



Cheerful Cherries and Cowra Highlights

5 day tour

Departing Thursday 28th November 2024

Famed for its annual **Cherry Festival**, **Young** is the place for Cherry pie, Cherry jam and Cherries with ice cream, indulge in all the festival whilst staying in beautiful **Cowra** on The Lachlan River to explore your surroundings. Cowra is peaceful by choice and beautiful by nature with an eventful past.

- ### Highlights
- Cowra
 - Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre
 - World Peace Bell
 - Chinaman's Dam
 - Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Gardens
 - Cherry Festival
 - Iandro Castle
 - Yass
- and much more!*



Tour Includes

- Luxury Coach Travel
- Hostess
- Accommodation
- Attractions
- Activities
- Meals*
*where indicated on itinerary

\$1930 P.P. Twin Share

\$1999 Solo Traveller

Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Central Coast pickups available.



Cowra Japanese Gardens

DAY 1 Home – Cowra (L,D)

Picking up from home this morning we join the coach and make our way through the Blue Mountains where we stop for morning Tea. Driving on we head to Bathurst, stopping for a picnic lunch from the coach before we turn off onto The Mid-Western Highway to Blayney for a quick look around. In 1867, gold was discovered in the Blayney area, and the surrounding towns enjoyed a lucrative boom that put them on the map. Today, many of the historic buildings that line the main streets in Blayney and beyond are classified by the National Trust. We then continue on our way to Cowra and settle into our motel for the next 4 nights.

4 nights Cowra

DAY 2 Exploring Cowra (B,L,D)

After a hearty cooked breakfast, we visit the Information Centre for a look around before our coach driver takes us on a full day exploring Cowra. We stop to visit the Cowra Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre. The principal object and purpose is the promotion of Japanese design including landscape, garden and built form design, Japanese crafts, Japanese movable cultural heritage and to support and advance the cultural relations between the people of the Cowra Shire in NSW and the people of Japan. After wandering around to build your appetite we have lunch in the lovely café on site here. This afternoon visit the Cowra - Italy friendship monument, and The World Peace Bell made from melted coins of the 106 member countries of the United Nations and after hear the story of the migrant camps here after WW2.

DAY 3 Young (B,D)

Today we start our cherry adventure in Young, Visit Poppas Fudge and Jam Factory and enjoy a tasting, as well as stocking up on Cherry pies and other products available. We stop for morning tea and a stroll at Chinaman's Dam and Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Gardens. After crossing the bridge to the garden and passing the marble lion sculptures guarding the garden entrance, make your way to the garden viewing platform

Meals Supplied:

B - Breakfast **L** - Lunch **D** - Dinner

and sit and relax overlooking the garden and the Pool of Tranquillity. The development of the gardens began in 1992 and was established to recognise the contribution of the Chinese community to the settlement of Young in the 1860s. After lunch (own expense today) explore the Cherry Festival with market stalls, buskers, entertainment and displays as well as watching the Grand Parade down the main street this afternoon complete with marching bands.

DAY 4 Central West NSW (B,L,D)

Today we venture to a small town with a large Castle, nestled in Greenthorpe is landro Castle. landro Castle and Mount Oriel homestead is a unique part of Australia's heritage. The existing homestead was built over, and incorporates, the original single-story brick building on the site. We have morning tea here and take a tour of this Castle before heading back to Young for a light lunch. This afternoon we visit a local orchard to pick cherries to take home with us, we pay the entry and then you pay for your fruit you have picked or would like to take home, see how the cherries grow and how they are harvested by the farmers here.

DAY 5 Cowra - Home (B,L)

We say goodbye to Cowra this morning as we make our way down to Yass for morning tea. Historically Yass, an important rural service centre on the Yass River, a tributary of the Murrumbidgee, was a town in the heart of one of the country's prime sheep growing areas. It was noted for its high-quality wool and merino studs. Over the past thirty years Yass has become increasingly known for its vineyards and its classy produce. By-passed in 1994 it is no longer a stop on the Hume Highway but rather a quiet town with a broad main street, several attractive parks, a collection of handsome historic buildings and a relaxed ambience. We travel on to Goulburn with a stop for lunch at Trappers Bakery before dropping you back at the Central Coast this evening.



Young



Lambing Flat Chinese Tribute Garden



landro Castle

*Please note: The content of the tour itinerary is subject to change should unforeseen circumstance occur.
 *To participate on this tour you are required to have a moderate level of fitness.

FITNESS LEVEL 2

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