

# HOPKINSONS COACHES

In conjunction with the  
**Glenmore Park Probus Club**

Present a  
**3 Day Young Cherry Festival**

**Friday 06 December 2019 – Sunday 08 December 2019**

## **Day 1 (D): HOME TO COWRA VIA CHERRY FESTIVAL Friday 06 December 2019**

Welcome onboard greeted with a smile, today is a travel day so sit back, relax and get to know your fellow travelers as we travel through to **Young** known as the "The Cherry Capital of Australia". Young is the largest cherry growing area in the Southern Hemisphere with an annual production in excess of 500,000 cases! Being cherry season it's only appropriate that we do some cherry picking at **Allambie Cherry Orchard**. We have the opportunity to look through the packing shed as well as picking our own cherries (paid for by the kilo at Market Rates - own expense). While we are here we have time to purchase lunch. This afternoon we make our way to **Greenthorpe**. Here there is one of the great historical sites in Australia – **landra Castle**. This impressive property was established by George Henry Greene from 1878-1911. Greene pioneered share farming in NSW in 1892, and soon after the turn of the century, landra produced the largest yield of wheat for that time - 100,000 bags. All the grandeur of yesteryear remains at landra, with the restoration of the homestead through the 1970's. After a wonderful day we head to Cowra for the next 2 nights. (*Dinner in hotel*)

**Countryman Motel Cowra - 02 6342 3177 (subject to availability)**

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## **Day 2 (BD) CHERRY FESTIVAL Saturday 07 December 2019**

**Young** presents cherry growers with two of the most important ingredients vital to growing this exclusive fruit successfully. Firstly, the temperature - cherries need approximately 1400 chill hours at 7 degrees Celsius or lower so that the fruit sets correctly for most varieties. It is not only the temperature but also the rich red granite soil that makes this the perfect area for cherries. The low rainfall during the harvest season in November and December also results in superior fruit. So considering all this we are in for a jam packed day of fun and of course a taste of the best cherries you can get! During the day we experience **highlights of the festival** including the Celtic Tattoo,

Cherry Festival Carnival, Bush Poets, markets and stalls and much more. Later this afternoon we gather to watch the Cherry Parade and return to Cowra afterwards for a slightly later dinner.  
(Breakfast and Dinner in motel)

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### Day 3 (BL) COWRA TO HOME

Sunday 08 December 2019

**Cowra** is the town made famous by the POW Camp located here during WWII and the “Cowra Breakout”. At the Visitors Centre we have time to see the nine minute presentation that tells the story of the Cowra Breakout in 1944 before being joined on the coach by our **local guide**. On our town tour we will see the Australian World Peace Bell, the Cowra Italy Friendship Monument and the Australian & Japanese War Cemeteries, containing the graves of the Japanese involved in the POW Breakout during World War II. This is the only Japanese War Cemetery in Australia. We have some free time now at the **Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre**. Designed by landscape architect Ken Nakajima, the 5 hectare garden is the largest in the southern hemisphere. It was built because of Cowra’s special significance to the Japanese. This unique relationship originated on a cold night in 1944 when more than a thousand Japanese prisoners of war broke out of the prison camp. The idea of the garden arose as a symbolic representation of the Japanese soldiers who were buried nearby. The gardens were designed as a depiction of the landscape of Japan so that the spirits of the soldiers could rest in peace. Our self-guided **tour** exploring the meandering paths and wooden bridges allows us to view the gardens at ease. The Cultural Centre displays art history and crafts and has become known as the centre of Japanese Culture in Australia. We have arranged lunch at the Garden Café. After a very reflective day, we travel for home arriving home with many wonderful memories and new found friends made along the way. (Breakfast in motel, lunch at Garden Café)

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures, inclement weather etc.*