



Peppers Manor House



8 DAYS ESCORTED TOUR PARTRIDGE AT PEPPERS MANOR HOUSE

Christmas in the Cool Southern Highlands

PHYSICAL RATING **2** MODERATE



TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Opulent 'Diamond Class' coach travel ex Brisbane
- Scottish town of Maclean
- 1 night South West Rocks
- Tanilba House high tea and guided tour
- Maitland Gaol guided tour
- 2 nights Hunter Valley
- Hunter Valley food and wine trail
- Hunter Valley Gardens by day train tour
- Hunter Valley Gardens dinner and Christmas lights spectacular
- Broken Bay and Lower Hawkesbury River Cruise
- 3 nights Sutton Forest
- Illawarra Fly tree top walk
- Bradman Museum
- Christmas morning Fitzroy Falls and Kangaroo Valley scenic drive
- Gala Christmas Day lunch in the Manor House with all the trimmings
- Clearview glass boat lunch cruise to witness the start of the Sydney to Hobart Yacht race
- 1 night 5 star at Circular Quay
- Sydney gossip tour of iconic attractions
- One way economy class flights ex Sydney to Brisbane, Melbourne or Adelaide
- 21 meals
- 'Diamond Class' tours include a beverage package each evening with dinner ***standard beer, wine, spirits and soft drink capped to a bar tab not unlimited***

DAY 1 Sunday 20 December (MT,L,D)

Departing **Brisbane** on our opulent 'Diamond Class' coach we travel via the **Tweed River**, breaking at **Kingscliff**. Our onward journey takes us through the picturesque **Northern Rivers**, arriving at the Scottish township of **Maclean**, breaking here for lunch. Our afternoon takes us to **South West Rocks** where we bed down for the night.

1 Night Stay: Rockpool Motor Inn, South West Rocks ★★★★★

DAY 2 Monday 21 December (B,L,D)

This morning we make our way via **Port Macquarie** taking the scenic coastal route to **Tanilba Bay** where there lies a hidden treasure. We visit **Tanilba House**, one of the grand homes which helps form the rich fabric of the history of **Port Stephens**. We enjoy **high tea** served in the conservatory and on the verandah, followed by a **history talk and tour** of this recently restored, **convict built homestead**. From where we continue on to **Maitland** where we take a **guided tour of heritage listed Maitland Gaol**. Once housing some of Australia's most hardened and notorious criminals, today the Gaol has unlocked the gates for us to explore the site. We then take a short journey into the **Hunter Valley**.

2 Night Stay: Mercure Resort, Hunter Valley Gardens, Pokolbin ★★★★★

DAY 3 Tuesday 22 December (B,L,D)

We take in the magnificent **Hunter Valley Gardens** for a guided **train tour** through parts of the 25 hectares of International garden. From here we follow a **food and wine trail** making our first stop at **McGuigan's Wines** for a behind the scenes **wine making tour**. We enjoy lunch at the Hunter Valley Gardens. Tonight, get into the Christmas spirit with a night visit to the **Hunter Valley Gardens**, superbly lit up with thousands of **Christmas lights**.

DAY 4 Wednesday 23 December (B,MT,L,D)

Departing the **Hunter Valley**, we make our way to the **Central Coast** where we join **local historian** for a **Broken Bay and Lower Hawkesbury River Cruise**. We cruise and pause at various historic sites along these wondrous waterways, listen to the live commentary and view the fascinating A/V presentation of graphics, site and historic photos, animations, videos of operating models and other works by awarded **historian, Peter A.Rea**. Most of these sites are very difficult if not impossible to access other than by water. Enjoy a waterfront lunch before we are back on the road heading into the **Southern Highlands** finishing our day at **Sutton Forest** where we check into our historic **Manor House**.

3 Night Stay: Peppers Manor House, Sutton Forest ★★★★★

DAY 5 Thursday 24 December (B,L,D)

This morning we head to **Knights Hill** to visit the award winning **Illawarra Fly**. Take a walk through the treetops on the 1.5km track through beautiful warm temperate rainforest with 500 metres of steel walkway nestled in the treetop canopy some 20-30 metres above the ground. The walkway culminates in **Knights Tower**, a **spiral tower** that rises to a breathtaking 45 metres above the forest floor. Our next venture takes us to **Bowral** breaking for lunch before given free time downtown for shopping or take a guided tour at **Bradman Museum**.

DAY 6 Friday 25 December (B,L,D)

Merry Christmas! After a festive breakfast together, we take a morning scenic drive overlooking the tranquil **Kangaroo Valley**. On arrival, we take a short walk to explore the **lush escarpment country** and see the magnificent **Fitzroy Falls**. We return to Peppers to get ready for **Christmas Day celebrations and festive feast**. Enjoy a long lunch together capturing the spirit of Christmas, where we are in no rush today, taking time to enjoy every moment of this special day, savouring the delights of the **freshest seafood and traditional fare**. Tonight, a light dinner will be supplied.

DAY 7 Saturday 26 December (B,L,D)

We make our way to **Sydney Harbour** to witness an Australian iconic event, the **Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race!** Feel the spirit of the Harbour as the race starts, and enjoy a special **3-hour lunch cruise** on the luxury **Clearview Glass Boat**, which serves

an hour of canapés and drinks on the Sky Deck followed by a **3-course table service lunch and beverage package** for the duration of the **adults only** cruise. There will be radio commentary of the race and spectacular photo opportunities from the outer decks and Sky Deck to see the maxi yachts in action.

***Please note: Restrictions are in place regarding proximity to the start of the race. Cruise operator does not cater for dietary needs.*

1 Night Stay: Sir Stamford Hotel at Circular Quay, Sydney ★★★★★

DAY 8 Sunday 27 December (B)

Enjoy a farewell breakfast before boarding a local operator where the coach captain will give an interesting gossip tour of some Sydney's iconic area's such as **Kings Cross; Sydney Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge**; visit the famous **Bondi Beach**; stroll around **The Rocks**; and take in the views from **Mrs Macquarie's Point**. We are then transferred to the airport for our respective flights home.



DEPARTURE DATE 2020

20 December

TOUR PRICES PER PERSON

Twin Share \$4750
Sole Use \$5750

***Please refer to page 7 for 'Diamond Class' seating expectations that apply to both sole use and twin/double bookings.*

DEPOSIT

Non-refundable deposit of \$1000pp required within 14 days of making booking to secure your reservation.
N.B. This package is subject to a fuel levy without notice for coach and air components.
Price includes flights ex Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide at time of printing.
Flights are arranged to suit the tour group in advance, therefore we cannot book individual preferences or guarantee direct flights.

INCLUDED MEALS

B = Full Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea **L** = Lunch **AT** = Afternoon Tea **D** = Two Course Dinner

PRE TOUR EXTENDER OPTION

1 additional day (TOTAL 9 DAY TOUR)

- One way economy class flight ex Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide to Brisbane
- 1 additional night bed and breakfast pre-tour at Sofitel Brisbane Central
- One way Airtrain ticket ex Brisbane Domestic Terminal to Central Station

Plus \$475pp Twin Share
Plus \$544 Sole Use

Subject to availability - some block out dates apply. Prices are subject to change without notice

2 MODERATE PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING
This tour carries a strict fitness level. Please carefully read the Terms & Conditions on Page 3