

GONDWANA RAINFOREST & RURAL CHARM OF BARRINGTON TOPS

4 Days / 3 Nights

This 4 day discovery has us exploring the lush farming district of Gloucester and surrounds as well as the pristine wilderness that is the ancient and magnificent world heritage listed Gondwana Rainforest region of Barrington Tops. Quaint country towns, meandering rivers, fresh mountain air and farm gates will delight you in this little-visited part of New South Wales.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 4 days of personalised exploration of the beautiful Barrington Tops and Upper Hunter Valley
- Morning Tea at Hunter region's outstanding Botanic Gardens
- Exploring the environs of Gloucester, the charming town at the foot of the Barrington Tops and the beautiful wilderness of the Barrington Tops National Park
- Farm gate visit and fine food from local restaurants
- Guided tour of 'Aussie Ark' - a conservation project to assist rehabilitation of Tasmanian Devils and other endangered cool-temperate species
- A journey through the Upper Hunter Valley with a delicious lunch

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DAY 1 SYDNEY – GLOUCESTER (LD)

Departing Sydney at approximately 8.00am we head north towards Gloucester. Our first stop is at the Hunter Region Botanic Gardens where we have time to explore the gardens and enjoy morning tea refreshments. Continuing north towards the Bucketts Way, we arrive at the Farmers Wife Distillery. Created on their farm, this boutique hand crafted gin is a homage to the tradition of Gin making and the native flavours of Australia and we enjoy gin tasting and a relaxed lunch in this unique venue. After lunch we have time to wander the historic village of Stroud before making our way to Gloucester to enjoy one of the short walks in the town, see the oldest remaining 'Homestead', have a chance to explore the town centre, then settle in to our accommodation. Dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Gloucester - The Great Escape Lofts



DAY 2 GLOUCESTER (BLD)

Today is spent exploring the astonishing diversity that is the Gloucester Tops. Wander through open snow gum and sub-alpine woodland as well as cool temperate rainforest, part of the ancient Gondwana Rainforests of Australia. Lunch to be picnic style today before returning to our accommodation mid-afternoon. Relax and freshen up before we head out for a late afternoon tour of the Hill View Herb Farm – a farm gate property offering a wide range of fresh culinary and medicinal herbs to smell, taste and touch. We enjoy a delightful dinner in this picturesque setting.

Overnight: Gloucester - The Great Escape Lofts



DAY 3 BARRINGTON TOPS – AUSSIE ARK (BLD)

An early start today as we head out of Gloucester and ascend the stunning Barrington Tops to our destination – the Aussie Ark. Established in 2011 this incredibly unique property is located high on the beautiful Barrington Tops and is dedicated to saving the iconic Tasmanian Devil from extinction as well as creating a long term future for a range of threatened Australian Species. On arrival we are met by one of the Ark Rangers and enjoy an unforgettable 2.5 hour guided "Devils in the Wild" tour. You will be privy to enter a huge free-range enclosure and experience a rare opportunity to get up and close and personal in the Tasmanian Devil's natural enclosure. Departing from the Ark we will enjoy a picnic lunch beside the Manning River and then enjoy a series of short walks and lookout stops designed to immerse you in the ancient Antarctic Beech forest. We then move West, off the Tops and through the scenic Upper Hunter Valley to arrive into the Hunter Valley early evening. Dinner tonight at our accommodation.

Overnight: Hunter Valley

DAY 4 HUNTER VALLEY - SYDNEY (BL)

Departing, we travel through the scenic Upper Hunter Valley to the Hunter Valley Wine region. We enjoy a visit to the Hunter Valley Gardens where we can discover this most stunning 14 hectare garden complex. Then enjoy visit to boutique winery followed by a delightful lunch and visits to local boutique chocolate and cheese shops. Our return to Sydney will be approximately 5:00PM

Prices: From \$1575.00 per person based on twin share accommodation.

Single Supplement \$345.00

(Please note: price is based on you having 10 Adults travelling in your group. Should your party consist of less or more than 10 we can provide applicable costs on request)

INCLUSIONS:

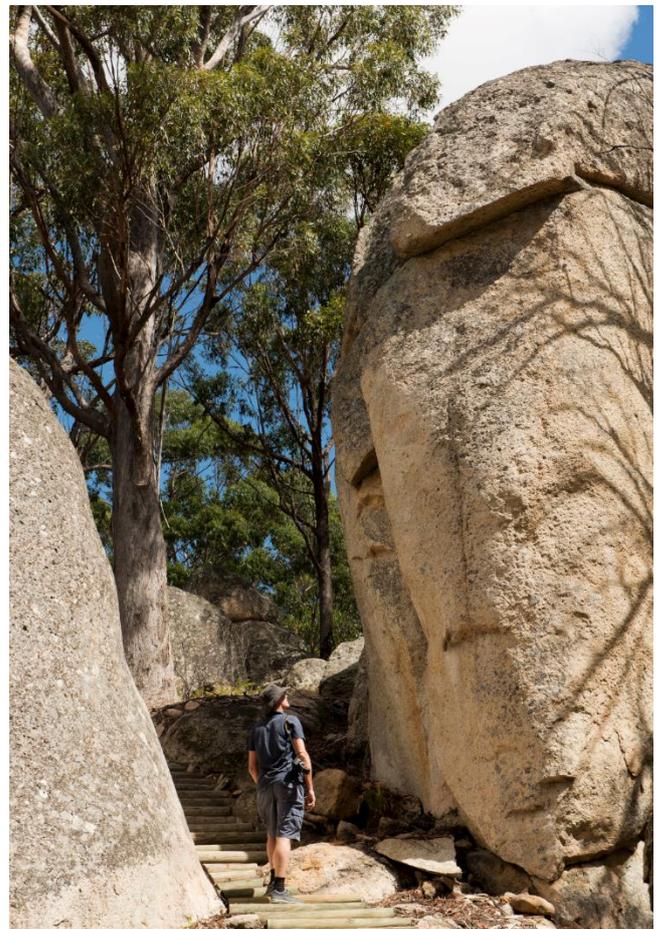
- Travel in bespoke 14 or 17 passenger seat tour Vehicle with reclining leather coach seats & air conditioning
- Expert driver guide escort
- Twin-share accommodation, all rooms with ensuite based on boutique premium hotel
- Meals as advised (B= Breakfast / L = Lunch/ D= Dinner)
- Admissions & sustainable water bottles on board.

EXCLUSIONS:

- Beverages with meals unless otherwise specified
- Travel insurance

Level of Fitness Required – Medium

Whilst this tour is not physically demanding it does include nature walks in National Parks. There will be times where you will be required to navigate uneven tracks, inclines/descents on walks and all participants are required to be able to walk unaided and will not need any foreseen assistance throughout the journey. For all clients to fully enjoy this travel experience, excellent health and mobility is required by all.



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