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## Winery Tours in the Southern Highlands of NSW

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Just 120 kilometres south of Sydney & close to Wollongong & Canberra, the beautiful Southern Highlands, sitting at an altitude of around 700 metres is now, after over 17 years of growth, producing many of Australia's award winning cold climate wines.

With over 60 vineyards & some 16 cellar doors, many with first class facilities including tasting rooms & restaurants, the district has become extremely popular for a day of Wine Tasting & Touring!

James Halliday who is one of Australia's foremost wine judges, awarded in 2014 Centennial Vineyards the "Outstanding Winery" award of "five red stars" ranking it amongst the best wineries in Australia.

Tertini Wines has also been awarded a "five black star" rating two years in a row & was highly rated for its Release Chardonnay 2011 & Reserve Pinot Noir 2009. Eight other Southern Highlands Vineyards also rank highly including Bendooley Estate, Cherry Tree Hill & Eling Forest Winery.

Among the award winning cool climate wines produced here are Riesling, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris & more recently some excellent Cabernet Sauvignon.

Departing your Southern Highlands accommodation at around 10.30 am a six hour Group Tour enables a visit to four of our excellent wineries for tasting & talk with time for lunch at one of the wineries. You must organise your own group from 12 to 33 people which will cost \$95.00 per head for 16-33 pax & \$105.00 per head for 12-15 pax. This includes a delightful Ploughman's Lunch & all winery fees (Monday to Saturday but not Sunday or public holiday, which attracts a 15% surcharge)

Should there be only 1 to 4 people then we provide an excellent Taxi Winery Tour where our driver who is a local of the district will take you on a similar tour to that described above except it is quicker as a small number of people can be attended to by the winery staff faster than a large group.

A Taxi Winery Tour enables a visit to four wineries with a Ploughman's Lunch at one winery in just five hours. A Taxi Winery Tour costs \$100.00 for the first hour & \$80.00 for each hour thereafter. A five hour tour therefore costs \$420.00 plus the cost of lunch & the total cost is shared by each of the taxis occupants. Chauffeur driven Hire Cars are also available at a slightly higher rate.

Should there be more than four people but less than twelve then we offer a Maxi Cab which costs \$140.00 for the first hour then \$100.00 per hour thereafter plus the cost of lunch. Our Maxi Cabs can accommodate up to eleven people. The larger the group then the longer it takes to complete a tour & if a Maxi Cab was carrying the maximum then you should budget on at least one hour per winery plus travel time in between of fifteen minutes per winery. Lunch requires approx an additional one hour. (For 10 or more people the wineries charge a tasting fee of \$5.50 per person)



All prices are ex Bowral, Mittagong or Moss Vale with slightly higher charges applying to pick up/drop off outside of these towns (Add 15% for Sunday's or public holidays). Tours may be shorter or longer in time as we are only too happy to tailor a tour to suit your time constraints & your budget.

Additional charges apply to pick up drop off from Sydney & other long distance locations.

Assuring you of a wonderful & memorable day & each tour includes a cross section of the Southern Highlands spectacular & beautiful scenery!



*"The car was beautiful and Kerry was a terrific guide. The tour and the wineries and the lunch were great. Everything about the day was perfect."* - Chris Osmond

*"All went really well and the food was really good, would recommend it!"* – Leah Hartley

*"I'd just like to say the wine tour was great, it was very organised.....Thank you so much and a big thank you to driver George who was lovely too."* - Anne Lawler

*"We had a wonderful time in the Southern Highlands and especially the wineries. Our driver George was great and made us feel very special. Thank you so much, it will be a weekend we will remember for a long time."* - Mark and Raelene Rowland

*"We had a great time and Barney was a lovely driver. Thank you for organizing the day so well for us."* - Liz Liam

*"It was really great!! David was fantastic and very accommodating when we wanted to change the program. Please pass on our thanks for a great day and we'll certainly be recommending and using the services ourselves when we come back again."* - Joan Warner