

DAY I HOME PORTS - YAMBA

Veterans' March National Portrait Gallery & Lanyon Homestead

* Parliament House

Canberra Deep Space

Communication Complex

Tuesday 21st April: Welcome to our 9 day Canberra tour. After lunch (own expense), we visit Mullumbimby's Crystal Castle with gardens, views, statues, crystals and jewellery. The day concludes in Yamba with overnight accommodation at a tranquil rainforest retreat. Accom: Angourie Resort (D)

DAY 2 YAMBA - MAITLAND

Wednesday 22nd April: This morning we salute the King of Country at the Slim Dusty Centre, Kempsey (opened 2015). After lunch and a tour, we'll hear how David Gordon Kirkpatrick became Slim Dusty at 11. Arriving at the Old Maitland Inn we'll be warmly welcomed and ready for dinner.

Accom: Old Maitland Inn (BLD)

DAY 3 MAITLAND - CANBERRA

Thursday 23rd April: Relax this morning as we skirt around Sydney en-route to Berrima for lunch at the Surveyor General Inn. In the afternoon we continue to Canberra, settling in for 4 nights.

Accom: Canberra Rex (BLD)

DAY 4 DISCOVERING CANBERRA

Friday 24th April: After breakfast we tour the National Museum of Australia, exploring stories of the nation through ideas, interactive displays and key objects. Free time follows to Accom: Canberra Rex (BD)

DAY 5 ANZAC DAY

Saturday 25th April: Today marks the 109th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing, the first major action of Australian and New Zealand forces in WWI. We will remember them. Early morning we attend the Dawn Service at the Australian War Memorial, then return for breakfast before the National Ceremony and veterans' march along Anzac Parade. We may also visit memorials to pay our respects. Lunch is arranged at the George Harcourt Inn. The afternoon is free after the early start.

Accom: Canberra Rex (BLD)

DAY 6 GALLERY & HOMESTEAD

Sunday 26th April: We begin at the National Portrait Gallery, exploring stories of exploration and achievement. Lunch follows at Lanyon Homestead, surrounded by gardens, heritage outbuildings and natural beauty, with a meal in the historic Lanyon Café. In contrast, we then visit the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex at Tidbinbilla, which for 40 years has supported space exploration. Discover the work of Australians contributing to missions uncovering the Universe's secrets. The day ends back at our hotel with time to refresh before dinner.

Accom: Canberra Rex (BLD)

DAY 7 CANBERRA - NEWCASTLE

Monday 27th April: After our time in Canberra, we drive to Mount Ainslie Lookout for sweeping views. Returning to ground level, we tour Embassy Row with its striking architecture, then continue to Capital Hill for a guided visit of Parliament House. Heading north, we pause for breaks and lunch at

Mittagong RSL. Our afternoon journey bypasses Sydney, arriving in Newcastle for the night.

Accom: Novotel Newcastle Beach (BLD)

DAY 8 NEWCASTLE - BALLINA

Australian War Memorial, Canberra

Tuesday 28th April: This morning we travel north to Port Macquarie for lunch at Ricardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries, home to five strawberry and eight tomato varieties. Continuing via Coffs Harbour and Grafton, we reach Ballina late afternoon, check into our accommodation, and refresh before dinner. Accom: Ballina Byron Islander Resort (BLD)

DAY 9 BALLINA - HOME

Wednesday 29th April: With bags full of memories, we journey home, pausing for breaks and lunch. We arrive later today, reflecting on the special ANZAC service we experienced. (B)

*There will be some standing required at the ceremonies for this tour

Adult:	\$4,697
Pensioner:	\$4,679
Past Passenger:	\$4,670
Single Supplement:	\$1,079

Payment Due: 2nd March 2026

TERMS & CONDITIONS FOR 2026

DEPOSIT: Unless otherwise stated, a deposit of \$350 per person is payable within seven days of booking. A deposit of \$600 is required for Early Bird discount. Final payment is due 50 days prior to departure unless otherwise advised.

CANCELLATIONS: The above amount will be deducted from your fare according to notice given plus any non-refundable tickets or airfares. No refund is payable once your tour has commenced. Please note: if booking through a travel agent please check the agent's cancellation policy as extra charges may apply. Cancellation fee is per person.

Days	50 days	49 days –	35 days
Notice	or more	36 days	or less
% of fare	\$100 admin fee (plus any non- refundable costs)	\$350 (plus any non- refundable costs)	

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We STRONGLY ADVISE passengers to take out travel insurance to cover for health, baggage and personal effects, loss of monies through cancellation, additional expenses incurred through illness and early departure from a tour.

LUGGAGE LIMITS: Luggage space is limited onboard our coaches. Each passenger is entitled to take one suitcase, the size of which is not to exceed 75cm(H) x 47cm(W) x 31cm(D), and the weight limit is 20 kilos. Please ensure your luggage complies with the size and weight limit and you yourself can manage the bags. Personal items should be carried in a travel bag.

CLOTHING: Pack a wash 'n' wear wardrobe of casual, comfortable clothing with some warmer clothes for evenings. Include a jacket, walking shoes, hat, swimsuit, towel, light raincoat, torch, and a special outfit.

PASSENGER SEATING: A compulsory seat rotation policy is employed (for longer tours), and there are no exceptions to this policy. While Down Under Coach Tours makes every effort to accommodate the special requirements of our passengers in fairness to other travellers, we request that all travellers participate in the seat rotation.

DAILY ROUTINE: Breakfast is usually 7.00 or 7.30am. Generally, your coach will be ready to leave at 7.45 to 8.00am. You will have many opportunities to stop for photographs during the day. Depending on the day's activities, you will arrive at your accommodation between 5.00 to 5.30pm. Dinner is usually 6.30 pm, allowing time for a rest and to freshen up before dinner.

MEDICAL & DIETARY: Passengers accept that it is their responsibility to ensure that their health is in a state which allows them to enjoy the tours and successfully complete activities that the tour offers. We require all passengers to complete our Booking Form truthfully and accurately with regard

to their medical/physical condition. It is essential for you to address any medical conditions / dietary requirements with us at the time of booking.

SPECIAL NEEDS: A reasonable level of physical and mental health and fitness is required on all of our tours. We recommend that you visit your doctor to confirm that you are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Persons with limited mobility or those unable to adequately care for themselves are required to be accompanied by a carer. In particular, hostesses, tour guides, coach captains, and your fellow passengers will not act as assistants or carers in these circumstances. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to refuse to carry passengers requiring assistance who are not accompanied by a carer.

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR: No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY: The conditions and terms of liability on which these tours operate are detailed as follows:

- 1) Down Under Coach Tours finalises all arrangements for these tours upon the express condition that they cannot accept responsibility or liability for any delays, accidents, injury or damage caused by the airlines, rail, express coaches or any other service the company acts as agents on behalf of or arising out of the provision of, or failure to provide these services.
- 2) Down Under Coach Tours have used information supplied to it by the providers of relevant tours and accommodation houses and have endeavoured to ensure the information contained is correct at the time of printing. Down Under Coach Tours can accept no responsibility for inaccuracy or mis-descriptions.
- 3) Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coach at any time for any reason. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to change or amend the tour itinerary should the occasion warrant and if it becomes necessary, due to adverse weather/road conditions or unforeseen circumstances. The coach crew retain the right to alter the itinerary in a manner which will benefit all concerned.
- 4) Down Under Coach Tours provide a Tour Leader subject to a minimum loading of 20 passengers. If the tour takes place with fewer than 20 passengers, the Coach Captain may take on both roles.
- 5) Departures are subject to a minimum number. In the event that a tour is cancelled by Down Under Tours due to low numbers, you will be notified prior to the final payment due date and any deposits paid will be refunded in full.

- 6) Down Under Coach Tours maintains strict standards of safety and reliability of vehicles at all times, however, in rare cases mechanical failure may occur. Passengers are assured that every effort is made to minimise any small inconvenience experienced, while we utilise the large network of repair facilities Australia wide.
- 7) Down Under Coach Tours can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used in the tour and cannot be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions.
- 8) Down Under Coach Tours will endeavour to contact clients in the event of industrial action affecting air, rail or other tour related transportation. However, if contact is not made passengers should phone the number listed below to finalise alternative arrangements.
- 9) Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to vary the advertised or printed price to cover any significant increases in airfare, rail fare, fuel price or other tour related costs.
- 10) Down Under Coach Tours accepts no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partners allocated for single passengers willing to share accommodation. If a passenger regards the rooming partner to be unsuitable every effort will be made to arrange single accommodation for the duration of the tour with the additional costs being paid by the passenger.
- 11) Down Under Coach Tours takes all reasonable steps to ensure an enjoyable holiday experience and cannot accept liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experienced by the passengers.

A DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE

A door to door service is offered to residents in the following areas:

Hervey Bay: within a 5km coastal strip from Pt Vernon to Urangan

Maryborough: within 5km radius from McDowell Car Park

Gympie: within 5km radius of GPO

Sunshine Coast: within 10km from one of the following designated pick up points – Cooroy, Eumundi, Forest Glen, Palmview, Caboolture/Burpengary.

Brisbane: within 30km radius of Brisbane Transit Centre.

Toowoomba & Ipswich: Door-to-Door service may be available from this area if tour travels in this direction – please check with your travel consultant.

The door to door service applies to tours of five days duration or more. For passengers requiring overnight accommodation to join or depart a tour, accommodation is an additional cost. For more details please enquire.

