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Peter O'Leary in association with Specialty Travel presents his 7 day

Illawarra Coast & Vivid Sydney Light Festival

Departing Thursday 30th May to Wednesday 5th June 2019

Day 1: Thursday 30th

Homeport to Wollongong

(D)

Pick Ups: Yeppoon Rail, Emu Park Bus Terminal, Northside Plaza Bus Stop, South Puma, Gracemere Bus Stop, Rockhampton Airport

Welcome to our 7 day tour to the south coast of New South Wales. Today we board our Virgin flight VA1238 @ 10.40am to Brisbane & VA950 @1.05pm to Sydney. Here, we are met by our friendly coach captain and join the freeway making our way south. Our destination is Wollongong for our first night's stay and on our way we detour through Stanwell Park so we can cross the **Seacliff Bridge**. This spectacular "coast hugging" bridge is part of what is called the Grand Pacific drive. It cost \$52 million to build and links the coastal villages of Coalcliff and Clifton. The bridge itself has become a major attraction because it has been built at the exact point where the Illawarra Escarpment plunges into the South Pacific Ocean, delivering an amazing driving experience. With a guarded shared pathway for pedestrians and cyclists, the bridge offers people a great view of the ocean and whales as they migrate throughout the year.

The Sage Wollongong (2 nights)

Day 2: Friday 31st

Exploring the Area

(BD)

There's a buffet breakfast on offer this morning – eat as much as you like. We're going to have a good look around this area before continuing south tomorrow. First cab off the rank is a visit to the **Nan Tein Temple**. It is one of the branch temples of Fo Guang Shan, founded in 1965 by Venerable Master Hsing Yun, which has over 120 branches worldwide. Nan Tien in Chinese literally means Paradise of the South. This is the biggest Buddhist temple in the southern hemisphere. From here our drive takes us to pretty Kiama where we look at the Blowhole. Did you know that in January 1889 a performer by the name of Charles Jackson attracted large crowds to see his crossings of the mouth of the blowhole on a tightrope! This will be a great stop for a group photograph. We now drive to **Berry** – what was a quaint village now offers restaurants and sophisticated shopping – a great place to stop for a while to explore and purchase our lunch. This afternoon, we follow the coast road. At Coolangatta, not to be confused with Queensland's town with the shared name, our adventures begin as we board Bigfoot. **Bigfoot** is a huge four wheel drive open sided tractor-bus that will carry us on a one hour tour – the highlight is definitely an adventurous climb up **Mount Coolangatta** from where some of the best views of the South Coast can be enjoyed. After our "big" adventure, our homeward route takes us through Gerroa and Gerringong.

The Sage Wollongong

Day 3: Saturday 1st

Wollongong to Batemans Bay

(BLD)

We have a pleasant day today as we travel south. At Nowra, we visit the **Fleet Air Arm Museum** (the HMAS Albatross Naval Aviation Museum) which has one of the finest collections of historic military aircraft in Australia and a superb collection of engines, aviation equipment, models uniforms and memorabilia. We have arranged a guided tour here before continuing to **Sussex Inlet** for our lunch stop. Our afternoon break is at the seaside town of Ulladulla before the last leg of our drive takes us to Batemans Bay. We're here for three nights so unpack and settle in!

Sunseeker Motor Inn, Batemans Bay (3 nights)

Day 4: Sunday 2nd

Around & About Batemans Bay

(BLD)

This morning, we take in the sights of Batemans Bay, learning some of the local and social history of Batemans Bay's progress from a tiny fishing village to a bustling commercial centre. We also visit the Batemans Bay Visitor Centre. Time now to join the **MV Merinda** for a three hour cruise on the picturesque Clyde River. See historical sites, remnants of early settlers' activity, bird life and nature's wonderful artwork. There is a stop-over at the historical village of **Nelligan** with time for a stroll on the dock or to sit on the banks of the river and enjoy the views, just beautiful!! Enjoy a fish and chip lunch on board including tea and coffee. Beer, wine and soft drink are available for purchase onboard. The final visit today is **The Oyster Shed**. Here, we learn some of the secrets about oyster farming and perhaps sample a few of these local delicacies.

Sunseeker Motor Inn

Day 5: Monday 3rd**Sightseeing to the South****(BLD)**

This morning we travel via **Batehaven**, the first of a string of villages along the southern shore of Batemans Bay, with Snapper Island lying off the coast. We drive through **Malua Bay** and onto the old gold mining village of **Mogo** where we visit the privately owned **Mogo Zoo**. This facility has over 200 animals of more than 42 rare and exotic species, comprising the white lions of Timbayati, tigers, iguanas, a variety of primates including spider monkeys, snow leopards, red pandas and some small clawed otters – just to mention a few. We enjoy **morning tea** here with plenty of time to look around. We can also hand-feed the giraffes! We then make our way south to historical Cobargo where we visit the unique open garden farm – **Cobargo Farm** – on the outskirts of the village. We enjoy a hearty lunch before a farm tour where we can spend some time with the animals and admire the fresh fruit and vegetables. Later this afternoon, we make our way back to Batemans Bay.

Sunseeker Motor Inn**Day 6: Tuesday 4th****Vivid Lights of Sydney****(BD)**

We farewell our hosts this morning and begin to make our way back to Sydney, enjoying lunch enroute. This afternoon, we check into our final night's accommodation and have some free time. Our hotel is right on Darling Harbour, so perhaps take a walk and do some "people watching". We have planned to be in Sydney during the **Vivid Lights Festival** – when Sydney is transformed into a spectacular canvas of light, music and ideas when Vivid Sydney takes over the city after dark. This evening we enjoy a delicious dinner on board **Magistic Vivid Lights Dinner Cruise** while gliding past the spectacular light displays around the harbour. Our dinner is an extensive deluxe buffet freshly prepared onboard. Wow, what a wonderful final night on tour!

Parkroyal Darling Harbour, Sydney**Day 7: Wednesday 5th****Homeward Bound****(B)**

Unfortunately, our trip is coming to an end. We have a leisurely start to the day before our check-out. We then make our way to the airport to connect with our Virgin flight VA939/VA1245 departing at midday back to Rockhampton. We arrive home late this afternoon around 4.25pm to complete a simply wonderful trip away!

Depart Rockhampton Airport, South Puma, Gracemere Bus Stop, Northside Plaza Bus stop, Emu Park Bus Terminal, Yeppoon Rail

Tour Inclusions

- Pick up & transfers to and from Rockhampton Airport
- Domestic Virgin Flights to and from Sydney
- 6 night's motel accommodation
- 6 cooked motel breakfasts
- 5 motel dinners
- 3 included lunches
- Luxury Coach with Potter Travel for all touring and transfers
- Tour and museum visit at Nan Tien Buddhist Temple, Wollongong
- Ride on Bigfoot 4WD with Bigfoot Adventures, Shoalhaven
- Entry and tour of the Fleet Air Arm Museum, Nowra
- Light lunch at the Bowling Club, Sussex Inlet
- Guided tour of Batemans Bay
- Cruise with Merinda Cruises including lunch, Batemans Bay
- Entry, talk and tasting at the Oyster Shed, Batemans Bay
- Guided tour and morning tea at Mogo Zoo
- Lunch and tour at Cobargo Farm, Cobargo
- Buffet dinner cruise for "Vivid Lights", Sydney Harbour

Accommodation

- Sage Hotel Wollongong (2 nights)
- Best Western Sunseeker Hotel, Batemans Bay (3 nights)
- Parkroyal Darling Harbour, Sydney (1 night)

Tour Cost

\$2575.00 per person Single Supplement – add \$510.00 per person

1. Make sure you **phone** your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!
2. To guarantee your place on this tour please fill out attached Booking Form and return to Peter with a **\$500 Deposit per person**
3. **Final Balance Due** by Friday 29th March 2019
4. **Insurance** not included but highly recommended. Please ask for a quote as per Booking Form!!

Any queries please phone Peter on 49112644

Terms & Conditions

Specialty Travel reserves the right –

To vary the itinerary in any way at any time it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operators and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely affect the operation of the tour

The company accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

The company does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

Cancellations

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given. For cancellations between 2 and 3 months of the date of travel, cancellation fees **may** apply on deposits or payments made as per conditions imposed by other suppliers of services included in the tour. For cancellations after final payment (60 days prior to departure) & no shows a 100% cancellation fee **may** apply.

However no cancellation fees will apply if someone else replaces you on the same tour.

Fares & Payments

Fares quoted are subject to alteration. However no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of \$500 is required to confirm your booking with the balance due at least 60 days prior to departure. (Please be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive deposit). Payment by Mastercard & Visa Credit Cards will incur a 1% Fee. Amex attracts a higher Fee.

Inclusions

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. As a general rule, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc. Meals included are identified by the symbols, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Exclusions

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks and other items of a personal nature.

Accommodation

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

Departure Details

Passengers are requested to be ready for departure at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

Travel Insurance

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required, for an additional cost.

BOOKING FORM
DOMESTIC TRAVEL



Phone (07) 4911 2644

Make sure you phone your booking through first to ensure availability of seats!!

TOUR NAME: **Illawarra Coast & Vivid Lights Sydney** DEPARTURE DATE: **Thursday 30th May 2019**

Surname (1) _____ Given Name/s _____ Title _____

(Please supply names as per Passport or Driver's License)

Surname (2) _____ Given Name/s _____ Title _____

Preferred Name (if different from above): 1. _____ 2. _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____ Have Name Badge? Yes / No (Please circle one)

Preferred Accommodation: (Please circle one) Twin Share / Single Supplement ; Twin Beds/Double Bed

If travelling with a friend & sharing a room, please advise their name _____

Dietary Requirements: (If Any) _____

Pickup Point: (Please circle one) Yeppoon Rail; Emu Park Bus Terminal; Northside Plaza; South Rocky Puma; Gracemere PO; or meet at Airport

We strongly recommend TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Quote required **Yes** – If yes please advise Dates of Birth 1: _____ 2 _____

Quote required **No** I/We have or will arrange our own Insurance

\$500 Deposit per person is required with booking.

Final Balance due Friday 29th March

Payment Methods– Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Deposit

Cheque: (Please make payable to **SPECIALTY TRAVEL**)

Direct Deposit: Specialty Travel Trust Account: Westpac Bank - BSB: 034210; Acc No: 137027
NB: (If using this method please phone me on 49112644 and advise when done)

Credit Card Type: (Please Circle one) Mastercard / Visa (1% Fee) Amex (3%)

This is to confirm that I, the **Cardholder:** _____

(Full name as it appears on your credit card)

have read and accept the Terms & Conditions of Specialty Travel as stated online and/or in their brochures and authorize Specialty Travel to charge the following credit card for deposit and/or final payment:

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ **CCV:** (on back of Card) _____

Amount: \$ _____ **Signature:** _____

Please return completed form by one of the following:

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