

Discover the Ultimate Hunter Valley Experience with Our Wine Train Package!

(From \$399 per night per couple per day)

No car needed, enjoy a stress-free, scenic journey to Hunter Valley with our all-inclusive Wine Train package. Whether you're a wine enthusiast, a foodie, or simply looking for a relaxing getaway, this package has it all.

Package Highlights:

- **Return Economy Express Train Tickets:** Travel from Sydney Central Station to Singleton Station with reserved seating. Enjoy a comfortable 3-hour journey with only seven stops, complete with onboard café and toilets.
- **Meet & Greet Transfers:** Convenient transfers to and from Singleton Railway Station to Hunter Valley Resort.
- **Accommodation at Hunter Valley Resort:** Stay in 4 star guestrooms or charming cottages nestled among 55-year-old Shiraz vineyards.
- **Daily Breakfast Vouchers:** Enjoy \$15 per person each day.
- **Hunter Wine Theatre Experience:** Learn about the winemaking process with a visual presentation and a private tasting with our Cellarmaster.
- **Onsite Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting:** Explore the vineyards and enjoy a guided tasting session.

Day 1.

09:29 - Depart Sydney Central Railway station (3 hours) – Café & toilets on board train (included).

Departing from Sydney's Central Railway Station every morning, the WINE TRAIN heads north from Sydney. This is not a city train. With only 7 stops, this express train will have you arriving in the Hunter Valley by lunchtime.

No need to show your eTicket prior to boarding; just go to your pre-reserved carriage and seat. The conductor will come through the train once underway. Enjoy food and beverages from the Café Car, and of course, there are toilets on board. The best part of the journey is the scenery from the large windows.

10:00 - Hawkesbury River scenery – After departing the suburb of Hornsby, enter Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park.

The 40,000-acre park was declared in 1894 and is the second oldest national park in Australia. It is 16 miles north of the Sydney Central Business District and generally comprises the land east of the Sydney-Hunter Valley Freeway, south of the Hawkesbury River.



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This area is also where much of the sandstone used for Sydney's Harbour Bridge and many heritage buildings around the city was sourced. On many of the Hawkesbury sandstone outcrops throughout the area, rock engravings can still be seen, reflecting the traditional spiritual and totemic beliefs of the local Aborigines. By the 1820s, settlers had taken up land around the Hawkesbury River, growing small plots of maize, onions, potatoes, and hay.

You will cross the Hawkesbury River over one of Sydney's original bridges, constructed long before the road bridges north. The Hawkesbury River Railway Bridge, completed in 1886, linked not only the significant Sydney to Hunter Valley Railway but also effectively connected the railway systems of South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales, and Queensland by continuous rail with the opening of the bridge.

The bridge was a major technical achievement at the time: it was the fourth largest bridge constructed in the world, one of its caissons reached 49m, had the deepest bridge footing in the world, and it was the longest bridge in Australia, pushing bridge design and construction techniques to the limit. You will see a second set of piers on the right-hand side. These were for the original 1886 bridge. Due to over 100 heavy freight trains every day throughout World War II, damage caused by these excessive loads meant construction of the current new bridge in the 1940s.

The journey continues past the many oyster farms/beds in the river, through the Woy Woy tunnel, and onto the Central Coast, then west into the Hunter Valley.

This is the original home of the famous Sydney Rock Oysters!



10:45 - Central Coast and Hunter scenery.



12:40 - Arrive Singleton Railway station (Hunter Valley) with Meet & Greet and return transfers from the station to Hunter Valley Resort in our Mercedes Benz.



13:00 - Arrive at Hunter Valley Resort + Farm.

Hunter Valley Resort + Farm is not one of those ‘big’ international chain resorts. Rather, it is a 4-star country inn or lodge, with only 35 rooms and cottages nestled on 70 secluded acres within their own 55-year-old shiraz vineyards. Winner of the TripAdvisor’s Traveller’s Choice award for 6 years running - **#1 resort and best 4 star hotel in Hunter Valley!**

The owners ([Helé family](#)) have been in the hotel business for 4 generations. It’s their home with two generations still living onsite working in the business every day. This is why Hunter Valley Resort is like no other...





What is there to do without a car?

There is a large selection of day tour options including iHop (Hop On/Hop Off buses) where you can experience cheese factories, chocolate factories, local heritage, the famous Hunter Valley Gardens (largest in Australia), and during Nov-Jan, see their Christmas Light display each night (Over 2 million lights!).

Hunter Wine Theatre experience (included) – 10:00 am and 3:00 pm daily.

The fun side of seeing a winery in action is when the grapes are being picked and put through the crusher at the winery – which for The Hunter Valley happens only in January and February. For the rest of the year, action at the winery is generally pretty quiet. Not so with the new Hunter Wine Theatre...

We have condensed a whole year of winemaking into a short 15-minute visual presentation. You will experience up on the big screen:

The Hunter's wine heritage, Australia's oldest wine area.

- How grapevines are maintained.
- See the annual grape harvest.
- The grape crusher in action.
- The actual winemaking process:
- Fermentation (Conversion of fruit/sugar into alcohol)
- Filtration of the 'new' wine
- Racking and barrel fermentation/storage
- Blending of wines
- Bottling process



After the visual presentation – on with the lights and a 15-minute wine tutorial with the Cellarmaster. There is a big difference between a wine tutorial and a wine tasting. A wine tasting is where you taste various wines and hopefully like them, and purchase a few to take home with you.

A wine tutorial is where we take you on a learning experience with a bracket of 4 wines. Here we teach you how to taste front palate sweetness, acidity, and back palate tannins, and most importantly exercising your nose to appreciate the bouquet of wine.

It's that simple...

16:00 - Time for rest – Onsite at Hunter Valley Resort you can hire electric bikes, take Segway backcountry tours to see kangaroos, or horseback riding. Visit the Brewhouse and try the 12 craft brews, take a carriage ride, play tennis, go swimming, or just finish that book!

18:00 Optional Dinner onsite at Hunter Valley Resort (own cost)

20:00 Accommodation at Hunter Valley Resort + Farm



Day 2.

Next morning, do a Hot Air Balloon ride over the Wine Country (Own cost)



08.00 Enjoy breakfast at the hotel (\$15pp vouchers included)

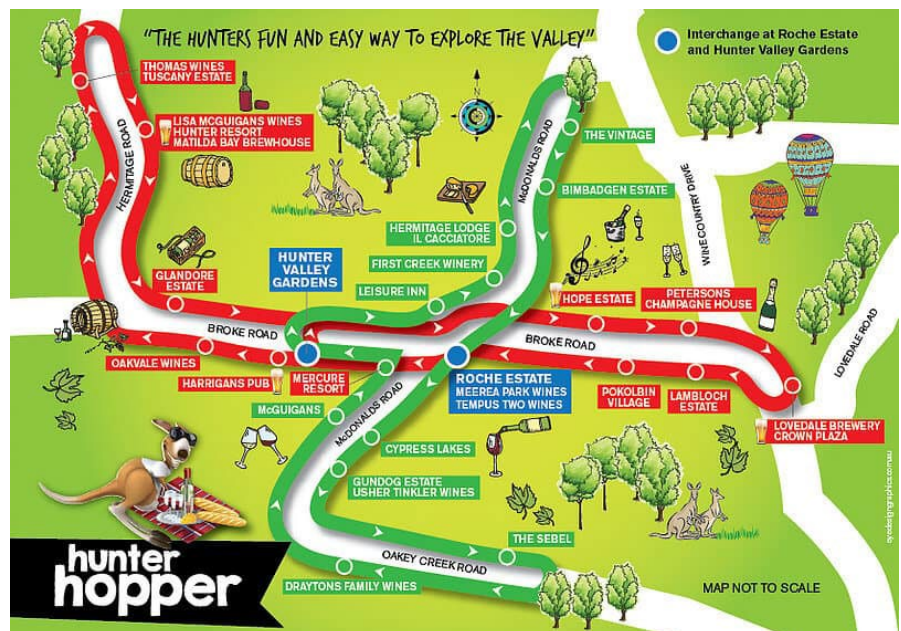
09:00 - Onsite vineyard inspection followed by wine tasting with the resort's Cellarmaster (included).

Also within easy walking distance are five Winery 'Cellar Doors'. The Chocolate Nip shop, Sculpture Garden, and Gallery feature at some of these Cellar Doors. Also, several restaurants...

Optional Day Tour – Hop on Hop off Bus, or Gourmet Lunch Tour, pick up from Hunter Valley Resort to tour the region (*departures may vary – not operated by us).

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Day 3.

10:00 Enjoy breakfast (\$15pp vouchers included)

10:30 Free time to do onsite optional activities eg: Segway, riding horse, riding electric bikes or enjoy the 3km walking track...

12:00 - Back to reception and wait for the transfer to Singleton Railway Station (included).

13:24 - Train departs Singleton Railway Station to Sydney (included).

16:38 - Arrive at Sydney Central Railway Station.

