

New England trip 2025

This short tour is planned to coincide with autumn colour in the New England area. The tour will be in a Coaster 22 seat bus with a max of 15 people to allow enough room for small bags and to spread out

Day 1 Tuesday 15/4/25

Meet this morning at the Toowoomba Information centre at 8am for 3 days in the New England area. First stop is at Stanthorpe for a comfort stop and coffee. We will then continue to Tenterfield to visit the Behind the Hedges garden where we will have a guided visit and a light lunch. Next will be a short stop to see the famed Tenterfield Sadler in the main street. Later we will continue to Glen Innes and visit the new skywalk at the Standing Stones for an impressive look over the town. Next is a visit to the Glen Gowrie Gin distillery for gin tasting with a cheese platter. Later check into the New England Motor Lodge for 2 nights. Dinner tonight is in the hotel.
Meals included – lunch, gin tasting and dinner.



Day 2 Wednesday 16/4/25

We will leave the hotel this morning after breakfast to head to Armidale to visit the Heritage listed Saumarez House. On the way we will call into Black Mountain Nursery. We will have a quick look around Armidale to do an orientation tour including a drive by of University of New England, St Mary and Joseph Cathedral and the Drummond Apex lookout. We will have a little free time in the main street for a quick lunch (own expense). We will then meet to head to Saumarez House for some time look around the extensive gardens before a guided tour of the historic home commencing at 2. Later we will journey back to Glen Innes for a free evening.
Meals included – Breakfast



Day 3 Thursday 17/4/25

Depart the hotel around 9am to visit two gardens in the local area. First up visit Rosecroft owned by Mike and Belinda Norton. We will have morning tea in Rosecroft. Next garden is nearby garden of Bob Pendergast with an interesting collection of both plants and machinery....

After leaving the garden we will head to Tenterfield for an included lunch at the well-regarded Stonefruit Café. After lunch we will drive to Stanthorpe to visit the garden of Ron and Annelie Batterham (friends of Wattletree!). They have a small but very interesting garden that was originally designed by Caroline Robinson but since then substantially added to by Ron and Annelie. Later head back to Toowoomba.

Meals included – Breakfast, morning tea and lunch



Tour price is \$995 per person
Single room an extra \$250

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