



*Peter O'Leary in association with Specialty Travel presents the 8 Day*  
**HUNTER VALLEY & BEN HUR SPECTACULAR**

(Highlights include the Annual Rose & Garden Spectacular, RAAF Williamtown, a Thoroughbred Stud, a working cattle station and the **Ben Hur Stadium Spectacular**)

**DAY 1: Saturday 16 October      ROCKHAMPTON TO SYDNEY      (D)**

*Depart: Yeppoon Rail 7.45am, Emu Park 8.05am, Northside Plaza 8.45am, South Mobil 9.00am, Gracemere 9.15am, Rockhampton Airport 9.25a. **Depart Virgin Flight : DJ1238 to Sydney** via Brisbane @ 10.25am*  
Welcome to our **Hunter Valley** tour including **The Rose Spectacular**. This morning we depart Rockhampton and fly to **Sydney** where we are met by our local Coach Captain for our transfer to our hotel. The remainder of the day is free to relax or do some personal shopping.  
*Citigate Central Sydney (02 9281 6888)*

**DAY 2: Sunday 17 October      SYDNEY TO MAITLAND      (BLD)**

After a hearty breakfast we take in a sightseeing tour of **Sydney** as we make our way to the harbour foreshore and **Mrs Macquarie's Chair**. The point provides us with wonderful views of the Sydney Opera House, Harbour Bridge and Fort Denison. Next we enjoy morning tea on **Matilda Cruises** as we cruise along the shore to the Eastern Suburbs, then between Clark and Shark Islands to the North Shore back to Darling Harbour. This fantastic cruise will see us sail under the Sydney Harbour Bridge and cruise past the Opera House... twice! We then farewell Sydney and travel north to Mooney Mooney where we stop for a **late lunch** at the **Workers Club**. This afternoon we visit the charming village of **Morpeth**. The entire township is a time capsule - right down to the street kerbs and guttering of sandstone block. We meet our local guide at the **Morpeth Trading Post**; built in 1838 the Morpeth Trading Post is the oldest industrial building still in daily use in NSW. After a tour of this historic town, we have some free time to browse leisurely 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. It's hard to imagine the sort of bustle that made Morpeth a bigger, busier port than Sydney more than 150 years ago! While the beautiful Hunter River still winds it's way past the small township, the sailing vessels and paddle steamers that once plied the waters laden with produce, hides and cedar destined for Sydney have long since disappeared...but the spirit of enterprise still thrives in Morpeth! From here, it's only a short drive to **Maitland** and our next five night's accommodation  
*Old Maitland Inn, Maitland (02 4932 5255)*

**DAY 3: Monday 18 October      THE HUNTER VALLEY      (BLD)**

Today, we'll spend our day in the **Hunter Valley** and the **Hunter Valley Gardens**. It is the annual **Rose Spectacular** time, where the gardens will be blooming with over 2 million roses. Experience the colour, fragrance and elegance of over 35,000 rose bushes in 186 different varieties. We have all morning here so there's plenty of time to enjoy the roses and all the other displays and gardens. Be sure to bring your camera as we step back in time with all our favourite fairytale characters in the **Storybook Garden**. The Hunter Valley Gardens newest attraction - **Dancing Waters** is a magical water show featuring beautifully coloured lights that are expertly choreographed to a series of musical pieces. We'll enjoy a **Little Gem lunch** today in the gardens. Of course no visit to the Hunter Valley would be complete without a wine tasting, so later this afternoon we make our way to the **Golden Grape Estate** cellar door where we sample some of their premium wines. As well as a wine tasting, don't forget to taste their Golden Tango Cream - delicious!! For anyone who doesn't wish to taste the produce, we have time to browse through the gift shop and perhaps visit the **Wine Technology Museum**, which boasts exhibits dating back to last century. After a fantastic day, we return to our motel for dinner.  
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**DAY 4: Tuesday 19 October      PORT STEPHENS      (BD)**

We head to Nelson Bay today where we board our cruise boat for a sightseeing cruise on **Port Stephens**. Hear the stories of the past and present as the cruise takes us across these beautiful blue waters. Keep your fingers crossed as, with luck, we may also meet some of the long time locals - the friendly dolphins. After our cruise, we enjoy some time to wander the foreshore and shops and purchase some lunch. From here, we head to the **RAAF Williamtown** for our visit to **Fighter World**, the world's first fighter aircraft display centre. Its here we see the history of the Australian Air Force close up. Imagine you're flying the Mirage jet fighter or the notorious Vampire jet fighter. Examine some of the best fighter aircraft engines ever made, including a Rolls Royce Merlin. See the aircraft in action in the large photographic display. Mid afternoon we return to Maitland where we have some free time in town  
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**DAY 5: Wednesday 20 October      DENMAN      (BLD)**

This morning we are joined by our local guide as we tour through the **Upper Hunter Valley**. Our sightseeing takes us to **Woodlands Thoroughbred Stud** – one of the most magnificent operations anywhere in the world with animals and scenery like no other. Another stop will be **Martindale Homestead**, a magnificent turn of the century homestead with 5 acres of beautiful garden to stroll through and of course a wine tasting at **Rosemount Winery**, the jewel in the crown of the Upper Hunter Wineries. We can enjoy our picnic lunches at a suitable spot during the day. After a thoroughly fascinating day, we'll say farewell to our guide and head back to our motel  
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**DAY 6: Thursday 21 October      GLOUCESTER      (BLD)**

Following breakfast, we head to **Gloucester** on the **Bucketts Way**, a town reminiscent of Gloucestershire in England. The adjoining towns all remind one of English Counties, for example Stratford on Avon (the Avon River runs through Stratford), Stroud and Craven to name a few. Gloucester is nestled in the foothills of the Bucketts Mountains, (the word Bucketts is derived from the aboriginal word Buccans meaning "big rock" - also known as the "Sleeping Giant" as from some angles the formation does look like a sleeping giant). We enjoy morning tea and brief talk on growing herbs and how to use & taste them at the **Hillview Herb Garden**. Our next stop is **Cobark Station**, a fully operational cattle station situated 34 kilometres west of Gloucester in the foothills of the world famous Barrington Tops. All cattle work is still conducted in the old-fashioned way on horseback with working dogs and we'll enjoy a talk, demonstration of the working dogs and lunch here. We then return to the actual township of Gloucester, a pretty place, for some free time before returning to our motel to freshen up for our final dinner on tour  
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**DAY 7: Friday 22 October      MAITLAND TO SYDNEY      (BD)**

We farewell our hosts in Maitland this morning and make our way south to Sydney for a quiet day before transferring out to the Olympic Stadium at Homebush for the performance of the largest spectacular, live show to ever grace our shores – **Ben Hur the Stadium Spectacular**. Transferring back to our hotel after the show.

**DAY 8: Saturday 23 October      (B)**

After a casual breakfast we will be transferred to Sydney airport to connect with our return flight to **Rockhampton Direct. Depart Virgin Flight: DJ1567 to Rockhampton @ 10.25am** Arriving approx 11.30am.

*Depart: Rockhampton Airport 11.50am, South Mobil 12.15pm, Gracemere 12.30pm, Northside Plaza 12.45pm, Emu Park 1.25pm, Yeppoon Rail 1.45pm*

## **Tour Inclusions**

- Luxury Touring Coach and dedicated Coach Captain
- 7 nights motel accommodation
- 7 cooked motel breakfasts
- 7 motel dinners
- 4 included lunches
- Middle Harbour Morning Tea Cruise, Sydney Harbour
- Lunch at the Mooney Mooney Workers Club
- Locally guided tour of Morpeth
- Entry to the Hunter Valley Gardens
- Lunch at "Little Gem" café, Hunter Valley Gardens
- Entry and wine tastings at the Golden Grape Winery, Pokolbin
- Tamboi Queen Cruise, Port Stephens
- Entry to Fighter World, Williamtown
- Full day guided tour of the Upper Hunter Valley
- Picnic Lunch for Day 5
- Entry & morning tea at Hillview Herb Garden, Gloucester
- Talk and demonstration at Cobark Station, Gloucester
- Lunch at Cobark Station, Gloucester
- Gold Tickets & return transfers to Ben Hur at Olympic Stadium
- Return Flights ex Rockhampton
- Coach transfers to and from Rockhampton Airport from normal pickup points.

**Tour Cost: \$2555.00 per person**  
Single Supplement add \$490.00 per person

***To guarantee your place on this tour please fill out attached booking form and return to Peter with a \$500 Deposit per person.***

***Final Balance Due by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September***

**Insurance not included but highly recommended.      Please ask for a quote!!**

**Any queries please phone Peter on 49112644**

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## Terms & Conditions

Specialty Travel reserves the right –

To vary the itinerary in anyway at anytime it deems necessary.

To amend the price subject to any changes imposed by other operators and carriers included in the itinerary. The operation and provision of services from other operators and carriers included in the itinerary is the responsibility of these operations and no responsibility is taken by Specialty Travel for the failure of such operators to provide the nominated service.

To cancel or postpone the tour due to insufficient numbers or as the result of circumstances outside the company's control that in the opinion of the company would adversely effect the operation of the tour  
The company accepts no responsibility for damage or loss of personal belongings and suggests that suitable insurance be attained for protection of the same.

The company does not accept responsibility or liability for delays, accidents, injury, irregularity or damage caused by other transport companies used for connection tours operated by this company.

### **Cancellations**

Cancellation fees may be levied in accordance with notice given. Unless specifically advised at the time of booking there will be no fee for cancellations made more than 2 months prior to travel. For cancellations between 1 and 2 months of the date of travel, cancellation fees **may** apply as per conditions imposed by other suppliers of services included in the tour. For cancellations between 30 and 14 days, a cancellation fee of up to 30% of the fare **may** apply. For cancellations less than 14 days, a cancellation fee of up to 50% of the fare **may** apply. For no shows a 100% cancellation fees **may** apply.

No cancellation fees will apply if someone else replaces you on the same tour

### **Fares & Payments**

Fares quoted are subject to alteration. However no change will be made after the final balance has been paid. A deposit of \$500 is required to confirm your booking with the balance due at least 45 days prior to departure. **(Pleased be advised your booking is not guaranteed until we receive deposit)**

### **Inclusions**

Inclusions for each tour are shown on the itinerary. As a general rule, tours include dinner, bed, breakfast and entry fees to various attractions and cruises etc. Meals included are identified by the symbols, B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

### **Exclusions**

Meals not specified, optional tours, room service, telephone calls, drinks and other items of a personal nature.

### **Accommodation**

Wherever possible, rooms are self-contained with private bathroom, colour television, tea and coffee making facilities and heating/air conditioning. Persons wanting a single room must pay a single supplement.

### **Departure Details**

Passengers are requested to ready for departure at least 15 minutes prior to departure time. Departure details and times will be advised either at the time of booking or final payment.

### **Travel Insurance**

Is not included but is strongly recommended and available if required for an additional cost



## **BOOKING FORM – DOMESTIC TRAVEL**

Post: - 2 Cypress Court  
Brightview, Q. 4311  
Phone (07) 49112644 Fax (07) 5427 9205

TOUR NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DEPARTURE DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please supply names as per Passport/Licence)

Surname (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Surname (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name/s \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Name (if different from above) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Have CHA Name Badge: Yes / No (Please circle one)

Concession Card Numbers: (if any) 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Accom: Twin/Double Bed \_\_\_\_\_ Twin Share or Single Supp: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Requirements: (If Any) \_\_\_\_\_

TRAVEL INSURANCE (strongly recommended) Yes No Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

\$500 Deposit per person required with booking. Final Balance due 45 days prior to departure.

### **PAYMENT METHOD – Cheque, Credit Card or Direct Deposit**

Cheque: (Please make payable to SPECIALTY TRAVEL)

Direct Deposit: (If using this method please phone me on 49112644 and advise when done)

Specialty Travel Trust Account: Westpac BSB 034210 ACC. 137027

Credit Card Type: (Please Circle one) Mastercard Visa Amex (Merchant fees apply)

This is to confirm that I, the Cardholder : \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name as it appears on your credit card)

Have read and accept the Terms & Conditions of Specialty Travel as stated online and/or in their brochures and authorize Specialty Travel to charge the following credit card for deposit and/or final payment:

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CCV: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return completed forms by one of following  
Make sure you phone your booking through first!!**

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