

# Relax & Recover Weekend

*with Port Bus to Dorrigo*

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026**



## **Tour Summary:**

Slow down, switch off, and treat yourself to a feel-good escape that blends creativity, nature, and pure country charm. This relaxed two-day getaway takes you from the bohemian streets of **Bellingen** to the misty mountain air of Dorrigo, where rainforest lookouts, local markets, and a surprise lunch await. Unwind with a laughter-filled Paint & Sip session overlooking sweeping hinterland views, then reconnect with the simple joys of life at **Macleay Valley Farm**, cuddling friendly farm animals and indulging in homemade treats. With stunning scenery, warm hospitality, and just the right balance of fun and relaxation, this is the perfect short escape to refresh your spirit and return home smiling.

## **Highlights:**

- Discover the relaxed, creative charm of **Bellingen**
- Overnight stay at **Lookout Mountain Retreat** with sweeping hinterland views
- Fun and social **Paint & Sip** experience
- Browse local treasures at the **Dorrigo Handmade Markets**
- Scenic rainforest views at the **Dorrigo Rainforest Centre**
- Hands-on farm visit at **Macleay Valley Farm** with animal cuddles



## **Inclusions:**

- Return air-conditioned coach transport
- Accredited coach captain and friendly tour host
- Port Bus welcome pack plus daily bottled water
- Leisure time in **Bellingen**
- Lunch at **Dorrigo RSL**
- Fun and relaxed **Paint & Sip** experience
- Delicious two-course dinner
- One night's accommodation at **Lookout Mountain Retreat**
- Cooked country breakfast
- Visit to the **Dorrigo Handmade Markets**
- Talk and lunch at the **Dorrigo Rainforest Centre**
- Guided visit, animal encounters, and afternoon tea at **Macleay Valley Farm**



## Itinerary:

### Day 1:

Aiming to depart Port Bus around 08:45, we commence our pickups and settle in for a scenic drive north. Our first stop is the beautiful, laid-back town of **Bellingen**, nestled between lush hinterland and river flats. Known for its creative spirit and country charm, Bellingen is a delight to explore at your own pace. Meander through rustic boutiques, galleries, and specialty stores, grab a coffee from one of the much-loved cafés, and soak up the relaxed atmosphere the Bellingen Shire is famous for.

Lunch today is at the **Dorrigo RSL**, where we'll enjoy Asian-inspired cuisine in a welcoming club setting. Set in the heart of Dorrigo, the RSL offers a comfortable dining space with friendly service and a chance to relax and refuel before the afternoon ahead.

From here, we travel to the tranquil surrounds of **Lookout Mountain Retreat**, perched high on the escarpment with sweeping views across the hinterland. After check-in, we gather in the restaurant and bar area for a fun and creative Paint & Sip session. With a drink in hand, plenty of laughs, and no pressure to be Picasso, this is a wonderful way to unwind and get to know your fellow travellers.

Following our session, there's time to freshen up before regrouping for dinner. This evening, enjoy a delicious two-course meal in the retreat's restaurant, where the peaceful bush setting adds to the experience. The rest of the night is yours — relax by the fire with a warm toddy, enjoy the crisp mountain air, or head to bed and unwind, ready for the adventures to come.

### Day 2:

After a leisurely country breakfast, we check out and begin our day with a visit to the **Dorrigo Handmade Markets**. This vibrant community market is a treasure trove of locally made crafts, artisan goods, fresh produce, and handmade delights. Take your time to wander the stalls, chat with local makers, and perhaps pick up a unique keepsake or gift while enjoying the friendly mountain-town atmosphere.



Next, we make our way to the stunning **Dorrigo Rainforest Centre**, gateway to the World Heritage-listed rainforest. Here we enjoy a warm meet-and-greet before heading out to explore the lookout, where sweeping views stretch across lush rainforest canopies toward the coast. It's the perfect place to pause, breathe in the fresh mountain air, and appreciate the natural beauty that makes this region so special.

Lunch today will be enjoyed here, with a little element of surprise — the café is currently undergoing renovations, so our meal plans are yet to be revealed. Sometimes the best moments are the unexpected ones 😊.

This afternoon we travel on to the delightful **Macleay Valley Farm**, a small, family-friendly working farm set in the peaceful countryside. This hands-on experience is all about slowing down and reconnecting. Cuddle a lamb, relax beside a gentle cow, feed an alpaca, or simply soak up the calm with a delicious afternoon tea. Every animal here has been hand-raised with love and genuinely enjoys pats, cuddles, and the occasional selfie.

We'll also have time to browse the farm's range of beautiful handmade skincare and body products, created onsite using simple, nourishing ingredients such as their own raw honey and tallow. You may also wish to purchase some local honey or seasonal homegrown vegetables — a lovely way to take a little piece of the farm home with you.

With hearts full and shoulders relaxed, we begin our journey home, enjoying the countryside views, shared laughter, and the easy connection that comes from travelling together. We arrive back at Port Bus at approximately 18:00, feeling refreshed, grounded, and wonderfully relaxed after our time away.



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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
- It is highly recommended that you have travel insurance in the event of travel disruptions.
- Accommodation is subject to availability. If alternative accommodation needs to be sourced, the price could change.
- Attractions are subject to availability. When these are booked, we request passenger numbers based on those the tour has been costed on.
- 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 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



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