

Christmas

in July in the BLUE MOUNTAINS

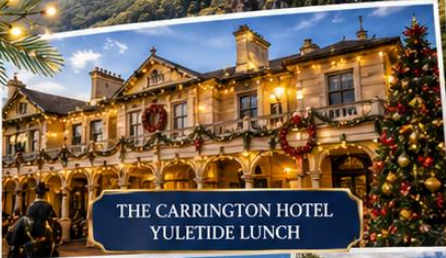
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Monday 19th – Friday 23rd July 2027

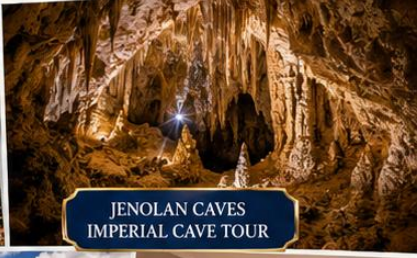
5 Day Blue Mountains Escape

HIGHLIGHTS

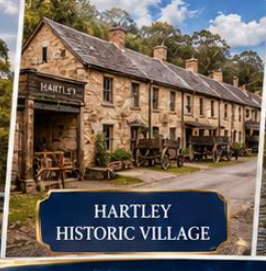
-  Govetts Leap Lookout
-  Yulefest Lunch at The Carrington
-  Jenolan Caves Imperial Cave Tour
-  Zig Zag Railway
-  Hartley Historic Village
-  Nepean Belle Luncheon Cruise
-  4 Nights at Kyah Boutique Hotel



THE CARRINGTON HOTEL
YULETIDE LUNCH



JENOLAN CAVES
IMPERIAL CAVE TOUR

HARTLEY
HISTORIC VILLAGE



NEPEAN BELLE
LUNCHEON CRUISE



KYAH BOUTIQUE HOTEL
4 NIGHTS STAY

Festive cheer, mountain views, caves, history and relaxed touring with friends.

 4 Nights Accommodation

 4 Breakfasts

 4 Dinners

 5 Included Lunches

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty, fascinating history and festive spirit of the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains on this wonderful 5-day Christmas in July escape. Marvel at dramatic valleys carved over millions of years, explore spectacular limestone caves, journey behind a nostalgic steam locomotive and discover charming historic villages surrounded by crisp mountain air and magnificent scenery.

Celebrate the season with a traditional Yuletide lunch at the grand Carrington Hotel, enjoy the elegance of the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler and experience some of the region's most treasured natural and heritage attractions. With delicious meals, comfortable accommodation and memorable experiences shared with friends, this festive mountain getaway promises Christmas cheer, relaxation and plenty of unforgettable moments.

DAY 1 (MTLD) HOME TO THE BLUE MOUNTAINS

Monday 19 July 2027



Welcome aboard our wonderful 5-day Christmas in July escape to the beautiful Blue Mountains! Following our morning passenger pickups, settle into your comfortable seat, meet your fellow travellers and enjoy the changing scenery as we begin our journey south. Our lunch stop today is at Ourimbah RSL Club, where we can relax and enjoy a delicious meal before continuing towards the Blue Mountains. As we climb into the mountains, take in the picturesque surroundings, charming villages and cool mountain landscapes that make this region so special. This afternoon, we arrive in Blackheath and check in to the stylish Kyah

Boutique Hotel, our home for the next four nights. There will be time to unpack, freshen up and familiarise yourself with the hotel before we come together for our first group dinner. It is the perfect opportunity to relax, enjoy a lovely meal and look forward to the festive experiences ahead.

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Monday 19 July 2027

Meals: Lunch at Ourimbah RSL Club and dinner at the hotel

Accommodation: Kyah Boutique Hotel, Blackheath — 4 nights

DAY 2: (BLD) BLUE MOUNTAINS VIEWS & CHRISTMAS AT THE CARRINGTON Tuesday 20 July 2027

After breakfast, we begin our day with a visit to the spectacular **Govetts Leap Lookout**, one of the Blue Mountains' most impressive vantage points. Take in the sweeping views across the vast Grose Valley, framed by rugged sandstone cliffs and native bushland, and admire the graceful Bridal Veil Falls as it tumbles into the valley below. There will be time to pause, breathe in the crisp mountain



air and capture some memorable photographs.

Nearby, we visit the fascinating **Victory Theatre Antique Centre**, housed within a beautifully restored Art Deco picture theatre. Originally opened in 1921 as the Arcadia Theatre, the building entertained local audiences until its closure in May 1960. It was later converted into a second-hand furniture store before being



transformed into the remarkable antique centre we see today. Browse through an impressive collection of furniture, collectables, jewellery, artworks, vintage treasures and unique pieces from years gone by. It is then time to embrace the festive spirit as we make our way to the elegant **Carrington Hotel** in Katoomba for a traditional Yuletide celebration. Christmas in July became a much-loved Blue Mountains tradition in 1980, when a group of Irish visitors reportedly saw snowflakes falling and were reminded of the cold Christmases they enjoyed back home. While the mountains may not always be covered in snow,



the festive atmosphere, decorations and warm hospitality make it feel wonderfully Christmassy. Before lunch, we enjoy a guided tour of this historic hotel and hear intriguing stories about the guests, residents and colourful characters who have passed through its doors over the years. Opened in 1882 as The Great Western, the hotel was established by Sydney hotelier Harry Rowell and soon became a fashionable mountain retreat for international travellers, Sydney's social elite and visitors eager to explore the natural wonders of the region. We then settle in for

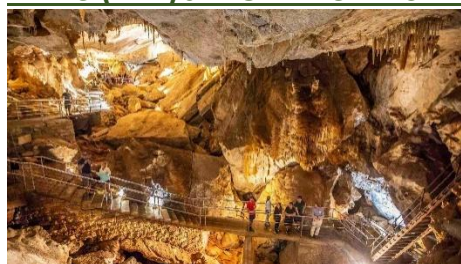
a delicious Yuletide lunch complete with all the traditional Christmas trimmings. Surrounded by the charm and grandeur of the Carrington Hotel, this promises to be a festive and memorable highlight of our tour. After a delightful afternoon, we return to our hotel with time to relax before dinner.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Yuletide lunch at the Carrington Hotel



DAY 3 (BLD) JENOLAN CAVES & THE IMPERIAL CAVE

Wednesday 21 July 2027



After breakfast, we set off for one of the Blue Mountains' most remarkable natural attractions, the world-famous Jenolan Caves. Hidden deep within a picturesque limestone valley, this extraordinary cave system was discovered more than 150 years ago and has since welcomed visitors from around the world, all eager to experience its spectacular underground formations and fascinating geological history. Upon arrival, we join a knowledgeable local guide for a tour

through the beautiful **Imperial Cave**. As we make our way through its winding passages and impressive chambers, our guide will explain how the caves were formed and introduce us to the remarkable stalagmites, stalactites and delicate helictites that have developed over thousands of years. The intricate

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shapes, shimmering surfaces and dramatic limestone formations provide a fascinating insight into the natural forces that have created this extraordinary underground world. Following our guided tour, there will be time to enjoy the peaceful surroundings, take photographs and appreciate the dramatic scenery of the Jenolan Valley. We then settle in for our included picnic lunch before beginning our journey back through the Blue Mountains. On our return to Blackheath, the remainder of the afternoon is yours to relax and unwind at the hotel before we gather again for dinner.



Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Picnic lunch included

DAY 4 (BLD) ZIG ZAG RAILWAY AND HISTORIC HARTLEY

Thursday 22 July 2027



After breakfast, we make our way to one of the Blue Mountains' most popular heritage attractions, the remarkable **Zig Zag Railway**. Constructed between 1866 and 1869, this ingenious railway was considered a major engineering achievement of its time and became the first rail connection linking Sydney with the western regions of New South Wales. After suffering extensive damage during the devastating bushfires, the railway was lovingly restored through the extraordinary dedication of its volunteers.

Their tireless work has brought this much-loved attraction back to life, allowing visitors once again to experience the romance and excitement of steam travel through the mountains. We board the heritage train for a memorable journey through magnificent bushland and rugged mountain scenery. The unmistakable sight, sound and smell of a hard-working steam locomotive create a wonderful sense of nostalgia, particularly for those who remember the days when much of the



nation travelled behind steam. Sit back and enjoy the rhythmic journey, historic carriages and spectacular views along this unique railway route. Following our train ride, we enjoy lunch at the Zig Zag Railway before continuing to the historic village of Hartley. This fascinating area offers a wonderful insight into early European settlement and colonial life in New South Wales, with a collection of beautifully restored historic buildings set among peaceful country surroundings. During our guided tour of **Hartley Historic Village**, we discover stories of convicts, magistrates, travellers and residents who once passed through these buildings. The fine

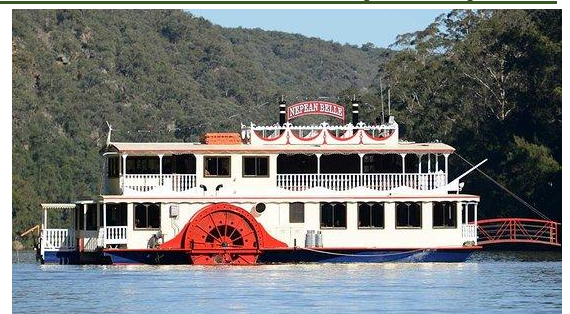
examples of colonial architecture, including the former courthouse and other heritage structures, help bring the history of the region to life. After an interesting afternoon exploring Hartley, we return to our hotel to relax before gathering for our final dinner together.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Lunch at the Zig Zag Railway

DAY 5 (BL) BLUE MOUNTAINS TO HOME FEATURING NEPEAN BELLE

Friday 23 July 2027

After breakfast, we farewell the Blue Mountains and begin our journey towards Penrith for a relaxing and memorable finale to our Christmas in July escape. On arrival, we board the beautiful **Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler** for a leisurely luncheon cruise along the tranquil Nepean River. Designed in a romantic old-world style, the Nepean Belle reflects the grace and charm of a bygone era, with beautifully panelled interiors featuring rich cedar and teak timbers. As we cruise along the river, sit back and enjoy the peaceful surroundings, with the magnificent scenery of the Blue Mountains National Park





providing a picturesque backdrop. A delicious lunch is served onboard, giving us the perfect opportunity to relax, chat with our fellow travellers and reflect on the many highlights of our holiday. Following our cruise, we rejoin the coach and continue our journey home. After five wonderful days filled with festive celebrations, spectacular mountain scenery, heritage attractions and memorable experiences, we arrive home with many happy memories of our Christmas in July adventure shared with friends.

Meals: Breakfast at the hotel | Luncheon cruise aboard the Nepean Belle

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights hotel accommodation
- 4 breakfasts
- 4 teas
- 4 dinners
- 5 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at the Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club
- Visit the Victory Theatre Antique Centre
- History Tour and Yulefest with Christmas trimmings lunch at The Carrington Hotel
- Picnic Lunch included Kyah Boutique Hotel
- Imperial Cave Tour-Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust
- Clarence to Bottom Points including a picnic lunch on the Zig Zag Railway
- Courthouse Guide including entry at Hartley Historic Village
- Lunch Cruise on the Nepean Belle Paddle-wheeler

CONFIRMED ACCOMMODATION

- Kyah Boutique Hotel (4 nights)

\$3,146 pp twin share + \$629 pp single sup
\$800 deposit pp

PLEASE NOTE

- Tour is based on a minimum of 24 paying passengers. If numbers fall below 24 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.

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