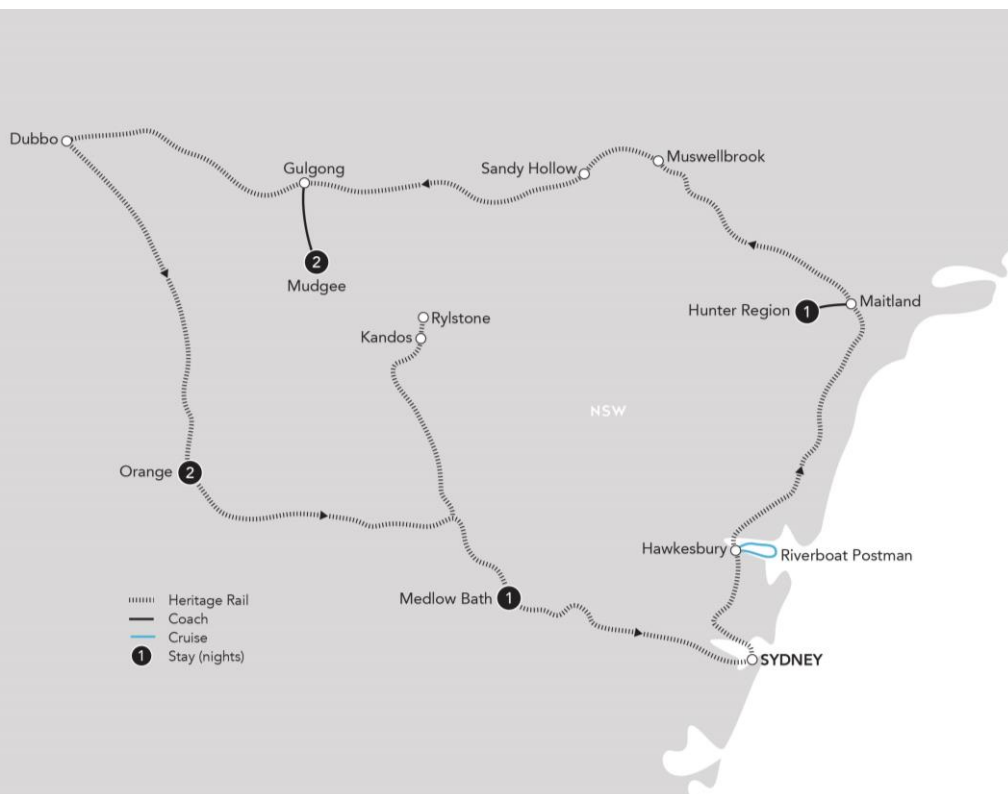


## REGIONAL NSW & WINES BY HERITAGE RAILCAR

Step aboard a heritage Private Railcar to explore historic towns and wine regions of regional New South Wales. We ride on the iconic Riverboat Postman boat, discover the Hunter Valley's finest wineries, and are delighted by charming streetscapes and landscapes. We visit the Taronga Western Plains Zoo and spend a night at the superb Hydro Majestic Hotel in the Blue Mountains.



Sydney - Maitland - Hunter Valley - Mudgee - Dubbo - Orange - Medlow Bath - Sydney

7 Days  
By Private Heritage Railcar

Departing:  
21 November 2021  
5 December 2021  
1 March 2022

\$6,200 per person, twin share  
Single Room +\$1,450

### **Day 1 - Sydney, Hunter Valley**

We meet at Sydney's Central Station. Enjoy a coffee and get to know your fellow travellers before joining our heritage Private Railcar, built in the 1960s. The railcar has 92 seats, but we will use only 40 of them to maximise comfort. We head north through the spectacular Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and down the Cowan Bank section of the rail line, known for its tunnels and bridges, to Brooklyn on the Hawkesbury River. Here, the Riverboat Postman still delivers mail by boat to isolated communities. And today we join the boat as it plies the picturesque waterways. Lunch will be served on board before we re-join our railcar to continue our journey north beside Brisbane Water and through Woy Woy en route to the Hunter Valley. On arrival in Maitland, we transfer to our superb hotel, Spicers Guesthouse in Pokolbin. Tonight, we celebrate the start of our journey with a Welcome Dinner featuring splendid Hunter food and wine.

### **Day 2 - Hunter Valley, Mudgee**

Today, we explore the Hunter region, with its wineries and historic remnants of the coal mining era. A wine touring option gives us a chance to visit some of the Hunter's vineyards including Tyrell's and Whispering Brook, while we can also choose to explore more of the Pokolbin region's towns. After lunch we continue our journey to Muswellbrook on the scenic freight-only line to Sandy Hollow and then on to Gulgong, where we will tour this gold mining-era town. Afterwards, we head for Mudgee for a two-night stay at the Horatio Hotel.

### **Day 3 - Mudgee**

We have two nights in the elegant city of Mudgee, enjoying a streetscape which features more than 130 heritage-listed buildings. Our morning tour introduces us to the highlights, and this afternoon presents us with a choice of Your World Experiences. Perhaps we can discover more of Mudgee with a guided walking tour, or enjoy a wine tour which takes us to several of the region's finest wineries including Huntington Estate. Alternatively, we can spend the afternoon at leisure. Tonight, we reconvene for dinner at renowned Zin House, which is part of the Lowe Family winery and has sweeping views of the vineyards.

### **Day 4 - Dubbo, Orange**

We return to the train at Gulgong and travel across country to the regional city of Dubbo. During our four-hour stopover, choose from an African-style safari at Taronga Western Plains Zoo to see giraffe, zebra, rhinos and antelopes roaming free, or a visit to the newly emerging wine region of Dubbo. In the late afternoon we take a two-hour trip southeast to the lovely city of Orange and our two-night stay at de Russie Boutique Hotel or Byng Street Boutique Hotel.

### **Day 5 - Orange**

This morning we tour the outstanding buildings of the city's heritage area, with the imposing bulk of Mount Canobolas dominating the skyline. Lunch is at a local winery. Afterwards, choose to visit the historic town of Millthorpe, a 20-minute drive from Orange, to explore its delightful streetscapes, or continue wine touring. Orange has become known for its fine wines, and we visit two wineries, Philip Shaw and Swinging Bridge. Fine dining also abounds in Orange, and this evening we will enjoy a Dine Around dinner, choosing from a range of local restaurants.





#### **Day 6 - Medlow Bath**

Today we delight in outstanding scenic rail journeys combined with touring two historic towns. We cross a landscape punctuated by hills as we pass through Blaney, Bathurst and Wallerawang before heading north to Rylstone and Kandos. The trip passes through the Cudgewong and Capertee valleys. Surrounded by World Heritage wilderness, the Capertee Valley is formed by the world's widest canyon – broader, indeed, than America's famous Grand Canyon. We tour the colonial town of Rylstone, noted for its fine sandstone buildings, and Kandos, established in 1913 as a private town for the cement works begun there. It's now home to a thriving arts community and a streetscape highlighted by Art Deco buildings. We then retrace our steps to Lithgow and wind our way past the base of the Blue Mountains' famous Zig Zag Railway. Our final night is spent at the superb old world Hydro Majestic Hotel, across the road from Medlow Bath station, where we can soak up the stunning mountain scenery and indulge in our Farewell Dinner.

#### **Day 7 - Medlow Bath, Sydney**

Relax and take it easy or take a hike in the National Park before an early lunch. We wind our way down the mountains through more splendid great scenery, and reach Sydney in the mid-afternoon.



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