

## Explorer Dream Shore Excursions – Newcastle

**Itinerary:** Sydney – Newcastle – Gladstone – Sunshine Coast/Brisbane – Brisbane/Sunshine Coast – Sydney

**Applicable sailing date:** 27 October, 3, 10, 17, 24 November and 1 December, 2019

Discover the best that Australia has to offer, select from a vast variety of shore excursions that Dream Cruises arrange for you. Book with us and have an unforgettable experience.

- **Great Convenience:** Well thought and arranged transport for point-to-point service.
- **Professionally Managed:** All tours are conducted by professional local guides.
- **Catered Needs:** Notify our team at the time of booking if you require a vegetarian meal or have specific food allergies.
- **Peace of Mind:** Booking your trip with us is worry-free! Ship will be there when you return even if there are unexpected delays on an excursion.
- **Variety of Choices:** Pick your dream excursion to enjoy with your family and friends by referring to the tour's activity level, features and remarks.

Excursion Features		Remarks
 Meal (Lunch)	 Refreshment (Tea/coffee/snacks)	 Age restrictions apply
 Wine Tasting	 Culture & History & Heritage	 Disclaimer is required for joining this activity
 Shopping & Relaxation	 Adventure	 Not recommended for guests in wheelchairs or with limited mobility
 Family fun (guests of all ages are welcome)	 Scenic	 Ship to shore transfers on tender boats

Activity Level		
<p>●○○ Moderate</p> <p>Requires some level of physical input such as lengthy walking over uneven roads, going up staircases or terrains.</p>	<p>●●○ Active</p> <p>Requires physical input for lengthy periods. Such as crossing steep terrains, and activities with ample movement.</p> <p>Recommended for venturous and able-bodied guests.</p>	<p>●●● Challenging</p> <p>Requires high level of physical input for lengthy periods. Activity may also require certain skills, such as scuba diving or windsurfing.</p> <p>Recommended for venturous and able-bodied guests and may require some previous experience.</p>

# Newcastle

Newcastle, Australia's seventh largest city is only 160kilometres north of Sydney. It is located in the heart of the Hunter Region and is bordered by a stunning coastline with beautiful beaches.

All within an hour's drive, Newcastle is ideally located to access amazing beaches in Port Stephens and its area; world-class wineries in the Hunter Valley; a world-heritage listed rainforest, Barrington Tops, Australia's largest salt water lake, Lake Macquarie; and some of the world's most famous horse studs in the Upper Hunter.

## Newcastle Dolphin Watching Cruise and Sand Dune Adventure (EDNTL01NME)

English  
Speaking Guide

AUD 149/ adult

AUD 139/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
	●○○		6 hours	Min. 35	



Dolphin Watching Cruise at Port Stephens

Relax and enjoy the beautiful Hunter Region town of Port Stephens and its suburb – Nelson Bay – traverse some sand dunes in a 4WD and a sandboard and take a cruise to meet some dolphins!

Board your modern 4WD vehicle for an exhilarating one hour 4WD and sand-boarding experience. The 4WD adventure will see you gripping the seat in front of you as your experienced driver traverses the desert-like terrain – nose up in the air one minute, then plunging downwards towards the sandy ground the next. Surf down a slide of sand when you stop to sandboard and explore the dunes.



Sand Boarding

Take in the long stretches of white beach, and watch the Bottlenose dolphins swim through the pristine royal blue waters of Port Stephens on your cruise. Bottlenose dolphins are fascinating creatures, known for their curiosity and enthusiasm, so it is almost guaranteed that you will see them during your cruise. It is a rare opportunity to view these fun-loving and intelligent creatures in their natural habitat. You can hop on the boom net for an exciting ride and maybe even a chance to meet a dolphin up close.

Tour Highlight:

- **Sand Dunes in a 4WD Experience (15mins) and unlimited sand boarding fun:** Explore the dramatic sand dunes of Port Stephens and zip up the sand dunes for a magnificent view along the coast with sand boarding a big fun must.
- **Dolphin Watching Cruise:** Cruise around Port Stephens to watch the Bottlenose dolphins swim through the pristine royal blue water and have your camera ready as we get you up close to the action.

### Important Notes:

- Journey from port to Port Stephens takes an hour one way.
- Guests should consider their physical condition and medical history in determining whether they are suitable to join this tour.
- This tour is not recommended for those guests who: are pregnant; have undergone a surgery recently; are taking prescribed medication/ receiving medical treatment currently; have pre-existing neck, back, knee and/or shoulder injury; are suffering from heart disease, asthma, diabetes, epilepsy, respiratory problem and/or physical disability.

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## Gourmet and Wines at Hunter Valley (EDNTL02WME)

English  
Speaking GuideAUD 199/ adult  
AUD 189/ child

Meal 🍴	Activity Level ●○○	Features 📷🍷	Duration* 8 hours	Participants Min. 35	Remarks -
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Wine tasting at Hunter Valley



Cheese Tasting

The Hunter Valley is home to over 4,000 acres of vines, 90 wineries and a number of Australia's oldest and most acclaimed wine estates. Sample some of the Hunter Valley wineries' best offerings including Mt Pleasant and Glandore Estate winery as well as uniquely flavoured craft beers from Matilda Bay Brew house of Hunter Valley. Taste local regional produce such as Bionnorie dairy cheese, stroll through the vineyards and wander through local stores where you have the opportunity to purchase Hunter Valley chocolate, liquors and flavoursome gourmet products. The highlight of the day will be your wine marriage lunch at an acclaimed restaurant to discover the hidden secrets to your palate.

**Package includes: Beer and Wine Tasting, Cheese Tasting and wine marriage lunch**

Tour Highlight:

- **Beer, Wine and Cheese Tasting:** Indulge your inner foodie as you discover the fine wines and culinary delights of Australia's famous Hunter Valley. Along the way, tuck into lunch at a local restaurant, sample regional cheeses and beers!

### Important Notes:

- Minimum age of participants for wine tasting session is 18 years old.
- Journey from port to Hunter Valley Village takes 2 hours one way.

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## Murray's Beer and Sand Dune Adventure (EDNTL03WME)

English  
Speaking GuideAUD 199/ adult  
AUD 189/ child

Meal 	Activity Level 	Features 	Duration* 6 hours	Participants Min. 35	Remarks 
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Sand Boarding



Murray's Brewery

Relax and enjoy the beautiful Hunter Region town of Port Stephens and its suburb – Nelson Bay traverse some sand dunes in a 4WD vehicle.

Board your modern 4WD vehicle for an exhilarating one hour 4WD and sand-boarding experience. The 4WD adventure will see you gripping the seat in front of you as your experienced driver traverses the desert-like terrain – nose up in the air one minute, then plunging downwards towards the sandy ground the next. Surf down a slide of sand when you stop to sandboard and explore the dunes. This is a fascinating area with an almost Martian terrain, and well worth the visit. Spend extra time on the Sand Dunes with sand boarding a family fun must.

After head off to Murray's Brewery for a scrumptious Style BBQ Australian lunch and also enjoy some of the local beers and wines (own expense). One specialty beer is included.

Tour Highlight:

- **Sand Dunes in a 4WD Experience (15mins) and unlimited sand boarding fun:** Explore the dramatic sand dunes of Port Stephens and zip up the sand dunes for a magnificent view along the coast with sand boarding a big fun must.

### Important Notes:

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- Minimum age of participants for wine tasting session is 18 years old.

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**Quad Bike Sand Dune Adventure (EDNTL04NME)**English  
Commentary**AUD 209/ adult**

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●●○		2.5 hours	Min. 8; Max. 54	



Quad Bike Sand Dune Adventure

Experience the magnificence of the Worimi Sand Dunes on Stockton Beach, riding safely from bush to beach with expert guides. The 1 hour ride takes in the wonders of the highest sand dunes in the southern hemisphere, the glorious views of the sweeping coastline and you'll learn about history of the land.

Take a 30 min transfer from the pier to quad Bike departure point. No Experience is necessary so if you're new to quad bike riding don't panic! All of the tours are tailored to meet the needs and experience of the riders. Less experienced riders will be perfectly catered for.

Tour Highlight:

- **Quad Bike Sand Dune Adventure:** Enjoy the 1 hour adventure on the highest sand dunes and the biggest bikes on Stockton Beach.

Important Notes:

- Guests should consider their physical condition and medical history in determining whether they are suitable to join this tour.
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- We recommend wearing comfortable sports/active clothing (long pants), flat-soled shoes, a hat and a jacket and bring along sunscreen lotion and bottled water.

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## Port Stephens Dolphin Watching Cruise (EDNTL05NME)

English  
Speaking GuideAUD 119/ adult  
AUD 109/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
	●○○		6 hours	Min. 35	



Dolphin Watching Cruise at Port Stephens

Port Stephens on Nelson Bay is often described as the “Dolphin Capital of Eastern Australia” - its inner harbour is home to a resident population of 165 bottlenose dolphins. Take a cruise around the harbour to view the Nelson Bay dolphins along with Port Stephens other residents including sea turtles and pelicans. Tea and coffee is served on departure. The vessel features open observation decks. On the return journey a boom net is lowered into the water and guests young and old alike can ride in the vessel's wake and take a trip down the slide into the net below. Don't forget your swimmers and a towel!

Back at the harbour enjoy free time to explore the local precinct. There's a playground for the kids, lots of local souvenir shops and plenty of waterfront restaurants, cafes and pubs to grab a bite to eat. Take a wander up the main street and you'll discover more lunch options, shops and plenty to see and do.

Tour Highlights:

- **Dolphin Watching Cruise :** Cruise around Port Stephens to watch the Bottlenose dolphins swim through the pristine royal blue water and have your camera ready as we get you up close to the action.
- **Free time explore Port Stephens:** Wander up the main street in the harbour and enjoy your leisure time.

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## Newcastle Sights &amp; Fort Scratchley (EDNTL06NME)

English  
Speaking GuideAUD 99/ adult  
AUD 89/ child

Meal	Activity Level	Features	Duration*	Participants	Remarks
-	●○○	 	5 hours	Min. 35	-
 <p>Underground tunnels</p> <p>Newcastle is steeped in heritage and culture with historic architecture, a thriving arts scene and a community proud of its past.</p> <p>Enjoy a driving tour around the city including The Lock Up, Customs House, the Convict Lumber Yard, Fort Scratchley Historic Site, Newcastle Museum, Newcastle Ocean Baths and Beach, Christ Church Cathedral, and several historic convict-era buildings. At Fort Scratchley participate in a guided tour undertaken by the Fort Scratchley Historical Society around the Barracks, the underground tunnels and the above ground defence structures. Learn the history of the Fort's involvement in World War II with the Fort taking its place in the history books as the first and only Australian Fort to return fire on an enemy ship during a time of war. Free time is given at the Newcastle Museum for you to wander the exhibits at their leisure.</p> <p>Tour Highlight:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Historical sights and Culture Experience:</b> Visit historic sites to learn the history of the Fort's involvement in World War II and see the culture at Newcastle Museum.</li> </ul>					

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## Important Notes

1. Shore excursion fares are denominated in AUD.
2. Child fare is applicable to those aged 11 or below. Infants aged below 2 come free.
3. Shore excursion tickets are neither refundable nor transferrable after they have been sold.
4. Shore excursions require a minimum number of participating persons and may be cancelled if there are insufficient participants.
5. All shore excursions are sold on a first-come, first-served basis and have a maximum limit of participating persons. To avoid disappointment, guests are recommended to reserve shore excursions early.
6. Some shore excursions may require long-distance walking. It is recommended that guests should consider their physical conditions before joining such shore excursions.
7. Please be careful of personal belongings at all times in order to avoid thefts and robberies.
8. Please take extra care and caution when walking inside and outside the ports or during shore excursion in order to avoid accidents.
9. Please pay attention to hygiene conditions when going outside. Please do not drink nor dine in dirty environments.
10. Shore excursion is operated by the independent local tour operator and ticket is sold by Dream Cruises as an agent for and on behalf of such tour operators. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) will not be responsible for the act, negligence, default or omission of such tour operators and/or any losses or damages suffered by the passenger in relation to their shore excursion.
11. Tour operator shall have the right to change the itineraries (including, without limitation, place of visit, transportation, accommodation and meal arrangements) due to operational need, weather conditions and/or safety, comfort or enjoyment of the guests. Neither Dream Cruises nor the tour operator shall be liable for loss, delay, inconvenience, disappointment or expenses whatsoever incurred or suffered by the passenger in such circumstances.
12. Dream Cruises (including its officers, employees and affiliates) and tour operator shall not be liable for any loss, damages, claims, costs and expenses incurred and/or suffered by the passenger in relation to any force majeure events including, without limitation, war or threat of war, riot, disaster, acts of Gods (which includes but not limited to adverse weather condition, storm, tsunami, earthquake and/or typhoon), terrorist activity, fire, technical problem with transport, closure of port, strikes or other industrial action, act or decision of any government authority and any other events beyond the control of Dream Cruises and the tour operator.
13. Tour operators reserve the right to refuse the passenger to join shore excursions or cancel shore excursions for the following several reasons: late guests; safety reasons; immigration and custom clearance; and conditions beyond the control of the tour operator.
14. Information on this promotional leaflet is correct at the time of print. Dream Cruises reserves the final right to amend and change any applicable terms and conditions on this promotional leaflet without prior notice. In case of any disputes, the decision of Dream Cruises shall be final.
15. Dream Cruises will not be held responsible for any activity/transportation in ports of call other than that which is arranged through the tour desk onboard the vessels of Dream Cruises. Any activity/transportation inside or outside the port area is not within the control of Dream Cruises.
16. Itineraries and tour prices are subject to change without prior notice. Kindly refer to the final tour information onboard.
17. For guests in wheelchairs, there will be crew members to guide and steady them as they embark for shore excursions, but the crew members cannot support, carry or lift guests on board the tender for safety reasons. Guests in wheelchairs please wear appropriate, flat, and securely attached footwear, when embarking and disembarking the tender. If passenger uses a wheelchair or mobility scooter, please note that passenger or passenger's travelling companion is responsible for assembling and disassembling the wheelchair/mobility scooter.

### Notes:

#### Travel Accident Insurance

Age	Medical expenses claimable due to accident happened during the course of the journey	Charges claimable for medical evacuation conducted during the course of the journey
6 months or above	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)	Up to US\$5,000 (Deductible US\$50 /claim)
1) This Travel Accident Insurance is provided by AIG. The provisions and exclusions as staged under the AIG policy shall be conclusive. The company has the absolute right to terminate the policy without any notice. 2) Travel Accident Insurance is not meant to replace your own travel insurance. For sake of completeness, we strongly advise you to obtain your own insurance arrangement before departure. 3) Please note that any claim for illness or injury must be formally lodged with full particulars to our Customer Service <u>strictly within thirty (30) days from the date of the incident</u> . Claims lodged after the said timeframe shall be considered as time-barred.		

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