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EXPLORATION OF

New South Wales

Visiting Coffs Harbour, Armidale, Tamworth,
Dubbo, Orange, Parkes, Cowra, Bathurst

14 to 26 October 2025



Includes
over **\$500**
per person value
in sightseeing tours
and entrances



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This will be a wonderful experience travelling through NSW from Sydney to the North Coast, New England, Central NSW, the Central Ranges and Southern Highlands. The tour is fully escorted and includes rail and coach travel, sightseeing tours in each town and special events for tour members. We hope that you can join us.



Itinerary

DAY 1 Tuesday 14 October 2025

Sydney to Coffs Harbour

Today group members depart Sydney Central Station early morning on our XPT train journey to Coffs Harbour. Please talk to your consultant if you would like us to arrange pre tour accommodation. We arrive mid-afternoon and check into our hotel. This evening we enjoy an included Welcome Dinner.

DAY 2 Wednesday 15 October 2025

Coffs Harbour

This morning enjoy a sightseeing tour of Coffs Harbour and the surrounding region. We will see some of the spectacular beaches and marine conservation areas that Coffs Harbour is famous for. We will see the Solitary Islands Marine Park and walk out to Muttonbird Island. Surrounded by ocean sparkling in shades of blue, the island affords views of the Coffs Coast and hinterland from a unique, off-shore perspective. In the afternoon we travel inland to Sealy Lookout in Orara East State Forest and stop at the Coffs Harbour landmark the 'Big Banana'.

DAY 3 Thursday 16 October 2025

Armidale

After breakfast, we depart the North Coast and travel through the Cathedral Rock National Park to Armidale. Dubbed the Cathedral City, Armidale in the New England High Country, is one of Australia's most elegant regional cities. On arrival, enjoy a panoramic tour of Armidale. We will see its grand cathedrals and colonial buildings in green, tree-lined streets.



DAY 4 Friday 17 October 2025

Tamworth

This morning we take the North West Xplorer Train to Tamworth, Australia's country music capital. On arrival, we visit Tamworth's excellent Australian Country Music Hall of Fame. This museum includes stage outfits worn by the stars of Australian country music, and fascinating items like the Panther motorcycle Geoff Mack (who wrote the song I've Been Everywhere) and his wife, Tabbi, rode from London to Australia, in 1954, and the cheap guitar Kasey Chambers took to South Africa (on holiday with her mum, in 2001), and with which she wrote several of her hit songs, including The Captain. We continue sightseeing this afternoon stopping at the Big Golden Guitar Tourist Centre, Oxley Scenic Lookout and the Botanical Gardens.

DAY 5 Saturday 18 October 2025

Tamworth

A free day in Tamworth. You may wish to stroll along the Country Music Pioneers Parade in Bicentennial Park and view the busts of our country music legends.

DAY 6 Sunday 19 October 2025

Dubbo

This morning we travel, via the New England Highway to Dubbo. In the heart of the beautiful Macquarie Valley, Dubbo is a vibrant regional city by the majestic Macquarie River. On arrival, we visit the Royal Flying Doctor Experience where we discover the stories and challenges of the nurses, doctors and pilots servicing 7.69 million square kilometres of outback Australia.

DAY 7 Monday 20 October 2025

Orange

This morning we visit the Taronga Western Plains Zoo. With wide open spaces, we will see hundreds of rare and endangered animals in their natural element. After lunch, we board our train to Orange.



TRAIN JOURNEYS

- Sydney to Bathurst – Western XPT
- Orange to Dubbo – Western XPT
- Tamworth to Armidale – North Western Explorer
- Coffs Harbour to Sydney – North Coast XPT

DAY 8 Tuesday 21 October 2025

Orange

Today we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Orange and the surrounding area. Orange has a well-deserved reputation for producing excellent food and wine, a fascinating history and stunning landscapes. We will see Mount Conoblas and the Botanic Gardens. This afternoon enjoy a visit to a local winery for a tasting. Orange has been blessed with ideal conditions to produce cool climate wines. Boutique wineries make a variety of wines including award winning chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, shiraz and cabernet sauvignon.

DAY 9 Wednesday 22 October 2025

Parkes

This morning we travel to Parkes. On arrival, we visit one of the highlights of the tour, the CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope, star of the movie 'The Dish,' (2000). It is one of Australia's most prominent landmarks – a sophisticated piece of scientific equipment ironically in the middle of sheep paddocks! We continue with a visit to the Parkes Aviation museum before checking into our hotel.

DAY 10 Thursday 23 October 2025

Cowra

This morning we will visit the King's Castle Elvis Exhibit and the Parkes Motor Museum. The King's Castle Elvis Exhibit is a unique collection of genuine Elvis artefacts which were owned by Elvis or directly connected to his life. Parkes Motor Museum houses an impressive collection of mint condition motor vehicles representing all heritage motoring eras. After lunch, we continue to Cowra. On arrival, we visit the Cowra Japanese Garden & Cultural Centre. The garden is a tangible monument to peace and reconciliation between two countries. Its principal objective and purpose is the promotion of Japanese design, including landscape, garden and crafts.



DAY 11 Friday 24 October 2025

Bathurst

After breakfast we visit the Japanese War Cemetery and the Cowra POW Camp, site of the largest Prisoner of War breakout in modern military history which occurred on August 5, 1944. We then travel to Bathurst, stopping along the way to visit the gorgeous Mayfield Garden which features a spectacular water garden and picturesque ponds, bridges and grottoes.

DAY 12 Saturday 25 October 2025

Bathurst

This morning we enjoy a city tour of Bathurst including the Chifley home museum (the former home of Prime Minister Ben Chifley and his wife). This unique museum provides a glimpse into how the Chifley's lived, and offers an experience of everyday life in the 1940's. Its original collection of household furnishings, kitchenware and personal effects date back to when the Chifley's first occupied the house in 1914. In the afternoon we visit Abercrombie House. National Trust registered Abercrombie House was built in the 1870s by Bathurst pioneers the Stewart family. We return to town via the famous Mount Panorama, home to the Bathurst 1000 and many other motorsports events throughout the year. This evening we will enjoy an included Farewell dinner to celebrate a wonderful tour.

DAY 13 Sunday 26 October 2025

Sydney

This morning we visit the extensive Railway Museum which brings the rich social history of Bathurst and its story as a railway town to life, with personal recollections and interesting artefacts. There will be free time in the afternoon before we board the XPT train at 5.05pm for our trip back to Sydney. The completion of the railway between Sydney and Bathurst in 1876 was instrumental to the development of the colony of New South Wales. The picturesque train journey travels via the spectacular Blue Mountains passing through Katoomba, Mount Victoria and Lithgow. We arrive into Sydney Central Train Station at approximately 8:50pm and the tour concludes. Please talk to your consultant if you would like us to arrange post tour accommodation or if you need to disembark the train at an earlier stop.

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TOUR PRICE *Includes GST • The price for flights will be additional

The price per person, twin-share \$ 4590
Single supplement \$ 900



Included in the tour price:

- Accommodation in carefully selected 3 and 4-star rated centrally located hotels/motels with private facilities. Hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast daily and welcome and farewell dinners
- First-class train travel and travel in a first-class coach
- Sightseeing and general entrance fees as detailed in the itinerary
- The services of a Travelrite International Tour Manager, including hosting dinner

Not included in the price:

- **Flights are not included. Please contact one of our friendly consultants for a quote 1800 630 343**
- Travel insurance
- Meals and drinks not specified in the itinerary
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature
- Additional travel arrangements not in the tour itinerary will be quoted for separately

General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.



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TOUR OPERATOR: Tour Operator: Travelrite International Pty Ltd, (ABN 64 005 817 078) is the tour operator.

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DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$750 per passenger for is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure for the Rail and Coach Exploration of New South Wales. Cancellation over 60 days before tour departs results in loss of deposit. Cancellation under 60 days before tour departs will result in a loss of all monies paid. Payment may be made by cheque or cash a 1.5% administration fee will be charged on payments made by credit cards.

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