

5 DAY PORT STEPHENS TOUR



Known as the “blue water paradise,” Port Stephens is the perfect place to discover and experience a stunning area of the NSW coast line. Absorb the laid-back lifestyle of this idyllic coastal paradise and witness the fabulous scenery typified by volcanic peaks to crystal clear bays fringed by golden sand. Port Stephens has lots to offer!

DAY 1: (LD) SOUTH COAST TO PORT STEPHENS

Monday 14 September 2020

Welcome to our 5-day Port Stephens tour. This morning our tour gets underway as we depart from the depot at 8am, make our way through Sydney, stopping for lunch along the way before continuing on to **Port Stephens**, arriving at our hotel to settle in before dinner. Today is a travel day, so sit back and relax and let us do all the work.

4 nights Marina Resort, Port Stephens (PH: 02 4981 4400)

DAY 2: (BLD) NELSON BAY & PORT STEPHENS

Tuesday 15 September 2020

Following breakfast, we take a look at the scenic points of **Port Stephens** and the **Tomaree Peninsula**. It’s easy to see why the area is referred to as the “Blue Water Paradise”. Our sightseeing takes us past all the major attractions including Fingal Bay, Shoal Bay, Salamander Bay, Soldiers Point and the town of Salamander. Mid-morning we board our cruise boat for a morning cruise on the spectacular waterways of **Port Stephens**. Relax, enjoy a commentary on the area and with any luck, we may meet some of the long-time locals - the friendly dolphins. As our cruise returns, we stay on board for a buffet lunch, then we can enjoy some free time before our afternoon visit to the **Nelson Head Lighthouse Museum & Marine Rescue Station headquarters**.

DAY 3: (BLD) MEET THE LOCALS

Wednesday 16 September 2020

This morning we can enjoy some free time to relax and enjoy the resort facilities before we visit **Irukandji Shark and Ray Encounters** for a guided tour that’s a little bit different. Irukandji Shark and Ray Encounters are leaders in marine educations, conservation and fun. This unique experience is unmatched by any other location in the country. Visitors interact with marine life during a guided shark and ray encounter tour; joining them in their world, petting and feeding them all under the ever-watchful eyes of the experienced guides. It will be a fun and informative morning. Late morning, we have a short drive to the **Tailor Made Fish Farm** and **Cookabarra Restaurant** for lunch followed by a guided tour. This is the premier Barramundi farm in NSW, producing a total of 1000 kilos of live and freshly chilled barramundi per week. We have the opportunity to see how a commercial farm operates as we are taken on a guided tour through the production sheds and the nursery to see the baby barra. The process of growing both fish and hydroponic vegetables will be explained in a fun and informative manner. We can also meet "Big Barry"! (*There will be an alternative option for anyone who doesn't like fresh fish.*) Our last visit this afternoon is nearby at **Murrays Brewing Co**, where we take a guided brewery tour and enjoy a few tastings before returning to the resort.

DAY 4: (BLD) TOCAL HOMESTEAD**Thursday 17 September 2020**

We spend today just north of the *Hunter Valley* in *Paterson* and visit *Tocal Homestead*, which has one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings dating from the 1830's. Here we enjoy a guided tour including the Homestead, the Blckett Barn, Thunderbolt's Cottage and a range of original outbuildings and yards as well as lunch. It will be a fascinating day. This afternoon we have a brief stop in *Morpeth*. The entire township is a time capsule - right down to the street kerbs and guttering of sandstone block. We have some time to browse amongst the antiques stores, quaint art & craft galleries and curio stores. It's easy to understand why this charming village has become renowned as the art & craft centre of the Hunter Region. Late afternoon we return to Port Stephens for our final night dinner together.

DAY 5: (BL) HEADING HOME**Friday 18 September 2020**

We farewell Port Stephens and make our way to the *Central Coast*, arriving in *Woy Woy* to visit *Broken Bay Pearls*, the only pearl farm on Australia's East Coast. Here we'll learn all about the production cycle of superior Akoya pearls. The Akoya oyster is native to the east coast and pearls produced here are 100% natural in colour. After a fascinating tour we have lunch at the *Bayview Hotel* Woy Woy, then we set our sights for the journey home. Late afternoon we arrive back following another fantastic short break with Stuarts Coaches.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.

\$150 per person deposit at time of booking
Minimum No's needed for this to proceed

Balance by 6th July 2020

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