

8 DAY NEW ENGLAND AND THE SCENIC RIM

2nd JUNE 2024



Combine the rich countryside of New England, with the Coastal Paradise, and a magnificent Mountain Retreat.

DAY 1: (D) ROCKHAMPTON TO TENTERFIELD

Sunday 02 June 2024

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA: VA1238 DEPART: ROCKHAMPTON @ 10.50am ARRIVE: BRISBANE @ 12.15pm

Welcome to our 8 day tour of New England and the Scenic Rim. Our tour starts as we meet our fellow travellers at Rockhampton Airport for our Virgin Australia flight to Brisbane. On arrival, we meet our local coach captain and enjoy a pleasant drive to Tenterfield. Tenterfield is known as the Birthplace of Our Nation where Sir Henry Parkes gave his famous Federation Speech on the 24th of October 1889 that led to the federation of all the Australian States into the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901.

Henry Parkes Motel, Tenterfield | 2 Nights
Lunch at own cost | Dinner at hotel

DAY 2: (BLD) TENTERFIELD

Monday 03 June 2024

Today is all about **Tenterfield**. We spend the morning exploring the township through the eyes of our local tour guide, as they lead us on a **sightseeing tour** from the coach. We also drive past the Tenterfield Saddler which was made famous by Peter Allen's tribute to his past and grandfather George Woolnough in the song 'Tenterfield. Saddler'. Next, we visit the award-winning **Glenrock Gardens**. The 10 acres of gardens are incorporated within a working farm, and although the gardens are very much designed in the English style with dry stone rock walls throughout, they are also surrounded with iconic Australian bushland. Our final visit is to the **Tenterfield Railway Station Museum**. The station was opened in 1886 and is a rare survival of something that was once common through NSW. It is an almost intact nineteenth century railway precinct.

Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at Glenrock Gardens



DAY 3: (BD) TENTERFIELD TO BALLINA

Tuesday 04 June 2024



This morning we head to **Casino**, which is one of Australia's leading country centres. A focal point for the town is the Richmond River, especially the **Platypus Pool**, situated below Irving Bridge, provides an unforgettable experience if you are lucky enough to get a glimpse of these shy creatures. From here we continue on to **Lismore**, which is the “capital” of the State’s far north and is also influenced by the “alternative community” in the country to the north. Enjoy lunch here (own arrangements) before continuing on to Ballina. Before checking in our hotel, we stop off at the **Ballina Naval and Maritime Museum**

which houses extensive and interesting displays including the local port history, a tribute to women in the Navy, a working triple expansion steam engine and is home to the **Las Balsas Raft** that sailed on an epic voyage from Ecuador to Ballina in 1973.

Ballina Byron Island Resort, Ballina | 2 Nights
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | Lunch at own cost

DAY 4: (BD) BYRON BAY

Wednesday 05 June 2024

This morning we take the scenic route along the coast, through Lennox Head, to Byron Bay which is located at Cape Byron - Australia's most easterly point. Upon our arrival in **Byron Bay**, we will head to the picturesque Lighthouse. Built in 1901, it is one of the most powerful in the southern hemisphere. Whilst here there may be time to take a walk to the tip of the Cape if you wish, or you may like to do a bit of Dolphin Spotting, as schools are often seen surfing through the waves below. Next, we enjoy a train journey. The **Solar Train** is a restored heritage train that operates on energy from the sun. Solar panels on the train and storage shed generate enough energy to not only run the train daily but also have enough power for 13 homes for a year. This popular seaside resort boasts a variety of lifestyles and Byron is also home to some of Australia's best known rich and famous people! We return to Ballina and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.



Breakfast & dinner at hotel | Lunch at own cost

DAY 5: (BD) BALLINA TO O'REILLY'S RETREAT**Thursday 06 June 2024**

Say goodbye to Ballina as we commence our drive inland via **Lismore** and through to **Nimbin**, known for its alternative culture and lifestyle, where we have a short stop for morning tea. (Own expense) We continue our journey through rolling fields dotted with grazing cows, seemingly endless plantations of sugarcane and bananas, and the dramatic backdrop of Wollumbin Mount Warning to **Murwillumbah** where we enjoy lunch (own expense). Set in the middle of an extinct volcanic caldera, the sleepy village is the gateway to the Tweed region's greatest cultural and natural attractions, from the world's largest expanse of subtropical rainforest to must-see galleries. After lunch we continue our travels via **Natural Bridge Springbrook National Park**, part of the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area. Perhaps take the opportunity to stop and admire before continuing on to your retreat for the next 3 nights.

Overnight: O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat | 3 Nights
Breakfast and dinner at hotel | lunch at own cost

DAY 6: (BD) O'REILLY'S RETREAT/LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK**Friday 07 June 2024**

A slow start, following our active Journey yesterday. This morning experience Billy Tea and Damper at one of O'Reilly's magnificent Lookouts. One of the expert guides will start a fire, boil the Billy, and serve the group a traditional Morning tea of Billy Tea & Damper with Jam, and Golden Syrup. This afternoon relax and enjoy the Mountain Air, or participate in the nature activities offered by the resort. Truly it's been an incredible day.

**Activities program available at reception*
Breakfast, lunch at O'Reilly's Retreat | lunch at own cost

DAY 7: (BD) O'REILLY'S RETREAT/LAMINGTON NATIONAL PARK**Saturday 08 June 2024**

Today is your day. An opportunity to delight in the Magnificent Mountain Retreat, perhaps to play games, share a drink, or just soak up the ambiance.

**Activities program available at reception*
Breakfast & dinner at O'Reilly's Retreat | Lunch at own cost

DAY 8: (B) HOMEWARD BOUND**Sunday 09 June 2024**

We farewell our hosts this morning and make our way to Brisbane Airport for our flight home to Rockhampton. (2 Hour Drive to Brisbane Airport)

VIRGIN AUSTRALIA: VA1245 DEPART: BRISBANE @ 2.05pm ARRIVE: ROCKHAMPTON @ 3.25pm

Tour Cost
\$3450 per person/Twin Share (ex Rockhampton)

Single Supplement Add \$800 per person.

1. To guarantee your place on this tour please complete the Booking Form.
2. **Deposit of \$500.00 per person required with booking form.**
3. **Final Balance due by Friday 5th April 2024**
4. *Virgin Australia Flights Included as per the Itinerary (ex Rockhampton.)*
5. *Insurance not included but highly recommended. Please ask for a quote as per Booking Form!!*

Tour Inclusions

- Virgin Australia Flights (Rockhampton – Brisbane return as per Itinerary)
- 7 night's motel accommodation
- 7 motel Cooked Breakfasts + 7 Dinners
- Chartered Coach and commentary Driver (5 Days)
- 1 hour guided tour of Tenterfield
- Group Lunch & Garden Tour at Glenrock Gardens
- Guided tour of Tenterfield Railway Station Museum
- Group visit to Platypus Pool
- Entry, Meet & Greet and Intro talk at Ballina Naval & Maritime Museum
- Entry to Cape Byron Lighthouse (Coach Parking - capacity 31-43 Seats)
- Byron Bay Solar Train return ride
- Drive through Nimbin, Murwillumbah, and Natural Bridge Springbrook N.P.
- 2 days at leisure at O'Reilly's Retreat
- Transfer from O'Reilly's Retreat to Brisbane Airport

Confirmed Accommodation

- Henry Parkes Motel, Tenterfield – 2 Nights
- Ballina Byron Islander Resort and Conference Centre, Ballina – 2 Nights
- O'Reilly's Rainforest Retreat, Scenic Rim – 3 Nights

Not included

- Meals unless noted above
- Attractions / Activities unless noted above
- Personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Tea/Coffee unless mentioned

Terms & Conditions

Specialty Travel reserves the right –

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

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Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given.

More than 60 days prior to departure – Loss of Deposit

Between 60 days and 45 days 50% of Tour Cost

Between 45 days and departure date ... 100% of total tour cost.

After tour has commenced ... 100% of total tour cost

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 pp** is required to confirm your booking with the

BALANCE due Friday 5th April 2024

(Please be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive your deposit). Payment by Mastercard, Visa and America Express will incur a 1.5% Fee.

Inclusions:

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. Generally, 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 60 Minutes prior to Flight Departure.

Updated 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.

Limited Offer: Bookings available for Limited Time Only



ABN 48 063 914 278

BOOKING FORM

By Completing this form, you acknowledge the Terms & Conditions of the Tour below:

TOUR NAME: 8 Day New England & Scenic Rim **DEPARTURE DATE:** Sun 2nd June 2024

Surname (1) _____ Given Name/s _____ Title _____ DOB _____
(Please supply names as per Passport or Driver's License)

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

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

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

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

Hotel Accommodation: (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) _____

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

Deposit of \$500.00 per person due with booking form
Final Balance due Friday 5th April 2024

Payment Methods – Cheque, Direct Deposit or Credit Card

Cheque: Payable to SPECIALTY TRAVEL **Direct Deposit:** Specialty Travel Pay ID 48063914278

Credit Card: Go To: pay.travelpay.com.au/SPECIALTY (Click). Mastercard / Visa (1.5% Fee)

Authority: 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:

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