

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S & EXPERIMENT FARM

Monday 1st May 2017



This morning we board the coach and travel locally to Prospect and be greeted by our guide at St Bartholomew's Church where we will enjoy morning tea on arrival followed by a historic guided tour. St Bartholomew's Church was the first church to open in Prospect in 1841, as a result of early explorer William Lawson's push for it to be built.

The Church operated until 1967 when, after an attack of vandalism, it was closed. In 1989 fire gutted the Church, destroying the 1850s organ and the 1908 furniture. It was restored in 2000 and in 2001 Blacktown City Council purchased it from the Anglican Property Trust.

The Church is of Colonial Georgian design, being a rectangular brick structure with a nave, chancel and two vestries. The main entrance is through the bell tower at the front, which has a square base with an octagonal belfry. Lunch today will be at the Parramatta Leagues Club at passengers own expense. Our afternoon takes us to Experiment Farm Cottage, which stands on the site of the first land grant in Australia, made in 1789 by Governor Phillip to the former convict James Ruse. With stories and displays explain how Ruse 'sow'd the first seed' and had by 1791 successfully farmed the 30 acre site as an experiment in self-sufficiency, proving that a new settler could feed and shelter his family with relatively little government assistance to get started.

Surgeon John Harris (surgeon, explorer, farmer, magistrate and merchant) purchased the land from Ruse in 1793 for £40. The Indian-style bungalow is thought to have been built by c1835. It is one of Australia's oldest standing properties, and features in an 1837 sketch and subsequent watercolour by Conrad Martens. The charming house is furnished to reflect the home of Harris, with simple but elegant pieces from the National Trust's collection of early colonial furniture.

Experiment Farm Cottage was the first house purchased by the National Trust (NSW) in 1961. In 2000 the Parramatta City Council acquired and demolished suburban dwellings that encroached onto the cottage, restoring long lost vistas. The National Trust landscaped and planted the immediate grounds, using evidence from early paintings, plant catalogues and photographs to recreate, as far as possible, an authentic setting for the cottage. We enjoy a guided tour which will provide an intimate experience, and the permanent display in the cellar tells the story of the site in all phases of its occupation; indigenous, colonial, and the present day.

\$52.00 per person Payment due by: 1.4.2017

Includes: Coach Travel, Morning Tea & Guided Tours.

Coach departs: Lawson Station 7.55am / Hazelbrook 8.00am / Springwood 8.15am / Panthers (Penrith) 8.45am.

MUSEUM OF SYDNEY & THE MINT

Thursday 20th April 2017



This morning we travel into the city where our first stop is our morning tea break before making our way to the Sydney Museum for a guided tour. The modern museum built over and around the remains of Australia's first Government House, the Museum of Sydney celebrates the people and events that have shaped the character and soul of this city. In 1788 Governor Phillip chose this site for his official residence. It quickly became the centre of the colony's administrative and social life, and an important focus of first contact between the Gadigal people and the colonisers. The next eight governors also lived here, and as banquets and balls, the business of government and family home merged, the public and private lives of the colony's leading citizens played out. Today, through a diverse and changing program of exhibitions and events, the Museum of Sydney explores the stories of this city from its origins to today, while the remains of the original building can be glimpsed through glass openings in the museum forecourt and foyer. Lunch today is included at the Paddington RSL club, a travel club favourite.

Our afternoon takes us to the Sydney Mint where we will also enjoy a guided tour. In this award-winning redevelopment of Sydney CBD's oldest public building and historic coining factory, past and present truly co-exist. Facing Macquarie Street, the elegant colonnaded building once formed the southern wing of Governor Macquarie's notorious Rum Hospital and later part of the first overseas branch of London's Royal Mint. The coining factory behind, shipped in pieces from England during the height of the gold rushes, contained the most cutting-edge technology in the colony. Integrating new and heritage buildings, historic structures and archaeological elements. The Mint is also home to the Caroline Simpson Library, which holds the only public research collection in Australia dedicated to the history of the home and garden.

\$83.00 per person Payment due now

Includes: Coach Travel, Morning Tea, Guided Tours & Lunch.

Coach departs: Lawson Station 7.25am / Hazelbrook 7.30am / Springwood 7.45am / Panthers (Penrith) 8.15am.

CURRENT EVENT STATUS

(FB) = FULLY BOOKED (C) = CANCELLED

KINKY BOOTS

WEDNESDAY 10TH MAY 2017 (FB)

KINKY BOOTS

WEDNESDAY 24TH MAY 2017 (FB)

THE BODYGUARD - SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE

SATURDAY 3RD JUNE 2017 (C)

BALMORAL BEACH, CHOWDER BAY & HIGH TEA

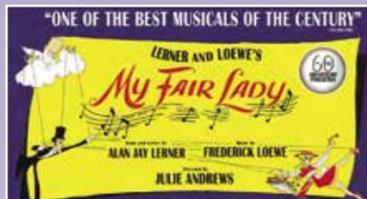
WEDNESDAY 7TH JUNE 2017 (FB)

VIVID FESTIVAL CRUISE

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE 2017 (FB)

CHRISTMAS IN JULY AT THE WATERVIEW RESTAURANT

WEDNESDAY 5TH JULY 2017 (FB)



TWO FABULOUS DATES:

Tuesday 29th August 2017

Wednesday 6th September 2017

Celebrating the beloved original, Lerner and Loewe's My Fair Lady showing at the Capitol Theatre in 2017, under the direction of Julie Andrews.

The Cinderella story about the Cockney flower girl Eliza Doolittle and the appealingly arrogant phoneticist, Professor Higgins, is an endearing tale that charms audiences with its warmth and vivid characters.

The clash of cultures sparks some of the theatre's most jubilant songs and witty dialogue. The triumphant score features unforgettable numbers including Wouldn't It Be Lovely?, On The Street Where You Live, I Could Have Danced All Night and Get Me to the Church on Time.

In 1956, Alan Jay Lerner and Frederick Loewe's masterful retelling of George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion took the world by storm. Playing the irresistible Eliza Doolittle was a young Julie Andrews, in only her second role on Broadway, a role that would catapult her into international stardom.

In a world first, Julie Andrews directs a glorious production of My Fair Lady, teaming up with the Tony Award-winning Christopher Gattelli and associates of the musical's original Cecil Beaton and Oliver Smith.

This is a theatre event not to be missed!

\$106.90 per person Payment Required Upon Booking

Includes: Coach Travel & Ticket. Stalls Seating, Capitol Theatre.

Coach departs: Lawson Station 8.40am / Hazelbrook 8.45am / Springwood 9.00am / Panthers (Penrith) 9.30am.



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

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PO BOX 8198 WERRINGTON
COUNTY NSW 2747

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Payments of Cash and Card can still be made at our Trolley Shoppe at 76 Main Street, Katoomba. Thank you for helping me throughout my new transition.

Johanna

Thursday 13th July 2017
At the State Theatre

This winter you will be flying high as Bonnie Lythgoe Productions, Australia's biggest family musical panto producer stages one of the most magical musical pantos of them all "The Adventures of Peter Pan and Tinker Bell". A spectacular, magical and laughter filled production for everyone!

This magical story will feature top Australian performers such as TODD MCKENNEY, TIM MADDREN, JAIME HADWEN and many more. There will be sumptuous glittering sets, spectacular effects, gorgeous fairytale costumes, fantastic song and dance numbers, infectious and riotous comedy magic and bags of audience participation. Fun and laughter is guaranteed for all ages!

\$104.75 per person Payment due upon booking

Includes: Coach Travel & Ticket Seating in Mezzanine at the State Theatre.

Coach departs: Lawson Station 8.10am / Hazelbrook 8.15am / Springwood 8.30am / Panthers (Penrith) 9.00am.

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NEWS
APRIL 2017



at the Powerhouse Museum
Friday 21st July 2017



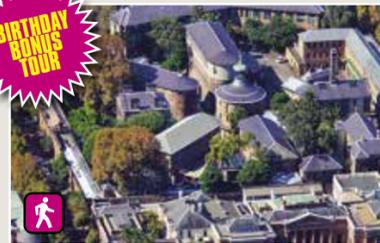
This morning we travel to the Powerhouse Museum at Ultimo where we will have time to wander the Powerhouse Museums exhibition plus enjoy the Sherlock Holmes exhibition that is on display. For the first time in Australia, be transported back to Sherlock Holmes' Victorian London and crack the case by conducting your own experiments in this interactive exhibition. Before taking on the challenge, enter Sherlock's world and explore the study of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, doctor-turned-author and the man behind the legend. See original manuscripts and first editions, visit one of the world's most accurate recreations of 221B Baker Street, the home of Sherlock Holmes and his trusty sidekick Watson. Plus immerse yourself in the most comprehensive display of Sherlock pop culture items since his creation 127 years ago, including costumes, props and behind the scenes equipment from the hit CBS television show Elementary and the BBC's Sherlock, as well as Warner Bros.' recent Sherlock Holmes movies. So whether you're a Sherlockian fanatic, a mini sleuth, have a keen interest in science and history or just a fan of pop culture, an ear to the ground and an eye for observation are elementary when The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes opens at the Powerhouse Museum.

Hurry along! The game's afoot!

\$55.00 Concession / \$63.50 Adult	Payment due upon booking
Includes: Coach Travel & Entry Ticket. Lunch today is at the Powerhouse Museum at passengers own expense.	
Coach departs: Lawson Station 8.10am / Hazelbrook 8.15am / Springwood 8.30am / Panthers (Penrith) 9.00am.	

STEP BACK IN CRIME

Wednesday 12th July 2017



Today we will step back in crime and travel to Sydney for a day of fascinating history. Our first stop is at Old Darlinghurst Gaol. The old Darlinghurst gaol is one of Australia's oldest and best preserved examples of colonial sandstone architecture, which over the last two centuries has transformed from a place of abject misery to one of Australia's premier arts institutes. According to legend, the building is haunted by the restless ghosts of some of the 76 people who were executed at the gaol's gallows. The guided tour will shed light on the fascinating history of the site and exposing the dark, hidden corners which aren't usually open for public access. Lunch today will be at passengers own expense at Circular Quay. Our afternoon takes us to the Justice & Police Museum where we will enjoy a guided crime tour. Step into the dark side of Sydney's past at the Police station and courts that once made up one of the city's busiest legal hubs. Crooks and cops, thugs and judges, locals and drifters, the guilty and the innocent have all left their stories here.



The Justice and Police Museum was originally the Water Police Court (1856), Water Police Station (1858) and the Police Court (1885). The elegant sandstone complex was once one of the busiest legal and policing precincts in NSW, with thousands of Sydneysiders passed through its doors right up until 1985. With its 1890s holding cells, offices, charge room and courts, the Museum draws you into a world of crime, punishment and policing, from bushrangers, sly grog and razor gangs to forensics. A fascinating tour of Sydney's history not to be missed!

\$66.50 per person	Payment due by: 12.6.2017
Includes: Coach Travel & Guided Tours	
Coach departs: Lawson Station 7.55am / Hazelbrook 8.00am / Springwood 8.15am / Panthers (Penrith) 8.45am.	

ABC Studio Tour

Tuesday 20th June 2017



We board the coach and travel to the Central Park Sydney Broadway Centre where you will have time to have an early lunch (passengers own expense) followed by our visit to the ABC Studios at Ultimo. Go behind the scenes today at the Australian Broadcasting Corporation where you will enjoy a guided tour of the studio. Your tour is likely to include a visit to one of the two digital television production studios, an on air radio studio, a news studio and a control room. You may even have the opportunity to rub shoulders with some of the country's most respected journalists, television and radio personalities.

\$49.00 Adult / \$48.00 Seniors / \$47.00 Pensioner Concession	Payment due by: 20.5.2017
Includes: Coach Travel & Guided ABC Tour.	
Coach departs: Lawson Station 8.10am / Hazelbrook 8.15am / Springwood 8.30am / Panthers (Penrith) 9.00am.	

SHOPPING SPREE!

Thursday 22nd June 2017



This morning we travel to our first stop Fashion Spree at Liverpool. Fashion Spree is Sydney's newest outlet shopping centre. There is over 50 outlet stores, with big names such as Country Road, Bonds, Bed Bath N Table, Jacqui E, Sandler, Oron and many many more. After our visit here we visit Ikea at Marsden Park where you can walk a bit more and shop up a storm! Lunch today can be purchased at either Fashion Spree or Ikea at passengers own expense.

Get your walking shoes on and book today!

\$39.00 per person	Payment due by: 22.5.2017
Includes: Coach Travel.	
Coach departs: Lawson Station 8.40am / Hazelbrook 8.45am / Springwood 9.00am / Panthers (Penrith) 9.30am.	

IT'S SOME KIND OF WONDERFUL!

Beautiful

The Carole King Musical

Sydney Lyric Theatre
2 Fabulous dates:

Wednesday 25th October 2017 & Wednesday 4th October 2017

Long before she was Carole King, chart-topping music legend, she was an ordinary girl with extraordinary talent. Her music would become the soundtrack to a generation.

She fought her way into the record industry as a teenager and sold her first hit, Will You Love Me Tomorrow, when she was just seventeen. By the time she was twenty, she was writing number ones for the biggest acts in rock 'n' roll, including The Drifters, The Shirelles, Aretha Franklin and The Monkees.

But it wasn't until her personal life began to crack that she finally managed to find her own voice and step into the spotlight.

BEAUTIFUL is the inspiring true story of King's journey from school girl to superstar; from her relationship with husband and song-writing partner Gerry Goffin, their close friendship and playful rivalry with fellow song-writing duo Barry Mann and Cynthia Weil, to her remarkable rise to stardom.

Along the way, she became one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history, with countless classics such as (You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman, I Feel The Earth Move, Take Good Care of My Baby, You've Got a Friend, So Far Away, One Fine Day, It's Too Late, Tapestry and Locomotion.

\$107.00 per person	Payment required upon booking
Includes: Coach Travel & Stalls Seating Ticket.	
Coach departs: Lawson Station 8.40am / Hazelbrook 8.45am / Springwood 9.00am / Panthers (Penrith) 9.30am.	

Wings over Illawarra

Saturday 6th May 2017



The Wings Over Illawarra 2017 is to be held on Saturday 6th May 2017, so make sure you put the date in your diaries and be sure to join us for an

aviation extravaganza - The best annual airshow in NSW, situated right on Sydney's doorstep!

2017 will feature one of the best aerial displays Australia has to offer - so get your tickets today!

See jaw-dropping aerobatics, relive the past with the spectacular display of classic warbirds and amazing vintage aircraft of yesteryear. Be inspired by the Australian Defence Force as they present the best our country has to offer. Loud, fast jets and formation flying will delight and provide you with an unforgettable experience as they perform breathtaking manoeuvres above the beautiful Illawarra.

You will immerse yourself in history as you wander through rare displays of vintage and classic aircraft including the fully-restored 1955 Super Constellation



Wednesday 12th April 2017
Seniors Day!

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is Australia's largest annual event, attracting close to 900,000 people each year. It is a celebration of Australian culture, from our rural traditions to our modern day lifestyles, providing unique experiences for everyone.

Each year the country and city join together to enjoy agricultural competitions, animal experiences, entertainment, carnival fun, shopping and much more.

The Show was first held in 1823 and is run by the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW (RAS), a not-for-profit organisation that promotes and rewards agricultural excellence. Revenue generated through the Show allows the RAS to invest in agricultural programs, competitions, education, youth and rural NSW. Each year the RAS invests nearly \$7 million in activities designed to promote agricultural excellence and keep our rural communities strong. Get your friends & family together and book your seats today!

\$35.00 Seniors / \$55.20 Adult	Payment Required Upon Booking
\$38.00 Children	
Includes: Coach Travel & Entry Ticket.	
Coach departs: Lawson Station 8.25am / Hazelbrook 8.30am / Springwood 8.45am / Panthers (Penrith) 9.15am.	

and the history making Qantas 747 VH-OJA.

You won't want to miss heart stopping aerial antics, flying displays, fantastic static displays, classic cars and motorbikes, souvenirs and simulators - there is no better way to spend an unforgettable day with family and friends!

You can take with you a picnic lunch or purchase lunch at your own expense at the venue as there will be plenty of food stalls available.

\$82.50 Pension Card Holder	Payment due upon booking
\$88.50 Adult	
Includes: Coach Travel & Entry Ticket to the Wings over Illawarra.	
Coach departs: Lawson Station 7.10am / Hazelbrook 7.15am / Springwood 7.30am / Panthers (Penrith) 8.00am.	

THE BODYGUARD

SYDNEY LYRIC THEATRE



Paulini will play the leading role of Rachel Marron in the Australian Premiere of the international award-winning hit musical THE BODYGUARD at the Sydney Lyric.

Based on the Warner Bros. film written by the acclaimed, Academy Award-nominated screenwriter Lawrence Kasdan (Raiders of the Lost Ark, The Big Chill, The Empire Strikes Back), with a book by Academy Award-winner Alexander Dinelaris (Birdman), this extraordinary production is currently dazzling audiences in London's West-End, Germany and Utrecht. THE BODYGUARD has just completed a sell-out tour throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe and later this year productions will open in Korea, Italy and the US.

Former Secret Service agent turned bodyguard, Frank Farmer, is hired to protect superstar Rachel Marron from an unknown stalker. Each expects to be in charge - what they don't expect is to fall in love.

A 'BRILLIANT!' (The Times), breathtakingly romantic thriller, THE BODYGUARD features a whole host of Whitney Houston's greatest hits including Queen of the Night, So Emotional, One Moment in Time, Saving All My Love, Run to You, I Have Nothing, Greatest Love Of All, Million Dollar Bill, I Wanna Dance With Somebody and one of the greatest hit songs of all time - I Will Always Love You.

A show not to be missed!

The Bodyguard - Sydney Lyric Theatre

2 Shows **Tuesday 30th May 2017**
and **Wednesday 28th June 2017**

\$106.90 per person

Coach departs: 8.40am Lawson Station / 8.45am Hazelbrook Shops / 9.00am Springwood / 9.30am Panthers (Penrith)

Cost Includes: Coach Travel & Show Ticket
Payment Required Upon Booking

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