



Immerse yourself in the “food basket of NSW” as it comes alive to showcase the finest fresh produce and cool climate wines. We travel to Orange over F.O.O.D Week, Australia’s longest regional food festival. Celebrate the regions diverse and high-quality food and wine.

### Day 1 (LD): HOME TO ORANGE

Greeted with a smile as you board the **Port Bus** touring coach to **Orange**, in the central west. Orange is a historic town with the buildings and streetscape reflecting the rich heritage dating back to the 1880s. This morning, we load the coach and complete our pickup service ready for departure. We follow the coast south before heading into the Blue Mountains. World Heritage listed **Blue Mountains**, a spectacular part of Australia's heritage, covering some 218,000 hectares of rugged beauty, a variety of terrain and a diversity of microclimates and ecological wealth. Stopping in Ourimbah for lunch at the **Ourimbah RSL Club**. Our journey this afternoon takes us into the mountains. On arrival we head to Leura for our overnight accommodation.

Lunch at Ourimbah RSL Club and dinner in motel  
**Leura Gardens Resort | 1 night**

Monday 31 March 2025



### Day 2 (BLD) LITHGOW TO ORANGE



Following breakfast we make our way to **Bathurst**; on arrival we meet a local specialist for a town tour. Next is a visit to **Abercrombie House**. Built in the 1870s, the home contains some 40 rooms, and the beautiful gardens are listed as part of the National Estate. With its mixture of Gothic and Scottish baronial styles Abercrombie House has been acknowledged as one of the finest historical mansions in Australia. We enjoy a **tour** then

**lunch**. We now make our way through to Orange, where glorious rolling hills combine with lush orchards, acclaimed vineyards and gourmet produce. We are met by a **local guide** who will introduce us to the town including Cook Park and the **Botanic Gardens**. The gardens feature an impressive native and exotic plant collection on a 17-hectare site. Road conditions permitting we also travel up to the top of **Mount Canobolas** for panoramic views. At 1395m above sea level, Mount Canobolas is an extinct volcano encircled by a nature reserve rich in native fauna and is the highest point between the Blue Mountains and the Indian Ocean.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Abercrombie House  
**Mercure Orange | 3 nights**

Tuesday 01 April 2025

### Day 3 (BLD) ORANGE F.O.O.D FESTIVAL

Wednesday 02 April 2025

We have arranged a visit to wonderful **Fourjay Farm** which grows **Hazelnuts**. We will be given a talk on the farm and the hazelnut. Their unsaturated oils help lower harmful cholesterol levels as the raw kernels are high in antioxidants, particularly vitamin E. While here we will enjoy a delicious morning tea using some of the



produce. Continuing with our food theme we visit **Hillside Harvest**. This 75-acre property proudly yields many varieties of fruit and is passionate about food, on arrival we enjoy a walk through the orchard followed by a lovely lunch served using delicious fresh produce. Following our delicious lunch, there will be time for a quick stop into **Trunkey Bacon and Pork** a local producer of bacon, kransky and chorizo. With time left in our day why not consider returning to

one of the enticing Orange F.O.O.D festival producers to indulge in some goodies.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Lunch at Hillside Harvest

### Day 4 (BLD): MILLTHORPE & CANOWINDRA

Thursday 03 April 2025

Today we explore the local region to the south of here. Travelling through the historic township of Spring Hill with its circa 1874 Methodist Church, Temperance Hall (circa 1883) and the Whistle Stop Tavern built in 1911. At **Millthorpe** we stop for a visit and lunch at the **Millthorpe Museum**. Millthorpe was known as Spring Grove until 1884 and still retains all its charm of yesteryear. The museum has a fascinating history of pioneering days, gold discovery and mining displays and a huge collection of farm machinery. The



Good Templars Hall houses many treasures – Victorian and Edwardian pieces as well as a pistol and fossicking pick belonging to John Lister. Following **lunch** here we continue through to **Canowindra**. Situated on the Lachlan River, the town's curving main street has a few interesting old buildings dating back to the 1800s. We'll visit the **Age of Fishes Museum**, home to some very rare and important fish fossils which palaeontologists date to 360 million years ago. This afternoon we have some free time back in Orange.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Lunch at Millthorpe Museum

### Day 5 (BLD): ORANGE TO COONABARABRAN

Friday 04 April 2025

This morning, we head out to the town of **Manildra** where we visit the rare, purpose-built art deco **Amusu Theatre**. The theatre was opened in 1936 by Allan Tom and has been operated by the same family since. Firstly, Allan screened silent movies then with the advent of "talkies", the Amusu Touring Talkies was born. We'll enjoy a couple of 'golden oldie' short movies here and a trip down memory lane in what has been described as, a "living icon of the importance of film and cinema" during NSW's cultural history. We then drive through to the historic village of Molong to visit and enjoy morning tea at the **Molong Yarn Market**. It is here we can view the



famous tapestry created by the people of Molong and district, as their contribution to the bicentenary. Travelling through to Gulgong we stop for a slightly later lunch at the **Gulgong RSL Club**. Sitback and relax as we now travel to Coonabarabran.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Lunch at Gulgong RSL Club

Mu S Boutique Motel | 1 night

## Day 6 (B): COONABARABRAN TO HOME

Saturday 05 April 2025

We bid farewell to our hosts this morning and make our way north through to **Walcha** for our morning break. A significant primary producing area, Walcha is also known as a producer of high-quality native hardwoods. We make our way home with stops along the way arriving with many wonderful memories of our 6-day holiday travelling with friends.

Breakfast in hotel | Lunch own arrangements and cost

**\$2,386 pp twin share | Single Sup + \$671 pp**  
**\$300 deposit pp**

### Tour Inclusions

- 5 night's hotel accommodation
- 5 cooked breakfasts
- 5 dinners
- 5 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club
- Locally guided tour of Bathurst
- Tour and lunch at Abercrombie House, Bathurst
- Locally guided tour of Orange
- Talk and morning tea at Fourjay Farms
- Guided walk/talk and lunch at Hillside Harvest
- Visit to Trunkey Bacon & Pork, Orange
- Entry and lunch at Millthorpe Museum
- Entry to Age of Fishes Museum, Canowindra
- Entry to Amusu Theatre, Manildra
- Visit and morning tea at The Yarn Market, Molong
- Lunch at Gulgong RSL Club



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