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Downunder Airshow and Bathurst 1000

7 to 22 October 2026







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Like the classic road trip movie, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles", our tour, which also includes visits to many military museums and the Temora Warbirds Downunder, promises to be just as memorable! Start in Sydney and take a train to Newcastle to explore Fighter World, before wandering the National Motorcycle Museum in Nabiac. Travel west to Singleton to visit the Australian Infantry Museum, drive over the mountains to Lithgow to tour the Small Arms Factory Museum and wander the National Motor Racing Museum and Mount Panorama in Bathurst. Attend the famous race, Bathurst 1000, as an optional activity, and continue to Parkes to tour their Motor Museum, onward to Forbes to McFeeters Car Museum and Grenfell for the Chrysler Museum. Explore the Heritage Rail Depot in Cowra, sample fine food, wine and whisky in Griffith, tour the Heritage Rail Depot in Wagga before dropping into the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory and wandering Junee's Roundhouse Railway Museum. At the heart of this incredible trip is the Warbirds Downunder Airshow where the skies come alive with thrilling aerobatics and vintage aircraft displays, showcasing the rich aviation heritage of Australia. Spend two days at the airshow including a visit to the Temora Aviation Museum. Finish by seeing the vintage transport section of the National Museum of Australia in Canberra, The Australian War Memorial in Canberra, Fleet Arm Museum in Nowra, the NRMA Motorlife Museum and the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society in Wollongong, the NSW Rail Museum in Thirlmere and the Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering in Sydney.

# **DAY 1** Wednesday 7 October 2026 **Sydney**

Arrive in Sydney and enjoy a welcome dinner with your tour leader and group. Sydney, spectacularly draped around its glorious harbor and beaches, has visual wow factor like few other cities. This evening, we'll catch the Light Rail to Central Station to enjoy dinner at a restaurant in the Eveleigh Railyards. Overnight: The Vibe Hotel, Sydney (D)

### **DAY 2** Thursday 8 October 2026 Newcastle

This morning, we travel by train via the Hawkesbury River to Newcastle. On arrival, enjoy free time at lunch in the historical city centre before visiting Fighter World, which is dedicated to preserving the proud history of fighter aircraft operations in the Royal Australian Air Force. Exhibited in two hangars, you'll walkaround, touch and look into the cockpits of such famous aircraft as the Mirage III, the Avon Sabre, the Gloster Meteor, the first Vampire jet built in Australia and the mighty F-111. There is also a Hawker Hunter, a WWII Spitfire replica and a Messerschmitt replica. Overnight: Rydges Newcastle, Newcastle (B)



### DAY 3 Friday 9 October 2026 Newcastle – Raymond Terrace — Nabiac

Today, we'll visit the National Motorcycle Museum in Nabiac – Australia's largest collection of vintage, veteran, and classic motorcycles with around 800 motorcycles on display. Among the favourite machines on display are a Kenilworth scooter (1919), a twin cylinder water-cooled 2 stroke Scott, and a Vincent Black Knight. Return to Newcastle to tour Fort Scratchley which was built in 1882 to defend Newcastle against a



possible Russian attack. During your guided tour you'll visit the Parade and Ceremony Grounds, see their galleries and museum collections and learn about their historic artillery. Overnight: Rydges Newcastle, Newcastle (B)

#### DAY 4 Saturday 10 October 2026 Singleton – Lithgow

After breakfast, you'll drive to Singleton to visit the Australian Infantry Museum to see their collection ranging from the pre-federation state colonial armies and their first deployments overseas, through to today's 21st century diggers. Travel via Bilpin, where you'll stop for lunch and see their orchards and blossom trees and arrive in Lithgow to tour the Small Arms Factory Museum. See a comprehensive display of machine guns, rifles and handguns, plus Australian designed and produced experimental, prototype and pre-production weapons. Overnight: Lithgow Workies Club Motel, Lithgow (B,L)

### **DAY 5** Sunday 11 October 2026 Bathurst – Lithgow

Depart after breakfast and arrive in Bathurst in the mid morning where you can spend most of the day at the famous Bathurst 1000 race. Tickets are \$130 per person, and are guaranteed if purchased in advance. Please contact our office for more information. For those not attending the race, can enjoy free time, relax or explore Bathurst with various interesting activities on offer. The Repco Bathurst, known as 'The Great Race', is Australia's most iconic car race. First held in 1963, it has become the pinnacle of motorsport that all drivers dream of winning with the 1,000km endurance race drawing in the hundreds of thousands each year. Return to Lithgow after the race. Overnight: Lithgow Workies Club Motel, Lithgow (B)

#### DAY 6 Monday 12 October 2026 Bathurst – Orange

This morning, you'll tour the National Motor Racing Museum of Australia to see over 100 racing cars, including several Bathurst winning cars and motor bikes that have made their mark on racing in Australia. Tour the famous Mt Panorama circuit, wander Bathurst to see the Railway Museum and explore the 19th century granite and sandstone Abercrombie House to marvel at the outstanding example of Victorian Tudor style architecture before enjoying afternoon tea in their grand ballroom. Travel onto Orange, stay at the elegant property, Duntry League to enjoy a stylish dinner. Overnight: Duntry League, Orange (B,D)



## **DAY 7** Tuesday 13 October 2026 **Parkes – Forbes – Grenfell – Cowra**

Travel to Parkes to tour The Henry Parkes
Centre and the Parkes Motor Museum. Here,
you'll see dozens of antique cars on display,
their Antique Machinery Collection, a Silver
City Comet carriage and a collection of Elvis'
personal artefacts owned by the Yellow Wiggle,
Greg Page. Visit an original WWII hangar and the
radio telescope which was made famous in the
film "The Dish", continue to Forbes to see a vast
collection of meticulously restored motor cars
at McFeeters Car Museum, pause at Grenfell to
wander the Chrysler Museum and see vehicles
ranging from 1930 to 1981, and arrive in Cowra.

Overnight: Club Cowra Motel, Cowra (B)

#### DAY 8 Wednesday 14 October 2026 Griffith

This morning, you'll visit the Japanese Memorial Garden which was opened to mark reconciliation between Cowra and Japan after Japanese POWs



were interred in the town. Wander the Cowra Heritage Rail Depot to see an extraordinary collection of historic engines, carriages and wagons and pause at the heritage-listed 1940s Bethungra Rail Spiral, one of Australia's most significant rail engineering feats. Travel onto Griffith in the heart of the Riverina. With a strong Italian heritage, the Griffith region is responsible for 75% of NSW's wine production, making it a must-see area for wine and food lovers. Overnight: Gem Hotel, Griffith (B)

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:** 



### DAY 9 Thursday 15 October 2026

After breakfast, you'll enjoy a food, wine and whisky tour of Griffith to enjoy a showcase of mouth-watering local produce. First visit Morella Grove Farm and meet their owner, Frank DalBon to discover award-winning extra virgin olive oil and artisanal gourmet products, stop at Southern Cotton Gin to learn about the local cotton industry and travel to the Whitton Malt House for a paddock-to-plate tapas lunch and boutique whisky tasting. Later, try some wine at Yarran Wines, experience the Griffith Spring Fest and see incredible Citrus Sculptures and vibrant gardens and enjoy yet more vino, plus dinner at Calabria Family Wines, one of Australia's top 20 wine producers. Overnight: Gem Hotel, Griffith (B,L,D)

#### DAY 10 Friday 16 October 2026 Coolamon - Wagga Wagga - Junee

This morning, you'll visit Coolamon and enjoy a tour with an artisan cheese maker and have lunch. Arrive in Wagga Wagga and tour the RAAF Aviation Heritage Centre, which showcases the aviation history of the Royal Australian Air Force through its static displays of aircraft, memorabilia and photographs from WWII and the activities at their RAAF Base. Later, wander the delectable Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory, tour Junee's Roundhouse Railway Museum and enjoy late afternoon tea at the old Junee Station Railway Refreshment Rooms. Overnight: Junee Motor Inn, Junee (B,L)

#### DAY 11 Saturday 17 October 2026 Warbirds Downunder Airshow - Junee

After breakfast, we'll travel the short distance to Temora and spend the full day at the 2026 Warbirds Downunder – the largest airshow in the Southern Hemisphere. This event will showcase some of the best Warbird Aircraft Australia has ever seen including Lockheed Hudson. Two Spitfires, DH-82A Tiger Moths, English Electric Canberra, Ryan STM, Ryan PT22, Harvards, Kittyhawks and Mustangs. During the day you will visit the Temora Aviation Museum, home to one of the largest collections of vintage exmilitary aircraft in the country. Overnight: Junee Motor Inn, Junee (B)

#### DAY 12 Sunday 18 October 2026 Warbirds Downunder Airshow - Canberra

Today will be filled with a curated program of historical warbird flights. The program will offer an array of aircraft from trainers to jets and will include the on-site RAAF 100 Sqn collection of working warbirds housed at Temora Aviation Museum, and some more unique former and current military aircraft. See flypasts of a variety of rare and iconic warbirds and operational historic flying machines. You'll have time between the many flying demonstrations to explore the grounds and enjoy some free time. In the midafternoon, travel to the nation's capital, Canberra. Overnight: Hotel Kurrajong, Canberra (B)



### DAY 13 Monday 19 October 2026

Today, we'll visit the National Museum of Australia to wander their transport section and see the Daimler Landaulette that transported Queen Elizabeth around Australia during her first Royal tour in 1954, a 1925 Citroën tourer which was the first car to travel around Australia and the Sundowner Bean car, driven from London to Melbourne by Francis Birtles in 1928. After lunch, we'll visit The Australian War Memorial to explore its extensive collection of military vehicles and aircraft and learn about Australia's involvement in major conflicts which help to tell Australia's continuing story of service, sacrifice and military history. Overnight: Hotel Kurrajong, Canberra (B)

#### DAY 14 Tuesday 20 October 2026 Nowra - Wollongong

This morning, you'll visit the Fleet Arm Museum in Nowra. A repository of naval aircraft, the museum aims to tell the story of naval aviation in Australia through displays of aircraft, technology, models, clothing and personal memorabilia. Travel to Wollongong and visit HARS – the Historical Aircraft Restoration Society to see its vast collection of aircraft including an Australian Sabre, two Vampires, a Mirage III, an F-111C, Boeing 707s, Boeing 747-400s, and the last remaining flying Lockheed L-1049 Super Constellation in the world. Overnight: Coniston Hotel, Wollongong (B)



#### DAY 15 Wednesday 21 October 2026 Thirlmere - Sydney

Today, you will tour the NRMA Motorlife Museum in Dapto, which showcases veteran and vintage cars and offers a unique insight into not only Australia's motoring history but life in general from the early 1900s to the 1990s. Travel to Thirlmere and visit the NSW Rail Museum to see Australia's largest collection of heritage rolling stock including the stunning Governor General's Carriage and the Rail Pay Bus. Enjoy a ride on a vintage heritage steam locomotive from historic Thirlmere Station to Buxton and back to Thirlmere, before travelling onto Sydney by coach. Overnight: The Vibe Hotel, Sydney (B)

#### DAY 16 Thursday 22 October 2026 Sydney

This morning, we'll tour the Australian Army Museum of Military Engineering to learn about the contribution of The Royal Australian Engineers to our nation's military history and involvement in virtually every conflict and peace mission. Hear stories from engineers and see armoured vehicles, equipment and artefacts that were used for gap and river crossings, construction tasks, land clearing and landmine destruction. Tour the Australian Army Military Police Museum, enjoy a farewell lunch together and finish the tour at Central Station Sydney at 2pm. (B,L)



#### **Tour Inclusions:**

- 15 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges included
- 15 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Entry and guided tour to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary
- Private coach and train travel
- Tour management by Travelrite

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- Domestic flights flights
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary.
- Entry ticket to Bathurst 1000 (Travelrite will assist with organising tickets)

#### GENERAL INFORMATION AND BOOKING CONDITIONS

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