



## 6 DAY SOUTH COAST TOUR including THE THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

### Day 01 (MTLD) HOME TO MITTAGONG

**Saturday 16 May 2026**

Welcome to our 6-day South Coast holiday, once comfortable in our seats we begin our holiday by heading to the Southern Highlands. Lunch today is at the Ourimbah RSL. Arriving at Mittagong, we check into our accommodation and relax prior to dinner.

Lunch at own cost | Dinner in Mittagong RSL Club  
**Springs Mittagong | 1 night**



### Day 02 (BD) THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM TO NOWRA

**Sunday 17 May 2026**



The quaint village of Thirlmere awakens to the enchanting sound of the steam whistle for the **Thirlmere festival of steam** where we visit the NSW Rail Museum. Here we venture back in time with Australia's largest collection of heritage rolling stock and a diverse range of interactive exhibits. Climb aboard the cab of an old steam locomotive, explore a mail van, walk through a prison van and admire the Governor General's

carriage in all its glory. There will be a full festival atmosphere with live entertainment, market stalls, and steam engines. We spend most of the day here, with a meeting point time to travel through to Nowra to begin our south coast adventure.

Breakfast in Mittagong RSL Club | Lunch at own cost | Dinner in motel  
**Nightcap at Archer Hotel | 1 night**



### Day 03 (BMTLATD) NOWRA TO MERIMBULA

**Monday 18 May 2026**



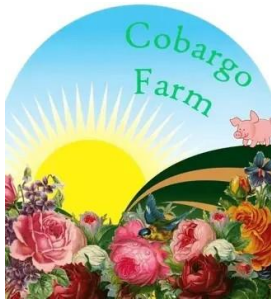
Some of the areas worst affected by the January bushfires are on - and around - the South Coast of New South Wales. Who will forget the images of Mogo – small villages decimated by the fires. We visit the **Mogo Zoo** - after closing for a couple of months after the fires. Here there are lions, giraffes, tigers, jaguars, snow leopards (the only

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breeding pair in the country), a variety of monkeys, red pandas, small, clawed otters to mention just some of the animals we will meet today. After enjoying lunch in Narooma, we travel to **Cobargo**, the township itself was one of the largest towns affected by the



bushfires, luckily the wonderful **Cobargo Farm** was saved. We are here for a tour and afternoon tea. This unique open garden farm is 16 acres on the outskirts of Cobargo's historical working village. It produces fresh fruit and vegetables, as well as ferns, plants, flowers and seedlings. Back on the coach we have about an hour's drive to Merimbula where we check into our motel for the next 2 nights.



Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Narooma Golf Club

**Merimbula Sapphire Motel | 2 nights**

### Day 04 (BMTLD) EDEN AND BOYDTOWN

Tuesday 19 May 2026

We start the day in **Pambula** at the **Oakland's Barn**. Not only will we enjoy a delicious home style morning tea here but where will also have time to look around this historic "Oaklands" property which is now home to the Village Gallery and Merv's shed which houses a huge collection of recycled



furniture, collectables and glassware. From here we travel through to Eden where we visit the **Killer Whale Museum** and view the skeleton of "Old Tom" the killer whale, plus many other items of interest and history. We return to Eden where we board **Cat Balou Cruises** for our afternoon cruise. After cruising around the southern section of Twofold Bay, Cat Balou heads south towards Greencape Lighthouse viewing stunning rock formations, Mowarry Beach, Saltwater Creek and subject to weather entering picturesque Bittangabee Bay.

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Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Seahorse Inn

### Day 05 (BMTLD) MERIMBULA TO GOULBURN

Wednesday 20 May 2026



After our lovely stay in Merimbula we wake up fresh and ready to travel to Goulburn. On the way we visit the small town of **Nimmitabel** where we enjoy morning tea at the local bakery. Leaving here we travel to Cooma to visit the **Snowy Mountain Hydro Electric Scheme** which commenced in 1949. At the time it was the biggest engineering project ever undertaken in the world. Before leaving we enjoy lunch here as well. From here we

travel to Goulburn where we have time to freshen up before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in hotel | lunch at Snowy Mountain Hydro Electric Scheme  
**Mercure Goulburn | 1 night**





## **Day 06 (BMTL) GOULBURN TO HOME**

**Thursday 21 May 2026**

What a wonderful time we have had with friends. After breakfast we travel through the outskirts of Sydney and back up the coast to **home** completing a sensational 6-day tour with many wonderful memories and newfound friends made on our holiday.

Breakfast in hotel and lunch own arrangements and cost

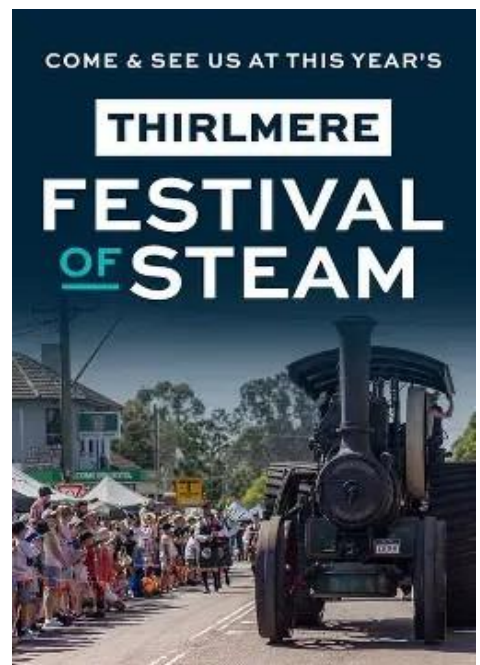
### **Tour Inclusions**

- 5 night's motel accommodation
- 5 cooked breakfasts including 1 at Mittagong RSL Club
- 5 Morning Teas
- 5 dinners including 1 at Mittagong RSL Club
- 3 included lunches – see below
- Entry to the Thirlmere Festival of Steam, NSW Rail Museum
- Entry, tour guide and morning tea at Mogo Zoo
- Lunch at the Narooma Golf Club
- Afternoon Tea and Farm Tour at Cobargo Farm
- Visit and Morning tea at Oaklands Barn & Garden Centre, Pambula
- Entry and tour at Killer Whale Museum, Eden
- Lunch at Seahorse Inn Boydtown
- Afternoon cruise on Cat Balou Sealife Bay Cruises, Eden
- Morning tea at Nimmitabel Bakery
- Visit and lunch at the Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre, Cooma

### **Confirmed Accommodation**

- Springs Mittagong (1 night)
- Nitghcap at Archer Hotel, Nowra (1 night)
- Merimbula Sapphire Motel (2 nights)
- Mercure Goulburn (1 night)

**\$2,929 pp twin share  
+ \$1,020 pp single supplement  
\$900 pp deposit**



### **For more information or to book;**

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### Please Note

- Price is based on a minimum of 20 paying passengers. If numbers fall below 20 paying passengers, this tour *may* need to be recosted.
- Price is valid for above tour dates only and includes GST.
- Morning teas or afternoon teas are not included unless specified.
- The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided. Port Bus reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. Port Bus will not be held responsible for weather-based cancellations, or those closures made at the venue's discretion.

### Cancellation Policy

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 the fare

