

# our Itinerary

## Tour Inclusions



**packfree**  
carry only a day pack



**localwines**  
with all evening meals



**remotecabins**  
at Newnes & Katoomba



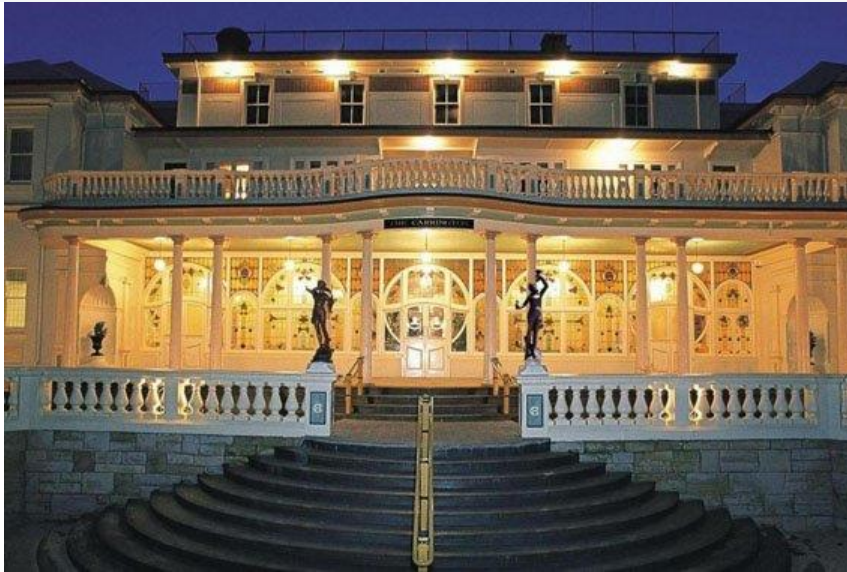
**alltransfers**  
from Katoomba & trail



**allmeals**  
3 dinners, 3 bkts and 3 lunches

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- Pack Free walk with your overnight luggage transported to the campsite
- 1 night in Katoomba at The Carrington Hotel
- 2 nights in the Newnes cabins in Wollemi National Park
- 3 x delicious dinner featuring local produce
- 3 x breakfast
- 3 lunches
- Fresh fruit and trail mix to enjoy during your walk
- Fine wine and non-alcoholic drinks served with dinner.  
Please note: we advise drinking in moderation as walking can be strenuous. If you would like to enjoy alcohol after dinner you will need to provide your own.
- Professionally guided – Our guides are locals who are passionate, well trained and enthusiastic with the ability to bring to life a depth of information
- Return transfers from the start and end of the walk to Katoomba

## Day 1: Arrival Day Katoomba



Today is an arrival day. Make your own way to the historic Carrington Hotel in the heart of Katoomba, a local landmark. You will be staying in a Colonial Room (king or twin). This art deco manor is in the heart of Katoomba with shops, cafes and restaurants at your doorstep. Enjoy a day at leisure to explore this beautiful town. Tonight enjoy dinner in the hotel's restaurant served with wine.

## Day 2: Katoomba to Wollemi National Park



**TRAIL DETAILS:** Walk trail details: Walk: Approximately 11.5kms. 5 hours walking with breaks. Medium grade.

**TERRAIN:** Can be a bit wet and slippery, rocky and uneven on one short section of the walk but otherwise a well-formed natural trail and old railway cutting. Relatively flat, but a steady to steep descent towards the end.

**WALK ITINERARY:** After a hearty breakfast meet your guides in the foyer of The Carrington Hotel, Katoomba at 9.00am, for our transfer to the start of the walk. We arrive at Wollemi National Park, driving through a series of rock tunnels which seemingly transport us into another world. Our guide explains the route ahead before we set out through a landscape of tall eucalypt forest with Blue Mountains Ash, spectacular pagoda rock formations, vibrant ferns, canyons and streams.

We arrive at the entrance to a cave-like tunnel, from here we walk under the mountain range, taking a fascinating short cut to the Wolgan Valley and the beautiful Gardens of Stone National Park. We descend into the darkness with our trusty torch in hand, stopping halfway to turn off our torches and be amazed by the thousands of Glow Worms which transform the tunnel into a starry night. Though natural looking from its exterior appearance, this tunnel is actually a disused railway line, which once descended into the Newnes valley, transporting oil shale.

We emerge on the far side of the tunnel greeted by a grove of tree ferns and sheer vertical cliffs towering over 600 feet high. We explore beautiful Bells Grotto surrounded by a stunning tree fern forest. Continuing on we admire the sandstone cliffs cut high on either side of the gully and we begin to see glimpses of the dramatic scenery of the Wolgan Valley and river below.

We follow the track along pretty Wolgan Valley creek admiring the rock pools along the way down into the historic Newnes region where we spend the night. Enjoy accommodation in the cabin set amongst bushland in the valley. Cabins have a lounge, dining rooms and large verandahs for taking in the beautiful mountain and bus views. Tonight sit back and relax and talk about the day's adventures as your guides prepare a delicious dinner featuring local produce.

### Day 3: Pipeline Pass Lookout walk and Newnes Ruins



**TRAIL NOTES:** Walk: Approximately 8kms. 4 hours walking with breaks. Walk: Medium grade.

**TERRAIN:** The first section of the track climbs steadily, gaining 120m in elevation. A second climb is much steeper, rising 200m in elevation. There is a short scramble at one point up a rock slab. You then return the same way, descending steeply. The track is mostly well-formed natural trail with a compact surface but some rocks to watch out for.

**WALK ITINERARY:** Today, after a hearty breakfast, we take the historic Pipeline Track to the top of Pipeline Pass, where a lookout on the towering cliffs provides a majestic view over the wild Wolgan Valley and a great place for a well-deserved morning tea break. The steep and rugged track follows the route of an old oil pipeline that once ran between the shale mining communities of Glen Davis in the Capertee Valley and Newnes in the Wolgan Valley. Remnants of the pipeline can still be seen along the way. The first few kilometres of the walk



meander beside the beautiful Wolgan River past some of the other industrial ruins of Newnes, but the final kilometre to the lookout climbs more than 300 metres from the valley floor to the top of the sandstone escarpment. On the way up and down this very steep section of track, it is at times necessary to scramble with hands and feet. We return in time for lunch back in Newnes. In the afternoon choose from the Philosophers walk which takes us along the base of Old Baldy cliffs, exploring landscapes of orchids and mossy rock sculptures. Alternatively travel to Maiyingu Marragu (Blackfellows Hands) known as an important indigenous meeting place for the Wiradjuri people. The location has significant rock art and shelters. Afterwards we return to the cabins for a relaxing dinner with wine.

**ARRIVAL TIME:** We arrive back into Katoomba at 4.30pm.

## Day 4: Deep Pass Canyon trail walk



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**TRAIL DETAILS:** Walk: Approximately 13kms. 5 hours walking with breaks. 250m ascent

**TERRAIN:** Narrow canyon to pass through at times. Rope ladders will need to be climbed some rock walls. Some steep inclines.

**FLEXIBLE ITINERARY:** Optional 3km shorter walk also available

**MAIN WALK ITINERARY:** Enjoy breakfast before we transfer to the start of our walk. Today we walk through pretty Deep Pass Canyon, this relatively unknown canyon abounds with lovely rockpools and waterfall and lush vegetation. Afterwards we return to Katoomba finishing at approximately 4:00pm