Blue Mountains Itinerary - 22 to 25th Nov 2024

Fri, 22nd Nov

Coach 1

07:00am - Depart Taree (coach 1)

07:25am - Arrive Nabiac (change to coach 2)

Coach 2

05:45am - Depart Boomerang Beach

06.15am - Depart Forster

06.30am - Depart Tuncurry

07.00am - Depart Hallidays Point

07:25am - Depart Nabiac

08:15pm - Depart Tea Gardens

09:00am - Depart Port Stephens

12.30pm - Arrive Hydro Majestic High Tea & Tour provided

Perhaps as early as 1901, Mark Foy, dashing retail baron, world traveller and sportsman, sold off shares in Mark Foy's Department Stores to finance what was to become Australia's first health retreat.

Most of the construction of the Hydro Majestic took place in 1903, the same year Mr Foy successfully applied to have the name of the township changed to the more appropriate "Medlow Bath" The inner workings of the resort were all thoroughly modern and included a steam-driven generator imported from Germany. This generator produced electricity for the resort and the neighbouring township of Medlow Bath. In fact, the Hydro Majestic had working electricity four days before the city of Sydney. The resort also had its own water supply, steam laundry, freezing works, sewerage treatment works and a telephone system connected to the Sydney exchange.

03.45pm - Depart Hydro Majestic

04.00pm - Arrive Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

07.00pm - 2 Course Dinner Provided

Sat, 23rd Nov

07.30am - Breakfast Provided

09.00am - Depart Carrington Hotel

09.15am - Arrive Three Sisters, Echo Point Lookout

The Three Sisters is the Blue Mountains' most spectacular landmark. Located at Echo Point Katoomba, around 2.5 kilometres from the Great Western Highway, this iconic visitor attraction is experienced by millions of people each year.

The Three Sisters is essentially an unusual rock formation representing three sisters who according to Aboriginal legend were turned to stone.

The character of the Three Sisters changes throughout the day and throughout the seasons as the sunlight brings out the magnificent colours. The Three Sisters is also floodlit until around 11pm each evening looking simply spectacular set against the black background of the night sky. Each of the Three Sisters stand at 922, 918 & 906 metres tall, respectively. That's over 3000 feet above sea level!

10.15am - Depart Three Sisters

10.30am - Arrive **Scenic World** (lunch at own leisure)

THE ICONIC SCENIC SKYWAY. THE WORLD'S STEEPEST RAILWAY. THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE'S STEEPEST AERIAL CABLECAR. KILOMETRES OF ELEVATED RAINFOREST BOARDWALKS. MOUNTAINS OF FUN.

Established in 1945, Scenic World began with Harry Hammon's entrepreneurial vision to transform a former coal mine into an iconic tourist attraction. With the closure of Katoomba Colliery in 1945, Harry recognised an opportunity to innovate, converting old coal skips and existing rail track into a passenger train, creating what is still today the world's steepest passenger train.

Today, Scenic World continues to be owned and operated by the Hammon Family, offering award-winning experiences to over a million visitors annually.

12.30pm - Depart Scenic World

01.00pm - Arrive Everglades House & Gardens Guided Tour

A must-see for lovers of Art Deco architecture and natural scenery, Everglades House & Gardens is a stunning heritage residence surrounded by gracefully designed gardens. Located in Leura, NSW, this unique Blue Mountains property is Australia's most spectacular inter-war period garden and has received acclaim from garden lovers worldwide.

Visitors can enjoy sweeping views of the World Heritage-listed Blue Mountains, while strolling through the beautifully maintained gardens and exploring the Art Deco house. On weekends, stop for a delicious Devonshire Tea in the Everglades House & Gardens tea rooms. If the weather's sunny, bring a picnic to enjoy on the lush green lawns.

02.30pm - Depart Gardens

02:45pm - Arrive Bygone Beauty's Treasured Teapot Museum Devonshire Tea

Bygone Beautys Treasured Teapot Museum & Tearooms is nestled in the village of Leura within the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. The tearooms and showrooms offer visitors a truly memorable experience – so don't forget your camera!

Home of world's largest private collection of teawares, including more than 11,000 teapots from all over the world and spanning five centuries, most items are on display in the Treasured Teapot Museum.

03:45pm - Explore Leura at own leisure

04:45pm - Depart Leura

05.00pm - Arrive Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

07.00pm - 2 Course Dinner Provided

Sunday, 24th Nov

07.30am - Breakfast Provided

09.00am - Depart Carrington Hotel

09:45am - Arrive Zig Zag Railway (Clarence to Bottom Point & Return, lunch provided)

The Great Lithgow Zig Zag first opened in 1869 as part of the Western Railway line that linked Sydney with Western New South Wales. This railway line was used to transport people and produce from the western plains of NSW to and from Sydney.

In 1910, a ten-tunnel deviation was completed and the Great Lithgow Zig Zag closed and the original formation was declared as a reserve by the Crown. 60 something years later, Zig Zag Railway was born.

Many will remember Zig Zag Railway from their childhood – riding the train in the 70s, 80s or 90s. <u>Come and relive the magic</u> of steam trains and admire how much it has changed (and hasn't) since you last came aboard.

01:30pm - Depart Zig Zag Railway

02:00pm - Arrive Blue Mountains Heritage Centre & Govetts Leap Lookout

Perfect for groups and completely wheelchair-accessible, the centre also hosts the permanent 'Outside In' exhibition. Learn about the local Aboriginal culture, plants and animals, and discover the history that make Blue Mountains National Park one of Australia's most popular and famous destinations.

Wheelchair-accessible <u>Fairfax Heritage walking track</u> starts here and leads to the picnic area, with scenic views of nearby <u>Govetts Leap lookout</u> – a perfect spot for photo opportunities. Enjoy the lookouts with stunning waterfall views over Grose Valley and be treated to bursts of colour from the wildflowers if you visit in summer.

04:00pm - Depart Heritage Centre

04:30pm - Arrive Carrington Hotel, Katoomba

07:00pm - 2 Course Dinner Provided

07:30am - Breakfast Provided

09:00am - Depart Carrington Hotel

09.45am - Arrive Norman Lindsay Gallery & Museum (morning tea provided)

The former Lindsay home in Faulconbridge has so many stories, and all of them weave into the rich fabric of Australian post-World War I identity, cultural heritage, art and literature and the story of the Blue Mountains. Never one to shy away from controversy, artist and author Norman Lindsay shared this beautiful sandstone home with his wife Rose and their children.

The house now showcases Norman Lindsay's many paintings depicting Bohemianism and Arcadian pantheism, his sculptures can be found in the sprawling gardens that wrap around his former home. You will see sculptures, illustrations and see the cheeky characters of the children's classic, The Magic Pudding, were created.

Discover the stories of Lindsay's scandalous rejection of Christianity – with his works deemed blasphemous and his novel, Redheap, banned in 1930.

The Norman Lindsay Gallery is available to book for weddings, special occasions and private functions. The scene for many films, television programs and photographic shoots, we are happy to provide a stage for continued storytelling to the next generation.

11.30am - Depart Gallery

01.30pm - Arrive Twin Servos M1 (lunch at own leisure)

02.15pm - Depart Twin Servos

03:30pm - Arrive Port Stephens

04:15pm - Arrive Tea Gardens

05.00pm - Arrive Nabiac (Taree change to coach 2)

05.30pm - Arrive Club Taree (coach 2)

05.20pm - Arrive Hallidays Point Caravan Park

05.40pm - Arrive Tuncurry

05.50pm - Arrive Forster

06:10pm - Boomerang Beach

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Includes: All Coach Transport, Accommodation, Meals & Tours