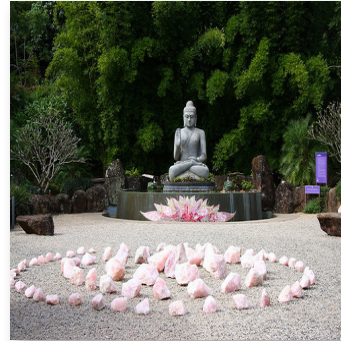




**WE DRIVE YOU
SINCE 1992**

BEST OF BALLINA

With Ezi Drive Coaches



6 Days / 5 Nights - with Brian and Mary

Tour Departs Sunday 15 July - Friday 20 July 2012

Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport to Ballina and return (Sydney Metropolitan area)
- Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- 5 Nights Minimum Three Star Quality Motel Accommodation
- 5 Three Course Dinners & All Fully cooked Hot Buffet Breakfasts
- Lunches Day 3 & 5
- All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted tour

Tour Highlights:

Sea Acres Nature Reserve and Rainforest Centre, Schaeffer House, Ballina Rotary Lookout, Cutana Hat Company, Amaze n Place, Eltham Valley Pantry, Thursday Plantation, Crystal Castle, Macadamia Castle, MV Richmond Princess, Wombah Coffee Plantation, Squatters Rest and more.

Tour Fee including GST:	Members	\$1449.00 per person, twin share
	Non Members	\$1469.00 per person, twin share
	Single Supplement	\$240.00

Minimum loading 20 passengers booked and paid by 09 May, 2012

The Itinerary

Day 1. Sunday 15th July: Bringelly / Port Macquarie

Dinner

This morning we pick you up from home and begin our way along the **New South Wales Mid North Coast** to **Port Macquarie**. We enjoy a stop at **Bulahdelah** where you will have time to purchase lunch (own expense) before continuing North to **Sea Acres Nature Reserve and Rainforest Centre**, just south of Port Macquarie. Reserve contains one of the largest, least disturbed and most diverse coastal rainforests in NSW. The 1.3km accessible **elevated rainforest boardwalk** at Sea Acres Rainforest Centre is an inspiring experience. Enjoy the sights, sounds and tranquility of rare subtropical rainforest. We arrive into Port Macquarie late afternoon before checking into our rooms then enjoying dinner.

Overnight Port Macquarie - El Paso Motor Inn 02 6583 1944

Day 2. Monday 16th July: Port Macquarie / Ballina

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we venture further north through **Coffs Harbour** and up through **Grafton**, stopping in Grafton where we have the opportunity to purchase some lunch (own expense). After lunch we stop in at **Schaeffer House** which is the headquarters of the Clarence River Historical Society. The homestead was built by the son of a pioneer German family, Mr F W C Schaeffer, between 1901 and 1903. The Society was formed in 1931 and is the oldest country historical society in NSW. We browse through **displays of beautiful china, glassware & furniture** presented to the Society over the years. Upon arrival into **Ballina** this afternoon we make our way to the **Ballina Rotary Lookout**. This lookout was established by the rotary club of Ballina to enable visitors to enjoy the **360 degree panoramic views of the coastline, township and hinterland**. Binoculars allow viewing of points of scenic and historic interest. We check into our accommodation and freshen up before dinner tonight.

Overnight Ballina - Best Western Ballina Island Motor Inn 02 6686 8866

Day 3. Tuesday 17th July: Byron Bay & Surrounds

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast in the motel dining room we make our way through to **Alstonville** where we stop in at the **Cutana Hat Company**. Cutana Hat Company proudly manufacture Hats and Caps along with Safety Helmet Shades for the equestrian industry from Kangaroo and cow hide. View this fascinating process with the opportunity to purchase at factory direct prices. Next we visit **Amaze n Place**, where you can get **lost in one of the most beautiful and innovative mazes**. The Living lattice Labyrinth has been created by the special growing and training of over 9,000 trees, the result is an intriguing and relaxing place to experience. Later today we travel up to **Eltham** where we stop at **Eltham Valley Pantry**, a **farm that grows pecans and coffee**. The pecan nuts and coffee are grown organically, and are harvested and packed right here on the farm. We enjoy quality farmhouse cooking and **following our lunch** we are taken on a **Guided tour of the pecan farming operation**. On tour we can view the operation of the pecan processing line and sampling of freshly shelled pecans as well as view different stages in coffee growing, processing and roasting. Later this afternoon we travel back through to Ballina, making a stop at **Thursday Plantation**, the **home of tea tree oil** where visitors are encourage to discover the magic of natural therapies, view a video, browse the gallery and sample and purchase products. We arrive back at our accommodation with time to relax before dinner at the motel.

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Day 4. Wednesday 18th July: Knockrow & Mullumbimby

Breakfast, Afternoon tea, Dinner

We depart after breakfast and make our way up through to **Knockrow** where we stop in at the **Macadamia Castle** where you might like to try **local coffee**, or **macadamias**. We travel up through the **quaint village of Bangalow**, this morning where we have the opportunity to explore some different little antique & gift shops. We travel further north to **Mullumbimby** where we discover the **Crystal Castle**, set in the beautiful hinterland. **Walk the ancient labyrinth, discover the gardens and rainforest** and wander the **famous Buddha Walk**. Marvell at the exquisite locally designed jewellery and amazing crystals from all over the globe. You will also have the opportunity to purchase lunch at the Café (own expense) with breathtaking views of the hinterland. This afternoon we travel back down to Ballina to board our **cruise on Ballina's magnificent Richmond River** to view Ballina by the water. The cruise includes an informative & entertaining historical commentary viewing bird life, mangroves, canefields and canal estate. Sit back relax and enjoy afternoon tea as we cruise along. Dinner will be served tonight in the motels restaurant.

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Day 5. Thursday 19th July: Ballina / Port Macquarie

Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch & Dinner

This morning after an early breakfast we bid our hosts farewell as we begin our trek south travelling towards **Woombah**. We stop here at the **Wombah Coffee Plantation** which was the **first to produce coffee on the North Coast** since the beginning of the coffee growing in the 1880's. We enjoy a **tour of the Factory** followed by **morning tea** before travelling further South to **Tucabia**, a **small country village** with a local shop and fuel station and a friendly atmosphere. Here we visit **Squatters Rest** where we **step back in time at a unique outdoor historical attraction** with good old fashioned **bush hospitality and entertainment**. Surrounded by vintage tractors, engines and farm machinery there are 16 old style buildings, including a replica 1880's cook house. After a **guided tour, lunch is served with billy-tea and bushman's bread**, and while we soak up the atmosphere we will be entertained with pianola for sing-a-longs, local musicians, bush dancing, great yarns and bush poetry. We arrive into Port Macquarie this evening where we stop for the night and enjoy dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight Port Macquarie - El Paso Motor Inn 02 6583 1944

Day 6. Friday 20th July: Port Macquarie / Bringelly

Breakfast

This morning we depart Port Macquarie and continue our journey home enjoying stops for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. This afternoon we arrive back home to say goodbye at your door after spending a fabulous week at the central north coast of New South Wales with Ezi Drive Coaches.

For information and bookings phone: 02 4774 9700

Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.