



GONDWANA RAINFOREST & RURAL CHARM OF BARRINGTON TOPS

4 Days / 3 Nights

This 4 day discovery has us exploring the lush farming district of Gloucester and surrounds as well as the pristine wilderness that is the ancient and magnificent world heritage listed Gondwana Rainforest region of Barrington Tops. Quaint country towns, meandering rivers, fresh mountain air and farm gates will delight you in this little-visited part of New South Wales.

HIGHLIGHTS

- **4 days of personalised exploration of the beautiful Barrington Tops National Park and Upper Hunter Valley**
- **Morning Tea at Hunter Regions outstanding Botanic Gardens**
- **Exploring the environs of Gloucester, the charming town at the foot of the Barrington Tops National Park**
- **Farm gate visit and fine food from local restaurants**
- **Guided tour of 'Aussie Ark' – a conservation project to assist the rehabilitation of Tasmanian Devils and other endangered cool-temperate species**
- **A journey through the Upper Hunter Valley Wine Region including tastings and a delicious lunch**

ITINERARY

DAY 1 – SYDNEY – GLOUCESTER (LD)

Departing Sydney at approximately 8.00am we head North towards Gloucester. Our first stop is at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens where we have time to explore the gardens and enjoy morning tea refreshments. Continuing North towards the Bucketts Way, we arrive at the Farmers Wife Distillery. Created on their farm, this boutique hand crafted gin is a homage to the tradition of Gin making and the native flavours of Australia and we will enjoy gin tasting and a relaxed lunch in this unique venue. After lunch we'll have time to wander the historic village of Stroud before making our way to Gloucester to enjoy one of the short walks in the town, see the oldest remaining 'Homestead', have a chance to explore the town centre, then settle in to our accommodation. Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Overnight – Gloucester – The Great Escape Lofts



DAY 2 – GLOUCESTER (BLD)

Today is spent exploring the astonishing diversity that is the Gloucester Tops. Combining a series of walks, you'll wander through open snow gum and sub-alpine woodland as well as cool temperate rainforest. This landscape is part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia and is millions of years old. Keep your eye out for swamp wallabies and grey kangaroos and in the summer season, the flora is spectacular. Lunch will be picnic style today before returning to our accommodation mid-afternoon. Time to relax and freshen up before we head out for a late afternoon tour of the Hill View Herb Farm – a farm gate property offering a wide range of fresh culinary and medicinal herbs to smell, taste and touch. We will enjoy a delightful dinner in this picturesque setting.

Overnight – Gloucester – The Great Escape Lofts



DAY 3 – BARRINGTON TOPS & THE AUSSIE ARK (BLD)

An early start today as we head out of Gloucester and ascend the stunning Barrington Tops to our destination – the Aussie Ark. Established in 2011 this incredibly unique property is located high above the beautiful Barrington Tops and is dedicated to saving the iconic Tasmanian Devil from extinction as well as creating a long term future for a range of threatened Australian Species. On arrival we are met by one of the Ark Rangers and enjoy an unforgettable 2.5 hour guided “Devils in the Wild” tour. You will be privy to enter a huge free-range enclosure and experience a rare opportunity to get up and close and personal in the Tasmanian Devil’s natural enclosure. Departing from the Ark we will enjoy a picnic lunch beside the Manning River and then enjoy a series of short walks and lookout stops designed to immerse you in the ancient Antarctic Beech forest. We then move West, off the Tops and through the scenic Upper Hunter Valley to arrive into the Hunter Valley early evening. Dinner tonight at our accommodation.

Overnight – Hunter Valley

DAY 4 – HUNTER VALLEY – SYDNEY (BL)

As yesterday was a busy day, this morning we have a relaxed start. After full breakfast, we depart for a leisurely visit to the Hunter Valley Gardens where we can soak up nature at its most stunning in the 14 hectare garden complex. Then enjoy visit to a boutique winery followed by a delightful lunch and visits to local boutique chocolate and cheese shops before we commence our return to Sydney where we arrive approximately 5.00pm.



PRIVATE CHARTER TOUR PRICES

Please note the following prices are for a private tour with you and your family or friends. Prices are subject to change depending on the time of year travelling. We would ascertain this upon enquiry.

2 Adults \$3765.00 per person
4 Adults \$2415.00 per person
6 Adults \$2025.00 per person
8 Adults \$1850.00 per person
10 Adults \$1733.00 per person
Single Supplement \$385.00

Tours are currently based on Private Exclusive Charter. Group sizes can currently range from 2 – 10 guests, with a maximum of 16 guests as restrictions further ease. Please contact our office to discuss your preferred dates of travel and group size and we will tailor accordingly.

DURATION

4 days

FITNESS REQUIRED

Whilst this tour is not physically demanding it does include nature walks in National Parks. There will be times where you will be required to navigate uneven tracks, inclines/descents on walks and all participants are required to be able to walk unaided and will not need any foreseen assistance throughout the journey. For all clients to fully enjoy this travel experience, excellent health and mobility is required by all.

WEAR

Comfortable clothing, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen.

INCLUSIONS

- Expert driver guide escort
- Twin-share accommodation, all rooms with ensuite based on boutique premium hotel
- Meals as advised (B= Breakfast / L= Lunch / D= Dinner)
- Admissions and sustainable water bottles on board
- Travel in bespoke 14 or 17 passenger seat tour vehicle with reclining leather coach seats and air conditioning

EXCLUSIONS

- Beverages with meals unless otherwise specified
- Travel insurance

TERMS & CONDITIONS

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