

Barrington Coast Tour



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5 Days / 4 Nights with Brian and Mary

Tour Date Sunday 23 - Thursday 27 February 2025

Tour Inclusions:

- •Pick up from your home, transport to Old Bar and return to your doorstep
- •(Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- •Luxury Coach Travel, Seatbelts and Restroom
- •All fully cooked breakfasts
- •Three Course Dinners with Choices at the motel restaurant in the adjoining club
- Four nights quality accommodation
- Lunch each day
- •All entry fees and guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted tour

Tour Highlights:

Dobell House, Wangi District Workers Club, Manning Valley Succulent Garden, Diamond Beach and Black Head, Free Spirit Cruises, Lunch Cruise, Wallanba River, Forster Arts and Crafts Centre, Gloucester and Barrington Tops, Riverwood Downs Mountain Valley Resort, Stroud, Riddles Brush Chocolates and Treats, Byabara Café and Bar, Larrikins Lock-up, Comboyne, Cruise on the Original Tea Gardens Ferry Service to Nelson Bay, Fighterworld Museum Fighter Beans Café and more.

Tour Fee including GST: Members \$2,036.00 per person twin share

Non Members \$2,086.00 per person twin share

Single Supplement \$429.00

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Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

The Itinerary

Day 1 Sunday 23 February 2025 Home to Old Bar

Lunch, Dinner

Your tour today starts after we pick you up from home and travel North along the M1 Motorway towards the Barrington Coast. Our first stop is to **Dobell House** for a **guided tour** followed by lunch at the **Wangi District Workers Club** overlooking Lake Macquarie. Continuing north we have an afternoon stop at the **Manning Valley Succulent Garden** for a talk and tour. Founded by Colin and Yvonne in 2016, Manning Valley Succulent Garden grew from a backyard passion to a community based local nursery and further grew into an Australia based garden products retail/wholesale supplier. From here it's a short drive into **Old Bar** and we check into the **Club Old Bar Motel** {02 6553 3813} for the next 4 nights. All our meals are in the adjoining Club.

Day 2 Monday 24 February 2025 Wallamba River Cruise Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner After breakfast, we take a sightseeing drive through the seaside towns of Diamond Beach and Black Head where we can see the Black Head Ocean Baths. This morning, we join Free Spirit Cruises for our extended lunch cruise along the Wallamba River. Before road transport, a riverboat milk pick-up service operated for the dairy farmers who farmed along its banks. The river is formed in the Kyle Range near Gangat, flowing eastwards for 72 kilometres and descends 271 metres before joining the Coolongolook River at Wallis Lake, behind the town of Tuncurry. Back on dry land we visit the Forster Arts and Crafts Centre before returning to the motel.

Day 3 Tuesday 25 February 2025 Barrington Tops

We spend today in the Gloucester & Barrington Tops area, which is one of the loveliest and most magnificent alpine regions in Australia. The flowers and vegetation of the area are unique, ranging from sub-tropical rainforest on the lower slopes to alpine snow flowers on the plateau, which is also the source of many rivers. Arriving in Gloucester we have a local guide join the coach for a tour of the area, then have morning tea at Riverwood Downs Mountain Valley Resort, which is located on the banks of a mountain river in a beautiful rural area known as the Monkeri Valley. On arrival we have will be given a talk about the working cattle station and the history of the property followed by lunch. In the afternoon we stop in Stroud at Silo Hill historic site. Offering stunning views this site also explains how it was once home to a grain silo which played a crucial role in the local agricultural industry. Late afternoon we arrive back at the hotel.

Day 4 Wednesday 26 February 2025 Comboyne & Byabarra Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Following breakfast, we make our north with our first stop just outside Moorland at Riddles Brush Chocolates and Treats for a tasting followed by morning tea. From here we pass through Kew and the outskirts of Wauchope to arrive at The Byabara Café and Bar for lunch. Nestled in the stunning Hinterlands outside Port Macquarie our lunch will have some great views of the area, then we head into the small town of Comboyne in the afternoon. Here we have the pleasure of visiting the captivating haven of Larrikins Lock-Up. The

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hospitable hosts eagerly share their labour of love, showcasing the meticulous restoration of the early 20th-century Police Station and Comboyne's first Gaol. Late afternoon we return to Old Bar.

Day 5 Thursday 27 February 2025

Breakfast, Lunch

We have an early start this morning and depart the hotel to make our way south to **Tea Gardens** where we board the Original Tea Gardens Ferry Service to Nelson Bay. Sit back, relax and keep an eye out for the resident Dolphins, seabirds and with any luck you might spot a Turtle. On arrival in Nelson Bay, Brian will meet us and from here we have a short drive to **Fighterworld at RAAF Williamtown.** Here we have a look through the museum and **lunch** in the **Fighter Beans Cafe** before continuing our return journey south to arrive back home after a wonderful five day tour with Brian and Mary from Ezi Drive Coaches.