

Summer Sojourn to the Central Coast

with Port Bus featuring The Riverboat Postman

Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th February 2024



Itinerary:

Day 1: We depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 08:00 on our little adventure to the Central Coast staying at the Galaxy Motel. Our morning tea stop is at the ever-popular Wade Park, Buladelah. Mid-morning, we travel via Belmont to Swansea where we have a lite lunch at the Swansea RSL Club. Mid-afternoon we travel via Budgewoi to Norah Head where we visit the historic Lighthouse.

Step back in time to feel what it was like to be a Lighthouse Keeper at Norah Head Lighthouse. Climb the 96 stairs and enjoy the 360-degree views from the tower balcony. Marvel at the optics prism and imagine polishing the 700 lenses of the prism. Learn about the duties of a Lighthouse Keeper. Learn how the light was originally operated, compared to how it works today. Hear the stories of shipwrecks in days gone by. Later we travel through the Entrance, Terrigal to Ettalong via the Singing Bridge. Passing through Ettalong and Woy Woy on the Brisbane Waters we arrive at the Galaxy Motel, West Gosford, our home for the next two nights. Dinner tonight is at your leisure in the club next door with a meal voucher.



Day 2: After a hearty breakfast in the club, we depart on our day tour around the area.



Our first stop today is at the Australian Reptile Park, Kariong where we can see funnel webs, redbacks and all kinds of snakes being milked for their venoms. Also, lots of birds and wildlife shows to watch with special talks. There is also a little train ride available if you cannot walk too far. We have a 90-minute tour with 45 minutes being a guided tour around the park and 45 minutes hands on meeting a variety of animals. From here we

visit Mt Penang Botanic Gardens for a self-guided tour in the 18 hectares of stunning gardens and parklands on the grounds of the old Mt Penang Borstal – still in use today – but as an educational facility. Mid-afternoon we return to Gosford via Ourimbah. Our last visit is to the Edogawa Japanese Gardens with time to relax here amid the peace and tranquillity of these magnificent gardens – a peace symbol from the Japanese people. Late afternoon we return to our motel to freshen for happy hour and dinner at the club.

Day 3: After breakfast we depart for the waterways of the Hawkesbury and the little town of Brooklyn. It is here we board “The Riverboat Postman”. The last of its kind delivering bread, mail and supplies to remote communities only accessible by river. Morning tea and a delicious lunch is served on board as we cruise past rugged cliffs, open mangroves, and isolated



houses while we listen to detailed commentary on all aspects of river life and its history. After docking back at Brooklyn, we re-join the coach for our journey homes after a relaxing but informative 3-days on the Central Coast.

Inclusions:

- Return transport
- Port Bus welcome pack
- Daily H2O
- Morning tea from the coach @ Wade Park, Buladelah
- Lunch @ Swansea RSL
- Entry/tour of Norah Head Lighthouse
- 2 x nights' accommodation @ Galaxy Motel, West Gosford
- 2 x Dinner vouchers for the Gosford RSL Club (next door)
- 2 x breakfasts
- Entry/tour at the Australian Reptile Park
- Visit Mt Penang Botanic Gardens
- Lunch at the Waterfall Cafe
- Entry to Gosford/Edogawa Gardens
- The Riverboat Postman

\$818 pp twin | \$1,043 pp single
\$250 deposit pp

For more information or to book;

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All tours require a minimum no to proceed

Cancellation fees will be levied relative to the amount of notice given:

42 days or more—loss of deposit

29-41 days: 50% of fare plus deposit

30 days before and the Day of departure: 100% of fare.

In the case of concert or sporting tours, where admission tickets are purchased in advance, a minimum cancellation fee equivalent to the cost of admission tickets+ fees will apply.

Some accommodations require prepayment and refunds will be subject to their own conditions.