

Travel Dates: 7 June - 13 June 2026



North Coast NSW



6595.00 per person twin share

6865.00 sole occupancy





7-day tour

Tour Highlights







Byron Bay



Kempsey

Day 1, Sunday 7 June

Home to Sydney

Welcome to our North Coast Nostalgia tour as we make our way to the airport for our flight to Sydney. On arrival in Sydney, we are transferred to our accommodation for tonight. We settle in for a good night's rest as tomorrow we are embarking on our vintage rail adventure of the New South Wales North Coast.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2, Monday 8 June

All aboard: Sydney Central to McLeay Valley

Our North Coast adventure starts at Sydney Central Station, aboard the Aurora Australis. Stepping onboard you may either choose to relax in the lounge carriage or settle into your cabin while we travel north out of Sydney. Lunch will be served onboard

the train today as we travel north headed for Kundabung. Enjoy an afternoon of onboard trivia and musicians you take in the spectacular views of the Hawkesbury River, alongside Mullet Creek and through the 'Venice of Australia' to Brisbane Water.

We skirt around Newcastle and on to Maitland in the Hunter Valley, where we turn right to join the meandering North Coast Line.

At Gloucester, the North Coast Line starts to follow the Gloucester River, continuing the enjoyment of travelling beside the water.

Relax and meet your fellow train travellers over dinner onboard as we stable overnight at Kundabung.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 3, Tuesday 9 June

Port Macquarie

Enjoy breakfast onboard the Aurora Australis before boarding coaches to explore Port Macquarie. We'll take a scenic lunch cruise of the tranquil waters of Port Macquarie, with the possibility of seeing dolphins, turtles, osprey and sea eagles. Enjoy the peaceful rural landscapes and abundant wildlife on the Hastings River. Enjoy lunch onboard your cruise, before travelling via coach to Kempsey Station and rejoining the train. This afternoon you'll experience more beautiful scenery, travelling inland before turning towards the coast again travelling along the water, past Sawtell and through Coffs Harbour. This evening the train stables at Nammoona.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4, Wednesday 10 June

Byron Bay

Enjoy breakfast onboard the Aurora Australis before choosing one of two off-train experiences for the day.

Option 1 – Byron Bay Lighthouse

From Nammoona, we travel via coach into Byron Bay and visit the Byron Bay Lighthouse. Built at the turn of the 19th century to protect ships passing along the coast, Cape Byron Lighthouse stands resolute on the most easterly point of the Australian mainland. Operated by resident keepers until 1989, its now automated light is clearly visible from Byron Bay township.

Option 2 – Zentvelds Coffee Plantation

Alternatively visit Zentvelds Coffee Farm & Roastery, nestled in the heart of the Ballina-Byron Hinterland. Zentveld's Coffee offers more than just a daily cup; they offer a unique 'crop to cup' experience. The coffee beans are cultivated, processed, roasted, packed, served, and supplied right here in the beautiful Northern Rivers on their family farm.

Following your morning touring, we enjoy lunch at the North Byron Hotel. We step away from the centre of town & into a shimmering oasis away from the crowds. Like a tucked away treasure, the North Byron Hotel is a thriving mecca of good food, great music, laughter and the "Byron Bay chill seeker" vibe. Our coaches then take us to The Farm, before returning us to our waiting train in Casino. us to our waiting train in Casino. Tonight enjoy another delicious dinner onboard, as we begin our return journey south, and stable for the evening in Kundabung.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5, Thursday 11 June

Kempsey

Enjoy breakfast onboard the train before boarding coaches to enjoy a scenic drive to the Trial Bay Goal. The gaol opened in 1886 after 13 years of construction. It must have been a strange feeling building a prison in such a beautiful setting. Today, this picturesque historic ruin stands as a testament to those who lived and died here, with a museum and memorial for visitors to get a better idea of life in those days.

It's then onto the Slim Dusty Centre in Kempsey. An innovative museum dedicated to Australia's Cultural Icons, Slim Dusty and Joy McKean. The museum honours the positive impact on rural and regional Australia by these two stalwarts of the Australian country music scene. You will also enjoy lunch at the Slim Dusty Centre. Coaches will return you to our train where we will continue south along the North Coast Railway line to The Rail Motor Society, Paterson where we will be stabling for the night. The rolling hills of this prime dairy country are really shown to best effect as sunset approaches. Dinner will be served onboard the train this evening as we arrive and stable in Paterson.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6, Friday 12 June

Maitland - Sydney

Enjoy your last breakfast onboard the Aurora Australis at The Rail Motor Society, Paterson. Today we will discover Maitland where you'll spend time at the 1870 built Grossmann House, restored by the National Trust in the 1960's and the Maitland Regional Art Gallery. At Maitland you'll board the train for the last time and enjoy lunch onboard. As you travel back past Brisbane Water and the Hawkesbury River, enjoy one more dinner onboard before concluding your rail journey at Central Station, Sydney. We make our way to our accommodation for tonight.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7, Saturday 13 June

Sydney to Home

This morning, we are transferred to the airport to meet our flight home.

Meals: Breakfast

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 non-refundable deposit \$1500.00 is required within 7 days of booking with final payment due on or before 9 April 2026

Cost includes: Airport transfers, flights, Vintage Rail Journey - all-inclusive dining, Australian wines, beers,

base spirits, and non-alcoholic beverages, 6 nights' accommodation (4 on train), meals as per itinerary, entrance fees, tours and attractions as per itinerary and luxury coach travel.

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