

Relax in a luxury coach and visit the Francis Greenway designed Goulburn Brewery. Enjoy typical Australian bush scenery on the way. Visit Kennerton Green at Mittagong – voted the best garden in Australia by Don Burke and the only 20th century Australian garden to be included in the Oxford Companion to Gardening. An excellent collection of deciduous trees frame rolling lawns in traditional Australian country style, with a long double avenue of cherry trees. The old gardens are a mass of white flowers in spring, with a giant umbrella of wisteria beside the pool. Lunch at the Brewery and a stroll through the Francis Greenway Exhibition before a Brewery Tour and tasting. Before our return to Sydney, there will be a tour of St Saviour's Cathedral at Goulburn with much to see of the 19th Century architecture with stained glass windows, a heritage organ, old textiles and marble, silver, gold, brass and stone.

Cost: \$95 per person, all inclusive

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet

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Ron Bottrill 0418 112 018
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LEGENDS OF BOWRAL AND BUNDANON

Sunday 26 November, 8am – 6.30pm
Depart from Parramatta Station or free car parking area.

Organised by Topp Tours supporting Parramatta Regional Branch

Departing Parramatta by coach we head for the Southern Highlands, magnificent at this time of year. Morning tea at Bowral followed by a visit to the Bradman Museum, highlighting why Sir Donald is a legend. We then travel over the Barrengarry & Cambewarra Mountains with spectacular views of the Shoalhaven, passing through majestic Kangaroo Valley en route. Following lunch we soak up the atmosphere of acclaimed artist Arthur Boyd's legacy with a visit to Bundanon. Guided tour of his home and studio, discovering new art works and his favourite painting haunts.

Cost: \$65.50 includes luxury coach, fully guided tour, morning tea, entry fees and lunch with wine.

Bookings/enquiries: Kerima-Gae Topp
9633 9562 or 0428 284 275



NATIONAL TRUST WAY Holidays, short breaks and day tours

Organised by the National Trust Tours Committee

DIARY DATES 2006

Holiday Tours

November Christmas Markets of Germany & Austria

Day Tours

November Historic Houses of Parramatta

DIARY DATES 2007

March Lord Howe Island
Vietnam

May Canada & The Rocky Mountains
Tuscany
Outback Queensland

July Outback Queensland

September Indian Pacific Coast to Coast

October New England

November New Zealand – South Island

Please see the National Trust website for more information
www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au



NATIONAL TRUST WAY – HOLIDAY TOURS

THE BEST CHRISTMAS MARKETS OF GERMANY & AUSTRIA

30 November – 17 December

European Christmas Markets embellish a tradition dating back several centuries, of towns and villages expressing joy in the heart of the festive season. Usually held in the old cobbled stoned town centre and surrounded by historic houses and churches, the locals erect rows of wooden cabins as temporary shops. Bordered by ornate Christmas decorations they often cover the roofs with branches of fir trees. Local craftsmen, townsfolk and food vendors set up shop behind these wooden stalls selling everything from mulled wine served from giant, steaming cauldrons, to rows of handcrafted wooden toys, pottery, gifts and colourful decorations. Display tables burst with sweets, candy and ginger biscuits whilst the festive punch fills the air with the aroma of sweet cinnamon. Chestnuts roast on open fires and merrymakers juggle hot potatoes in their hands. Brass bands and carol singers gather on ancient stone

steps and compete with the sizzle of bratwurst sausages and the raised voices of locals intent on laughter and happiness. Originating in Germany, Christmas markets are now popular through much of Europe and take on all shapes and sizes.

On this exclusive tour for the National Trust of NSW we have carefully planned for you to have ample time in several of the great markets such as Nurmberg, Vienna, Munich, Rothenburg and Innsbruck.

This tour is not only about Christmas markets. You will have numerous excursions to a wide variety of places of historical interest and great beauty such as the World Heritage city of Bamberg, the fairytale castle of King Ludwig 'Neuschwanstein' the Passion Play village of Oberammergau, the Austrian Lakes District and Vienna. You will also have a day in Salzburg, which is celebrating the 250th year of Mozart's birth.

The style of the hotels is an essential component of this tour. They have been specifically selected for their ambience to complement the objective of this unique tour. Their location is always superb – in a charming Tyrolean village in Austria, on the central market square in Rothenburg and in the village below Neuschwanstein Fairytale Castle. They

will add significant 'flavour' to your trip and become highlights in themselves.

The tour cost includes return flights with the award-winning airline Emirates and you have the option of stopovers in Dubai if you wish (at additional cost). The tour is escorted from Australia by National Trust Tours Committee member Carole McFadden and is inclusive of breakfast daily and most evening meals. We are keeping this a small intimate group with a maximum of 16.

Cost: \$7,990 per person twin share
\$730 single supplement

Tour leader:

Carole McFadden (02) 9498 1612

Bookings/enquiries:

Davis Smith, Travelscene on Capri,
(07) 5593 2349 or 1800 679 066.
Email: sales@tsoncapri.com.au

LORD HOWE ISLAND

7 – 24 March 2007

Lord Howe Island was first settled in 1834 and is still largely forested. A visit to this beautiful small volcanic island is a must. We will be staying at Pinetrees Lodge for seven days. Tours will be organised to explore the island. Highlights include a visit to Ned's Beach to feed the fish and snorkel, North Bay for a picnic and swim in the lagoon, the Kentia palm nursery, guided walks



Overview of Lord Howe Island.



Bow River by Lake Louise, Canada.
Image courtesy Rocky Mountaineer.

through the forest, and perhaps a tour around the island by boat, weather permitting. The famous wood hen can now be seen frequently, thanks to a very successful breeding program.

Cost: \$2,513 per person twin share
\$208 single supplement

Tour leader:

Margaret Durham (02) 9326 2963

Bookings/enquiries: Go Way Travel,
Alex (02) 9262 4755 ext 44

VIETNAM

21 March – 6 April 2007

Discover Vietnam's rich cultural heritage on this 17 day tour that visits World Heritage sites, museums, peaceful pagodas, royal tombs, temples and places of great natural beauty. We begin our journey in Hanoi, Vietnam's capital since 1010, renowned for its charming French colonial architecture, Old Quarter, tranquil lakes and museums. Then to Halong Bay, considered one of the great natural wonders of the world, where we will cruise by jagged limestone islands and stay overnight on a beautifully restored junk. Onto Hue with its French colonial mansions, and magnificent Citadel, home to Vietnam's ruling emperors from the 1800's and enjoy a cruise on the Perfume River. Then to Hoi An, a beautiful riverside town and ancient port, with historic restored merchant's houses. To Nha Trang – Vietnam's most picturesque coastal

town, and Dalat – formerly a retreat for the French and the jewel of the central highlands. Our journey will continue southwards to the Mekong Delta and Ho Chi Minh City, a busy city with pagodas, markets, and great shopping. This tour will focus on the history, environment and culture of Vietnam, at a time of year when it is pleasant to travel there. Cost includes all flights, transfers, touring by air conditioned coach, meals and beautiful first class hotels.

Cost: \$4,650 per person twin share
\$1,045 single supplement

Tour Leader:

Petra O'Neill (02) 9331 3288

Bookings/enquiries:

Rob Lovell, Alumni Travel (02) 9290 3856

CANADA & THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

3 – 20 May 2007

Canada affords the traveller incredible scenery – snow capped mountains, lush valleys, glaciers, brilliant turquoise lakes, and wildlife – elk, moose, mountain lions, grizzly and black bears may all be sighted. The most enjoyable and scenic way to explore Canada is by rail. The itinerary has been especially designed to maximise your enjoyment by allowing time to relax and explore each destination. We will visit the vibrant harbourfront city of Vancouver, Victoria



Hilltribes, Vietnam.



Montepulciano, Tuscany.

on Vancouver Island with its beautiful gardens and stunning harbour, the resort town of Whistler, and the charming villages of Banff, Jasper and Lake Louise in the heart of the Canadian Rockies and home to some of the most spectacular scenery on the continent. We will journey on the renowned via Rail Canada's 'The Canadian' train travelling in Silver and Blue Class and one of the world's most legendary train journeys, the Rocky Mountaineer to Vancouver. Stops will also be made in Los Angeles, Seattle and San Francisco as the most direct and preferred way to arrive in Canada is via the USA.

Cost: \$10,560 per person twin share
\$2,190 single supplement.

Tour Leader:
Petra O'Neill (02) 9331 3288

Bookings/enquiries: Kerry Bryant,
Goway Travel: (02) 9262 4755 Ext 43

TUSCANY

15 – 29 May 2007

Experience the heartland of Tuscany in spring with our special 'behind the scenes' tour planned by National Trust Tours Committee member Loma Priddle, who lived in Italy for 12 years.

On this tour you will only have to unpack twice. Our first hotel is in the charming Renaissance town of Pienza and our second hotel is in San Gimignano. Journey highlights include a guided tour of the scented gardens of Venzano with a talented garden designer; the gardens of 'La Foce' created by Anglo-American writer Iris Origo; dinner in a private 16th century farmhouse; the antique market in Arezzo; a cake demonstration at Villacennia; the small village of Petroio known as the 'capital of terracotta'; the fascinating town of San Gimignano with its medieval towers and beautiful Siena.

Early bookings are recommended. The relaxed pace will ensure that you have time to enjoy the local cuisine and wines and

experience the warm hospitality that Tuscany offers.

Tour leader:
Loma Priddle (02) 9412 2875

Brochures & bookings: David Smith,
Travelscene on Capri, ph 1800 689 066

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND – THE CHANNEL COUNTRY

22 May – 6 June or 9 – 24 July 2007

This fascinating Richard Quilty outback tour by coach departs Sydney and travels via White Cliffs, Tibooburra and Innamincka to Birdsville. Here we visit the great red sandhill on the edge of the Simpson Desert before travelling via Bedourie to Boulia. Then on to Winton to visit Carisbrook Station and Lark Quarry to see remains of a dinosaur stampede. At Longreach we visit the Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Museum. We then head south to Windorah, followed by Ray Station. Thagomindah is our last stop in

Queensland before travelling back to Sydney via Bourke and Narromine. A second tour has now been organised for May due to overwhelming response.

Tour leader:

Margaret Durham (02) 9326 2963

Bookings/enquiries:

Richard Quilty 0418 201 677

ADVANCE NOTICE – THE INDIAN PACIFIC: COAST TO COAST

September 2007

This is one of the world's great epic train journeys, spanning 4,352 kms. Travelling in comfortable Gold Kangaroo Class, with whistle stops in Broken Hill, Adelaide and Kalgoorlie, our journey will be relaxing and enjoyable. On arrival in Perth we will tour the Swan Valley and Fremantle before commencing our journey north by privately chartered coach up to Broome, exploring sights of interest along the way – beaches, reefs, historic towns and national parks. Full details next issue.

Tour Leader:

Petra O'Neill: (02) 9331 3288

Bookings/enquiries:

Catriona Adsett, Great Southern Railway, 1300 769 222

ADVANCE NOTICE – NEW ENGLAND IN AUTUMN

October 2007

The autumn leaves of New England are one of the geographic wonders of the world and to experience their beauty is an overwhelming experience.

Next year the Trust is planning a tour to the region which will be led by Carole McFadden who lived for several years in Massachusetts and continues to return regularly. Although the tour will have an autumn theme there will also be an emphasis on the history, art and architecture of the area concentrated around the regions of Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

Some of the wonderful sights which will be included are the amazing Newport Mansions near Providence, famous for its quaintness and The America's Cup. There will be time to visit Cape Cod, perhaps at its most beautiful in the fall, and a less busy time when people like to



Exploring the Outback.



Indian Pacific Locomotive. Image courtesy Great Southern Railways.

visit and fossick for antiques. On to Boston past the landing sight of the Puritans in 1620 where the feast of activities include a visit to two of the best Art Museums outside Washington. The Isabelle Gardiner Museum in particular, is a must as is Sturbridge Village and Salem which capture the essence of colonial America. Mid Massachusetts around Holden and Princeton herald a series of beautiful little towns with white church spires and old graveyards surrounded by wonderful colour and ancient ponds in which the reflections of the leaves look like photographs. This is where the best trails begin for following valleys and hillsides exploding in colour through New

Hampshire and Vermont. Maple syrup stalls beckon taste and try, while old towns like Bennington and Dartmouth maintain a history of pottery making and evoke a sense of colonial college life.

No visit to New England is quite complete without a visit to the coastline of Maine, where the colour meets the shore. It is here that the strong tradition of harvesting the wide range of what the New Englanders regard as the best seafood in the world, is best underlined with a hot mug of clam chowder. But whatever you are doing in New England at this time of the year you can be

assured of being astounded by the sheer beauty of nature at every turn.

Tour leader:

Carole McFadden (02) 9498 1612

Bookings/enquiries: David Smith, Travelscene on Capri, ph (07) 5593 2349 or 1800 679 066. Email: sales@tsoncapri.com.au

ADVANCE NOTICE – NEW ZEALAND: SOUTH ISLAND

Late October 2007

Belinda McKenzie of Homestead Tours has agreed to organise another of her very popular tours for the National Trust. Ten days of scenic beauty, private hospitality when the rhododendrons will be at their best. Fly to Christchurch, followed by leisurely coach travel south through the picturesque and historic Oamaru visiting private gardens and homes. In Dunedin we will visit the albatross sanctuary, the university and other places of interest. Onto Invercargill, before returning to Christchurch.

To register your interest:

call Margaret Durham (02) 9326 2963



DAY TOURS

VISIT THE HISTORIC HOUSES OF PARRAMATTA

22 November

Pick up at 9.30am Killara Station/
10am Strathfield Station.
Return 5.30pm

How many times have you promised yourself that next week you would make time to visit Old Government House? But in fact you haven't got around to it yet. If that question resonates then this tour was made for you.

Not only shall we visit Old Government House but we go to Experiment Farm and Elizabeth Farm as well. All the properties have been refurbished in recent years and form a wonderful staging post for changing

exhibitions. The delight of standing in a room where Lachlan Macquarie ate breakfast never changes nor does such a visit never fail to evoke a heightened sense of our early history. This will be greatly enchanted at Old Government House where the soft furnishing project is well on target. Come to see some of the wonderful work that has been done by a group of diligent volunteers and gain inside knowledge about the whole refurbishment project.

At Elizabeth Farm and Experiment Farm learn something of the early problems such as drought and isolation faced by settlers like Elizabeth McArthur. Pick up from Killara at 9.30am from the Pacific Hwy side of the station or alternative pick up from Strathfield Station Country Bus Zone at 10am.

Cost: \$55 – lunch and entries provided

Tour leader:

Carole McFadden (02) 9498 1612

Bookings: Ticket Application Sheet



A newly refurbished room at Old Government House, Parramatta.