

Blue Mountains & Sydney

October 2020



Tour Highlights

- Best of the Blue Mountain Gardens in spring
- Leura Garden Festival
- 3 Sisters and Wentworth Falls
- Mayfield Gardens in Oberon
- Native plant gardens
- Scenic World in Katoomba
- Sydney Harbour Cruise
- Sydney Tower and sightseeing tour
- 8 nights Quality accommodation with breakfast
- 2 dinners and a wine tasting with lunch
- Private full sized coach
- Everything organised!



Day 1 Saturday 3rd October Tour begins in Sydney then drive to Katoomba D

We will meet our coach at the Sydney domestic terminal at around 12.30 pm (to be confirmed) and travel to the Blue Mountains. Before we check into our hotel we will visit Echo Point for great views over the 3 Sisters rock formation. Dinner tonight will be in the hotel.

Carington Hotel or similar for 4 nights

Day 2 Sunday 4th October Katoomba B

This morning we will head to the Mt Tomah area with first stop being the excellent Wildwood gardens and nursery. This garden also has a café. Next, we will visit the fine Mt Tomah Botanical Gardens which has a great collection of exotic cool climate plants and wonderful views towards Sydney. There is an on site café where you could buy lunch. Later we will visit Mt Wilson to explore two of the area's finest gardens Nooroo garden and Windyridge garden. Expect traditional European gardens, large trees and spring colour before returning to Katoomba.

Day 3 Monday 5th October Katoomba BL

This morning we will visit some private gardens that will be open as part of the Leura Garden Festival including one of Paul Sorenson's gardens, Everglades. Around 12 noon we will drive to the Megalong Valley to have enjoy wine tasting and a Ploughman's lunch at the scenic Dryridge Estate. Later return for some free time in Katoomba.

Day 4 Tuesday 6th October Katoomba B

This morning we plan to visit Scenic World in Katoomba which is home to some of the best views in the Blue Mountains. We will have a full pass to allow you to ride the Cableway, Railway, Skyway and scenic walkway. Later we will have some free time for shopping and lunch in Leura.

Day 5 Wednesday 7th October Katoomba to Oberon via Lithgow BD

This morning we will leave Katoomba to drive to Lithgow to visit Highfields Gardens (recently featured on Better Homes and Gardens). Morning tea is included in the garden. Next stop will be the Hassan's Walls lookout near Lithgow before some free time in the town centre for a lunch stop (own expense). After lunch we will drive to Oberon and visit a small town garden - Gairloch garden for a guided visit. This evening we will have an included dinner in the Big Trout Motor Inn.

Big Trout Motor Inn or Highland Motor Inn for 2 nights.

Day 6 Thursday 8th October Oberon B

Today we will have a full day visit of Mayfield Gardens (pictured below). These gardens are developing into perhaps Australia's best show gardens. The Hawkins family are developing the 160-acre garden into a stunning series of rooms and landscape styles that you are sure to enjoy. We will have time to have lunch in one of the eateries on site (own expense) before transferring back to the hotel and free time in Oberon.

Day 7 Friday 9th October Sydney B

Today we depart for Sydney via Oakdale to see Peter Oldes native garden. We will then stop in Mt Annan Botanical gardens where you could buy some lunch (own expense) and then explore these beautiful native gardens. If time permits, we will head to Cape Solander lookout for a brief photo stop and then to our hotel in the heart of Sydney. Friday night is Asian market night with street food and market stalls in the area just adjacent to the hotel.

Holiday Inn Darling Harbour or similar

Day 8 Saturday 10th October Sydney B

Today we will visit some of Sydney's best-known sights. We will start with a ride up the iconic Sydney Tower to get an overview of the city and some time to explore the beautiful old Queen Victoria Building before reboarding our coach for a drive to include the Opera House, Rocks area, Kiribilli House, Bondi Beach and Darling Point before some free time in the circular quay area for lunch. At 2.00 pm we will meet to board our Captain Cook Premium Harbour cruise to see the Harbour city from the water. The comprehensive 2-hour cruise includes some light refreshments. Afterwards transfer via our coach to the hotel.

Day 9 Sunday 11th October Sydney to home B

We will depart this morning at around 10am for our private transfer to the airport. Please book flights that leave after 12.30pm.



Land tour price

\$2995 per person twin share for land only.

Please complete a booking form and pay deposit of **\$500** pp to secure place.

Sole use **\$780** - single room

If you would like is to book your airfares please indicate on booking form.

Full terms and conditions are on the booking form.