

NSW MID-NORTH COAST

CROWDY BAY, HARRINGTON, MANNING POINT, DIAMOND HEAD, CAMDEN HAVEN, KENDALL ... AND MORE

Monday 10 to Friday 14 February 2025

Join us for a five-day / four-night tour by rail to the NSW mid North Coast, then by road coach through the scenic coastal villages and hinterland – exploring small villages, dramatic landscapes, coastal rivers, national parks and local food & wine. From scenic rail journeys to tasting local food and produce, walking on coastal paths and beaches - a relaxing exploration with your SJR friends. We enjoy a luxury 'glamping' experience in luxurious ensuite tented accommodation on the beach. Relaxing morning starts and late afternoon relaxing near the beach and pool. Join us as we head to the mid North Coast of regional NSW - we're sure you've not been to many of the places we will visit on this bespoke tour.



Outline of the tour

Join us **Monday 10 February 2025 (L/D)** aboard the NSW TrainLink Grafton XPT service with first class reserved seats departing Sydney's Central Station at 11.42am – you can also join at Strathfield at 11.56am or Hornsby at 12.18pm. We'll serve a light luncheon aboard as we head north across the Hawkesbury River and towards Maitland. Enjoy an afternoon refreshment as the beautiful scenery around Dungog and Gloucester passes. On arrival at Taree we transfer to our coach for the short journey to nearby Crowdy Bay for our four night's accommodation. Enjoy dinner together and then an evening stroll along the beach, before retiring for the evening. **Tuesday 11 February 2025 (B/D)** after breakfast we head south to explore Harrington, Manning Point, Mitchells Island and Oxley Island. Walk along the breakwall, visit Pilots Hill and Pilot Lookout, commemorating those who staffed the Pilot Station, was as early as 1860 on the headland to the north, and was manned for nearly a century. Beside the river foreshore are a series of carved bollards depicting the historically significant people who have been uniquely important to the development of Harrington today. We enjoy a casual luncheon, and return to Crowdy Bay in the mid afternoon. Dinner at our resort tonight. On **Wednesday 12 February 2025 (B/L/D)** we head north through Crowdy Bay National Park to Diamond Head. Enjoy a short stroll along the Crowdy Gap walking track - "Passing through rare coastal rainforest of turpentine and scentless rosewood, you might glimpse a regent bowerbird or a swift parrot. Remember to keep looking up in the branches of nearby gums, as you might just be lucky enough to see a koala. There are sweeping views along the coast, with Diamond Head to the north." Then to Camden Haven, Camden Head and Dunbogan. Enjoy great coastal and river scenery. We return late afternoon to Crowdy Bay for dinner at our resort.



On **Thursday 13 February 2025 (B/L/D)** we head inland for a short discovery of Cooperook, Lansdowne and Kundle Kundle – small villages in the hinterland - as well as travelling north through Johns River and Kendall. We will view the rail line as it snakes and curves its way north, making the rail journey from Maitland to Taree more than twice as long as the road journey. We visit the Kendall Craft Co-operative – located in the repurposed Kendall Railway Station. Enjoy a simple luncheon, stroll in the village, and then we return in the mid afternoon to the resort for a relaxing early evening refreshment and our final dinner together. Weather permitting, we plan to enjoy an ‘alfresco’ meal in the early evening light. On **Friday 14 February (B/L)** an early transfer to Taree railway station to board the NSW TrainLink Grafton to Sydney XPT service - enjoy morning tea and a freshly prepared light luncheon by Takako, served at your seat, and relax as we travel south through Gloucester and Dungog, through the lower north coast scenery, towards Maitland. Then to Broadmeadow and to Gosford, before skirting the edge of Brisbane Waters and crossing the Hawkesbury River, and to Sydney. You can alight at Hornsby at 3.05pm, Strathfield at 3.32pm or Sydney, where we are due at 3.46pm.



ACCOMMODATION

Our accommodation for four nights is in luxury eco-suites - built and elegantly styled to fully immerse you in the natural panorama of Crowdy Bay. The only thing you need to bring is yourself! All the Eco-Suites are self-contained with luxury linen, mattresses, locally sourced soaps, shampoos and conditioners for an authentic luxe glamping experience.



The resort features a common area to meet together for drinks or a meal, as well as being minutes from the beach, and with its own swimming pool to refresh and relax.



NSW MID NORTH COAST - FARES AND BOOKING FORM – 10 to 14 FEBRUARY 2025

FARES (incl. GST) include all rail and coach travel; refreshments aboard the train journeys; four night's accommodation and all meals as indicated. The tour is limited to approximately 26 people. Send to SJR, PO Box N400, GROSVENOR PLACE, 1220 or scan and email to sjr@digitor.com.au. Payment by EFT preferred. Make cheques payable to Scenic Journeys by Rail.)

\$3,250 pp	Double / twin share
\$550	Supplement for sole use accommodation
\$60	Supplement for full fare adult rail travel

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Address: Suburb: Postcode:

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Indicate the number of: Double rooms Twin rooms Single rooms

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Please make cheques payable to St James Rail or you can pay by EFT.

Bank: Westpac
 Account name: Scenic Journeys by Rail
 BSB: 033 364
 Account: 612826
 Reference: Coast (and your surname)

Call to make payment by credit card – a merchant fee of 1% applies for MasterCard and Visa, and 1.8% for American Express. Cancellation charges apply as follows: before 1 January 2025 – 50% cancellation; from 1 January 2025 – no refund. Please ask about a travel insurance policy if required. Full terms and conditions for all SJR (St James Rail) tours are available on request.

For more information or credit card payments telephone: 0418 585 838 or email: sjr@digitor.com.au

I enclose / have transferred / will pay by credit card \$ for the tour. An email confirming payment and with further details will be sent on receipt of booking.

SPECIAL REQUESTS - please indicate any passenger dietary or any other sort of special request (specifically if you do not eat a particular food group) – advise details below:

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YOUR SIGNATURE - I have read the reservation conditions above and accept them on behalf of myself and my party by whom I am authorised to make this agreement. I understand cancellation fees apply. I have enclosed my payment as above.

Signature of person making reservation: Date: