

TRAVEL TALKS – 25 Jan 2018

Newsletter for Tuggeranong 55 Plus Club Inc. – **Be Active Feel Great**

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Welcome to the first issue of 'Travel Talks'! As the newsletter has an overflow of information these days, Travel opportunities being organized by the Club are now going to have an update of their own.

We have been advertising over the past few newsletters the 4 night / 3 day Bus Trip to the Sapphire Coast from Monday 30 April to Thursday 3 May. We have now received the confirmed itinerary which is detailed below.

The Travel Committee is also working on a timetable for the year so if you have any suggestions for a possible excursion (local or afar) please either speak to one of the office ladies or send an email –tugg55plusclub@gmail.com Your input would be very welcome!

We are keen to revive the successful Travel Group that formed part of the activities when the Club began. There are still plenty of places available for the Sapphire Coast and with all costs included, the cost is competitive.

SAPPHIRE COAST EXPLORER ITINERARY

Day 1. (M/T L D)



We leave today at 8am and travel down to Bateman`s Bay via Braidwood where we will have a lovely morning tea in the park. At Bateman`s Bay we join the cruise boat "M.V.Merinda" for a leisurely cruise up the Clyde River to Nelligen.

On the way, enjoy a fish and chips lunch before a short spell and the return trip to Bateman`s Bay.



This afternoon we continue on to Tilba Tilba where we have a short break and a chance to look through some of the art and craft shops.



Finally rejoin the bus for the final leg to Merimbula for our stay for the next three nights.

Day 2. (B M/T L D)



This morning we head north to Bega where we stop in at the Bega Cheese factory. We enjoy a visit to the Heritage Centre before having a lovely morning tea.

Rejoin the coach and head over to Tathra where we get a chance to wander out onto the historic pier and visit the Tathra Wharf Museum. Lunch today will be at the newly renovated and historic Tathra Hotel with views out to sea.



Continue north to Bermagui. We have a drive around the town and visit the Blue Pools. This afternoon we visit the historic Montreal Goldfields, one of the only goldfields that is actually on the beach. Finish the afternoon by taking a leisurely drive south again to Merimbula, where there is a bit of free time before dinner.

Day 3. (B M/T L D)



Today is spent in and around the fishing port of Eden, located on picturesque Twofold Bay. Start out with a two hour cruise onboard the M.V. Catbalou on Twofold Bay and learn about the early whaling days and the more recent fishing industry. Morning tea is served on board. Lunch today is at the new smorgasbord at the Fisherman`s Club.



This afternoon we start with a visit to the Whaling Museum to learn about Tom the Killer whale that used to help the early whalers with their catches. We finish today with a guided driving town tour of Eden.

Day 4. (B L)



Our final day on the Sapphire Coast. This morning we have a little free time in the town centre before heading down to the aquarium. Morning Tea is at your own expense today. At the aquarium we have a short tour and time to look around the exhibits. With a bit of luck we might even see some fish feeding. Today we enjoy an early lunch at the aquarium restaurant overlooking the sea.



After lunch we start our journey home via Brown Mountain and detouring briefly to Bombala where we will visit historic Burnima Homestead. This homestead was designed by the same architect that designed the current Government House. Bombala was originally going to be the site of the National capital so this may very well have been Government House. At the completion of the tour we head back to Canberra arriving about 6pm.

Cost is approx. \$680.00 ppts (S/S \$ 60) and includes luxury coach travel, accommodation, entry fees and all meals as shown. (Based on 35 passengers. If final number are between 35 and 30, the price will increase to \$695.)