy a talk by one of the local volunteers as well as viewing a video. Lunch today is at the lovely **Montrose House**, which was established in September 1915 as The Bank of New South Wales, but many locals remember it in their time as the Westpac Bank. Our last visit of the day is to **Rosnay Farm**, for a tour and tasting of their organic produce and wines. Time to relax in our hotel before dinner this evening.

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Day 4 Monday 22 April 2024 Boorowa

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Leaving Cowra for the days touring we head to the small town of **Boorowa** for an interesting **town tour**, followed by morning tea at the **Arts and Crafts Shop**. Boorowa is not only home to the annual Irish Woolfest (in September) but it has a fascinating Bushranger history. We'll also hear about the close connection to Ireland, specifically Tipperary and the two Irish convicts who, with 'tickets of leave' settled the area. Departing Boorowa we now head to **Harden Murrumburrah** and take a look at the colourful painted **Art Silo** before having lunch at the **Whichcraft Coffee Cottage**. This afternoon we visit the **Hawkesbury Kelpie Farm** located just south of Young. Here we see a demonstration of working Kelpies that are considered the backbone of rural Australia and are one of the most important aspects of farming today and yesteryear. We pass through Young on our way back to Cowra for the final night of our tour.

Day 5 Tuesday 23 April 2024

Breakfast, Lunch

Farewelling our hosts, we head to **Crookwell** and visit the **Lindner Sock Factory**. A family owned and operated business, their fourth-generation sock-maker produces a variety of sock styles on site, in both wool and cotton. We will see their machines in action and browse through the huge range of colours and styles in the **Sock Shop**. For lunch we arrive in Goulburn and stop at **the Goulburn Soldiers Club**, then it's time for us to head back to Sydney and complete our tour with Brian and Mary to Cowra and say farewell at your door.

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