

## Inverell - Glen Innes

*With Portbus*

3 Days / 2 Nights

**Tour Departs: Tue 29<sup>th</sup> September - Thur 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020**



### **Day 1. Tue 29 Sep: Home - Inverell**

### **Lunch & Dinner**

This morning following pickup from your home we begin our drive across to Inverell via Walcha. Our first stop is **McHatton Park** located in the centre of town to view some wonderful sculptures at the **Open Air Gallery**, there are 41 sculptures in total, featuring the works of local, national and international artists. Comprised of wood, steel and even basalt crystals, the art works feature motifs of totems and human characters, as well as creatures of the sky and sea. Today lunch will be enjoyed at the **Apsley Arms Hotel**. Travelling south to Gilgai stopping to visit the **New England Wood-turning Centre**. Set on 4 hectares, we will be entertained by Rod's didgeridoo, oddgeridoos and wood-turning demonstrations, a stroll through the showroom and the picturesque landscaped gardens seeing many metal sculptures and carvings. Arriving into Inverell late afternoon, check into our accommodation and freshen up before dinner in the motel restaurant.

**Overnight: Top of the Town Motel - Inverell**

### **Day 2. Wed 30 Sep: Inverell - Glen Innes**

### **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Our day begins with a visit to the **National Transport Museum** for a self guided tour & morning tea. The museum showcases over 120 vehicle and motorcycle exhibits ranging from vintage, veteran and classic, some of the vehicles on display include a 1906 Dayton (believed to be the only one left worldwide) and a 1912 Renault. We continue on to **Glen Innes** where the haunting tones of a piper will herald our arrival at the **Australian Standing Stones**, the national monument to Australia's Celtic pioneers. Our local guide will join us for a light lunch at **Crofter's Cottage** prior to a kilted tour of the Stones. Next, visit the heritage main street of Glen Innes which gives us a glimpse of the rich and diverse history reflected in the many architectural features and styles from the mid 1800's. **Gawura Gallery** is our next stop, the home of internationally acclaimed Aboriginal artist Lloyd Gawura Hornsby. This modern gallery exhibits a range of works from established and emerging Indigenous artists. Gawura Coffee Shop is a fine accompaniment to the Gawura Gallery with the opportunity to purchase afternoon tea at own cost. West of Glen Innes we descend the Waterloo Range where an amazing sight appears as the **Whiterock and Sapphire Windfarms** come into view, now totalling more than 75 wind turbines it's an eye-opening sight. Both farms are also constructing and developing solar farms which collectively provide an exciting new industry for the region. Returning to Glen Innes for check-in at our accommodation enjoying some free time before meeting in the motel restaurant for dinner.

**Overnight: New England Motor Lodge - Glen Innes**

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### Day 3. Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Dorrigo - Kempsey - Home

**Breakfast**

Following breakfast and check-out we begin our drive home stopping at the **Dorrigo National Parks Skywalk and Interpretive Centre** which offers superb views over Dorrigo National Park encompassing Bellingen Valley to the coast. **The Skywalk Lookout** is a 70m boardwalk that soars over the edge of the escarpment some 21m above the rainforest. After morning tea at the **Canopy Cafe** our journey continues out through the stunning **Bellingen Valley** and along the beautiful **Waterfall Way** "rated the best scenic drive in NSW"! Arriving in **Bellingen Village** we purchase our own lunch and have time to visit some of the unique specialty shops. Continuing on our next stop is **The Slim Dusty Centre and Museum**, this exhibition features objects and images from the Kirkpatrick family's own extensive archive as well as contributions from fans and friends of Slim from all over the world. Heading off on the last leg of our journey arriving home in Port Macquarie late afternoon after a wonderful few days in Inverell and Glen Innes with Portbus.

**Tour Highlights:** Walcha Open Air Sculptures, Apsley Arms Hotel; New England Wood-turning Centre; National Transport Museum, Glen Innes - Australian Standing Stones, Crofters Cottage, Gawura Gallery, The Whiterock & Sapphire Windfarms; Dorrigo Skywalk; Canopy Cafe; Bellingen; Slim Dusty Centre & much more!

#### **Tour Price Includes:**

- Luxury coach travel
- 2 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (6 Meals)
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

**Net Tour Cost: \$645.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement Total \$795.00)**

**Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax**

*The tour prices valid for travel in 2020. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

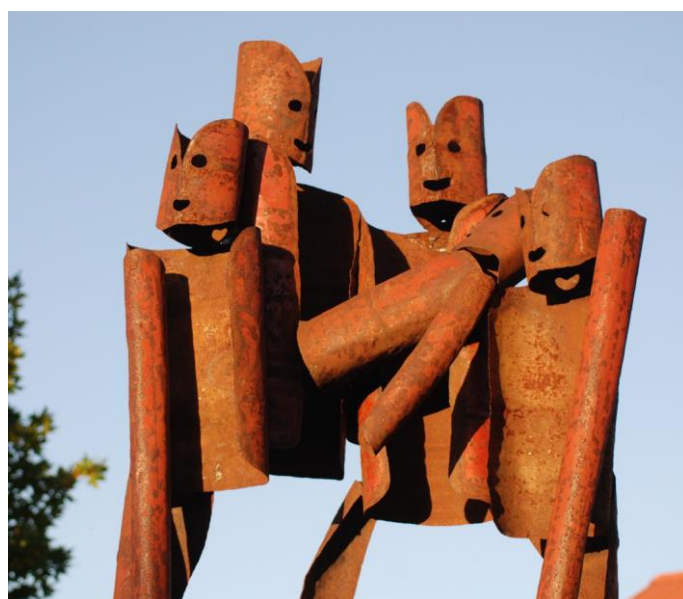
**\$200.00 Deposit per person due within 7 days of booking.**

**Final Payment Due by Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**For Information & Bookings Contact**

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