

Tuncurry Coach Tours Monthly Newsletter June 2021



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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Payment Reminders for upcoming trips

Outback Queensland – Due Now

10th June Paterson Rail and Road – Due Now

Vivid Spectacular – Due 11th June

Hamilton – Due 24th June

Uluru and the Red Centre – Due 31st June

Next meeting is on Tuesday July 13th 2021- 10.00am
for a 10:30 start At Tuncurry Memorial Hall

Dates for 2021 Travel Club Day Trips

Thur 10th June 2021

Tues 20th July 2021

Thur 26th August 2021

Wed 8th Sept 2021

Thurs 7th Oct 2021

Tuncurry Coach Tours Bank Details

Name: Tuncurry Coach Tours

BSB: 062603 ACC: 10646027

(Reference your name and trip)

Note:

All 2021 overnight trips will require a **\$300 non-refundable deposit** on booking with final payment being due **2 months out from travel.**

***Money can not be transferred to other trips ***

All cheques should be made payable to
Tuncurry Coach Tours.

Mail address: PO BOX 364 Tuncurry.

EFTPOS, Bank deposit and payments over the phone are now available. If wanting to make payment by any of these methods please call...

Adam or Lisa on 0412 647 790

What's been happening since we last held a meeting?

Tues 18th May 2021 - Port Macquarie's Best Kept Secrets

What a lovely day out!. A visit to Port Macquarie is always fun as there is so much to explore, whether we are returning to old favourites or heading somewhere totally new. With another full coach of keen day trippers we made our way to **Douglas Vale Historic Homestead and Vineyard**. We were greeted at the gates and escorted to our seats where we were delivered beautiful hand-made scones and tea and coffee. We then broke up into 3 groups and each group had time to visit the homestead, tour the gardens and taste their wines. Plenty of time was allocated to enjoy each component of this tour and our volunteer hosts looked after us very well. Our next stop was to the **Sea Acres Rainforest Centre** which was a first for many of our passengers. On arrival we enjoyed lunch and a coffee in the café before taking time to wander through the forest board walk and shop. Our very last stop was to **Vickers Fudge Factory** which is always a fav! The shop had a line up out the door as we all clambered in to purchase our goodies. Today was also our first day trip where we held a **coach raffle with 3 prizes** to be won in addition to our **Travel Club Members badge draw**. This was a lot of fun and added some excitement for the trip home.

Many of our travellers joined Adam and Julie in May on a trip to Narrabri, Lightning Ridge, Moree and Glen Innes. One of the highlights was a delicious Pecan slice that was served at morning tea. Maybe I will have to add this to our morning tea treats also! I have included a copy of the recipe if you would like to try it.

Moree Pecan Farm Date and Pecan Slice recipe

125g butter 1Cup chopped pecans
1C SR flour 1Cup brown sugar
1Tbs golden syrup 1 egg
1 tsp vanilla essence
1Cup chopped dates

Grease 19cm x 29cm slab tin & line with paper.
Put butter, brown sugar & golden syrup in saucepan, melt butter then add dates.
Cool a little and add egg, vanilla essence & sifted SR flour, then lastly stir in pecans.
Pour into tin & bake in moderate oven for 20mins or until lightly browned.

PICK UP AND DROP OFFS

This year, we have had a large increase in the number of passengers requesting to be picked up and dropped off closer to their homes. At first these requests were a one off, but it seems to be continually growing and our pick-ups and drop-offs are taking much longer than they should. As much as Adam and I would love to accommodate everyone who travels with us and really appreciate you choosing to travel with Tuncurry Coach Tours, we also find it very hard to say No. But we need to from now on to make it fair for all travellers. From Club Forster to Nabic, the current time allocated for pick-ups, adds up to 1 hr at the beginning and end of every trip and that does not include the people that get on at the Halliday's Point depot. We all want to get to and from our destination early and everyone has different reasons for their personal requests BUT if we do for one, we do for all 48 passengers on board and nobody wants that! So we are sorry to say that from now, on all pick-ups and drops offs will be per the itinerary. We know this is disappointing but we thank you so much for your understanding. Warm Regards Lisa & Adam

2021 DAY TRIPS

All Day Trips require a **50% non-refundable deposit** at the time of booking and must be paid in full the month before. ***Money can not be transferred to other trips***

Thursday 10th June & 19th August 2021 - Paterson Rail and Road Tour (Waiting List both trips)

For something a little different, we are taking you on a journey to the glory days, dating back to 1923, where we will be welcomed at the Paterson Rail Motor Society. *Today we will board a restored **Heritage Diesel Passenger Train!*** These trains are among the best conserved heritage rolling stock in NSW. On board we will be served morning tea while we sit back and take in the beauty and history of the local area. Enjoy the lower North Coast scenery as we travel up the **Paterson River Valley** before passing through **Wallarobba Tunnel into the Williams River Valley**. Our Trip will also include a steady climb up through **Monkerai Tunnel** and into the **Karuah River Valley** before arriving at **Stroud Road** and returning through the scenic countryside to **Dungog** where we will end our rail journey and join for lunch at the Dungog RSL.

Departure Times

Cost \$90 per person

Club Forster 6:55am	Polynesian Village 7:00am	Golden Ponds 7:05am	Forster Keys 7:10am
Evermore 7:15am	Tuncurry Coach Stop 7:25am	Nabiac 7:45am	

Tuesday 20th July 2021- Christmas in July

If you're looking for a nice day out and would like to catch up with your travel friends or maybe meet some new friends, join us for a Christmas in July, fun-filled event hosted by the Lakes and Oceans Hotel in Forster. Get into the 'Christmas in July' spirit by wearing your best festive clothes or Christmas colours, while we enjoy a traditional 2 course Christmas lunch. There will also be a Lucky Door Prize, Wallis Lake Tourers Travel Club members badge draw plus, Christmas themed games for a few laughs and your chance to win some lovely prizes. We look forward to seeing you all there.

Time: 11:30am

Cost \$30 per person

Where: Lakes and Oceans Hotel- Little St, Forster

Transport: Please make your own transport arrangements.

Arrival Time: 11:30am. - *Lunch will be served at 12:30pm*

Dress: Christmas festive.

Thursday 26th August 2021 - Capture the Country Charm in Maitland and Morpeth (4 spots left)

This day trip is all about relaxing and unwinding in the Historic Hunter Region of Maitland and Morpeth. Our trip begins when we enter a garden that will transport you to another world of charm, sophistication and elegance. **The Bath House Garden** in Maitland is truly a sight to behold. Plenty of time will be allowed for moseying through the gardens and enjoying a picnic lunch. Our next stop will be at, what was once a bustling port in colonial times. **Morpeth** is a historic town on the banks of the Hunter River. You will have free time here to sample local wines and browse boutique shops in stunning heritage listed 19th century buildings, visit the bakehouse where the Amott's family biscuit dynasty began or discover sites such as the Campbells Antique Store.

Departure Times

Cost \$80 per person

Club Forster 7:00am	Polynesian Village 7:05am	Golden Ponds 7:10am	
Forster Keys 7:15am	Evermore 7:20am	Tuncurry Coach Stop 7:30am	Nabiac 7:45am

**Wednesday 8th Sept 2021- Meandering the Myall Lakes with Tastes of Tea Gardens
(Waiting List)**

If you missed out the first time, now is your chance to secure your spot for our second tour....

A day trip not too far from home but packed full of fun. We are off to the quiet and laid back twin towns of Tea Gardens and Hawks Nest, which is nestled within the Myall River. Our day will include morning tea on arrival, a guided scenic tour of the twin seaside villages of Tea Gardens & Hawks Nest, where we traverse the Singing Bridge & visit the beautiful beaches & bays of the Myall Coast. We will stopover at the Lions Park Lookout, Bennett's Beach and the Kombucha Factory. We will tour to the Koala Reserve, Jimmys Beach, Iluka shipwreck & Winda Woppa. Our lunch today will be a Chinese banquet at the Hawks Nest Golf Club before spending some relaxed free time wandering along Marina Drive where the local history is displayed in beautiful Artworks, Poems and Sculptures. You may also like to pop into the Gallery in the Gardens or purchase an ice cream at Australia's best ice cream shop!

Departure Times

Cost \$70 per person

Club Forster 8:10am	Polynesian Village 8:15am	Golden Ponds 8:20am
Forster Keys 8:25am	Evermore 8:30am	Tuncurry Coach Stop 8:40am Nabiac 9:00am

Black Friday Shopping trip

Fri 26th November 2021

Get Your last minute Christmas Shopping done on our Newcastle Black Friday Sale trip. A full day of shopping at both **Charlestown Square** and the newly opened **COSTCO Store** with dinner on the way home included.

Cost \$70 per person

Club Forster 6:45am	Polynesian Village 6:50am	Golden Ponds 6:55am
Forster Keys 7:00am	Evermore 7:05am	Tuncurry Coach Stop 7:15am Nabiac 7:30am

Live Shows- \$100 deposit required at time of booking

New Date to be Advised Soon !!!

Dolly Parton's 9 to 5 1pm show at the Lyric Theatre Sydney. Cost \$140 per person

Includes Dinner

Hamilton

24th-25th August 2021

2 days & 1 Night

(Waiting List)

By popular demand, we are off to Hamilton the musical. This is an unforgettable cinematic stage performance and American Musical which is sung-and-rapped-through musical by Lin-Manuel Miranda. It tells the story of forgotten American Founding Father Alexander Hamilton and his ascent out of poverty and to power against the backdrop of the American War of Independence. Our lunch stop will be at the **Gardenia Café in Ourimbah** before we arrive at our **5 star accommodation in Sydney at 'The Darling' Star City Casino** which is perfectly located above the Lyric Theatre and close proximity to venture around Sydney for some free time and to purchase dinner before the show in one of the **7 restaurants** within the Casino. The next morning, we will make our way to **Birkenhead Point Shopping outlet** for some retail therapy and time to purchase lunch before making our way home.

7:00pm Show, Lyric Theatre

Cost \$515 per person / Single Room extra \$135

Cinderella

Wed 1st December 2021

Rodgers & Hammerstein's **CINDERELLA** is the Tony Award® winning Broadway musical from the creators of *The Sound of Music* that delighted Broadway audiences with its surprisingly contemporary take on the classic tale. This lush production features incredible orchestrations, jaw-dropping transformations and all the moments you love—the pumpkin, the glass slipper, the masked ball and more—plus some surprising new twists! Be transported as you rediscover some of Rodgers and Hammerstein's most beloved songs. This is truly a romantic fantasy.

1:00pm Show, Capitol Theatre

Includes Dinner Cost \$170 per person

Club Forster 6:30am	Polynesian Village 6:35am	Golden Ponds 6:40 am
Forster Keys 6:45am	Evermore 6:50 am	Tuncurry Coach Stop 7:00am Nabiac 7:15am

Vivid Spectacular Sydney 11 to 12th August 2021 2 days & 1 Nights (1 room left)

If there's one place in the world where creativity, innovation and technology shine bright, it's Vivid Sydney, a festival of Light, Music and Ideas. Heading into its twelfth year in 2021, Vivid Sydney is the largest festival of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere and the largest event in Australia. Come and join Tuncurry Coach Tours for this special event. We will enjoy a beautiful **Harbour Cruise with 3 course dinner** while we take in the wonderful display of lights. On the second day we visit the newly **renovated Hyde Park Barracks for a self-guided tour** which has just been re-opened to the public. We will have a picnic lunch at Hyde Park, before we make our way back home.

Cost \$430 / Single Room extra \$110

Uluru & the Red Centre 31st Aug - 6th Sept 2021 7 days & 6 Nights (Waiting List)

We are excited to announce that we will be ticking another 'once in a lifetime trip' off as we venture to Australia's Red Centre! With flights included, we will arrive in Uluru ready to take in the beautiful landscape and rich Aboriginal culture. Within the 7 days, we will travel to the base of Uluru, hear Aboriginal Tjukurpa stories, visit the Mutitjulu Waterhole. We will enjoy nibbles and sparkling wine with the famous Uluru sunset, enjoy a BBQ set amongst the red sand dunes and witness a night sky tour. We will learn the connection between art and culture with a hands on painting session and travel to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) for a spectacular sunrise viewing. If you're feeling fit you can also walk the rim of the Kings Canyon down to the Garden of Eden. There are just too many highlights to mention!

(Includes return flights dep Sydney)

Cost \$3690 / Single Room extra \$1050

Best of the West & Wildflowers 15th to 29th September 2021 15 days & 14 nights

Explore the natural beauty of Western Australia during wild flower season. Come on a journey as we fly to **Perth**, exploring the city, **Rottnest Island, Wadjemup lighthouse** and **Cathedral rocks**. Our journey continues on to visit **Geraldton, Dalwallinu, Hyden, Albany and Beedelup**. Discover **Wave Rock** and the **Humps, the National Anzac Centre and the Australian Wildlife and Botanic gardens** just to name a few highlights of this great trip. We travel south, making our way to **Cape Leeuwin** where the Southern and Indian oceans meet before venturing on to **Margaret River** where we will spend one night. Our trip ends with us experiencing a dreaming cultural experience in **Koomal and Ngilgi Cave** before heading on to **Busselton** and back to Perth to celebrate our final night together.

Cost \$6420 / Single Room extra \$1090

****** 2 Rooms now available ******

Murray River Cruise 9th- 18th Oct 2021 10 days & 9 Nights (Waiting List)

Our journey begins as we make our way to Bendigo stopping at Bendigo Pottery, the oldest working pottery in Australia. Our trip continues as we pass through **Bordertown and Tailem Bend**. We spend time looking around **Mannum** before we get ready to board the **Murray Princess** for an unforgettable 4 nights. We take a **guided tour** of **Burk Salter Wines** and visit the **Swan Reach Museum** – a must for every visitor. When we arrive at **Sunnydale**, it's all ashore for the **Woolshed Show** as we recreate typical Australian woolshed history. We also enjoy an **Aussie Barbecue** – cooked and served in a bush setting on the banks of the mighty Murray River and visit the beautiful **Ngaut Ngaut Aboriginal Reserve**.

Cost \$ 3310pp twin/ \$890 Single

Coffs Harbour & the Jacaranda Festival 5th to 7th November 2021 3 Days & 2 Nights (5 spots left)

If you have ever wanted to see the delightful purple carpet that covers the streets of Grafton, then this is a trip not to be missed! We will base ourselves in the coastal town of Coffs Harbour, staying at the beautiful **Opal Cove Resort**. We will make stops at **Ricardo's Tomatoes, the Butterfly House** and the **Coffs Botanical Gardens**, immersing ourselves in all things beautiful. The second day is all yours to enjoy the festivities of the **Grafton Jacaranda festival** and on the way home we take in the **Harbourside Markets** and enjoy **lunch, wine tasting and a tour** at **Historic Homestead Douglas Vale Wines**. What better way to end a few beautiful days.

Cost \$570pp twin/ \$150 Single

Hunter Valley Wine Country Gourmet Food and Lights 16th- 17th Dec 2021 2 days & 1 Night

The Hunter Valley Area is more than just the producers of award winning wines, it is also home to soft creamy cheeses, juicy olives, beautiful chutneys and condiments, and let's not forget fine chocolate! Somewhere along those lines the perfect wines also come into play. This overnight trip will have you getting your hands dirty as you partake in your very **own cheese making master class**. We then of course enjoy the fruits of our labour with a **banquet meal and wine matching**. There will be time for shopping also, before we make our way to the **Lights Spectacular** which showcases over 2 million displays. Day two will deliver indulgent, photographic dessert platters at **Sabor Dessert Rooms** and we finish off the day at the **Hunter Olive Centre**. If you would like to tick off another bucket list adventure, we will also be offering an optional Hot Air Balloon flight over the Hunter as we watch the sunrise from a birds eye view before a Champagne breakfast at Petersons House.

Cost \$450pp twin/ \$90 Single

OPTIONAL EXTRA Hot Air Balloon Flight & Champagne Breakfast \$280pp