



#### PUBLIC DAY TOURS, SHORT BREAKS & EVENTS BROCHURE

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Even if a tour has sold out, we encourage you to contact us via email or phone to be placed on our Reserve List. If we have a cancellation or two, we contact those on the list to see if they still wish to join us on the tour. We will often schedule the tour in again on another date if it has proven very popular. If this occurs, we will contact those on our Reserve List before advertising it to the public.

## **PUBLIC DAY TOURS:**

- The Original Tea Gardens Ferry + Lunch at The Boatshed Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2025 currently sold out Venue: Tea Gardens Cost: \$120 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, bottled water & a snack, return transport to/from Nelson Bay/Tea Gardens, one way ferry fare & lunch (meal only). Please note; lunch must be preordered & you will have a choice of a Ploughman's Lunch or Fish & Chips \*Itinerary: 7:30 8:30am Home pick up service (within our pick up/drop off area) 8.45am Depart Westfield Tuggerah (comfort stop enroute to Nelson Bay) 11:00am Arrive at Nelson Bay & catch the 11:30am ferry from Nelson Bay to the Tea Gardens 12:45 2:30pm Enjoy lunch at the Tea Gardens Boatshed followed by a bit of free time to look around the shops 4:30pm Arrive back at Tuggerah & begin home drop off service Accessibility Note: this day tour is not suitable for those with limited mobility & walkers. To board the Original Tea Gardens Ferry, you need to be able to step down into the vessel. Our Connect Coaches Guide will be there to assist.
- Zig Zag Railway Adventure Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025 please contact us to be placed on our Reserve List Venue:

  Clarence Cost: \$140 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transfer to Clarence, ticket for the 90 minute ride on the Zig Zag Railway & picnic lunch \*Itinerary: 7-8am home pick up service then depart Kariong by 8:15am; Comfort stop enroute to Clarence; Lunch before or during train ride 12:30-2pm Zig Zag railway adventure 3pm Bilpin Fruit Bowl(time permitting) 5:30pm Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service
- Norman Lindsay Gallery & Museum Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 seats available Venue: Faulconbridge Cost: \$120 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, complimentary morning tea, return transfer to venue, entry & guided tour of venue & lunch Itinerary: 8:45am Depart Kariong after home pick up service 10:15am Morning tea at Tench Reserve 11:30am-2:00pm Guided tour of venue, explore the garden & gallery house followed by lunch served on the front verandah (sandwiches with tea/coffee) 4:00pm Arrive back at Kariong
- Windyridge Garden in Spring Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 *sold out* Venue: Mount Wilson Cost: \$140 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transfer to venues, morning tea, lunch & entry fee into garden Itinerary: 8:15am Depart Kariong after home pick up service 10:15am-11:00am Fresh apple pie with tea/coffee at Bilpin Fruit Bowl 11:45am-1:45pm Explore Windyridge Garden at your leisure. There are some tables & chairs scattered throughout the garden so you can choose where you sit to enjoy your lunch 2:30-3:00pm Cider tastings at Hillbilly Cider 5:00pm Arrive back at Kariong
- Banana Cabana Primate Sanctuary Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 seats available Venue: Dural Cost: \$140 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transfer to the venue, entry fee & guided tour, morning tea & lunch \*Itinerary: 7:45am-8:45am: ^Home pick up service 9:00am: Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 10:30am 2:00pm: Morning tea upon arrival at Banana Cabana Sanctuary. This will be followed by a guided tour & quality time spent with these fascinating primates. A picnic lunch will be enjoyed before departing for the Coast. Please note: This tour is not suitable for those with limited fitness as there is walking involved & sloping ground to navigate.
- <u>Collectors' Plant Fair Maitland</u> Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 seats available <u>Venue</u>: Maitland <u>Cost</u>: \$90 Includes pick-up & drop-off service, return transfer to venue & entry ticket to the event <u>Itinerary</u>: From 8:15 \*\*Pick up route (not home pick up service) then a comfort stop before departing the Central Coast 11:00 2:00pm Free time to explore the plant fair at Maitland Showground 2:00pm Depart for the Central Coast & begin \*\*drop off route \*\*

  For this event, Connect Coaches will pick passengers up from various locations on the Central Coast
- <u>Kiama Seaside Markets</u> Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025 <u>Venue</u>: Kiama <u>Cost</u>: \$90 Includes pick-up & drop-off service & return transfer to venue <u>Itinerary</u>: 6:00 7:15am \*\*Pick up route (not home pick up service) then a comfort stop before departing the Central Coast 10:30am 1:30pm Free time to explore the beautiful seaside markets in Kiama 1:30pm Depart for the Central Coast & begin \*\*drop off route \*\* For this event, Connect Coaches will pick passengers up from various locations on the Central Coast & will be sending two drivers due to the distance & time involved in getting to/from Kiama. Please contact Alison/Liam to find out your closest pick up location





- Newcastle Cathedral Heritage Tour Tuesday 21st October 2025 Venue: Newcastle Cost: \$110 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transfer to venues, 1 hour guided tour of Christ Church in Newcastle & lunch (meal only) \*Itinerary: 8:15 9:15am: home pick up service 9:30am: depart Tuggerah after comfort stop 11am 12pm: Guided tour of cathedral 12:30 2:00pm: Lunch at Queens Wharf Hotel then travel back to Tuggerah via the coast road \*Please note: there are about 10 steps with a handrail at the front of the Cathedral to enter & an access ramp
- Sculpture By The Sea, Bondi Beach Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2025 Venue: Bondi Beach Cost: \$70 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service & return transport to event \*Itinerary: 8:30am Depart Kariong after home pick-up service 10:15am Catch the ferry (with your Connect Coaches Guide) from Circular Quay to Watsons Bay 10:45am-12:00pm Purchase lunch from Doyle's on the Wharf or BYO picnic lunch to enjoy in the park 12:30-2:00pm Free time to wander & explore the sculptures on display at Bondi Beach & Tamarama Please note: This tour is not suitable for those with walkers or limited mobility as there is walking involved & steps to navigate.
- Norton St Italian Festa Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025 currently sold out Venue: Leichardt Cost: \$75- Includes pick-up & drop-off service & return transfer to the venue Details: Get ready to visit one of the largest street fairs in Sydney, located in the heart of Sydney's Little Italy on Norton St, Leichhard. There will be market stalls, Italian food, cooking demonstrations, music, street performers, vintage cars & more! Itinerary: 7:15 8:30am: \*\*Pick up route 8:30am: Depart the Central Coast 10:00am 1:00pm Free time to enjoy the Norton St Italian Festa 2:30pm \*\*Arrive back on the Central Coast & begin drop off route \*\* For this event, Connect Coaches will pick up passengers from various pick up locations on the Central Coast
- Parramatta Female Factory Heritage Tour Tuesday 28th October, 2025 sold out Venue: Parramatta Cost: \$130 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transport to venue, guided tour of venue, bottled water & biscuits, lunch \*Itinerary: 7:15-8:15am Home pick up service 8:45am Depart the Central Coast after comfort stop 10:00am Arrive at Parramatta Female Factory 10.15am Guided walking tour of venue followed by lunch at Parramatta Leagues Club 3:30pm: Arrive back on the Central Coast & commence home drop off service Please note; This is a walking tour so, for safety reasons, enclosed walking shoes must be worn as the ground is uneven in places. This tour can be booked by those who use a walker or walking stick, however, please be aware that there will be a variety of surfaces & terrain to navigate (grass, concrete, road base, uneven ground & some steps). There are seats available during the tour, however, people must be able to stand or sit for up to 90 minutes.
- <u>Back to the Future the Musical</u> Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 <u>I ticket left Venue:</u> Lyric Theatre <u>Cost:</u> \$140 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service within our advertised pick up/drop off area, return transfer to venue & ticket to the 1pm performance (Stalls Rows K & L, centre of row) <u>Itinerary:</u> 9-10am home pick up service 10:15am Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 11:30am Arrive at venue & have time to purchase lunch from one of nearby eateries 1:00pm 3:30pm Matinee performance 5:00pm Arrive back at Kariong
- Northern Beaches Explorer Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Venue: Northern Beaches Cost: \$75 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, complimentary morning tea, scenic drive around the Northern Beaches \*Itinerary: 7.15-8.15am Home pick up service within our advertised pick up/drop off area 8.30am Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 10:00am Enjoy morning tea overlooking beautiful Pittwater before taking a scenic drive following the coastline up to Palm Beach then down to Manly 12:30 2:00pm Free time to purchase lunch at Manly, go for a wander, sit on the beach & enjoy the shops 2:00pm Photo opportunity at North Head or Dobroyd Head before making our way back to the Central Coast arriving at Kariong by 5.00pm
- Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounter + Cookabarra Restaurant Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025 Venue: Anna Bay Cost: \$135 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transfer to venues, entry fee, tour & \*\*shallow water animal encounter, morning tea & lunch \*Itinerary: 7.30-8.30am Home pick up service within our advertised pick up/drop off area 8.30am Depart Tuggerah after a comfort stop 10.00am 12.45pm Morning tea at Irukandji Shark & Ray Encounters in Anna Bay then prepare to have fun, learn lots about the amazing sea life at this venue & get wet (but only if you want to!) 1.00pm-2.30pm Lunch at Cookabarra Barramundi Farm \*\* The shallow water encounter is included in your entry fee Wearing your own clothing and staying (mostly) dry, you can wade in the sandy shallows of the new beach style lagoons, or sit on the rocks, feeding and petting the beautiful animals. For those not wanting to get wet, you are welcome to feed & pat the animals from dry land. For those who dare, there is the option to pay an extra \$10 to hire a wetsuit & get right in the water to feed and interact with the animals while your Irukandji tour guide offers a wealth of information about marine life and ocean conservation.
- <u>Sunset Dinner Cruise on Lake Macquarie</u> Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025 (Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov. sold out) <u>Venue:</u> Lake Macquarie <u>Cost:</u> \$155 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transport to Booragul Wharf, 3hour sunset cruise & BBQ dinner \*<u>Itinerary:</u> 3:45pm Depart Tuggerah after home pick up service 5:00pm Arrive at Booragul Wharf 5:30 8:30pm Sunset dinner cruise on Lake Macquarie 9:30pm Arrive back at Tuggerah
- <u>Christmas Shopping Trip Birkenhead Point & DFO Homebush Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 <u>Venues:</u>
  Drummoyne & Homebush <u>Cost:</u> \$65 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service & return transport to venues

  \*<u>Itinerary:</u> 7:30-8:30am: ^Home pick up service 8:45am: Depart Kariong after a comfort stop</u>





10:00am -12:00pm: Free time to explore the shops at Birkenhead Point 12:30-2:30pm: Enjoy some retail therapy at DFO, Homebuch 3:30-4:00pm: Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service

- Myall River High Tea Cruise—Friday 21st November 2025 sold out Venue: Tea Gardens Cost: \$140 Includes home pick up & drop off service, return transport to wharf, 2.5-3 hour cruise with commentary on the Myall River & sparkling high tea (savoury & sweet foods) \*Itinerary: 7:15am 8:15am Home pick up service (within our advertised pick up area) 8:30am Depart Tuggerah Westfield after comfort stop Quick comfort stop at BP Beresfield, if required 10:45am Board MV Wallamba, an historic timber ferry 11:00am High tea cruise on the Myall River 3:30 4:00pm Arrive back at Tuggerah & begin home drop off service Please note; this tour is not suitable for those who struggle with steps. Although our Driver will be there to assist, there are 3 steps to get down into the vessel.
- <u>Lunch Cruise on Lake Macquarie</u> Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 *currently sold out* <u>Venue</u>: Lake Macquarie <u>Cost</u>: \$145 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transport to Booragul Wharf, 2.5hour cruise & BBQ lunch \*Itinerary: 10:15am: Depart Tuggerah after home pick up service 11:30am Arrive at Booragul Wharf 12:00-2:30pm: Lunch cruise on Lake Macquarie 3:45pm Arrive back at Tuggerah & begin home drop off service
- End of Year Lunch & Show at The Fiddler Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025 currently sold out Venue: Rouse Hill Cost: \$130 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transport to venue, welcome glass of sparkling wine on arrival, 2 course traditional Christmas lunch with tea/coffee, themed dining room & 1 hour show \*Itinerary: 9.15 10.15am Home pick up service (within our advertised pick up area) 10.30am Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 11.45am-2.30pm Sit back & enjoy a two course lunch & a fabulous show 3.45pm Approx. arrival time at Kariong
- Glenalvon Heritage Tour & Brookfield House High Tea Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2025 seats available Venue: Campbelltown & Camden Cost: \$155 - Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transfer to venues, morning tea, guided tour of Glenalvon Historic House & high tea at Brookfield House Itinerary: 8:30am Depart Kariong after home pick up service 10:30am-12:30pm Morning tea followed by guided tour of Glenalvon House (house & gardens) 1:00pm High tea at Brookfield House 5:00pm Arrive back at Kariong
- Christmas High Tea at Ducks in the Field Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2025 sold out Venue: Duckenfield Cost: \$145 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transport to venue near Morpeth & an exceptional high tea \*Itinerary: 9.15 10.15am Home pick up service (within our advertised pick up area) 10.30am Depart Tuggerah after a comfort stop 11.30 2:00pm Celebrate the upcoming festive season with Ellen's unique & delicious Christmas-inspired high tea. There will be lucky seat prizes & perhaps a visit from one of Santa's cheeky Elves!
- Sunday Jazz @The House Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025 Venue: Sydney Cost: \$75- Includes pick-up & drop-off service & return transfer to venues Details: Government House invites us to come and enjoy great live music in one of the most spectacular outdoor settings in Sydney. A jazz ensemble from one of the State's best service bands will perform in the relaxed ambience of the Government House gardens. Music will begin from 12:00pm & the House will be open for viewing from 10:00am. As well as the opportunity to enjoy great music, we will be able to walk inside and explore the magnificent State Rooms of Sydney's 'Castle by the Harbour', go on a garden sculpture walk, or just kick back and relax whilst listening to some great music. Itinerary: 7:45 9:00am: \*\*Pick up route 9:00am: Depart Kariong 10:00am 11:30am Free time to explore The Rocks Markets & purchase an early lunch 12:00pm 2:00pm Jazz @The House event 3:15pm \*\*Arrive back on the Central Coast & begin drop off route \*\* For this event, Connect Coaches will pick up passengers from various pick up locations on the Central Coast
- Heritage Gardens Café High Tea Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 2 seats left (this day tour has replaced our day tour to Elay Tea House) Venue: Ashtonfield (near Maitland) Cost: \$130 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transport to venue & a delicious high tea \*Itinerary: 9:00- 10:00am Home pick up service (within our advertised pick up area) 10:15am Depart Tuggerah after a comfort stop 11:30 1.30pm High Tea at the Heritage Gardens Café, located within the grounds of the Flower Power Nursery 2:00pm A quick stop 'n shop at Donarch Fine Chocolates in nearby Tenambit 3:30 Arrive back at Tuggerah & begin home drop off service
- Hunter Valley Gardens Christmas Lights Spectacular Tuesday 9th December, 2025 Venue: Pokolbin Cost: \$110 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transport to venue, & entry into the Gardens for the Lights Display \*Itinerary: 4:15pm: Depart the Coast after home pick up service 5.45-7:15pm: Dinner at Harrigans Pub (to be purchased on the night) 7:30-9:00pm: View lights display at the HV Gardens 10:30pm: Approx. arrival time back on the Coast In the event of inclement weather, Connect Coaches reserves the right to postpone this event, possibly at short notice. If this occurs, the back-up date for this event will be Tues. 16/12/2025
- GPO Tour + Christmas Buffet Lunch Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 currently sold out Venue: Sydney Cost: \$150 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transport to venue, 90 minute guided tour & buffet lunch \*Itinerary: 8:15 9:15am ^Home pick up service 11:00am 12:30pm Private, guided tour of the former GPO (tour does not include access to the clock tower) 12:30 2:30pm Christmas buffet lunch at The Place, Fullerton Hotel this restaurant overlooks the General Post Office heritage building 3:30 4:00pm Arrive back on the Central Coast & begin home drop off service





- Seniors Big Day Out Christmas Lunch Cruise on Sydney Harbour Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2025 currently sold out Venue: Sydney Harbour Cost: \$145 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transport to Pyrmont Wharf, 3.5hour cruise, morning tea, buffet lunch, entertainment & trivia \*Itinerary: 8 9am: ^Home pick up service 9:15am Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 10:30am Arrive at Casino Wharf, Pyrmont 11:00am 2:30pm Sydney Harbour Lunch Cruise 4:00pm Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service
- Pretty Woman: The Musical Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025 contact us to be placed on our Reserve List

  Venue: Theatre Royal Cost: \$150 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service within our advertised pick up/drop
  off area, return transfer to venue & ticket to the 1pm performance (Stalls Rows P & Q, centre of row) Itinerary: 9-10am
  home pick up service 10:15am Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 11:30am Arrive at venue & have time to
  purchase lunch from one of nearby eateries 1:00pm 3:30pm Matinee performance of Pretty Woman: The Musical
  5:00pm Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service

# 2026 Day Tours.....more to be added soon, including a Vivid Dinner Cruise on Sydney Harbour

- An Afternoon in Coogee Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2026 Venue: Coogee Cost: \$70 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transport to Coogee via Double Bay, Dover Heights, Bondi Beach & Tamarama & complimentary afternoon tea \*Itinerary: 12:00 1:00pm: ^Home pick up service (within our pick up area)

  Afternoon tea en route to Coogee 3:30 6:30pm: free time to explore Coogee(shopping beach, photograph the scenery, enjoy dinner at one of the local eateries) 8:00-8:30pm Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service
- Lovely Lunches with Connect Coaches: Strangers' Restaurant Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 Venue: NSW State Parliament Cost: \$140 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service within our advertised pick up/drop off area, return transfer to venue in Macquarie St Sydney, two course lunch selected from the a la carte menu at Strangers Restaurant on the day followed by tea/coffee (drinks can be purchased independently on the day) Itinerary: 9:30 10:30am: home pick up service (within our advertised pick up area) 10:45am: depart Kariong after a comfort stop 12:00pm 2:00pm: enjoy your lovely lunch in Strangers' Restaurant 3.30pm: arrive back on Coast & begin home drop off service
- <u>Bingo Afloat on Newcastle Harbour</u> Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 <u>Venue</u>: Newcastle <u>Cost</u>: \$135 Includes home pick up & drop off service, return transport to Newcastle, 3 hour cruise, morning tea, plated lunch & dessert, games of bingo, trivia, prize giveaways & Captain's commentary <u>Itinerary</u>: 7.45 8.45am: home pick up service (within our advertised pick up area) 9.00am: Depart Tuggerah after a comfort stop 10.30am: Nova Cruises Lee Wharf, 4 Honeysuckle Dr, Newcastle 11am 2pm: Bingo Afloat Cruise 3.30-4pm: arrive back on Coast & begin home drop off service
- <u>Cobbitty Village Markets</u> Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026 <u>Venue:</u> Cobbitty <u>Cost:</u> \$70- Includes pick-up & drop-off service & return transfer to venue, complimentary bottled water & biscuits <u>Itinerary:</u> 6:30 7:30am: \*\*Pick up route before departing West Gosford by 7:45am (after a comfort stop) 10:00am 12:00pm Free time to explore Cobbitty Village Markets 12:30pm 1:00pm A quick drop into the Darrell Lee Factory, Ingleburn 3:00pm \*\*Arrive back at West Gosford & begin drop off route \*\* For this event, Connect Coaches will pick up passengers from various locations on the Central Coast
- <u>St Patrick's Day Celebrations at The Fiddler</u> Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 (currently sold out) <u>Venue</u>: Rouse Hill <u>Cost</u>: \$140 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service within our advertised pick up/drop off area, return transfer to venue, welcome drink upon arrive, 2 course lunch, tea/coffee, themed dining room & Irish entertainment <u>Itinerary</u>: 9:15am 10:15am: home pick up service 10:30am: Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 11.45am: Arrive at the The Fiddler, Rouse Hill 12:00pm 2:30pm: St Patrick's Day Celebrations 4:00pm: Arrive back on the Central Coast & begin home drop off service
- Bradfield: Australia's Newest City Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Venue: Bradfield Cost: \$95 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service within our advertised pick up/drop off area, return transfer to venue, biscuits & juice, Bradfield Visitor Centre experience & lunch Itinerary: 7:15am 8:15am: home pick up service 8:30am: Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 10:00am: Comfort & snack stop en route 11:00am 12:00pm: Learn about the future of Bradfield City, witness stunning architecture in the First Building, see how industry and innovation is coming to life in the Bradfield Visitor Centre & complete our visit with a walk through the First Building's garden 12:30pm 2:00pm: Lunch at a nearby cafe 4:00pm: Arrive back on the Central Coast & begin home drop off service
- <u>Cluedo the Play</u> Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 <u>Venue</u>: Theatre Royal <u>Cost</u>: \$150 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service within our advertised pick up/drop off area, return transfer to venue & ticket to the 1pm performance (Stalls Rows N & P, centre of row) <u>Itinerary</u>: 9-10am home pick up service 10:15am Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 11:30am Arrive at venue & have time to purchase lunch from one of nearby eateries 1:00pm 3:30pm Matinee performance of "Cluedo the Play" 5:00pm Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service
- Manly's Quarantine Station Guided Tour + Lunch Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 Venue: Manly Cost: \$135 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, complimentary morning tea, 1 hour guided walking tour at Q Station & lunch \*Itinerary: 7:30am 8:30am: home pick up service 8:45am: depart Kariong after a comfort stop 9:30am: complimentary morning tea at Wahroonga Park 11:00am: arrive at North Head & catch the shuttle bus down to the





wharf 11:30am - 12:30pm: "Quarantine Wander Tour" 12:45pm - 1:45pm: lunch at the venue's café; photo opportunity at North Head lookouts before departing for the Central Coast 4:00pm: Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service *Please note; attendees must be mobile and wear comfortable walking shoes as the tour includes a few stairs, inclines and declines.* 

- Nooroo Garden in Autumn Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 Venue: Mount Wilson Cost: \$135 Includes ^home pick-up & drop-off service, return transfer to venues, morning tea, lunch & entry fee into garden Itinerary: 8:15am Depart Kariong after home pick up service 10:15am-11:00am Fresh apple pie with tea/coffee at Bilpin Fruit Bowl 11:45am-2:00pm Explore Nooroo Garden at your leisure. There are some tables & chairs scattered throughout the garden so you can choose where you sit to enjoy your lunch 5:00pm Arrive back at Kariong Please note; although this garden is very accessible, this tour may not be suitable for those with limited mobility &/or fitness as the ground may be uneven in places & there are a few steps to navigate.
- <u>Anastasia the Musical</u> Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026 (*selling quickly*) <u>Venue</u>: Lyric Theatre <u>Cost</u>: \$145 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service within our advertised pick up/drop off area, return transfer to venue & ticket to the 1pm performance (Stalls Rows M & N, centre of row) <u>Itinerary</u>: 9-10am home pick up service 10:15am Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 11:30am Arrive at venue & have time to purchase lunch from one of nearby eateries 1:00pm 3:30pm Matinee performance 5:00pm Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service
- <u>Guided Tour & High Tea in July at State Parliament</u> Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2026 <u>Venue</u>: Macquarie St, Sydney <u>Cost:</u> \$145 Includes ^home pick up & drop off service, return transport to venue, guided tour of venue & traditional high tea \*<u>Itinerary:</u> 8:45 9:45am: Home pick up service (within our advertised pick up area) 10:00am: Depart Kariong after a comfort stop 11:30 am 12:30pm: Guided tour of venue 12:30 2:00pm: Traditional High Tea at Parliament House 3:30pm: Arrive back at Kariong & begin home drop off service

### SHORT BREAKS & EXTENDED TOURS:

- <u>Milthorpe Garden Ramble 3 Day Tour</u> Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 sold out <u>Venues:</u> Rydges, Mt Panorama (2 nights); <u>Cost:</u> Single \$1490; Double/Twin \$1350 (per person) <u>Highlights Include:</u> Blackheath Rhododendron Festival Parade, Campbell Rhododendron Gardens, Milthorpe Garden Ramble Hartvale Gardens & Highfields Garden in Little Hartley <u>\*Itinerary:</u> Please ask us for a detailed itinerary <u>Please Note:</u> **Due to the activities** in this tour's itinerary, it is important that people have an adequate level of mobility & stamina to ensure that they are able to enjoy & manage walking around the different gardens
- Escape to Paradise Lord Howe Island Sunday 16th Saturday 22nd November 2025 sold out Venue: Lord Howe Island Cost: Single \$6895 or \$7085; Twin Share/Double \$5765 or \$5850 (per person) Includes: ^home pick up & drop off service, return airport transfers (Sydney & Lord Howe Island), return airfares (Sydney) with QantasLink, 6 nights' accommodation at Somerset Apartments in a 1 bedroom standard or superior apartment, breakfast daily, 3 x lunches, 6 x dinners, Island bus tour, Coral viewing glass bottom boat tour, North Bay Turtle & Nature boat tour, Around Island boat tour, Nursery/Brewery Tour, 1 hour sunset cruise, Historical movies at the local hall, Ian Hutton lecture at the Museum, all airport taxes & the company of one fabulous Connect Coaches' Guide! \*Itinerary: Please ask us for a detailed itinerary
- Festive Fun in the Valley Tour Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025 1 ROOM AVAILABLE

  Venues: Hunter & Hawkesbury Valleys Cost: Single \$1535; Double/Twin \$1170 (per person) Highlights Include:
  Cheese, fudge & wine tasting; Hunter Valley Gardens Lights Spectacular; luxury accommodation at voco Kirkton Park & the Crowne Plaza; Australian Army Infantry Museum; guided tour of the Windsor area; festive high tea; all main meals included \*Itinerary: Please ask us for a detailed itinerary
- Wollongong Explorer 4 Day Tour Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 2 rooms left

  Cost: Single \$2377 Twin Share/Double \$1940 (per person) Highlights Include: 3 nights at the Novotel, North Wollongong; Symbio Wildlife Park; Illawarra Steelworks guided tour; tour of Kiama; HARS Air Museum; Nan Tien Temple; Historic Bundeena ferry ride; beautiful scenery over the 4 days \*Itinerary: Ask us for a detailed itinerary
- Melbourne Flower & Garden Show Tour Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2026 currently sold out Cost: Single \$4173 Twin Share/Double \$3604 (per person) Highlights Include: Red Cow Farm; Black Wattle Alpaca Farm; Brookfield Gardens; High Country Maze & Gallery; Alowyn Gardens; Melbourne International Flower & Garden Show; Puffing Billy train ride; Queen Victoria Markets; flights included Accommodation: Mercure Goulburn (1night), Quality Resort Siesta, Lavington (1 night), Peppers Marysville (1 night), Hyatt Place Melbourne Caribbean Park (4 nights)
  \*Itinerary: Please ask us for a detailed itinerary
- <u>Taronga Zoo Wildlife Retreat</u> Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2026 2 rooms left <u>Venue</u>: Mosman <u>Cost</u>: Single \$1115; Double/Twin \$815 (per person) <u>Highlights Include</u>: Catching the Church Point Ferry around Scotland Island; lunch at Harbord Diggers; a luxurious overnight stay at Taronga Zoo's Wildlife Retreat; 3 x special tours at the zoo; zoo entry; a shared dining experience at the award-winning restaurant, Me-Gal <u>\*Itinerary</u>: Please ask us for a detailed itinerary





- South Coast to the Southern Highlands 5 Day Tour Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026 Venues: Kiama Berry Huskisson Batemans Bay Central Tilba Mogo Braidwood Goulburn Bowral Cost: Single \$2290 / Twin or Double \$1990 per person Highlights Include: Following the scenic Coast road on our way south; Kiama Blowhole; Berry Treat Factory; the seals at Narooma; Bodalla Dairy; Mogo Zoo; Fairground Follies & more! Please let us know if you'd like a detailed itinerary
- <u>Dubbo Zoofari Tour</u> Monday 18<sup>th</sup> Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2026 2 Bushland rooms left <u>Overnight Stays in:</u> Bathurst Parkes Dubbo Orange <u>Cost:</u> Single \$3250(animal view lodge) or \$3050(bushland lodge); Double/Twin \$2350pp(animal view lodge) or \$2150pp(bushland lodge) <u>Highlights Include:</u> Beautiful Highfield Gardens in Little Hartley; historic Abercrombie House in Bathurst; Henry Parkes Centre & Parkes Observatory; luxurious overnight stay in Dubbo's Zoofari Lodges; Blue Mountains lookouts \*Itinerary: Please ask us for a detailed itinerary.
- <u>Carnival 9 Night Cruise: Sydney to Great Barrier Reef</u> Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> June Fri. 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 <u>Current Cost</u> (in an interior, ocean view or balcony cabin) <u>Single:</u> between \$3750 \$5450 / <u>Twin Share/Double:</u> between \$2275 \$3130 <u>Includes:</u> ^home pick up & drop off service (within our advertised pick up/drop off area); transport to & from the Sydney cruise terminal; 9 night cruise onboard the Carnival Splendor with meals, some drinks & lots of onboard activities; the company of two fabulous people from the Connect Coaches' team & a group of friendly, fun-loving Seniors to enjoy dinner with every night! <u>\*Itinerary:</u> Day 1: Depart Sydney at 3:30pm Days 2 & 3: Fun days at sea Day 4: Airlie Beach Day 5: Cairns Day 6: Willis Island (onboard experience) Day 7: Fun day at sea Day 8: Tangalooma Moreton Island Day 9: Fun day at sea Day 10: Sydney
- JUST ADDED......Christmas in July Overnighter Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2026 Venue: Camden Cost: \$880 Single / \$750 Twin/Double (per person) Highlights Include: a delicious Christmas in July lunch cruise onboard the Nepean Belle; a tour of Penrith's Museum of Fire; a visit to the interesting Warragamba Dam Visitor Centre; an overnight stay at the Camden Valley Inn ("where rustic charm meets modern elegance"); a 90 minute guided tour around Camden to view some of the region's early colonial buildings & hear about the industrious Macarthur family and the legacies they left to the nation; a fun & fabulous Christmas in July-themed lunch with entertainment at the Camden Valley Inn (there will be prizes for best-dressed!)

#### • 2026 tours currently in their planning stages:

- The Majestic Tour (early June) Includes zig zag railway, high tea & overnight stay at the Hydro Majestic & more
- Tulip Express Overnighter (mid Sept.): Tulip Time (Bowral), Floriade (Canberra) & Tulip Tops
- Garden Extravaganza: Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026
- Long Way South: Monday 19th Thursday 29th October 2026
- Norfolk Island: Friday 20th Friday 27th November
- 10 Night Carnival Cruise New Zealand: Monday 15th Thursday 25th February 2027

#### Tour/Payment Information:

- ⇒ Payment must be received by the due date printed on the invoice. If payment has not been received by the due date & alternate arrangements have not been made by contacting Liam or Alison, Connect Coaches reserves the right to consider this booking cancelled & to reissue this ticket to another person
- ⇒ Once payment has been received, refunds will only be issued if we can resell your ticket or if we cancel the event/tour
- ⇒ Payment made over the phone by card incurs a 1% surcharge
- ⇒ \*Times indicated are approximations only & subject to change
- ⇒ ^Home pick up/drop off service for day tours applies to those passengers who live within our pick-up area on the Central Coast. See our website for map or call us to find out if you are within this area on 4325 4053.
- ⇒ Our Pick-up/Drop off service from villages will be from a central location (eg; the bowling green at Tarragal Glen, the Arts & Crafts building at Henry Kendall Gardens, the taxi rank in Yallambee Ave at Evergreen Life Care etc.)
- ⇒ For weekend events, Connect Coaches does not provide a home pick up & drop off service (see website for pick up locations for Saturday & Sunday events)
- ⇒ Short breaks/Extended tours If your pick-up address is not within our advertised pick up/drop off area, there will be an additional fee charged if you would like us to arrange to pick you up/drop you off from home (between \$40 \$60 per person)