

# COACH ITINERARIES

## COOMA TOWNSHIP

A day can easily be set aside for Cooma township with many of the local attractions suitable for short or long stays. Time should also be allocated for browsing some of the unique shops in town, including the famous Birdsnest Clothing Store and newly opened Renew Shops offering arts, crafts and everything in between. Our own locally roasted Snowy Mountains Coffee is also a treat for the tastebuds.

- **Cooma Visitors Centre** is located next to Centennial Park. We provide information, Australian made gifts and souvenirs, maps, internet access, snow and road reports, books and local products. We also offer a tour guide service, which can be pre-arranged by contacting the centre. Contact 6455 1742. Open every day except Christmas Day.
- **Centennial Park** contains the '**Avenue of Flags**' (representing the nationalities of the people who worked on the Snowy Scheme) and the '**Cooma Time Walk**', a bicentennial project of mosaic murals depicting the history of the region. Toilets (wheelchair access), picnic tables, children's playground and baby change rooms are some of the facilities available.
- **Lambie Town Walk** (this can be driven or walked). This is the heritage of Cooma and takes you past the Post Office, Court House, Gaol, Raglan Gallery, Lambie Residential Houses and Church Hill.
- **Cooma Monaro Railway**. The historic Rail Motor leaves from the lovely heritage Railway station to either Bunyan or Chakola. Meals can be organised at the station. Tourist rides are available on weekends or by special arrangement for groups. Contact 6452 7791.
- **Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre**. The centre has a large theatre available for two coaches, displays, and interactive and interpretive information about the building of the Snowy Mountains Scheme. Contact 1800 623 776.
- **Raglan Gallery and Cultural Centre**. Located in the historic Lord Raglan Inn, the gallery has a variety of local art and craft on display and for sale, along with several exhibitions during the year. Morning and afternoon tea can be arranged. Contact 6452 3377.
- **NSW Corrective Services Museum**. The museum is located next to the Gaol and has displays and information from the convicts landing at Sydney Harbour to present day Correctional practices. The Gaol is operated by the inmates and has a craft gift shop with handmade items. Morning/Afternoon tea and Tours can be arranged. Contact 6452 5974.
- **Miss Heidi's Tea House**. Located at Mt. Gladstone lookout, the Austrian influenced, log cabin Teahouse offers delicious Morning/Afternoon tea or lunch with fantastic views outside or comfortable seating by the log fire inside. Contact 6452 1768.
- **Mt. Gladstone Lookout**. Located approximately 3 ½ km from Cooma, this lookout provides an excellent 180 degree view of the Monaro Plains and Snowy Mountains.

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## TOURIST DRIVES

There are a variety of interesting routes throughout the Snowy Mountains region. Many can be combined or shortened depending on your interests or time constraints. Please have a look at the following suggestions:-

### **Cooma – Berridale – Jindabyne – Dalgety – Cooma**

This drive can be broken into segments or taken as a full day. The route goes through the Monaro Plains and to the foothills of the Snowy Mountains.

Mt. Gladstone Lookout is a great starting place to get the best regional view and a stop at Miss Heidi's Teahouse is a must.

You can see the prevalent Berridale Boulders and the Snowy Riversphere Sculpture as you travel to Berridale, where you can stop at Ray Killen Photographic Gallery or Pauline Syron-Coxon's Aboriginal Art Gallery, taste the delights of Two Moos Café and the bakery or indulge yourself shopping in Trading In Design Store.

By travelling the back road from Jindabyne to Dalgety and Cooma, you will get away from the main road and truly see the vast majesty of the plains.

**Road Conditions** - easy travelling on sealed roads. The road from Jindabyne to Dalgety and Cooma is a good secondary road with narrower lanes.

#### **Cooma – Berridale 33km 30 minutes**

1. Mt. Gladstone Lookout: Best Regional View including The Brothers Hills
2. Miss Heidi's Teahouse
3. Berridale Boulders
4. Snowy Riversphere
5. Ray Killen Gallery
6. Berridale Art Gallery
7. Trading In Design Store
8. Two Moos Café
9. Berridale Bakery

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## **Berridale – Jindabyne** 30km 20 to 25 minutes

1. Lake Jindabyne Lookout/ Kokoda Memorial
2. Jindabyne Dam Wall
3. Snowy Region Visitors Centre
4. Strezlecki Statue
5. Shopping in Jindabyne
6. Kosciuszko Brewery
7. Gaden Trout Hatchery

## **Jindabyne – Dalgety** 29km 40 minutes

1. Beloka Historic Church
2. Take a side trip to Snowy Vineyard Estate Winery and Microbrewery
3. Tuscany Garden Restaurant
4. Snowy River – Buckleys Crossing Bridge
5. Buckleys Hotel
6. Iona Gardens
7. Town Walk with Guide

## **Dalgety – Cooma** 55km 40 minutes

Dalgety was the alternate choice when the National Capital was being considered. This historic little town is well worth a visit for that reason.

1. Christ Church and Cemetery

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## JINDABYNE TO THREDBO

Venture into beautiful Kosciuszko National Park and visit the picturesque alpine village of Thredbo. The drive takes you through the lovely Crackenback region with glimpses of the Thredbo River.

You can stop before or after your visit to Thredbo, at the award winning Wild Brumby Schnapps Distillery for an information session & tasting. Wild Brumby can also be incorporated for morning or afternoon tea. Just across the road is the historic Crackenback Farm.

Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa is a hive of outdoor activities including the highest Segway Eco Tours. Two fantastic restaurants can be found on the resort, including 'Cuisine' and 'Alpine Larder'. The Chef of Cuisine on Lake Crackenback was awarded a hat in 2013, a very prestigious recognition. The spa at the resort transports you to another (relaxing) world.

Thredbo has a variety of activities, shops and walks depending on your time and interests. The most popular activity is to take the Kosciuszko Express chairlift to the top of Crackenback Ridge. The views are stunning down the valley in both directions. There are wildflowers in the summer time and snow in winter.

**Road Conditions** - A gradual climb on a sealed road.

Distance 38km 25 minutes

1. Wild Brumby Schnapps Distillery
2. Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa
3. Kosciuszko National Park (Entrance Fee required)
4. Thredbo: Chairlift, Eagles Nest Restaurant, Leisure Centre, Walks
5. Thredbo Ski Museum

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## JINDABYNE TO PERISHER AND CHARLOTTE PASS

This trip will take you to the highest point you can drive to in Australia, Charlotte Pass Lookout. Before you get there, you will see the fascinating rock formations in Lake Jindabyne called Curiosity Rocks. A visit to the NSW Trout Hatchery is informative and educational, with a sheltered BBQ/Picnic area on the Thredbo River.

Waste Point Lookout offers fantastic views back to Lake Jindabyne providing a perspective of the region as you continue to climb towards Perisher.

The route is full of mountain and ski history with a variety of visual sights and stops. You will see evidence of re-growth amongst the eucalypt trees from the bush fires of 2003.

The rugged beauty unveils as you pass Perisher Ski Resort (open during winter time only) and head to Charlotte Pass (village open during winter time only), where the trees become smaller and the alpine mountains grander. At the lookout, it is an easy walk to view Mt. Kosciuszko and the Main Range with a 600m boardwalk through the twisted and colourful Snow gums.

**Road Conditions** - constant climb on a sealed good road with passing lanes.

Distance 30 to 40 minutes

1. Curiosity Rocks
2. Gaden Trout Hatchery
3. Thredbo River Picnic Area Rest Stop/ BBQ's
4. Waste Point Lookout
5. Dainers Gap history
6. Sponars Chalet history
7. Perisher/Smiggins Hole Ski Resort
8. Charlotte Pass Lookout to Mt. Kosciuszko and Main Range

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## COOMA TO EUCUMBENE DAM WALL

This side trip can be added to several itineraries and takes you along Rocky Plain road through the rolling hills of the Monaro to the dramatic Eucumbene Dam Wall. You will also pass by the pretty and historic 'Round Plain' Church along the way.

The Dam is 116 metres high and holds back the waters of Lake Eucumbene, the largest reservoir in the Snowy Scheme. At full capacity the lake holds approximately 9 times the amount of water as Sydney Harbour. There are two large viewing areas and toilet facilities.

This tour can be added onto a day to Jindabyne or Berridale.

**Road Conditions** - good, sealed country secondary road.

Distance from turnoff, Cooma to Dam Wall is approximately 57km 45 minutes

1. Eucumbene Trout Farm (open subject to water levels)
2. Round Plain Church
3. Eucumbene Dam Wall

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## CANBERRA TO COOMA

The Monaro Highway from Canberra to Cooma is full of history and can be taken as a leisurely drive by stopping at the villages along the way. Can you spot the Green Mountain Blue II Sculpture on the hill near Bunyan?

Michelago is often overlooked but with prior arrangement, the Historic Railway Station and Craft Shop are happy to show you the sights.

The Bredbo Christmas Barn is a real surprise, especially during the winter months you can break the journey south for a fun treat.

Macenmist Truffles & Wines is a unique and wonderful edition to Bredbo. Truffle season is during the winter months and truffle hunts are regularly conducted. There is also an option for private groups by contacting 6454 4095.

**Road Conditions** - Excellent sealed highway with passing lanes and rest areas.

Distance 115km, 1 ½ hours

1. Michelago Railway Station and Craft Shop
2. Bredbo Christmas Barn (seasonal)
3. Snowy Mountains Gourmet Food Bredbo
4. Macenmist Black Truffles & Wine Bredbo

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## COOMA TO ADAMINABY

Travel to the historic town of Adaminaby, the famous town that was moved during the Snowy Scheme to its present location. There are interesting sights and history along this route.

Leigh Stewarts Gallery will inform you of the history of Adaminaby before and after the Snowy Scheme.

By going down to Old Adaminaby on Lake Eucumbene the stories of the old town call out to you. Depending on the water level there are times when the original road, foundations and steps of the town are visible, allowing for ones imagination to look back in time.

**Road Conditions** - Snowy Mountains Highway, relaxing drive on a good sealed road.

Distance 51km, 40 minutes

1. Mt. Gladstone Lookout
2. Miss Heidi's Teahouse
3. Leigh Stewart Gallery
4. Old Adaminaby – Church and School House, view lake and the original township
5. Snowy Scheme Museum
6. The Big Trout



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## ADAMINABY – KIANDRA – CABRAMURRA – YARRANGOBILLY – TALBINGO – TUMUT

(This tour should be divided into segments or taken with an overnight stay in Tumut.)

The route climbs into the north of Kosciuszko National Park on the scenic Snowy Mountains Highway. There is a variety of scenery that alternates between rolling foothills, open high plains and mountain forests. Evidence of the 2003 bush fires can be seen, especially through the Alpine Ash where the regrowth is prevalent.

The road from Kiandra to Cabramurra narrows considerably making for a slower drive as the road winds its way to the highest township in Australia, Cabramurra.

Kiandra is the historic ghost town where the gold rush occurred. Now there is an informative heritage trail around the area explaining how it once was.

Yarrangobilly Caves is set in a beautiful gorge with 3 caves open to the public. There are also lovely walks and thermal pools to enjoy. The original Yarrangobilly Locality and Homestead is located on the highway after the Caves and is easily accessible.

The road drops considerably as you approach the quaint village of Talbingo where Tumut 3 power station is located. There is a display within the town centre and an easy drive out to the Power Station, where you can view the plunge pool, pipes and fans.

Traveling along Blowering Reservoir, the country opens up before you as you arrive into the lovely town of Tumut.

**Road Conditions** - Snowy Mountains Highway, Adaminaby to Kiandra and from Kiandra to Tumut. It is a secondary road from Kiandra to Cabramurra.

Note - There is a one way unsealed road from the Snowy Mountains Highway to Yarrangobilly Caves and may not be suitable for large coaches or caravans.

<p><b>Adaminaby – Kiandra approximately 37km 40 minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Providence Portal</li> <li>2. Kosciuszko National Park</li> <li>3. Delaney’s Hut &amp; Sawyers Hut</li> <li>4. Kiandra Cemetery</li> <li>5. Kiandra heritage trail</li> </ol>	<p><b>Kiandra – Cabramurra approximately 20 minutes</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cabramurra – Australia’s Highest Town. Lunch Stop. Lookout</li> </ol>
<p><b>Kiandra – Yarrangobilly Locality approximately 38km</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Yarrangobilly Caves (note this is a one way Dirt Road)</li> <li>2. Yarrangobilly Locality and Homestead (on the Snowy Mountains highway)</li> </ol>	<p><b>Talbingo – Tumut approximately 45km</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Blowering Reservoir</li> <li>2. Pine Plantations</li> </ol> <p><b>Yarrangobilly Locality – Talbingo approximately 31km</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Talbingo Mountain</li> <li>2. Snowy Hydro Display</li> <li>3. Blowering Reservoir</li> </ol>



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## COOMA – NIMMITABEL – BOMBALA – DELEGATE

Travelling south on the Monaro Highway the views open up as you cross the Great Dividing Range. The quaint village of Nimmitabel has a heritage trail which can be walked or driven and unique shops to explore.

Bombala is the home of Monaro Country Lavender, Australia's oldest Lavender Association, located at Railway Park on the approach to town. Tours of the distillery, machine shed and historic convent are available.

Bombala is also Platypus Country with the healthy Bombala River habitat, platypus are in abundance and easily viewed at the Platypus Reserve just west of the town towards Delegate.

The Early Settlers Hut between Bombala and Delegate is one of the oldest buildings on the Monaro dating back to the 1840's.

**Road Conditions** - Snowy Mountains and Monaro Highway are both good sealed roads. The Bonang Highway to Delegate is also a good sealed road.

### **Cooma – Nimmitabel 37km approximately 25 minutes**

1. Nimmitabel – Town tour, The Old Mill, Geldmacher Museum, Nimmitabel Courthouse and Lockup Museum
2. Boutique shops & eateries

### **Nimmitabel – Bombala approximately 47km 35 minutes**

1. Bombala – Visitors Centre can arrange a step on guide
2. Railway Park and Lavender House
3. Historic Engine Museum
4. Platypus Sanctuary
5. Cathcart Collectables

### **Bombala – Delegate approximately 35km 30 minutes**

1. Early Settlers Hut

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## WINTER TOURS

The winter months bring beautiful snow capped mountain views and a real chill to the air. Tourist Drives can include a stop at one of three ski resorts to ski, play or just look at the snow.

All major tourist attractions are open during the winter months and should not be overlooked, as there is generally a crackling fire to warm up next to with a mug of hot chocolate.

The Christmas Barn at Bredbo is a wonderful surprise, when the doors open to reveal a magical store full of everything Christmas.

In July, many of the shops, stores and resorts decorate for Christmas in July which just adds to any tour.

**COOMA – SKI TUBE** (approximately 1 hour, 15 minutes, depending on weather and road conditions)

1. Mt. Gladstone Lookout
2. Lake Crackenback Resort & Spa
3. Ski Tube to Perisher & Blue Cow
4. Wildbrumby Schnapps Distillery

**COOMA – THREDBO** (approximately 1 hour, 30 minutes, depending on weather and road conditions)

1. Mt. Gladstone Lookout
2. Thredbo Chairlift to Eagles Nest Bistro
3. Thredbo Shopping
4. Thredbo Ski Museum
5. Wildbrumby Schnapps Distillery

**COOMA – MOUNT SELWYN** (approximately 1 hour, 40 minutes, depending on weather and road conditions)

1. Mt. Gladstone Lookout
2. Selwyn Tobogganing, Play in Snow