

5 Day | Southern Highlands Tour

Sunday 21 September – Thursday 25 September 2025

Discover the enchanting NSW Southern Highlands, featuring friendly villages, stunning scenery, and the annual Tulip Time Festival. Escape your everyday life and relax in this peaceful destination for a short getaway.







Day 1 (LD) HOME TO SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Sunday 21 September 2025

Welcome to our **5 day tour to the Southern Highlands**. Taking in the scenery, our touring takes us to the picturesque **Kangaroo Valley**. We stop of **lunch at The Friendly Inn** before taking some time to enjoy the town at leisure where we can look at the many boutique shops including bookstores, homewares or indulge in some of the local sweets. Meeting the coach we continue to **Fitzroy Falls Visitor Centre**, located in the middle of the cool rainforest of the **Moreton National Park**. We'll enjoy a stroll along the boardwalk through restored native bushland to a lookout at the top of **Fitzroy Falls**. The landscape is stunning! We continue to **Mittagong**, the northern gateway to the Highlands. Home to Australia's first iron works, it is an excellent example of a country town which has retained its historic beginnings with old and new sitting side by side.

Springs Mittagong | 02 4871 3133 Lunch at The Friendly Inn | Dinner at Mittagong RSL Club

Day 2: (BLD) FAIRGROUND FOLLIES AND BERRIMA

Monday 22 September 2025

We start the day enchanted by the sights and sounds of Fairground Follies. Akin to visiting an old-fashioned amusement park, here we'll find a collection of self-playing instruments and mechanical music, fair orans, street organs and a 100 year old steam carousel. Not far away is the historic village of Berrima, one of the best remaining examples of a small Australian town of the 1830s. We visit the splendid courthouse, scene of Australia's first trial by jury! Our lunch is at Australia's oldest continually licenced pub – The Surveyor General Inn. Before leaving we have some time to wander around this historic village with its lovely buildings and craft shops.

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Breakfast and dinner at Mittagong RSL Club | Lunch at The Surveyors General

This morning, we arrive in the **charming town of Bowral**, where Australia's greatest cricketer, Sir Donald Bradman, spent his childhood. Here we visit the **Bradman Museum and International Cricket Hall of Fame** which brings cricket to life with interactive touch screens, an expansive range of displays, memorabilia and videos depicting the place of cricket in the context of world history. From here we visit the vibrant **Corbett Gardens**. During **Tulip Time**, over 100,000 tulips and 25,000 annuals are planted each year to transform Corbett Gardens and other parks across the shire into stunning displays of sweeping spring colour. This afternoon we visit **Red Cow Farm**, a lovely garden set on 6 acres of picturesque gardens. The garden is divided into different garden areas or 'rooms', with new vistas and surprises around every corner. Red Cow Farm is a dream for anyone with a green thumb.

Breakfast and dinner at Mittagong RSL Club | Lunch at own expense

Day 4: (BLD) JOADJA HISTORIC SITE

Wednesday 24 September 2025

Today we visit **Joadja Historic Site**. The town of Joadja was established in the late 1870s by the Australian Kerosene Oil and Mineral Co. Hundreds of Scottish oil shale miners who brought with them their skills in the mining and retorting technique and the stilling and brewing of "sly grog". Here we are taken on an adventure in purpose-built people movers where we will see the ruins of a bygone era. Our tour guide will take us on a fascinating **historical tour** of this hidden valley, full of mystery, intrigue and drama. After the historic site tour, we will be invited to a fully **guided tour of the distillery** as well as indulging in some tastings.

Breakfast and dinner at Mittagong RSL Club | Lunch at Joadja Historic Site

Day 5: (BL) SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS TO HOME

Thursday 25 September 2025

We farewell our wonderful hosts as we begin travelling home. After a morning on the coach, we stop at **Tuggeranong Homestead** – an extensive, heritage-listed rural property in the heart of Southern Canberra. The Tuggeranong Homestead holds many layers of history. From its indigenous occupants, its convict connections, its pastoral period, its links to Federation and its association with the writing of the Official History of World War One. After lunch here we continue back to the Sapphire Coast, arriving home late afternoon from a fantastic tour.

Breakfast at motel | Lunch at Tuggeranong Homestead

Total Cost Twin Share / Double per person \$2495 Solo Traveller \$2895

Tour cost based on minimum of 20 passengers

(B) Breakfast (L) Lunch (D) Dinner. Alterations to the itinerary may occur – a final confirmed itinerary will be provided with your travel documentation approximately 3 weeks prior to departure.



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TOUR COST INCLUDES:

Air conditioned equipped vehicle with experienced crew

Twin share accommodation with ensuite facilities, single supplement available

Meals as per itinerary

All entry fee to sightseeing activities as listed in the itinerary

TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

Travel insurance – recommended

Items of a personal nature eg laundry/phone and any optional extras/trips

Alcoholic & non-alcoholic beverages plus meals not listed in the itinerary

PICK UP LOCATIONS

*Twofold Arcade, Eden, *Pambula Bus Shelter *Bimbimbee, Monaro Street entrance *Merimbula Coach Stop Bus Shelter, Park Street *Club Bega, Gipps Street

CONDITIONS OF BOOKING

Due to the close proximity of the travel date full payment is required at time of booking.

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 90 days notice: Full refund less \$600 deposit 90 - 60 days before tour: 50% refund Less than 60 days: no refund

Sapphire Coast Buslines strongly recommend all passengers take out travel insurance at the time of booking, in case of unexpected illness or accident.