

## **Club Old Bar Travel Club**

### **Hosted by Tuncurry Coach Tours**



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### **Newsletter No. 6 October 2023**

**Next meeting is on Tuesday Nov 14<sup>th</sup> 2023 – 1:30pm**  
**@ Club Old Bar**

#### **Dates for 2023 Travel Club Day Trips**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2023**

#### **Tuncurry Coach Tours Bank Details**

**Name:** Tuncurry Coach Tours  
**BSB:** 062603 **ACC:** 10646027  
(Reference your name and trip)

#### **Note:**

All overnight trips will require a **\$300 non-refundable deposit** on booking with final payment being due **2 months out from travel.**

**\*Money can not be transferred to other trips \***

**Cheques will only be accepted at Travel Club Meetings and should be made payable to Tuncurry Coach Tours.**

**EFTPOS, Bank deposit and payments over the phone are our preferred payment methods. If wanting to make payment by any of these methods please call... Adam or Lisa on 0412 647 790**

### **What have we been up to last month.**

#### **A day at Rathmines**

day trip to Lake Macquarie saw us visiting the ex RAAF base at Rathmines that was used during World War II. Bill, our guide shared his passion for the Catalina Sea planes and their brave crews. This was a fascinating and little-known chapter of our national history, especially the key role played by the Catalina in World War 2. For many it was quite an emotional visit as they connected with past family history. Lunch was also spent in the adjoining Catalina Bowling club where we were treated to a lovely 2 course lunch. Following this we did a tour around the Peninsula at Toronto before spending some free time down by the foreshore. A really nice paced day with some real highlights made for a lovely day with this Small group. Be sure to look out for our next day trip coming soon.

**7th September 2023**

#### **A day in the Vines with Tuncurry Coach Tours**

Our small group wine tours are all about getting that little extra special level of service. We went from the Forster Tuncurry area, to experience some of the finest treats the Hunter Valley has to offer. We visited 2 boutique wineries (Briar Ridge and Tintilla), we also stopped for lunch at Foghorn brewery where some had lunch and others just a beer or a wine. We done plenty of cheese tasting and sampled Olives and some treats At a local distillery, small mouth vodka. Our last trip was a great success and so too was this one, with most saying, pleased put me on the next one, which is always great...!!! With a maximum of 11 passengers on our wine tours, these are a lovely addition to our travel calendar and something to look forward to every couple of months.

**20th September 2023**

#### **Toowoomba Flower festival**

It's been one on the planning table for many years, and it didn't disappoint. The Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers has become one of the worlds premiere garden and flower shows. We were treated to the ultimate level of service that Tuncurry Coach Tours are becoming famous for. With reserved seating to events and behind the scenes tours of award winning locations we truly had a fabulous 6 days together. In addition to award winning gardens in Toowoomba we spent time at the Jondaryn Woolshed for Billy Tea and damper and stop in at both Tweed Heads and Angourie during our travels as well as much much more. Definitely one to put on the one day list, if you haven't been there before, especially for garden enthusiasts.

**14th- 19th September 2023**

#### **Miss Saigon Small group tour**

Miss Saigon tells the story of Chris, an American male GI, who falls in love with Kim, a young Vietnamese orphan who works as a bar-girl and prostitute. When the city falls, the lovers are separated and Chris eventually returns to the U.S. Years later, Chris returns to Bangkok with his American wife, Ellen. This musical captured this story in a way that is hard to describe, loved by the attendees of the small group who asked us to put this tour together for them.

**4th October 2023**

**As you may have seen from posts and other newsletters, more and more Tuncurry Coach Tours are being asked to host events and small group tours for people that have travelled with us before, leaving behind the idea of huge and experiencing the difference that a small group tour offers. Whilst we don't intend on making this our primary business model, it is a lovely and personal service that we are proud to offer to our loyal and caring clientele and the fact they have asked us to do this for them makes us really proud of the service we offer.**

### CLUB OLD BAR DAY TRIPS

All day trip bookings require a 50% non-refundable deposit at the time of booking. Withdrawing from a day trip will incur a minimum loss of deposit. No refunds will be given withdrawing 7 days or less from all day trips. Like all trips, day trip

#### The Devine Wallis Lake Cruise

Friday 17th November 2023

Join us on the stunning Wallis Lake as we experience the beauty and history of what is world renowned as one of the most beautiful lake system there is. The Wallis Lake always treats us to a stunning day and this day will be no different. We will cruise the lake as our guide points out the many highlights of this natural wonder. We will have time for photos, morning tea and lunch and all in the comfort of this lovely vessel.

Cost Includes: Transfers from Old Bar, Tea/ coffee, Lunch, A guided tour of the lake as well as a personalised tour from a locals perspective of Forster and surrounds. This will be a trip not be missed.

**Departure times:**

**Cost:\$110 per person**

Club Old Bar 10:30am

Taree Service Centre 10:45am

*itineraries are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.*

### OTHER CURRENT TUNCURRY COACH TOURS DAY TRIPS

#### Mountain Maid Gold Mine at Copeland Tops

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

We are heading into the Copeland Tops State Conservation area, not far passed the township of Gloucester. On this unique tour, we will find out more about the history of mining in the area and see where these gold-hungry souls toiled in Mountain Maid gold mine – one of New South Wales' longest running operational gold mines. You will have the opportunity to walk around some historic buildings and get up close and personal with old machinery such as a battery stamper, whirly-gig gold separator, air compressor and gold carts. A delicious lunch will be spent back in Gloucester, which will end another great day out.

What to bring : Hat, sunscreen, drinking water, sturdy shoes, suitable clothing, insect repellent.

Participation: You must be able to walk un-aided for extended periods of time without stopping. The surface can be uneven at times.

Cost Includes: Lunch, Gold Mine Tour, Coach Transfers and Travel Club Prizes - Pick up Nabic 815am

### Live Shows- The Ticket Cost for shows is required as a non- refundable deposit at the time of booking

#### Grease the Musical -SHOW 2

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024

1pm Matinee Show Capitol Theatre

The No. 1 Party Musical GREASE returns to the Australian stage in a new, multi-million-dollar live production. Starring Joseph Spanti as Danny, Annelise Hall as Sandy, Patti Newton as Miss Lynch, Jay Laga'aia as Vince Fontaine and Marcia Hines as Teen Angel. Featuring dazzling costumes and all those unforgettable songs including: Summer Nights, Sandy, Hopelessly Devoted to You, You're The One That I Want, Greased Lightnin', and Grease is the Word. Get ready to dust off your leather jackets, pull on your bobby-socks as "bad boy" Danny and "the girl next door" Sandy fall in love all over again.

**Cost \$210pp Includes, Transfers, Ticket & Dinner**

**Pick up location and time : Nabic 7:20am**

#### Tina the Musical -Show 4

Wednesday 6th Dec 2023 (Sold out)

1pm Matinee Show

Royal Theatre

Direct from Broadway, this smash hit musical phenomenon is a celebration of an unstoppable woman who became the Queen of Rock n' Roll. With 37 award nominations including BEST NEW MUSICAL (Olivier Awards) and BEST MUSICAL (Tony Awards), this heart-pumping production is guaranteed to raise the roof at Theatre Royal Sydney. Featuring iconic songs including, "Simply The Best", "What's Love Got To Do With It", and "Proud Mary", this story of joy, passion and resilience is as important now as ever. Tina Turner didn't just break the rules, she rewrote them and now you can experience her triumphant story live on stage. - Please note that Tina Turner will **not** be appearing in this production.

**Cost \$230pp Includes, Transfers, Ticket & Chinese banquet Dinner**

**Club Forster 6:50am**

**Tuncurry Coach Stop 7:00am**

**Nabic 7:20am**

**All overnight Tours incur a non-refundable, non-transferable deposit at time of booking.  
Please read full terms and conditions prior to booking**

**Blue Mountains Spring Spectacular (Sold Out) 18<sup>th</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> October 2023 5 Days & 4 nights**

A trip to the Blue Mountains is always nice but this trip will not only be highlighting the World heritage listed National park but we are also visiting it during spring which means a trip to **Oberon to visit the Mayfield Gardens for their spring festival**. Of course we will be staying in style and eating very well but we will also be throwing in some old favourites such as the **Zig zag railway at Lithgow** and a yummy lunch on board the **Riverboat Postman**. This will be a wonderful trip with many highlights included, so be sure to grab a full itinerary for this one.

**Includes, Accommodation, Transfers, entries, tours and most meals as per itinerary**

**Cost \$2,150 twin single room extra \$680**

**The Great Ocean Road & Kangaroo Island Escape (Sold Out) 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023 8 Days & 7 nights**

This trip could also be known as ‘Southern Australia, as seen through its wine and wilderness’ and a few other culinary (and scenic) treats. **From Melbourne to the Great Ocean Road tour, to tasty Kangaroo Island and Barossa**, expect a top-notch roll-call of attractions across Victoria and South Australia. This tour has been requested many, many times and we have finally been able to secure this trip. With too many highlights to mention, this trip will be absolutely beautiful. Some experiences will include, **The Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge, Lorne and Apollo Bay, Mt. Gambier the home to the crater-filling Blue Lake, Naracoorte’s Alexandra Cave, Fleurieu Peninsula to Victor Harbor, Admirals Arch** the home to an immense colony of raucous fur seals, **Adelaide Hills and the Barossa and Hahndorf**.

**Includes Return Flights ex Newcastle Cost \$5490 pp Twin / \$ 1330 Single Supp**

**The Mighty Murray Princess Cruise (1 room left) 18<sup>th</sup> -24<sup>th</sup> February 2024 7 Days & 6 nights**

After 3 years on a waitlist, we have finally secured 20 rooms on the Murray Princess. With 2 nights in the Adelaide CBD and 4 nights onboard the Murray, this will be a trip to remember. Catering to 120 passengers, the PS Murray Princess Paddle steamer offers passengers a unique river boat small ship cruise on the Murray River. Join only the finest Captains and crew who are passionate about what they do and are delighted to share with you their knowledge and stories. Onboard the paddle wheeler the dining saloon is spacious with a character and charm of yesteryear. The paddle wheeler will offer you a relaxed and informal experience coupled with the warmth and friendliness so unique to a Murray River cruise.

**Cost \$4,595 twin / single room extra \$1070**

**Includes, Accommodation, Return airfares, Transfers, entries, tours onshore tours and most meals as per itinerary**

**NSW Silo’s & Opal’s Tour 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 8 Days & 7 nights**

In 2024 we will be heading back to the Ridge, famous for its Opals but in addition to the fossicking, hot artisan baths and good old country hospitality, we will be also including a NSW art trail where we will visit some of the amazing silo’s, murals and painted water tanks that draw in tourist from all over the world. On this this tour we will visit **Gunnedah, Barraba, Lightning Ridge, Brewarrina, The ‘Back o Bourke’, Cobar and Dubbo** just to name a few. This tour is rustic, remote and inspiring as we visit and support regional NSW and the artworks that put these towns back on the map.

**Cost \$3180 twin / single room extra \$790**

**The Red Centre Experience (Only 13 rooms available) 17<sup>th</sup> – 22nd May 2024 6 Days & 5 nights**

If you missed out on our 2023 tour to Australia’s Red Centre, now is your chance to tick off that bucket list destination! With return flights included, we will arrive in Uluru ready to take in the beautiful landscape and rich Aboriginal culture. Over the 6 days, we will travel to the base of Uluru, hear Aboriginal Tjukurpa stories & visit the Mutitjulu Waterhole. We will enjoy nibbles and sparkling wine with the famous Uluru sunset before enjoying a BBQ set amongst the red sand dunes. We will learn the connection between art and culture with a hands on painting session and travel to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) for a spectacular sunrise viewing. This year we are also heading to Alice Springs for 2 nights so we can participate in a full day tour of the West MacDonald Ranges including Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Ormiston Gorge & Glen Helen. A beautiful farewell dinner under the stars with entertainment will also be included at the award winning Earths Sanctuary on our last night. There are just too many highlights to mention!

**Includes return flights ex Sydney**

**Cost \$4850 twin single room extra \$1080**

**Cape York Expedition (2 twin rooms left) 28<sup>th</sup> Sept- 7<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024 10 days & 9 nights**

This unique tour to Cape York Peninsula will capture Australia’s beauty and harsh environments at its best. Arriving at the tip of country on this Far North Queensland tour, you’ll feel like you’re on top of the world. **On our 10 day luxury 4WD adventure**, you will expect to witness waterfalls, rainforest, wetlands and outback cattle stations.

Tuncurry Coach Tours love providing bucket list experiences and this is one of them! Tuncurry Coach Tours along with our host from Heritage Tours will deliver an unforgettable trip with a highly experienced Travel Director/Driver & tour escort for that added attention to detail. We will also spend **pre and posts nights in Cairns** with a whole free day up your sleeve to enjoy this beautiful area. We have taken the worry out of this trip with everything planned from day 1 to day 10.

Places we will visit: **Cairns | Cape Tribulation | Cooktown | Lakefield National Park | Musgrave Roadhouse / Weipa / Bramwell Station| Seisia | The Tip | Torres Strait Islands | Thursday Island**

**Includes, Accommodation, Return airfares, Transfers, entries, tours and most meals as per itinerary. Please read full itinerary before booking**

**Cost \$7630 twin / single room extra \$1500**