

All aboard for a delightful two-day getaway with Port Bus, combining delicious treats, beautiful gardens and a truly unique cruising experience! Discover the sweeter side of the Central Coast with a visit to the Chocolate Factory at Gosford, enjoy a leisurely wander through the picturesque Mount Penang Gardens and relax with a comfortable overnight stay at the Galaxy Motel. But the real highlight awaits as we step aboard the famous **Riverboat Postman** for an unforgettable three-hour cruise along the magnificent Hawkesbury River! Sit back and soak up the breathtaking scenery as we deliver mail to remote riverside communities, enjoy fascinating and entertaining commentary, and indulge in morning tea and a delicious lunch onboard. With wonderful food, spectacular waterways, charming countryside and plenty of good company, this little escape has all the ingredients for a fabulous couple of days away. **Come along and experience one of Australia's most unique river cruises – the Port Bus way!**

Day 1: (MTLD) HOME TO THE CENTRAL COAST — Thursday 11th March 2027



Welcome aboard our delightful two-day getaway to the beautiful Central Coast! With a wonderful mix of delicious treats, picturesque gardens and great company ahead, we're looking forward to sharing another memorable Port Bus adventure with you.

Once our passenger pick-ups are complete and everyone is comfortably settled aboard, we begin our journey south along the Pacific Highway. Sit back, relax and enjoy the passing scenery as we make our way to **Wade Park in Bulahdelah**, where we'll stop for a lovely morning tea served from the coach. There's nothing quite like a cuppa, a tasty treat and a friendly chat with fellow travellers to get our holiday off to a great start!



Continuing south, we make our way to **Harrigan's at Cameron Park**, where we'll enjoy a delicious lunch in the welcoming atmosphere of this popular Irish-inspired venue. With its traditional charm and relaxed surroundings, it's the perfect place to enjoy a meal and catch up with friends before continuing our afternoon adventures.

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Now, who has a sweet tooth? Our next stop is the **Chocolate Factory at Gosford**, where the irresistible aroma of chocolate is sure to tempt us all! We're hoping to enjoy a chocolate-making demonstration, subject to availability, or alternatively, a self-guided walk-through experience to discover more about these delicious creations. Of course, there'll be plenty of time to browse the tempting selection of chocolates and sweet treats, perhaps picking up a little something for yourself or a gift to take home. Although we can't promise those chocolates will make it all the way home!

After indulging our sweet tooth, it's time to stretch our legs with a visit to the beautiful **Mount Penang Gardens**. Set amongst the historic Mount Penang Parklands, these thoughtfully landscaped gardens feature an interesting collection of native plants, peaceful pathways and attractive garden spaces. Enjoy a leisurely wander at your own pace, taking in the fresh air and lovely surroundings. If exploring the gardens isn't quite your thing, why not find a comfortable spot at the café, enjoy a cuppa or perhaps an ice cream, and simply sit back and relax? After all, we're on holidays!



Following our afternoon of sightseeing, we make our way to the **Galaxy Motel**, our accommodation for tonight. Conveniently located alongside the Gosford RSL Club, it's the perfect place to settle in and freshen up after our day's travels.

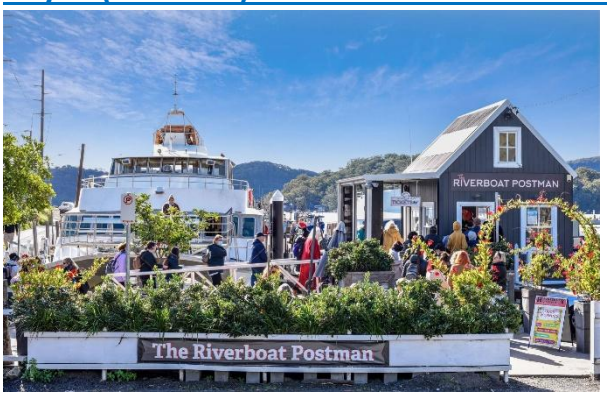


This evening, we gather for a delicious dinner at **The Gardens Restaurant**, located upstairs within the adjoining Gosford RSL Club. With a relaxed atmosphere, lovely food and wonderful company, it's a great opportunity to share a few laughs and reflect on the day's experiences.

After dinner, it's just a short stroll back to our accommodation for a restful night's sleep, ready for more adventures tomorrow.

Port Bus Morning Tea: Wade Park, Bulahdelah | **Lunch:** Harrigan's Cameron Park | **Dinner:** The Gardens Restaurant,
Galaxy Motel, Central Coast | 1 night

Day 2: (B MTLAT) THE RIVERBOAT POSTMAN & HOMEWARD BOUND Friday 12th March 2027



Now for the experience we've all been waiting for! After enjoying breakfast at the motel, we check out and make our way to the picturesque waterside village of **Brooklyn**, nestled on the beautiful Hawkesbury River. Here, we'll board the famous **Riverboat Postman** for a wonderfully relaxing and fascinating three-hour cruise along one of New South Wales' most scenic waterways.

This isn't just any ordinary river cruise! The Riverboat Postman has been delivering mail and essential supplies to isolated river communities since 1910, and today we have the pleasure of joining this unique working postal service as it makes its rounds. It's a wonderful opportunity to experience a little piece of Australian history while discovering the hidden beauty of the Hawkesbury River.



As we cruise along the tranquil waterways, sit back, relax and admire the spectacular scenery, with towering sandstone cliffs, lush bushland, secluded bays and charming riverside homes dotted along the shoreline. Many of these properties are accessible only by boat, and we'll see firsthand how important the Riverboat Postman continues to be for the people who call this beautiful region home.

One of the real highlights of the cruise is the **brilliant commentary**, filled with fascinating local history, colourful characters, amusing stories and interesting insights into life along the river. You'll hear tales of the early settlers, the region's rich maritime heritage and the unique challenges of living in these remote riverside communities. There's certainly never a dull moment!

During our leisurely cruise, we'll enjoy **morning tea and a delicious**



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Ploughman's-style lunch onboard, giving us plenty of time to savour the experience, admire the passing scenery and enjoy the company of our fellow travellers. Keep your camera handy, as there are wonderful photo opportunities around every bend!

After three memorable hours on the water, we farewell the Riverboat Postman and begin our journey north towards home. Along the way, we'll stop at **Finnan Park, overlooking Grahamstown Dam near Raymond Terrace**, for a chance to stretch our legs and enjoy a lovely **Port Bus afternoon tea**.

Grahamstown Dam is an important water supply for the Hunter region, and the lookout provides a peaceful setting to enjoy the expansive water views and surrounding bushland. It's the perfect place for one last cuppa, a tasty treat and a friendly chat before continuing our journey.

With our afternoon tea enjoyed, we settle back aboard the coach for the final leg of our journey home, reflecting on two wonderful days filled with delicious food, beautiful scenery, fascinating discoveries and plenty of laughter.



From chocolate indulgences and peaceful gardens to the unforgettable experience of cruising the Hawkesbury River aboard the historic Riverboat Postman, it's been a fabulous little getaway shared with wonderful company.

We arrive home later today with happy memories, perhaps a few chocolates tucked away in our bags, and plenty of stories to tell!

Breakfast: At the motel | **Morning Tea & Lunch:** Aboard the Riverboat Postman | **Afternoon Tea:** Port Bus at Finnan Park.

Thank you for joining us on another wonderful Port Bus adventure. We hope you've enjoyed every moment and look forward to welcoming you aboard again soon!

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Lunch @ Harrigans, Cameron Park
- Gosford Chocolate Factory
- Mt Penang Gardens
- The Riverboat Postman

INCLUSIONS:



- Return air-conditioned coach transport
- Port Bus welcome bag
- DailyH20
- Port Bus morning tea
- 2 x lunches
- 1 x Port Bus morning tea
- Visits
- 1 x dinner
- 1 x night accommodation
- 1 x breakfast
- Riverboat Postman Cruise includes morning tea and lunch
- Port Bus afternoon tea

$615 pp twin share | + $120 pp single | $155 pp deposit

INFORMATION & BOOKINGS;

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NOTE

- Price is based on a minimum of 40 passengers. If numbers fall below 40, this tour may need to be recosted.
- Price is valid for the 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.

