





Escape to Central NSW Coast
7 Days
Fully Hosted
6 – 12 February 2024

ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Mt Penang Gardens
- Forresters Beach
- Broken Bay Pearls
- Distillery Botanica
- Ken Duncan Gallery
- Hunter Valley
- Alison Homestead
- Wyong Milk Factory
- Staples Lookout
- And so much more!

INCLUDES:

- **Private single rooms** in quality accommodation
- **Meals** as per itinerary - 6 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 6 Dinners
- **Sightseeing** tours & **Airport Transfers** as per itinerary
- **Local** Driver/Guide and Seat Coach
- **Fully Hosted** from Sydney - Host will fly in from Brisbane

EXCLUDES:

- Flights
- Any meals, transfers or sightseeing other than mentioned above or in the itinerary
- Items of a personal nature i.e. laundry, drinks, phone calls, etc
- Travel Insurance

Priced from \$4,788* per person

Terms and Conditions apply. Price is per person Sole Use and subject to availability. *Based on Land Only. Tour requires minimum number of passengers to depart. Host travels from Brisbane. Prices may fluctuate if surcharges, fees, taxes or currencies change. Solo Connections is constantly striving to improve our itineraries and inclusions. If such improvements can be made, or unforeseen circumstances beyond our control make changes necessary, we reserve the right at any time to vary itineraries and to substitute inclusions of equal value. Beverages, additional meals, hotel mini bars, laundry, phone calls, any items of personal nature not included. Further booking conditions apply, please check all prices, availability and other information with your travel agent at time of or before booking. Package cancellation fees apply. Denise Marie Falsay trading as Solo Connections. ATAS Accredited A11424. ABN 92 582 582 99



Day 1 – 06 February 2024
Sydney Airport – Forresters Beach

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Today at Sydney Domestic Airport, meet your Tour Host and fellow travelers. Our friendly driver/guide will be waiting to assist us onto our coach and then our adventure begins.

Heading north on the Pacific Motorway, we arrive at **Mt Penang Gardens** where we stop to stretch our legs. Considered an enduring and radical contribution to public garden design in Australia, we will enjoy some time exploring the beautiful grounds unveiling its creative design; from themed garden rooms to its clever use of water.

Back on board the coach we will then make our way to our accommodation, located in the lovely beachside suburb of Forresters Beach. Unpack and relax as this will be our home for the next six nights.

This evening we meet in the hotel for a **Welcome Dinner**.

Accommodation – The Quarters Forresters Beach or similar (6 Nights)

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Day 2 - 07 February 2024
Central Coast

B-L-D

This morning after breakfast we board the coach for the wonderful day ahead.

We visit **Broken Bay Pearls**, the only pearl farm on Australia's East Coast. On our discovery tour, we'll cruise to one of the oyster leases on the scenic lower Hawkesbury River and enjoy an immersive pearl grading session inside a restricted access Pearl Grading Room. We follow the story of the Australian Pearl from its ancient Indigenous beginnings, modern farming and grading techniques through to the finished product of unique pearl jewellery.

Later, set amongst three acres of tranquil gardens, we find **Distillery Botanica**. Whilst here we enjoy lunch at Bar Botanica before a tasting. Independently owned by astute herbalist and distiller Phillip Moore, the botanicals grown onsite are the inspiration and ingredients for an array of award-winning spirits and liqueurs.

Returning to our accommodation this afternoon there will be some time at leisure to relax before we meet this evening for dinner in the hotel.



Day 3 - 08 February 2024
Central Coast

B-D

Following breakfast we travel to Erina Heights to visit the spectacular **Ken Duncan Gallery**.

We spend time here wandering through the spacious viewing rooms and can enjoy a fantastic audio-visual presentation in the intimate theatre.

Then we pop into the **Chocolate & Nougat Factory**, home of the renowned Australian confectionery producers Nougat Limar, Bon Bon Fine Chocolate and The Sydney Marshmallow Co. Explore an impressive world of chocolate, nougat and have a chance to stock up on their wonderful products.

Enjoy an afternoon at leisure to enjoy the facilities at our accommodation or you may like to take the 10min walk to the beach. Your tour host will be on hand for anyone that would like company or requires assistance on planning what to do.

Freshen up and then meet early evening as we make our way out for dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 4 - 09 February 2024
Hunter Valley

B-L-D

This morning after breakfast we travel to Australia's oldest wine growing region, the **Hunter Valley**. Known for its charming vineyards, beautiful landscapes and gourmet treats, we are sure to have a fabulous day.

A warm welcome awaits us at **Twenty 3 Twenty**. Upon arrival we are met by a friendly staff member for a talk and then get to sample some of their famous chocolate and fudges. We may even see some being made through the windows.

From here we visit **Hunter Valley Cheese Company** for some delicious tasters. Their cheese range is preservative free and manufactured on site to traditional cheese making recipes. Following our cheese sampling we relax in the beautiful sandstone walls and exposed antique timber rafters of **Peterson Champagne House** where we enjoy a delicious lunch overlooking the spectacular vineyards.

Our final visit is to **The Hunter Olive Centre** showcasing some of the finest gourmet foods produced in the Hunter Valley. The Olive Centre has grown to be one of the largest specialty food outlets in the Hunter Valley, displaying a range of over 400 locally made products of which up to 60 are on tasting at one time. Onsite is also the **Pokolbin Estate Vineyard** where we can finish our day with a wine tasting.

After a glorious day sampling all the Hunter Valley has to offer, we return to our accommodation, freshen up and meet for dinner.



Day 5 - 10 February 2024
Historic Homesteads & Botanic Wines

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After breakfast our morning starts at the historical **Alison Homestead**.

The Homestead is set on two hectares in a rural setting on Wyong's first land grant dating back to 1825. In the Homestead and other buildings on site there are displays of memorabilia, photos, furniture, toys and other household items, equipment, machinery and tools all relating to the early settling of Wyong and surrounds.

Moving on we visit the **Wyong Milk Factory** on the banks of the Wyong River. A picturesque little spot, where you can purchase lunch (*own expense*), enjoy chocolate or cheese tastings and peruse the little curiosity shops attached to it.

It's then time to indulge again in the beautiful Holgate Valley where we visit **Firescreek Winery**. Set on a lush farm and garden, we enjoy a wine tasting with a twist as we try four Firescreek Botanic Wines paired perfectly with four exquisite handmade chocolates.

Returning to our accommodation we have time to freshen up before we meet to go out for dinner.

Day 6 - 11 February 2024
Spiritual Tour

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Following breakfast we begin our day at the magnificent **Staples Lookout**, where our tour starts with an **Acknowledgment of Country** while we take in the views of Brisbane Water and Woy Woy Bay.

Next, we hop back onto the coach for a short drive to the **Bulgandry** carpark. From here we'll set out on a short walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock engravings. Connect to this beautiful country as we learn about the bush food, medicines, spirituality, totems and fire stick arming. Our guide will share stories and knowledge that will provide valuable insight into the oldest living culture on earth.

Feeling spiritually uplifted we farewell our guide and have some free time to purchase lunch before returning to our accommodation and have some time at leisure.

This evening we will all come together for our **Farewell Dinner**.

Day 7 - 12 February 2024
Forresters Beach – Sydney Airport

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Today our fantastic tour comes to an end. Following breakfast and with our bags packed, we check out and board the coach. We return to Sydney Airport for our farewells before our flights home.

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All care has been taken in preparing this itinerary however changes can happen.