Are you attending the

2014 pre Convention YEO meeting?

Why not take the opportunity to join our 6 day - 5 night tour to see some of the many highlights Australia has to offer? This tour ends just before the YEO Meeting and the start of the 105th Rotary International Convention





Starts May 23rd - Finishes May 28th

Price \$1,200 twin share \$1,600 single room See itinerary for full details



For further information and to make a booking contact;

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Tour Highlights and Daily Itinerary

Whether it's exploring the Blue Mountains, walking in prehistoric caves, this holiday has it all. Terra Australis's all-inclusive package tour is filled with fun, adventure and magnificent scenery.

DAY 1 May 23rd Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort, Blue Mountains Meals D



Visit **Featherdale Wildlife Park**, cuddle a Koala, feed the kangaroos, see over 300 species of Australian wildlife.

Travel to the **Blue Mountains**, visit **Aitken's Australia in The Round Panorama & Blue Mountain's Heritage Centre.**

DAY 2 May 24th Waldorf Leura Gardens Resort, Blue Mountains Meals B & D

Ride the **Scenic Railway**, the world's steepest passenger railway, see the **Three Sisters** at Echo Point.

Explore the **Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens** 252 hectares and over 1,000m above sea level.



Meals B&D



DAY 3 May 25th

Sovereign Inn, Cowra

Visit **Jenolan Caves** the world's oldest caves. Explore **Hartley Village** one of the first rural settlements in Australia.

Take a lap on Mount Panorama, racing track for the famous Bathurst 1000.

Stay at Cowra and tour 5 hectares at the Japanese Gardens.

DAY 4 May 26th Belconnen Premier Inn, Canberra

Stay at Canberra, visit the National Capital Exibition Centre, the War Memorial, Parliament House, tour the Embassies and Consulates.

See Canberra from High up at Telstra Tower.



DAY 5 May 27th

Tuscany Wine Estate Resort, Polkolbin

Meals B & D



Today we begin our travel to the Hunter Valley, famous for wineries and home of many horse stud farms.

Explore **Bungendore** and the **wood factory specialising in Australian made wood art, sculpture and craft**, visit **Moss Vale**, stay at the Hunter Valley.

DAY 6 May 28th

Return to Sydney

Meals B

Explore **Polkolbin** and the quaint shops, sample **Hunter Valley** wines at the cellar door.

Return to **Sydney** late afternoon, city sights tour including **Opera House** and **Harbour Bridge**



PRICE: INCLUSIONS: CONDITIONS: REGISTRATION: CONTACT:

\$1,200 pp twin share \$1,600 single room
2 share hotel/motel accommodation, all entry fees, and most meals
Minimum group size 35 - maximum 50
Close 1st March 2014 - Early booking encouraged - don't miss out.
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Meals B & D

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23rd to 28th May 2014

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Conditions minimum group size 35 maximum 50

* Note you will need to arrive on 22nd May into Sydney as the tour commences 10am on 23rd May. Accommodation will be reserved for all delegates at the Travelodge Sydney. The cost of the hotel on 22nd May is NOT included in the tour cost.

Registrations close 1st March 2014. Email our office and we will send you a customised Registration Form

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DAY 1

23rd May

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This morning you are collected from your hotel at 10am. Our first stop for the day is to visit *Featherdale Wildlife Park.* Here you can see over 300 species of Australia's wildlife. There are free encounters with Koala's and Kangaroos.

If you wish you can cuddle the Koala's and have your photo taken. Wander the 7 acres of wildlife park and perhaps feed the kangaroos. You will also get the



chance to encounter some more unexpected highlights such as Bettongs, Fairy Penguins, Jabirus, Bustards, a 4.5 metre Saltwater Crocodile and 30 species of endangered or vulnerable animals.

After lunch we travel to the **Blue Mountains**, so called because of the noticeable blue hue over the tree filled valleys, caused by vaporising eucalyptus oil. The Blue Mountains scenery is unique and the area consists of over a million hectares of dramatic sandstone gorges, plateaus and escarpments dominated by eucalypt forest. We stop at *Aitken's Australia in The Round Panorama* at Glenbrook. This wonderful tourist attraction features a 6.5m high painting of various Australian scenes, flora and fauna.

We arrive at Katoomba mid afternoon and visit the **Blue Mountains Heritage Centre**, watch the interactive displays, wander around the art gallery and learn about this magnificent National Park.

We transfer to our hotel, where you can unpack and then perhaps explore the town of Katoomba. Return to the hotel early evening and enjoy a 2 course meal.



DAY 2



Today we take a ride on the **Scenic Railway**, the world's steepest passenger railway. Glass roofed carriages offer expansive views of the rainforest and spectacular Jamison Valley. The railway descends 310 metres through a cliff side tunnel emerging in the ancient rainforest. Wander the 2.4km Jurassic rainforest before heading back up to the top on the railway.

At the top you have free time to explore, perhaps take the skyway ride across the valley where the floor turns transparent and it feels like you are floating above the valley. There are cafes here to purchase lunch.

We now head to Echo Point, Katoomba and see the *Three Sisters* up close. These landmarks are over 3000 feet above sea level and are viewed by millions of visitors each year. Aboriginal dreamtime legend is a witchdoctor in their tribe, to protect them from three brothers from another tribe, turned the three sisters to stone.





Our tour now stops at the **Blue Mountains Botanical Gardens**; the 252-hectare garden is 1000m above sea level and is home to over 5,000 different species, with outstanding views of the northern Blue Mountains. Wander the magnificent gardens and enjoy the Lady Fairfax walk, see the ancient forest and perhaps spot greater gliders, possums or powerful owls.

We transfer to our hotel late afternoon, located in the heart of Leura with quaint shops and stunning scenery.

This morning we explore the Jenolan Caves, the world's oldest caves and Australia's most outstanding selection of caves. We visit the Diamond Cave, which follows an ancient river passage and is mostly level. The delicate passages are lined with pure white crystal formations and the tour ends at the Gem of the West - an astonishing crystal formation of helictites, stalactites, stalagmites, shawls and wave crystal.



After viewing the caves we head up the Jenolan Road and visit the historic Hartley Village. This village is one of the first rural settlements in Australia. You can visit historic buildings including the courthouse built in 1837, and the many well preserved buildings in the village. Enjoy lunch at one of the local cafes before we continue West.

We stop briefly at Bathurst and take a lap on *Mount Panorama*, used as a racing track for the



famous Bathurst 1000.

We arrive early afternoon into Cowra where we visit the local Japanese Gardens. Here you can feed the Kio carp and tour the stunning 5 hectares of Japanese gardens, which are designed to embody the entire landscape of Japan, each bend will take you on a voyage of discovery.

Finally it is time to head to our hotel for the evening, unpack, relax and perhaps stroll the main streets of Cowra. Prior to European settlement, the Wiradjuri People inhabited the area around Cowra. In the local language "Coura" is believed to mean rocks, appropriate for a town with rocky granite surrounds. There are many preserved buildings open to the public including the Old Stone Flour Mill (1860) and the Australian Hotel (1846).

DAY	4
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Travel to the Nation's Capital *Canberra* and discover the home of the Australian Story. The city's national museums and attractions hold and share the treasures of our nation.

Our first stop is a visit to the **National Capital Exhibition Centre,** through exciting interactive displays, the Exhibition illustrates Canberra's vital role as a symbol of federation. It features the people, events, history and design, which contributed to the development of this unique, modern, fully planned capital city. Find out how Canberra was selected to be the Capital and what other places were considered. Discover the history behind the winning entry for the design of the federal capital of Australia.

We visit the War Memorial for a self-guided tour. The War Memorial combines a shrine, a world-



class museum, and an extensive archive. It hosts a large collection of pictures and documentation about the War. Be amazed at the warplanes hanging from the ceilings and the collection of weaponry. Great displays and exhibits, with enough memorabilia to take you into the battlefield to experience the highs and lows, which our Aussie diggers had during past wars.

On now to see **Parliament House** the home of Australia's Parliament and the meeting place of a nation, Parliament House is located on a 32-hectare site on Capital Hill and is the focal point of Canberra. In order to preserve the shape of the hill, on which it is built, it was constructed into the top of the hill with the roof being grassed over.



Finally we tour the *Embassies & Consulates* on the Embassy Circuit, from the award winning architectural design of the Chinese Embassy to the unusual peaked roof of the Papua New Guinea Embassy.

This evening we take a visit to **Telstra Tower** and see this magnificent city from above. In the night lights you can clearly see the planning of Walter Burley Griffin and the central positioning of Parliament Square

27th May

Today we begin our travel to the Hunter Valley, famous for wineries and home of many horse stud farms.



On the way we visit **Bungendore Wood Factory**, which specialises in exhibiting and promoting Australian made wood art, sculpture and craft. The Gallery presents work by over 200 of Australia's leading designers, makers and artists in most mediums including wood, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, jewellery, printmaking, photography and textiles.

We enjoy a brief stop at Moss Vale and Bowral home of the – **Don Bradman Museum** now known as The International Cricket Hall of Fame. There are antique shops to explore or perhaps relax and enjoy a coffee at one of the many shops on the main street.

We continue North, passing through the outskirts of Sydney and arrive late afternoon at the *Hunter Valley*. Time to relax and enjoy drinks and dinner at our hotel.



DAY 6 28th May

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This morning we wander the quaint shops of **Pokolbin**, perhaps visit the Chocolate Shop or the Smelly Cheese Shop before heading to some wineries for tasting. We enjoy a selection of wines at wineries that have beautiful views across the Hunter Valley. Early afternoon we head down to Sydney arriving mid afternoon.

Our sight seeing tour of **Sydney** starts at the **Opera House**, which is home to 1000 rooms, 300 corridors, and inspired theatres where more than 1600 performances come to life each year. The Sydney Opera House was opened on 20 October 1973 by Queen Elizabeth II and inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2007.

Located across Circular Quay is the **Sydney Harbour Bridge** a renowned international symbol of Australia, it is one of Australia's most well known and photographed landmarks. Construction of the bridge started in 1924 and took 1,400 men eight years to build. The Sydney Harbour Bridge was formally opened on Saturday 19th March 1932 and is one of the world's largest steel arch bridges.

Our journey is at an end, time to farewell your Tour Director, we hope you enjoy your remaining time in Australia and come and visit us again soon!

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