

## 3 Days | PEARLS AND LIGHTS IN THE HUNTER VALLEY

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The magic of Christmas is all round us in the Hunter Valley by enjoying the spectacular lights display at the gardens. Our wonderful tour also includes a tour of Broken Bay Pearls and the Hunter Valley wine and delicious gourmet produce.

### Day 1 (LD): HOME TO LAKE MACQUARIE

Welcome aboard for our holiday of Pearls and Lights touring in the Hunter Valley. Sit back, get comfortable and meet your fellow travellers as we head out. We stop for lunch at the **Karuah RSL** before arriving at the **Broken Bay Pearls farm**, the only pearl farm on Australia's East Coast. On our discovery tour, we'll **cruise to one of the oyster leases** on the scenic lower Hawkesbury River and an immersive pearl grading session inside the **restricted access Pearl Grading Room**. We follow 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. Upon return we learn the seven virtues that underpin the value of the pearl and browse the collection of stunning pearl jewellery. We now make our way to Lake Macquarie for the next two nights.

Lunch at Karuah RSL | dinner in hotel

Macquarie 4 Star, Lake Macquarie | 2 nights

Friday 29 November 2025



### Day 2 (BLD) HISTORY, INDULGENCE AND LIGHTS



We travel into **Maitland** to brave the historic **Maitland Gaol**. Open for more than 150 years the gaol housed some of Australia's most hardened and notorious criminals. It closed as a correctional institute in 1998 and the cell doors have now been swung open to learn about the facility, past prisoners and daring escapes. For lunch we relax in the beautiful sandstone walls and exposed antique timber rafters of **Peterson**

**Champagne House**, enjoying a delicious lunch overlooking the spectacular vineyards. Before our night of lights and festive spirit we treat ourselves to a tasting at the **Hunter Valley Cheese Company** before a chance to stock up on sweets at the **Hunter Valley Chocolate Company**. Dinner tonight is at the Garden Terrace Café with beautiful views of the surrounding **Hunter Valley Gardens** and the magical **Christmas Lights Spectacular**. Wander through the gardens to see the



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## Day 2 (BLD) HISTORY, INDULGENCE AND LIGHTS

continued

Saturday 30 November 2025

twinkling illumination and remarkable displays. The lights spectacular is bound to capture the Spirit of Christmas.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Peterson Champagne House

## Day 3 (BL): HUNTER VALLEY TO HOME

Sunday 01 December 2025



We return to the gardens to discover the sensational sights, colours, and fragrances of the stunning **Hunter Valley Gardens**. Explore over 25 hectares of spectacular flowers, trees, and shrubs. Take in the views from the lookout, rest above the waterfall in the **Sunken Garden** or step back in time with your favourite characters in the **Storybook Garden**. Leaving the area, we make our way to the **Raymond Terrace Bowling Club** for lunch. This afternoon we travel home, arriving with many wonderful memories travelling with friends.

Breakfast in motel | lunch at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

### Tour Inclusions

- 2 night's hotel accommodation
- 2 cooked breakfasts
- 1 hotel dinner and 1 at Garden Terrace Restaurant in the Hunter Valley Gardens
- 3 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at the Karuah & District RSL Club
- Pearl Discovery including Pearl Farming, Farm Cruise and Pearl Grading at Broken Bay Pearl Farm
- Locally guided tour of Maitland and Morpeth
- Lunch with complimentary glass of sparkling wine at Peterson Champagne House & Restaurant Cuvee
- Visit including tasting at Hunter Valley Chocolate Company
- Visit and tastings at Hunter Valley Cheese Company Pty Ltd
- Garden Terrace Christmas Dinner includes entry to lights and Christmas dinner menu
- Garden day entry at the Hunter Valley Gardens
- Lunch at Raymond Terrace Bowling Club

**\$1,289 pp twin | \$1,562 pp single**  
**\$200 deposit pp**

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### Please Note

- Price is based on a minimum of 25 paying passengers. If numbers fall below 25 passengers, this tour may need to be recosted.
- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.

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