

Goulburn & Surrounds

Day Tours



Come and see the grandeur Goulburn has to offer by participating in one of our many day tours. The attached tours have been designed to cater for specific areas of interest, enabling you to select an itinerary that suits the wishes of your group.

Make your next visit to Goulburn a memorable one by taking advantage of the abundance of wonderful sites our day tours offer. For more information or to make a booking, contact the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre.



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Guided City Tour

Available year round, our guided city tour allows groups to enjoy a comprehensive overview of the historic City of Goulburn without leaving the comfort of your coach!

We provide you with an experienced tour guide who boards your coach and shows you the sites of Goulburn, revealing the history - or local tale - behind many of the landmarks throughout the City.

Places of interest include:

- ♦ St Saviour's Cathedral
- ♦ NSW Police College
- ♦ Historic Hotels
- ♦ Big Merino
- ♦ Gallows Hill
- ♦ Wool Stores
- ♦ Plus many more

There is one stop on the tour – at the Rocky Hill War Memorial & Museum - where you can stretch your legs, peruse WWI artefacts in the museum, and enjoy the spectacular views over the city of Goulburn.

Book your guided city tour of Goulburn today by contacting the Goulburn Visitor Information Centre.

The tour is 90 minutes in length, and is excellent value at just \$90.00 (incl. GST) per coach weekdays. Weekends and public holidays, a supplement applies. Saturday \$112.50 (incl. GST); Sunday and public holidays \$135.00 (incl. GST)



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Historic Day Tour 1– A glimpse into our historic delights

10.00

Goulburn City Guided Tour

The guided city tour is available all year round, and provides visitors with a comprehensive overview of our historic city. The Goulburn Visitor Information Centre will provide you with a guide who boards your coach and shows you the sights of Goulburn, revealing the history- or local tale behind many of the landmarks throughout the city. Places of interest include St Saviour's Cathedral, NSW Police College, Historic Hotels, Big Merino, Gallows Hill, and the War Memorial including the museum.

11.30

Riversdale Homestead - Tour and Lunch

Built around 1840 as a coaching inn and residence, Riversdale is a fine example of a single story Georgian cottage set in beautiful gardens. The property is National Trust listed and has a collection of fine Australian furniture and art dating from the late nineteenth century. Light lunches can be arranged including soup, sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee.

13.10

St Saviour's Cathedral - Tour

Enjoy a guided tour of one of the finest white sandstone Cathedrals in the Southern Hemisphere. Designed by Edmund Blacket, the Cathedral was built in 1884 with the tower and bells added in 1988. Some of the outstanding features of the Cathedral include spectacular stained glass windows, beautiful chapels and a magnificent pipe organ.

14.30

Garroorigang Homestead - Tour

Garroorigang Homestead dates back to 1867 and is the home of the Hume family, descendants of one of Australia's most famous explorers. Apart from small alterations, mainly to accommodate family needs, Garroorigang has remained largely unchanged for 150 years. In addition to the original furnishings, the home contains an unequalled collection of Victorian kitchen and other ware.

The above itinerary has been designed to offer tour groups a glimpse into Goulburn's charming historic past. We can also organise catering for morning tea, afternoon tea and lunches in a variety of unique settings, from our beautiful colonial homesteads to one of the many charming parks in the area.



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Historic Day Tour 2 – Railway Heritage highlights

- 10.30 Goulburn Rail Signals Museum**
Governor Lord Belmore opened the station buildings in 1869, to coincide with the completion of the railway, which made Goulburn a major railway centre. Enjoy a guided tour of this fascinating rail signals museum, and historic railway station.
- 11.45 Old Goulburn Brewery – Tour and Lunch**
The Old Goulburn Brewery is Australia's oldest surviving brewery and industrial complex. Today it houses accommodation, restaurant, and a function centre and serves its own ale brewed on the complex. Much of the old equipment has remained intact and a guided tour of the Brewery will give you a unique insight into life in this complex in the 1800's.
- 13.30 Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre - Tour**
Goulburn Rail Heritage Centre operates a working Roundhouse housing heritage locomotives (steam and diesel), rolling stock and railway ephemera. The centre shows the transition of locomotive maintenance, steam to dieselisation. A large workshop building is on display with all tours being guided by Goulburn Roundhouse staff. Most guides are railway men who were based at the Goulburn Roundhouse.
- 15.00 Goulburn Historic Waterworks - Tour**
Come and see the fully operational steam engines - the 1883 Appleby Bros. beam engine and the 1860s Hick Hargreaves corliss valve engine. The beam engine was installed at the waterworks in the 1880s to pump water for the City of Goulburn. Step back in time to the 1880s when Goulburn was one of the first regional centres to supply piped drinking water to its residents. The Goulburn Historic Waterworks has remained intact with a pump house and working steam beam engine. It is located in an idyllic setting on the banks of the Wollondilly River.

This tour has been designed to cater for those groups that have a passionate interest in the history of rail. This tour starts a little later in the morning, allowing time for your guests to browse our magnificent parks and central business district's grand architecture.



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Historic Day Tour 3 – Historic museums

10.0 **Riversdale Homestead – Tour**

Enjoy a tour of Riversdale homestead, an iconic property preserved by the National Trust of Australia. The only surviving building of the “Old Township” as sited by Governor Macquarie, and a fine example of early Colonial Georgian architecture. Renowned for a collection of fine Australian Colonial furniture and wood carvings including artefacts from the “Twynam” family, whom resided at Riversdale from 1875 until the National Trust acquired the property in 1967.

12.00 **Lunch**

Goulburn offers an array of eateries for your group. The Goulburn Visitor Information Centre can organise a catered lunch in one of our many beautiful parks. Goulburn offers great value for money lunch options at our Clubs and Cafes.

13.30 **St Clair Folk Museum and Archives**

St Clair was built by James Sinclair for his family in 1843. After his death in 1851 the house was sold on for private use. Over the years it has been used as consulting rooms for a doctor, a school for young ladies, a guest house and flatettes. The Goulburn and District Historical Society created the folk museum and established a research centre in the 1970s, and now houses a large collection with special exhibits relating to Goulburn.

14.00 **St Peter & Paul’s Cathedral - Tour**

The Old Cathedral is constructed from a diorite porphyrite and is the only church of this stone in Australia, and possibly the world. The old cathedral is a significant example of 19th century gothic ecclesiastical design and craftsmanship. The organ is the only unaltered William Hill organ in Australia and is the second most important of his organs after the Sydney Town Hall organ.

15.00 **Free time**

Why not take the self guided walking tour of Goulburn, stroll through Belmore Park, browse our specialty shopping precinct or take time out to have a coffee in one of our many cafes.



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Lake Bathurst Day Tour

The Woodlawn Bioreactor, World War II Emergency Fuel Stores, Heritage Display and Lavender Gardens, all in Lake Bathurst, make this day trip a truly unique experience.

10.00 **Woodlawn Bioreactor and World War II Fuel Stores**
Waste will become the fuel for producing considerable volumes of landfill gas to generate green electricity sufficient to power a city of 30,000 people for more than one hundred years. At Woodlawn your tour guide will explain the whole operation.

A visit is also made to the original RAAF Emergency Fuel Stores constructed hastily in 1943 at Lake Bathurst. This historic site, with 5 underground Fuel Bunkers built especially for the RAAF, is the only facility of this kind open for inspection in Australia. A small private museum and display has been established on the site.

13.00 **Lunch at the Lavender Garden Tea Rooms**
On return to Lake Bathurst, you will enjoy a sumptuous two course lunch at the Lavender Garden Tea Rooms

13.45 **Heritage Display and lavender Gardens**
After lunch, inspect the new heritage display at the Lake Bathurst Function Centre. Wander through the lavender gardens to the nearby St. John's Anglican Church (1860), with its magnificent stained glass windows. Also peruse the lavender gift shop, which offers a range of lavender based products plus the garden's own loose lavender and essential lavender oil.

15.00 **Free Time**
Take some time out to stroll through Goulburn's large selection of Antiques, Art, Books, Collectables and 2nd Hand Shops. You will be sure to find that unique piece and maybe even a bargain!



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Accommodation



Don't have enough time in one day to see all that Goulburn has to offer? Why not stay a night or two in one of Goulburn's well appointed and affordable accommodation venues. Goulburn has a large range of accommodation options available to suit a variety of needs and budgets.

A large selection of Goulburn's accommodation houses will put together packages for your group to include a two or three course dinner, accommodation and breakfast.

Affordable accommodation, fantastic eateries and an abundance of history, architecture and specialty shopping makes Goulburn a must do on your itinerary.

We look forward to welcoming you, come be a part of it!



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