

BAGPIPES & BONNIE DAYS

Travel Dates: 2-6 July 2026

-  Aberdeen and Surrounds
-  2100.00 per person twin share 
-  2424.00 sole occupancy 
-  5-day tour

Tour Highlights

		
Lindner Sock Factory	Aberdeen Highland Games	Hunter Valley Gardens - Sunken Garden

Day 1, Thursday 2 July

Home to Bathurst

Welcome to our 5-day tour to the **Aberdeen Highland Games**. Today we leave the coast and travel via Canberra to Gunning for our lunch stop at the **Telegraph Hotel**. This afternoon we stop in **Crookwell** at the **Lindner Sock Factory**. A family owned and operated business, their fourth-generation sock-maker produces a variety of sock styles on site, in both wool and cotton. Our day concludes as we arrive at the lavish Rydgest Mount Panorama Bathurst Hotel that overlooks the famous Bathurst racetrack.

Meals: Lunch at Telegraph, Dinner in the hotel

Day 2, Friday 3 July

Bathurst to Muswellbrook

Leaving Bathurst after breakfast we travel through the historic town of **Sofala** before arriving in **Mudgee** for a morning tea stop at **Honey Haven**. A little further up the road is the small town of **Gulgong**, home to famous Australian Poet **Henry Lawson**. Where we can learn all about him at the Henry Lawson Centre. This centre is a living memorial to one of Australia's greatest storytellers and houses a fine collection of items from all parts of Australia. Lunch is at the nearby **Prince of Wales Hotel**, then we head to **Merriwa** and take a look at the **Merriwa Art Silos**. The mural depicts a flock of sheep wearing red socks in a canola field, why the red socks? The artist pays homage to the town's beloved annual Festival of the Fleeces. Finally, we arrive in Muswellbrook and check into our hotel for our 2-night stay.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner in the motel, Lunch Prince of Wales Hotel

Day 3, Saturday 4 July

The Aberdeen Highland Games

Today we enjoy the festivities at **The Aberdeen Highland Games**. If you have any tartan, today is the right day to wear it! The first Games stemmed from the observance of National Tartan Day. Two Muswellbrook identities, John Flood and Charles Cooke, in conjunction with some of the local business houses began by wearing kilts to work on Tartan Day and by dressing up shop windows. The closure of the meatworks after over a century of operation were a tremendous blow to the town, and the Highland Games represents an opportunity to brighten both the town and lift the local community. The Aberdeen Highland Games have gone from strength to strength since the inaugural games in 2000. Now incorporating a street parade the Games have become one of the pre-eminent celebrations of Scottish heritage in NSW. The Games begin with a parade of bands, clan representatives and others that leads into the Massed Band Salute and Chieftain's Address that officially opens the day. Throughout the day there will be Highland and Country Dancing, Pipe Band displays, Strong Man events with the Tartan Warriors to enjoy as well as tug-of-war, egg tosses, three-legged races, and the famed Kilted Dash to participate in. A multitude of stores and stands will surround the area selling all manner of Scottish heirlooms and souvenirs, clothing and garb, and food and drink to complete our day.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner in motel, Lunch own arrangements and expense

Day 4, Sunday 5 July

Muswellbrook to Kiama

This morning, we discover the sensational sights, colours and fragrances of the stunning **Hunter Valley Gardens**. Explore over 25 hectares of spectacular flowers, trees and shrubs. Take in the views from the lookout, rest above the waterfall in the Sunken Garden or step back in time with your favourite characters in the Storybook Garden. Lunch today is on the Central Coast at the Ourimbah Lisarow RSL Club, then in the afternoon we cross the **Hawkesbury River** and pass through the **Kuringai Chase National Parks** we head to Kiama for our final nights stay on the tour.

Meals: Breakfast and dinner in motel, Lunch at Ourimbah Lisarow RSL Club

Day 5, Monday 6 July

Albury to Home

This morning, we depart Kiama and take a tour of **Willinga Park**, just outside **Bawley Point**. This world-class equestrian centre and conference venue is set on more than 800 hectares of the NSW South Coast. It has been used as a film set and for photoshoots and the facility includes luxury stables, commercial cattle stud facilities and extensive facilities for the agistment and training of horses. Following our tour, we have lunch, then re-board the coach and head for home, arriving back late afternoon

Meals: Breakfast in hotel, lunch at Willinga Park

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

Please contact us to make a booking. A deposit of \$300.00 is required within 7 days of booking with final payment due on or before 18 May 2026

Cost includes: 4 nights' accommodation, 4 dinners, 4 breakfasts, 4 lunches, entrance fees, tours and attractions as per itinerary and luxury coach travel.

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