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Winery Tours in the Southern Highlands of NSW (updated June 2023)

Just 120 kilometres south of Sydney and close to Wollongong and Canberra, the beautiful Southern Highlands, sitting at an altitude of around 700 metres is now, after over 22 years of growth, producing many of Australia's award-winning cold climate wines. With over 60 vineyards and some 16 cellar doors, many with first class facilities including tasting rooms and restaurants, the district has become extremely popular for a day of Wine Tasting and Touring!

James Halliday who is one of Australia's foremost wine judges, awarded 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 and was highly rated for its Release Chardonnay and Reserve Pinot Noir. Eight other Southern Highlands Vineyards also rank highly including Bendooley Estate and Cherry Tree Hill. Other award-winning wineries include Rotherwood Estate, Artemis Wines, Mt Ashby Estate and Joadja Estate. The district continues to produce award-winning wines and is now seen as the new Hunter Valley!

Among the award-winning cool climate wines produced here are Riesling, Pinot Noir, Pinot Gris and more recently some excellent Cabernet Sauvignon. This district is emerging as Australia's premium wine producing region with its cool climate wines.

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 and talk. You will need to organise your own group from 12 to 33 people and we are happy to quote for our 24 seat De Luxe Coaches or 33 seat Luxury Coach. The wineries prefer to deal direct with the group to establish exactly the groups needs including hors d'oeuvres and/or lunch.

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 lunch in just five hours. A Taxi Winery Tour costs \$140.00 for the first hour and \$110.00 for each hour thereafter. A five-hour tour therefore costs \$580.00 plus the cost of lunch and tasting fees which are between \$5.00 and \$10.00 per head however these are generally refunded if bottles are purchased. The total cost is shared by each of the taxi's 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 cost \$180.00 for the first hour then \$120.00 per hour thereafter plus the cost of lunch and tasting fees. Our Maxi Cabs can accommodate up to eleven people which is \$660 for a 5 hour tour. The larger the group

then the longer it takes to complete a tour and if a Maxi Cab was carrying the maximum then you should budget on at least one hour per winery plus travel time of fifteen minutes per winery. Lunch requires approx one additional hour. (Winery tasting fees and lunch are at your cost). For coach tours the winery fees and lunch are already included in the earlier quoted prices.

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 and your budget.

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

Assuring you of a wonderful and memorable day and each tour includes a cross section of the Southern Highlands spectacular and 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 well 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.. 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