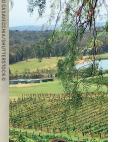


Discover New South Wales & the ACT's top sights, and experience them through an inspiring list of themes



When to Go

High Season Dec-Feb Great weather, crowds and busy beaches. Mardi Gras consumes Sydney in February. Politicians exit Canberra; meaning affordable accommodation.

Shoulder Season Mar-May

& Sep-Nov Swimming weather returns in spring; atmospheric autumn in the vineyards. October is great for whale-watching. Beware Schoolies festivals in Byron Bay from mid-November.

Low Season Jun-Aug



OUTBACK NSW

Tune in to some country and western as you step back from the NSW coast and explore the heartland of this diverse state. Outback NSW delivers historic mining towns, glorious mountains and remote national parks.

MUNGO NATIONAL PARK A4

A site of global archaeological and anthropological significance, this remote but accessible park contains the longest continual record of human culture – the world's oldest-recorded cremation site – more than 40,000 years old.

TAMWORTH D3

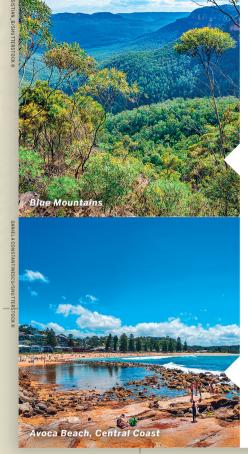
Australia's country-music capital sits at the centre of a bounteous farming district on the Peel River, its broad streets studded with museums, art-deco hotels, cafes and restaurants.

BROKEN HILL A3

The massive heap of mine residue that forms a backdrop for Broken Hill's town centre accentuates the unique character of this desert frontier town, infused with an impressive spirit of community and creativity.

KOSCIUSZKO NATIONAL PARK C4

This alpine park contains Australia's highest peak (Mt Kosciuszko; 2228m) and is the source of two legendary rivers: the Murray and the Snowy. In winter it's a major ski destination, while in summer travellers come to hike and mountain bike.



BLUE MOUNTAINS & THE CENTRAL COAST

You could spend a lifetime in Sydney and want for nothing else – but venture west and north of the big smoke and you'll discover World Heritage-listed mountains. beaches, bays and the endearingly raffish harbour town of Newcastle.

BLUE MOUNTAINS C4

Rising from the plains west of Sydney, these slate-coloured mountains are a weekend escape for city slickers. The haze that gives the mountains their name comes from a fine mist of oil exuded by eucalypts – a dense canopy rolling between deep valleys and chiselled sandstone outcrops.

NEWCASTLE D3

The gritty port city of Newcastle punches well above its weight. Superb surf beaches, historical architecture and a sun-drenched climate collude with hip bars, quirky boutiques and a diverse arts scene to make 'Newy' well worth your time.

CENTRAL COAST D3

Running between Sydney and Newcastle, the Central Coast connects gorgeous beaches with swathes of national park and a fascinating series of inlets and saltwater lagoons. There's demographic diversity here too: working-class coastal communities rub-up against Sydney socialites, retirees and property-price refugees.

This superb exhibition space celebrates the legends of the NSW outback, both Indigenous and settler.

Back O' Bourke Exhibition Centre

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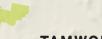
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Bellingen Brewery & Co

Packs in the punters for craft brews, organic wine, wood-fired pizzas and live music.



TAMWORTH(

Powerstation Museum

A wonderful museum commemorating Tamworth's status as 'City of Light'. Australia's first electrically illuminated town.

Gulgong Pioneer Museum

This enormous museum has an

eclectic and chaotic collection

of early-settlement artefacts.

Newcastle Beach

Surfers and swimmers adore this picturesque, patrolled beach at the eastern end of town.

Hunter Valley Wine Region

The Hunter wineries – over 150 at last count - are refreshingly attitude-free and welcoming.

BROKEN HILL

Palace Hotel The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.

Broken Hill's most famous pub (1889) starred in the 1994 film

