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# **BALLINA & NORTHERN RIVERS**

*with Ezi Drive Coaches*



*6 Days / 5 Nights - with Mary and Brian*

**Tour Departs: Sunday 24 July - Friday 29 July 2016**



### **Tour Inclusions:**

- Pick up from your home, transport and return
- Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- 5 Nights Minimum Three Star Quality Motel Accommodation
- 5 Three Course Dinners with Choices & All Fully Cooked Breakfasts
- Lunch Days 2, 3, 5 & 6
- All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary

### **Tour Highlights:**

Billabong Koala Wildlife Park, Schaeffer House, Ballina Rotary Lookout, Ballina Manor, Summerland House Farm Tour & Morning Tea, Eltham Valley Pantry Tour & Lunch, Crystal Castle, Macadamia Castle, MV Richmond Princess Cruise & Afternoon Tea, Wombah Coffee Plantation, Lanbruks Gunyah - Carrs Peninsula Olives & more!

<b>Tour Fee including GST:</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>\$1,889.00 per person, twin share</b>
	<b>Non Members</b>	<b>\$1,909.00 per person, twin share</b>
	<b>Single Supplement</b>	<b>\$275.00</b>

**Minimum loading 20 passengers booked and paid by Thursday 19th May 2016**

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Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

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# The Itinerary

## Day 1, Sunday 24 July: Home / Port Macquarie

**Dinner**

We **pick you up from your home** this morning and begin our journey up along the **New South Wales Mid North Coast** as we make our way to **Port Macquarie**. We enjoy a stop at **Bulahdelah** where you will have time to purchase lunch (own expense) before continuing on to the **Billabong Koala Wildlife Park**. The award winning Billabong Zoo is New South Wales premier regional wildlife park renowned for its Koala Breeding Centre. Here we have time to get up close to the animals before enjoying the 3.30pm Koala presentation where we have the chance to get our photograph taken patting a Koala. We arrive into Port Macquarie late afternoon before checking into our rooms then enjoying dinner.

### Overnight Port Macquarie

## Day 2, Monday 25 July: Port Macquarie / Ballina

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning we venture further north through **Coffs Harbour** stopping for morning tea at the **Carobana Confectionery Factory** before arriving into **Grafton** we stop for lunch at the **Grafton District Services Club**. After lunch we stop in at **Schaeffer House** which is the headquarters of the Clarence River Historical Society. The homestead was built by the son of a pioneer German family, Mr F W C Schaeffer, between 1901 and 1903. The Society was formed in 1931 and is the oldest country historical society in NSW. We browse through displays of beautiful china, glassware & furniture presented to the Society over the years. Upon arrival into **Ballina** this afternoon we make our way to the **Ballina Rotary Lookout**. This lookout was established by the rotary club of Ballina to enable visitors to enjoy the 360 degree panoramic views of the coastline, township and hinterland. Binoculars allow viewing of points of scenic and historic interest. We check into our accommodation and freshen up before dinner tonight.

### Overnight Ballina

## Day 3, Tuesday 26 July: Byron Bay & Surrounds

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

After breakfast this morning we make our way to **Ballina Manor** for our guided tour. Our tour guide provides a wonderful insight into the life and transformations of Ballina Manor, its history and background. After our tour we make our way through to **Alstonville** where we stop in at the **Summerland House Farm** where we enjoy morning tea before having some free time to wonder the property. Summerland House Farm is a beautiful, working Macadamia and Avocado farm set in the hills of the Alstonville Plateau. Later today we travel up to **Eltham** where we stop at **Eltham Valley Pantry**, a farm that grows pecans and coffee. The pecan nuts and coffee are grown organically, and are harvested and packed right here on the farm. We enjoy quality farmhouse cooking and following our lunch we are taken on a Guided tour of the pecan farming operation. On tour we can view the operation of the pecan processing line and sampling of freshly shelled pecans as well as view different stages in coffee growing, processing and roasting. Later this afternoon we travel back through to Ballina, making a stop at **Thursday Plantation**, the home of tea tree oil where visitors are encourage to discover the magic of natural therapies, view a video, browse the gallery and sample and purchase products. We arrive back at our accommodation with time to relax before dinner at the motel.

### Overnight Ballina

#### **Day 4, Wednesday 27 July: Knockrow / Ballina**

#### **Breakfast, A/Tea & Dinner**

We depart after breakfast and make our way up through to **Knockrow** where we stop in at the **Macadamia Castle** where you might like to try local coffee, or macadamias. We travel up through the quaint village of **Bangalow**, this morning where we have the opportunity to explore some different little antique & gift shops. We travel further north to **Mullumbimby** where we discover the **Crystal Castle**, set in the beautiful hinterland. Walk the ancient labyrinth, discover the gardens and rainforest and wander the famous Buddha Walk. Marvell at the exquisite locally designed jewellery and amazing crystals from all over the globe. You will also have the opportunity to purchase lunch at the Café (own expense) with breathtaking views of the hinterland. This afternoon we travel back down to Ballina to board our cruise on Ballina's magnificent **Richmond River** to view Ballina by the water. The cruise includes an informative & entertaining historical commentary viewing our bird life, mangroves, canefields and canal estate. Sit back relax and enjoy **afternoon tea** as we **cruise** along. Dinner will be served tonight in the motels restaurant.

#### **Overnight Ballina**

#### **Day 5, Thursday 28 July: Port Macquarie**

#### **Breakfast, M/Tea, Lunch & Dinner**

This morning after an early breakfast we bid our hosts farewell as we begin our trek south travelling towards **Wombah**. We stop here at the **Wombah Coffee Plantation** which was the first to produce coffee on the North Coast since the beginning of the coffee growing in the 1880's. We enjoy a tour of the Factory followed by morning tea before travelling further South to the **Carrs Peninsula near Grafton**. We stop in at **Lanbruk's Gunyah - Carrs Peninsula Olives**, for a light lunch and tour of their Olive Plantation and Stud farm as well as their collection of early 1900's farming equipment and horse drawn implements from the bygone era. We then continue our drive back down to **Port Macquarie** arriving late afternoon to check into our rooms before dinner.

#### **Overnight Port Macquarie**

#### **Day 6, Friday 29 July: Port Macquarie / Home**

#### **Breakfast & Lunch**

This morning we **depart Port Macquarie** and continue our journey home enjoying stops for morning tea & lunch before arriving back home late afternoon to say goodbye at your doorstep after a delightful few days up on the central north coast of New South Wales with Mary & Brian.