

YULEFEST IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

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Unpack once and spend five wonderful days exploring the beautiful Blue Mountains. This World Heritage Listed area offers some of the most unique scenery and cultural attractions in NSW. Relax and enjoy all this iconic Australian Wilderness has on show.



HIGHLIGHTS

- ❖ Napean River Cruise
- ❖ The Gingerbread House
- ❖ Megalong Valley
- ❖ Blackheath
- ❖ The Carrington Hotel Yulefest Dinner
- ❖ Scenic World
- ❖ Leura
- ❖ Bygone Beautys
- ❖ Katoomba
- ❖ Mt Tomah
- ❖ Hydro Majestic
- ❖ Norman Lindsay Gallery



17 – 21 July 2023
Group price ONLY \$2475.00
per person Twin Share
Single Supplement \$515.00
\$300 Deposit per person
due by 4th November 2022
Balance due by 5th May



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Day 1 Monday 17 July BRISBANE – BLUE MOUNTAINS L, D

This morning we meet our fellow travellers at the Brisbane Domestic Airport for our flight to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney, our Fantastic Aussie Tours Coach Captain will meet us, and assist with luggage. As we head west you will start to see the Blue Mountains in the distance, but before we start to climb the Blue Mountains, we stop at the **Nepean River** to start our Yulefest Christmas in July festivities by joining the **Nepean Belle** and enjoying a 2.5-hour **Christmas in July Lunch Cruise**. After lunch we head “up the hill” to the beautiful Blue Mountains and check into our accommodation for the next four nights. Enjoy our welcome dinner at the hotel this evening.

Accommodation: The Carrington Hotel

Day 2 Tuesday 18 July MEGALONG VALLEY & BLACKHEATH B, MT, D

You can enjoy a slower start today – our first stop will be morning tea at **The Gingerbread House**, which is set in a beautifully restored 100-year old former church. We then journey down through the lush, green paradise of forests and pastures to the **Megalong Valley**. Lunch can be purchased at the popular Megalong Valley Tea Rooms, which sits beneath the iconic escarpments of the upper Blue Mountains. We return home with a visit to the National Parks and Wildlife Service visitors centre at **Blackheath**, a short walk or drive to Govetts Leap with spectacular views of the Grose Valley. Return to **Katoomba** for some free time before dinner together. Tonight, we enjoy our highlight dinner which is **Yulefest at The Carrington Hotel**. Prior to dinner Cathy will entertain with a Christmas songs singalong. Traditional Christmas hot dinner, festivities and perhaps even a visit from Santa?

Day 3 Wednesday 19 July BLUE MOUNTAINS HIGHLIGHTS & SCENIC WORLD B, L, D

Today, after breakfast, we will start discovering the major attractions of the Upper Blue Mountains. Our first stop will be at **Scenic World** where you can experience the thrill of the world-famous Scenic Railway, the steepest public passenger train in the world! Stroll through ancient rainforest on the longest boardwalk in Australia, the Scenic Walkway, glide above the treetops on the **Scenic Cableway**, the steepest and largest aerial cable car in the Southern Hemisphere, and dance on air aboard the Scenic Skyway, the highest single-span cable car in the world and twice the height of Sydney Harbour Bridge! We will travel to **Leura** and enjoy High Tea for lunch at **Bygone Beautys** the treasured teapot museum and tearooms. Time of course for shopping in Leura as well. A visit to the National trust garden Everglades before travelling around the clifftop edge for stunning views into the three main valley systems, The Jamison, Megalong and Kanimbla Valleys before returning to our accommodation.

Day 4 Thursday 20 July KATOOMBA & MT TOMAH & BILPIN B, D

Today we head to the **Blue Mountains Botanic Garden** at Mt Tomah, which showcases a world-class collection of cool-climate plants grouped according to their geographical origin. Lunch can be purchased at the Garden café. We also visit **Bilpin** and enjoy a tasting of the locally made, delicious Apple Cider. Bilpin and Mt Tomah are on the Bells Line of Road which gives us spectacular views of the Grose Valley as we tour the area. We return to our accommodation with time to freshen-up before our **Farewell Dinner** at the Carrington Hotel, where Cathy will serenade you with a few songs after dinner.

Day 5 Friday 21 July HYDRO MAJESTIC & NORMAN LINDSAY GALLERY - BRISBANE B, L

For our last day in the Blue Mountains we start with a site visit to **Whisk & Pin**, where you will enjoy tasting their freshly baked products, and watch the chocolate room in production while hearing the story of what it really means to be a handmade, Australian sourced, premium wholefood local company. Sadly, all things must come to an end, and we make our way back to Sydney Airport with a viewing of the **Norman Lindsay Gallery** at Faulconbridge – the home of the Magic Pudding, with displays of the artist and writer where we will also enjoy lunch. We say farewell to the Mountains and travel to Sydney airport for flight home.

Key: B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

CONDITIONS: Tour is based on minimum of 15 passengers. If minimum numbers are not reached, then the tour may be subject to changes. Itinerary is correct at time of printing and subject to change without notice. Airline is subject to change depending on flight availability. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. PLEASE NOTE: Should the tour not be able to travel due to COVID19, the tour will be postponed, and all funds will be held by suppliers for the revised dates. Revised tour dates are subject to price changes pending availability. Norfolk Select T/A Uplift Tours & Travel ABN: 93367366822 ATAS Accreditation No: A10619. Booking form and non-refundable deposit of \$300 per person due by 4 November 2022. Balance payment due on/before 5 May 2023.