

CRUISE NEWCASTLE

NEW SOUTH WALES ♦ AUSTRALIA

————— *Along the Blue Highway* —————





Front Cover: Cruise ship Newcastle Harbour
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Newcastle Memorial Walk, The Hill
Credit: Destination NSW



Bannisters, Port Stephens
Credit: Destination NSW

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WELCOME TO THE PORT OF NEWCASTLE

Newcastle Harbour is the gateway to the Hunter Region and boasts a vibrant working harbour offering an array of day excursions from city sights and wine tasting to coastal and nature tours. Newcastle is Australia’s second oldest city known as a culinary and artistic hot-spot that is also home to some of the best beaches in the country.

Your ship will berth at Newcastle’s dedicated secure cruise berth, only 75 nautical miles (140kms) north of Sydney in a region abundant in diverse visitor experiences, all within an hour of the port. Newcastle Harbour is complemented by six diverse shore excursion destinations - Newcastle, Port Stephens, Central Coast, Lake Macquarie, Hunter Valley and Maitland/Morpeth.

Cruise ships arriving at the Port of Newcastle dock at the Carrington terminal and a shuttle bus takes passengers on the 10-min drive to Newcastle CBD. For passengers who have booked a shore excursion tour with the cruise line, departure is from the wharf*.

Cruise Welcome Ambassadors will greet and provide information to passengers onboard the shuttle bus and on arrival at Newcastle CBD.

For Newcastle Port parameters please refer to page 18.

**Private vehicles are unable to access the Port.*



Cruise ship docked at the Newcastle Harbour - Credit: Destination NSW



Cruise ship Newcastle Harbour - Credit: Destination NSW



Aerial, Newcastle
Credit: Tyson Mayr

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle is a compact and colourful city, rich in culture and steeped in heritage. It’s a destination where everything is on your doorstep, from a spectacular coastline to vibrant restaurants; boutique shopping to city markets; and nature.

Newcastle offers an extraordinary culinary scene and thriving arts culture. Visit local craft breweries and distilleries, browse independent art galleries, taste delicious bites from quirky eateries, admire the city’s ever-expanding collection of street art or seek out a hidden bar. Newcastle is also home to an abundance of historical sites and natural attractions, with stunning beaches, a conservation park and bush reserve, ensuring a new adventure is just around the corner.

Newcastle, NSW, is a vibrant and diverse destination that offers a unique blend of coastal charm, rich history, and cultural experiences.

Distance from Newcastle Port: 4kms, 7 min drive

KEY EXPERIENCES



FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Fine dining and casual cafes offering local produce and international flavours
- Craft breweries and distilleries
- High tea with a view



AQUATIC & COASTAL

- Coastal sightseeing tours, cruises, beach walks and seaside dining
- Beaches and coastal scenery
- Historic coastal baths



NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Blackbutt Nature Reserve – home to koalas, emus, wallabies, wombats and peacocks
- Golden beaches and marine life



HERITAGE & CULTURE

- Newcastle Museum
- Fort Scratchley Historic Site – take a tour of the wartime tunnels
- Memorial Walk – 450m coastal walkway commemorating the 100th anniversary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli during World War I
- Newcastle Art Gallery

For more information:
W: visitnewcastle.com.au E: visitorinformation@ncc.nsw.gov.au
Shore excursion information: cruise@dssn.com.au



Coast XP Tours, Newcastle - Credit: Destination NSW



Newcastle Beach - Credit: Destination NSW



Newcastle Memorial Walk - Credit: Destination NSW



Nobbys Beach, Newcastle - Credit: Destination NSW



Rustica, Newcastle - Credit: Destination NSW



Newcastle Museum - Credit: Destination NSW



HUNTER VALLEY

One of Australia’s pre-eminent and oldest wine regions, the Hunter Valley produces some of the best wines in the world such as the iconic Hunter Valley Semillon and Shiraz.

With more than 100 wineries, the region is also a culinary delight with numerous gourmet restaurants, cafes, and local markets. Visitors can indulge in paddock-to-plate dining experiences, sample locally-produced cheeses and chocolates, and enjoy a leisurely lunch with a local wine and scenic vineyard views.

It’s a stunning region known for its natural beauty and world-class vineyards. Picture rolling hills dotted with lush vineyards, serene rivers weaving through the landscape, and the occasional glimpse of a kangaroo or two hopping about.

Distance from Newcastle: 65kms, 1 hour drive

KEY EXPERIENCES



FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Wine tasting
- Gourmet food and wine pairings
- Exclusive cellar door tastings and wine making experiences
- Paddock to plate dining
- Cheese and chocolate tastings



Esca Restaurant, Bimbadgen, Pokolbin - Credit: Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association



Bistro Molines, Mount View - Credit: Destination NSW



NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Themed gardens
- Wildlife park
- Picturesque landscapes and native wildlife



Brokenwood Winery, Pokolbin – Credit: Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association



Hunter Valley Gardens - Credit: Destination NSW



HERITAGE & CULTURE

- Australia’s oldest wine region. Rich heritage and culture stemming from its vineyards
- ‘Welcome to Wonnarua’ by local Wonnarua Elder combined with a sparkling tasting and brunch board featuring nature ingredients



Hunter Valley Vineyards – Credit: Hunter Valley Wine & Tourism Association



Winmark Wines, Broke - Credit: Cassandra Hannagan

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Shore excursion information: cruise@dssn.com.au



Shoal Bay, Port Stephens
Credit: Destination NSW

PORT STEPHENS

Port Stephens is an idyllic coastal destination where giant sand dunes, tranquil bays and stunning coastline provides the backdrop for exhilarating experiences.

Get up close to the bottlenose dolphins and marine life that reside in the bay on a cruise, see koalas in their natural habitat or take in the stunning coastal views from vantage points.

The incredible coastline, dotted with 26 beaches and bay twice the size of Sydney Harbour, is the perfect playground for dolphins and whales and a spectacular natural water park to explore.

Visit the Worimi Conservation Lands to see the Southern Hemisphere’s largest moving coastal sand dunes where you can sand board, ride a camel or take a guided quad bike tour and learn about the local Aboriginal culture.

Distance from Newcastle: 30-65kms, 0.5 to 1 hour drive

KEY EXPERIENCES

FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Brewery and winery
- Fresh local seafood
- Restaurants and cafes

AQUATIC & COASTAL

- Dolphin watch cruise
- Whale watching (May-Nov)
- Bay and surf beaches
- Water activities include kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkelling and swimming

NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Koala sanctuary
- Tomaree Coastal Walk
- Wildlife park
- National Park and Worimi Conservation Lands

ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCES

- Cultural centre
- Guided cultural quad bike tour

For more information:
W: portstephens.org.au E: info@portstephenstourism.com.au
Shore excursion information: cruise@dssn.com.au



Stockton Sand Dunes in the Worimi Conservation Lands -
Credit: Destination NSW



Stockton Dunes - Credit: Destination NSW



Port Stephens Koala Sanctuary - Credit: Destination NSW



Tomaree Head Summit - Credit: Destination NSW



B Farm by Murrays - Credit: Destination NSW



Dolphins, Port Stephens - Credit: Destination NSW



Duckenfield Road
Credit: Paul Foley

MAITLAND AND MORPETH

Discover a charming region with a rich history, emerging food scene, and a thriving arts community.

Maitland effortlessly blends rich history with contemporary charm. As you stroll through its heritage-listed buildings and lush parks, you'll find the echoes of its colonial past harmonising with the vibrant arts and culinary scenes. Discover vibrant murals on city streets, see artists at work in their studios and pick up works from local creators.

Just a short drive from Maitland, you'll also find Morpeth, an historic riverside village that retains a charm reminiscent of yesteryears, with its cobblestone streets, heritage buildings, and serene landscapes. Morpeth is a journey back in time, where each antique shop, café, and gallery holds a piece of the past waiting to be discovered.

Distance from Newcastle: 49kms, 40 mins drive

KEY EXPERIENCES

FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Boutique cellar door and restaurant experience in a slab hut
- Charming cafes, milk bar and ice creamery
- Sourdough making masterclass

HERITAGE & CULTURE

- 19th Century Buildings including the bakehouse where Arnott biscuit dynasty began
- Cobblestone streets
- Beyond the Flood Levels Heritage Walk
- Morpeth Heritage Walk
- Morpeth Museum to learn the history of this charming town
- Maitland Regional Art Gallery

NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Stroll along the Hunter River which winds into the historic town of Morpeth and Maitland
- Immerse yourself in a hands-on farm experience

For more information
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Morpeth Bridge - Credit: Destination NSW



Illalung Park, Morpeth - Credit: Maitland City Council



Maitland Regional Art Gallery – Credit: Maitland City Council



Streetscapes, Maitland - Credit: Destination NSW



Boydell's, Morpeth - Credit: Maitland City Council



Crica 1950 Homewares, Morpeth - Credit: Destination NSW



Aerial Lake Macquarie
Credit: Destination NSW

LAKE MACQUARIE

With the largest saltwater lake in the southern hemisphere and pretty coastal beaches, Lake Macquarie is an aquatic playground with more than 30kms of coastline and 174kms of lake shore. Explore by boat, kayak or paddleboard. Hike through rainforests, cycle along coastal wetlands and explore magnificent ancient sea caves.

There is an abundance of art and culture at the Lake Macquarie Creative Lake Precinct, connected by a shared pathway around the lake shoreline. Take a tour of the unique arts and culture scene or a stroll along the Creative Lake Sculpture Trail whilst enjoying the scenery of the vast saltwater lake.

Lake Macquarie has everything from craft breweries, hidden coffee shops and waterfront fine dining, to ice cream and fish 'n' chips by the foreshore.

Distance from Newcastle: 25kms, 30 mins drive

KEY EXPERIENCES



AQUATIC & COASTAL

- Australia's largest coastal saltwater lake
- Private boat tours
- Kayaking, paddleboarding, boat and sailing tours
- Iconic sea caves
- Skydiving over the lake



NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Lake and island cruise with guided nature walk
- Foreshore walks and bike rides
- Lake Macquarie Conservation Area – bushwalking and observing wildlife
- Mount Sugarloaf lookout
- Glenrock and the Yuelarbah Walking Track



HERITAGE & CULTURE

- Lake Macquarie Creative Lake Precinct - Museum of Art and Culture, yapang, Multi-Arts Pavilion, mima, MAC yapang Sculpture Park, Creative Lake Sculpture Trail
- Heritage and maritime history - Redhead Shark Tower, Catherine Hill Bay and Rathmines Heritage Centre
- Aboriginal interpretation and public art at the Fernleigh Awabakal Shared Track



Caves Beach, Lake Macquarie - Credit: Destination NSW



Coast XP, Lake Macquarie - Credit: CoastXP



Multi-Arts Pavilion (Map mima), Lake Macquarie - Credit: Destination NSW



Museum of Art and Culture - Credit: Destination NSW

For more information
W: visitlakemac.com.au E: tourism@lakemac.nsw.gov.au
Shore excursion information: cruise@dssn.com.au



North Avoca Beach
Credit: Chris Flaxman

CENTRAL COAST

The Central Coast, one of Australia’s first ECO certified destinations, is a vibrant destination dotted with inviting waterways, pristine beaches and lush hinterland located between Newcastle and Sydney.

From the charming seaside towns known for their vibrant cafes and surf culture, to the serene beauty of Bouddi National Park, the Central Coast offers a diverse array of experiences from thrilling water sports and hiking trails to kayaking or horse riding.

This region boasts a vibrant culinary scene with a mix of seaside cafes, gourmet restaurants, and boutique breweries and a botanical distillery. Explore the Central Coast Makers Trail for a self-indulgent food and drink discovery. Meet skilled artisans, enjoy gourmet tastings, and behind-the-scenes tours or take a pearl and oyster farm tour to learn about pearl farming and enjoy oyster tasting.

Distance from Newcastle: 70-90kms, 1-1.5 hours drive
Distance from Sydney: 60-85kms, 0.45 to 1.25 hours drive

KEY EXPERIENCES



FOOD & BEVERAGES

- Winery, botanical distillery and breweries
- Nougat & chocolate factory
- Private cheese tasting and behind the scenes tour with the cheesemaker
- Seaside cafes and restaurants
- Oyster tasting



AQUATIC & COASTAL

- Beaches, lakes and waterways
- Kayaking and surfing
- Coastal walks and dining experiences



NATURE & WILDLIFE

- Bouddi Coastal Walk
- Patonga to Pearl Beach Hiking Trail
- Wildlife Parks
- Eco friendly pelican experience
- Native arboretum and Japanese garden



HERITAGE & CULTURE

- Guided walking tours
- Ancient Aboriginal rock engravings
- NSW’s only pearl farm
- Art Galleries

For more information:
W: LoveCentralCoast.com or E: tourism@centralcoast.nsw.gov.au
Shore excursion information: cruise@dssn.com.au



Australian Reptile Park



Girri Girra, Bouddi National Park – Credit: Dominic Loneragan



Long Jetty - Credit: Destination NSW



Broken Bay Pearl Farm, Mooney Mooney - Credit: Destination NSW



Glenworth Valley – Credit: James Vodicka



Norah Head Lighthouse – Credit: Chris Flaxman

PORT PARAMETERS

BERTH DETAILS	
Type of Berth (Holding Ground)	Alongside
Position of Berth	Western side of Hunter River - The Channel Berth
Pilotage / Tug assistance	Pilotage compulsory, Tugs available
Max Acceptable Length of Vessel (LOA)	Up to 300m, Vessel up to 317m may be considered with Harbour Master approval
Max Acceptable Draft of Vessel	9.0m
Minimum Depth of Water at Berth	9.5m
Tidal Range	1.8m at Springs (max)
Tidal Constraints	As required by Pilots
Hydrographic Survey Data	Excellent
Weather / Sea Constraints	As required by Pilots
Guaranteed Berth	Yes (if booked)

Central Coast
Credit: James Vodicka

Back Cover: Tomaree Head, Port Stephens
Credit: Jarryd Salem




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