



# A MID NORTH COAST ADVENTURE WITH BILL PEACH JOURNEYS

Sojourn Port Stephens & Port Macquarie

5 Days | 25 Feb – 1 Mar 2019 | AUD\$4,995pp twin share | Single Supplement FREE\*

## EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- ✦ Explore the seaside towns of Port Stephens & Port Macquarie
- ✦ Spend 4 nights in excellent accommodation including the Anchorage at Port Stephens and Sails Port Macquarie
- ✦ Enjoy a cruise and touring of Port Stephens
- ✦ Visit Wallis Lake & Forster
- ✦ Enjoy a local food, wine and history tour of Port Macquarie
- ✦ Explore the convict history of the region at Port Macquarie Museum
- ✦ All meals included - breakfast, lunch and dinner including high tea at the Intercontinental Double Bay
- ✦ Escorted throughout by a dedicated Journey Director

*“Travelling with Bill Peach Journeys everything is so well organised. Highlights were meeting and being with some very interesting people in the group, seeing lots of lovely sights and eating and drinking great food and wine.”*

Janet Bennet, Shepparton, VIC

Join Bill Peach Journeys for a relaxing sojourn to Port Stephens and Port Macquarie both located on the mid north coast of NSW. This stunning sojourn starts in Sydney with champagne and high tea at the Intercontinental Double Bay and continues north to Port Stephens. Stay at the newly renovated Anchorage where you will explore the natural harbour and beaches of this region. Spend a full day exploring the waterways and beaches of Port Stephens and discover a marine park which protects some of the state's most precious marine creatures and their habitats.

We explore the Great Lakes including Wallis Lake, home to a rich seafood harvest, notably the famous Wallis Lake oyster. We visit Forster, known for its stunning waters & Manning Valley beauty before continuing on to Port Macquarie, considered the most significant town located between Newcastle and the Queensland Border. Enjoy a full day of sampling local produce learning about the rich convict history of Port Macquarie. Sit back, relax and let Bill Peach Journeys show you the best that this region has to offer.

## ABOUT SOJOURNS

Our Sojourn programmes are short break journeys put together in conjunction with themes, events or experiences.

These programmes range from cruising New Zealand's North Islands to world class events and unique experiences throughout Australia and New Zealand.

## FULLY INCLUSIVE

When you travel on a Sojourn

with Bill Peach Journeys everything is included and arranged before you even leave home. That includes all sundries like tips, taxes and transfers. In fact you won't even need to carry your bags.

Enjoy the finest level of accommodation, dining and service all in the one fare. From the very moment your journey begins, your seamless travel experience with Bill Peach Journeys begins.



### DAY 1 | SYDNEY - PORT STEPHENS

Transfer from the airport or your home in metropolitan Sydney to the Intercontinental Double Bay. Enjoy a glass of French champagne and high tea as you meet your fellow travellers and Journey Director. Travel through Sydney's North Shore, the Hawkesbury and the central coast before arriving in Port Stephens and the Anchorage. The Hamptons-style guesthouses face north over beautiful Port Stephens towards Corrie Island National Reserve. Tonight there will be a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: The Anchorage Port Stephens

### DAY 2 | PORT STEPHENS

Today the group will enjoy a private charter through the waterways of Port Stephens which is larger than Sydney Harbour. Port Stephens is a port of contrast geographically, from the striking headlands of volcanic origin, to low lying sand spits and mangrove forests. The 'port' is characterised by small bays and the estuaries of the Myall River, Tilligerry Creek and the Karuah River.

Shoal Bay, the Eastern-most beach on the Harbour's Southern side, boasts generous white sand and deep swimming water. As we make our way around the waterways enjoy lunch and maybe even get the opportunity to see dolphins, flocks of

oceanic sea birds and southern fur seals lazing on the rocks at Cabbage Tree Island.

Overnight: The Anchorage Port Stephens

### DAY 3 | PORT STEPHENS - FORSTER - PORT MACQUARIE

Following breakfast we travel to Port Macquarie via Wallis Lake and Forster. Wallis Lake is part of the Great Lakes and is a diverse ecosystem teeming with wildlife. From still lakes and estuaries to white sandy beaches and national park wilderness, the region is a haven for water sports and bush walking.

After enjoying lunch in Forster travel along the scenic coastal road through Crowdy Bay National Park, Laurieton and Lake Innes Nature Reserve before arriving in Port Macquarie late afternoon. Sails at Port Macquarie is located at Pelican Bay overlooking the Hastings River and Marina.

Overnight: Sails Port Macquarie

### DAY 4 | PORT MACQUARIE

Port Macquarie is situated on the Tasman Sea coast, at the mouth of the Hastings River, and at the eastern end of the Oxley Highway. Oyster farms dot the pristine estuary and curious bottle-nose dolphins frolic in the sparkling waterways. It is a town steeped in a history which dates

back to convict times. The town began colonial life in 1821 as a penal settlement because of its distance from Sydney. Visit the Port Macquarie Museum for a journey from convict history to the present day. Today you will also explore golden beaches, lush rainforests, view abundant wildlife, discover the rich history of the area and enjoy wonderful food and wine.

Lunch today will be at the famous Cassegrain Winery which is renowned for being the first winery to grow and produce Chambourcin commercially in Australia. As well as Cassegrain having a superb winery, it also has extensive gardens which surround the estate. Their rose garden boasts over 2,000 rose bushes so there is always a splash of colour. This evening there will be a farewell dinner at the hotel.

Overnight: Sails Port Macquarie

### DAY 5 | PORT MACQUARIE - SYDNEY

After a leisurely breakfast the group will return to Sydney on commercial aircraft. Say farewell to new friends and take away fond memories of a delightful sojourn.

Please contact Bill Peach Journeys or your local travel agent for assistance with airfares.

\*Conditions Apply: Single Supplement Free offer cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer.

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