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New Tour!!! 7 DAY SYDNEY VIVID LIGHTS & THE CENTRAL COAST NSW 2 - 8 JUNE 2024 Fly/Fly

Welcome to our 7 day tour in the bright lights of **Vivid Sydney**, and some time taking in the Central Coast.

The holiday features many highlights, lunch Sydney Opera House, **Vivid Lights Dinner Cruise!**

The Hawkesbury River Riverboat Postman Cruise, visiting the Broken Bay Pearl Farm, Chocolate & Nougat Factory.

Our return flight from Newcastle one of Australia's ports.

Inclusions

- * Home pick up return service (metro area)
- * Coach Travel
- * 3 Nights Novotel Darling Square, Sydney
- * 3 Nights Forrester Beach Central Coast
- * Breakfasts Dinners 5 Lunches
- * Guided tours entrance fees

Cost from: \$2,990.00 Single supp: \$690.00

Note: Airfares costs from Melbourne/Sydney - Newcastle to Melbourne to be included.

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Day 1: (D) HOME TO SYDNEY: SUNDAY 02 JUNE 2024

Welcome to our 7 day tour in the bright lights of Vivid Sydney and some time taking in the Central Coast region. We head to Melbourne Airport and board our flight to Sydney, where on arrival a local touring operator will transfer us to our Darling Harbour Hotel for the next 3 nights. Tonight, we meet up to dine together in the hotel's restaurant

Novotel Darling Square, Sydney | 3 nights

Day 2: (BLD) SYDNEY AND VIVID LIGHTS: MONDAY 03 JUNE 2024

Uncovering the sights of Sydney our local coach captain will enlighten us to the intriguing stories, as we make our way to the Harbour foreshore and Mrs Macquarie's Chair. The chair, carved out of the sandstone by convicts for Governor Lachlan Macquarie's wife to watch the activity on the Harbour offers great views of the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Fort Denison. Late morning, we arrive at the Sydney Opera House for a guided tour followed by lunch. We see the theatres, discover the stories, history and magic of the House and learn how architect Jorn Utzon's heritage listed masterpiece came to life. Returning to our hotel we now have some free time as tonight we will be heading out on Sydney Harbour. As darkness falls, Sydney's transformed into a spectacular canvas of light, filled with creativity and inspiration. Transferring to our vessel, we commence our dazzling Vivid Lights Cruise! Enjoy dinner while witnessing the city come to life with immersive light installations and projections.

Breakfast at hotel | lunch at Sydney Opera House | dinner on cruise

Day 3: (BD) SYDNEY SIGHTSEEING: TUESDAY 04 JUNE 2024

This morning we will be visiting The Art Gallery of NSW where we have arranged a guided tour to see the 2024 Archibald Prize finalists. First awarded in 1921, it is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art awards. Judged by the trustees of the Art Gallery of NSW and awarded to the best portrait painting, the Archibald Prize exhibition is a who's who of Australian culture - from politicians to celebrities, sporting heroes to artists. Following our tour, we have morning tea in the café and some free time to look through the gallery. Late morning, we drive to Moore Park and arrive at the Sydney Cricket Ground. There are several cafes and eateries nearby for us to purchase lunch before we take a tour. See the hallowed turf where Michael Clarke brought up his triple century to claim the highest SCG Test score, and so many legends before him (from Don

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Bradman to Steve Waugh) took their place in sporting history. Sit in the dressing rooms where sporting legends prepared for their finest moments and visit the media centre as you venture behind the scene. Hear entertaining stories of players, spectators and events as you take in the sporting architecture and ambience of this iconic Australian sporting precinct. Dinner tonight will be located 82 floors above the city CBD, in the iconic **Sydney Tower Restaurant**, SkyFeast offers spectacular, 360-degree revolving views of the harbour and city below showcasing all the brilliant lights that the Sydney Vivid Lights have to offer.

Day 4 (BLD) THE HAWKESBURY RIVER: WEDNESDAY 05 JUNE 2024

We have a slightly earlier start today and depart Sydney for the one hour trip to the Hawkesbury River where we arrive in Brooklyn and step aboard the Riverboat Postman. Known as one of Australia's greatest scenic waterways, with its historical isolated communities, the Last Riverboat Postman has been servicing the region for over a century. Sitting back, we enjoy the tranquil scenery of sandy beach coves and fiord like inlets while listening to the lively commentary from the Skipper as we make our all-important deliveries. Our three-hour cruise includes morning tea and lunch. Back on dry land, we now head to the Broken Bay Pearl Farm, the only pearl farm on Australia's East Coast. On our tour, we take a cruise to one of the oyster leases on the scenic lower Hawkesbury River and have an immersive pearl grading session inside the Pearl Grading Room. We learn the story of the Australian Pearl from its ancient Indigenous beginnings, modern farming and grading techniques through to the finished price of unique pearl jewellery. Its now time to make our way to our accommodation, located in the lovely beachside suburb, Forresters Beach. Unpack and relax as this will be our home for the next three nights.

The Quarters Forresters Beach | 3 nights

Day 5: (BLD) THE CENTRAL COAST: THURSDAY 06 JUNE 2024

Our local day of sightseeing starts with a visit to the Ken Duncan Gallery. Here we spend time wandering through the spacious gallery and enjoy a spectacular audio-visual presentation in the intimate theatre. Next, we arrive at the Edogawa Commemorative Gardens, a beautiful, peaceful space located in the Gosford Regional Gallery precinct. The garden is based on a traditional 'shuyu' (strolling style) garden, incorporating Japanese features with meandering pathways, a roofed Japanese pavilion overlooking the Koi pond and traditional teahouse.



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Lunch today is at the Chocolate & Nougat Factory, home to the renowned Australian confectionary producers Nougat Limar, Bon Bon Fine Chocolates and The Sydney Marshmallow Co. We have a tour following lunch and this afternoon visit the Henry Kendall Cottage and Historical Museum. Set on peaceful surroundings, the cottage was once a home for pioneer poet Henry Kendall. You'll have time here to wander the beautiful building before we return to the hotel with some free time to relax before dinner.

Day 6: (BLD) MORE OF THE CENTRAL COAST: FRIDAY 07 JUNE 2024

After breakfast we explore the natural beauty of the area, stopping to visit the Norah Head Lighthouse. Built in 1903, it was the last manned and colonial light station in the state before ownership and control of the Australian coastal lights was passed to the Commonwealth. Taking a closer look around the Lake Macquarie region we'll discover it is nothing short of spectacular. Late morning, we arrive at the historical Alison Homestead. The Homestead is set on two hectares in a rural setting on Wyong's first land grant dating back to 1825. In the Homestead and other buildings there are displays of memorabilia, photos, furniture, toys and other household items, equipment, machinery and tools all relating to the early settling of Wyong and surrounds. We have time to look through the Homestead, followed by lunch, then we visit the Fires Creek Winery. This winery opened its cellar doors in December 2003 and today can offer us a seasonal variety of boutique fruit flower and herb wines to taste. This tops off a fantastic day of touring.

Day 7: (BL) HEADING HOME: SATURDAY 08 JUNE 2024

We farewell our hosts and make our way to Newcastle for our morning touring. Newcastle is the state's second largest city and one of Australia's largest ports. Originally named Coal River, the town was founded in 1804 as a place for the most intractable of Sydney's convicts and was known as "the hell of NSW". It is a city of industry as well as history with its terraced houses, a majestic

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cathedral and ancient fort. On arrival we take a local sightseeing tour and arrive at Fort Scratchley where we take a self-guided tour. Perched above Newcastle Harbour, the fort was constructed during the Crimean War to protect the city from invasion. At the height of World War II, the fort returned fire on a Japanese Submarine making it the only fort in Australia to have engaged the enemy in a maritime attack! We have an early lunch at the Queens Wharf Hotel, then make our way to the Newcastle airport for our 2.40 flight back to Melbourne, that arrives at 4.15pm.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes beyond our direct control.

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