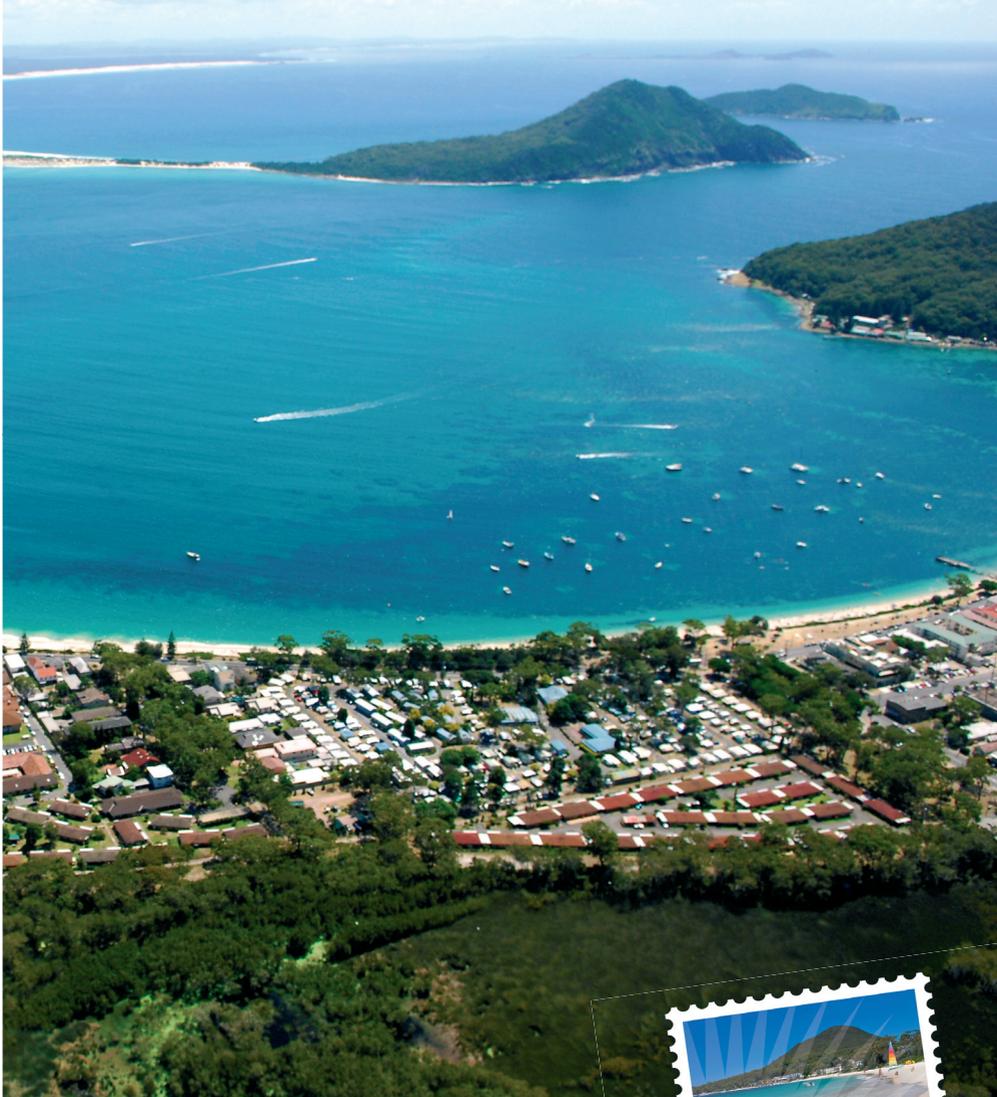


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TEN GREAT REASONS TO INCLUDE Port Stephens ON YOUR ITINERARY

- 1 **The drive is easy:** only a 3 hour coach trip, mainly scenic freeway with very little traffic holdups.
- 2 **Multiple departure times** for dolphin watching and sand dune tours and most activities. This means that customers still get the experience in the event of unforeseen holdups or problems. Itineraries can easily be adjusted if necessary.
- 3 **Ample coach parking** throughout the area and at all major tour departure points and attractions.
- 4 **Close** to Sydney, transport connections and other desirable locations. The road, rail and air links with Hunter Valley, Blue Mountains, Pacific Coast and other major capital cities mean that many popular destinations are within easy reach.
- 5 **More local meal options.** From onboard packaged meals with Moonshadow to winery BBQ's, ample restaurants and clubs all able to cater for groups and FIT's. Choose from budget to luxury and special diets (vegetarian, Halal, Celiac etc) are not a problem.
- 7 **More activities** in one compact area. This allows the ability to "value add" or customise an itinerary as well as the opportunity to "up sell" with optional activities.
- 8 **Airport** in Port Stephens with direct multiple connections to major capital cities. This means no need for a return trip to Sydney. (see attached itinerary as an example)
- 9 **Great weather** – being north (the sunny side) of Sydney, the winters are mild. Being south of Queensland, the summers are milder.
- 9 Port Stephens offers many **accommodation options** to suit FIT, group, budget or luxury travellers.
- 10 Port Stephens has **multiple tour operators** (dolphin and whale watching and sand dune adventures) which increases reliability and choice.

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Sydney Surrounds Loop Itinerary Sydney – Blue Mountains – Hunter Valley – Port Stephens

The following itinerary is suitable for both self drive or coach. It captures the "taste of Sydney Surrounds" by combining the city experience, the renowned Blue Mountains, the extensive wine growing Hunter Valley Region and the many activities and wonderful nature of Australia's famous Blue Water Paradise, Port Stephens.

DAY 1

Arrive in Sydney, check in. Remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Sydney.

DAY 2

Sydney to Blue Mountains

Approximately 100 kms - 2 hours travel time

Pick up rental car or coach and travel via M4 Motorway to the foot of the Blue Mountains and on to Katoomba. Experience top attractions including Scenic World and the Edge Cinema. Take in one of the most photographed icons in Australia - the Three Sisters Echo Point.

Free time or other attractions.

Overnight Blue Mountains.

DAY 3

Blue Mountains to Hunter Valley

Approximately 230 km - 3.5 hours travel time

This trip is extremely picturesque and offers a taste of rural Australia whilst being with easy distance of major centres.

Travel north via Lithgow and onto the Bylong Valley Way (Highway 88). Discover townships such as Kandos and Rylestone on the western edge of the Blue Mountains. Continue on and visit the Bylong General Store which has the welcoming smell of yesteryear. Stop and explore the old world tiny rural village.

Continue on to the famous Hunter Valley, one of Australia's most well-known wine regions, with over 150 wineries. Afternoon at leisure or exploring the region.

Overnight Hunter Valley.

DAY 4

Hunter Valley to Port Stephens

Approximately 100 km - 1.5 hour travel time

Travel east to Port Stephens via the New England Highway (Highway 15) and on to the Pacific Highway (Highway 1) before turning into the Dolphin Capital of Australia, Port Stephens.

Local activities such as dolphin watching and sand dune adventures can be prebooked however there are so many other activities available on the day depending on your desires.

Alternatively, simply relax, explore or experience our world famous marine park and beaches. We are popular for our adventure activities, nature and abundance of marine life and land activities on its uncrowded sandy beaches, sheltered bays and unspoilt national parks.

Overnight Port Stephens.

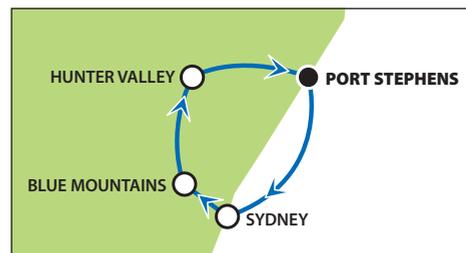
DAY 5

Port Stephens to Sydney

Approximately 220 km - 3 hours travel time

Spend the morning in Port Stephens before departing via the F3 Freeway back to Sydney.

Alternatively, the rental car can be returned at Newcastle Airport in Port Stephens before taking a flight to your next destination.



Sydney to Port Stephens to Brisbane 3 days, 2 nights

The following itineraries show how to take advantage of Newcastle Airport... in the heart of Port Stephens... for group itineraries that offer effective use of time and cost to provide a memorable one way trip for the group. The itineraries are also suitable for self drive as all major car rental companies operate from the airport.

GROUP 1

DAY 1

0800 Depart Sydney by bus

1100 Arrive at Oakvale Farm. See koalas, reptiles and Australian native animals

1230 Beer / wine tasting and Aussie BBQ lunch at Murrays Brewery

1330 Depart for Anna Bay

1400 4WD Sandboarding with Port Stephens 4WD Tours

1530 Hand feed sharks and rays at the Australian Shark and Ray Centre

1700 Check in at accommodation: Dinner at resort / hotel / local restaurants

DAY 2

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

0900 Gan Gan Lookout

1030 Dolphin watch aboard Moonshadow or Imagine or Tamboi

1200 Lunch on board Moonshadow or club / restaurant

1330 Parasailing with Port Stephens Parasailing

1500 Free time for shopping

1630 Back to accommodation for free time or shopping. Dinner at resort or restaurant

DAY 3

0600 Breakfast at accommodation

0645 Depart for Airport

0730 Check in for Flight

0820 Depart on Flight VA 1102 for Brisbane

GROUP 2

DAY 1

1325 Arrive on flight VA 1593 from Brisbane

1400 Depart Newcastle Airport by coach

1430 Arrive at Oakvale Farm. See koalas, reptiles and Australian native animals

1600 Hand feed sharks and rays at the Australian Shark and Ray Centre

1700 Check in at accommodation

1900 Dinner at resort / hotel / local restaurants

DAY 2

0730 Breakfast at accommodation

0900 Gan Gan Lookout

1030 Dolphin watch aboard Moonshadow or Imagine or Tamboi

1200 Lunch on board Moonshadow or club / restaurant

1330 Parasailing with Port Stephens Parasailing

1500 Free time for shopping or exploring
Dinner at accommodation or selected restaurant

DAY 3

0700 Breakfast at accommodation

0830 Check out and Depart for Sydney by Coach

