
the inaugural Epicurean Escapade to NSW

With Chef SIMON GAULT & Tour Leader SALLY BLYTH

26 to 30 September 2024

Fly ex-NZ or join us in Australia



An all-inclusive fully hosted culinary adventure to indulge in the local delights of Newcastle and the Hunter Valley area with a final night in Sydney. Join us for this unique foodie tour and immerse yourself in the region's rich food culture. Places are strictly limited and subject to availability



Your hosts for this special trip are
legendary Chef **Simon Gault** and Tour Leader **Sally Blyth**.
Simon is a familiar personality in the New Zealand
food and restaurant scene and needs no introduction!
Sally is an experienced tour leader, and a
passionate traveller, travel writer and keen foodie.



JOIN US FOR THIS UNIQUE FOODIE TOUR

Let's make some delicious memories!

Contact Sally for more info

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DAY 1: Thursday 26th September 2024 (D) – Fly, Arrive, Settle in

- Fly Auckland to Sydney – dep. 9:00am, arr. 10:35am (or meet us there)
- Transfer to Newcastle (arrival mid-afternoon), check into Novotel Newcastle Beach for three nights
- Meet Steve Goodchild (Pukara Estate) and Gus Maher (Chair, Hunter Culinary Assn) who will give us an introduction to the local foodie scene
- Dinner at the legendary Roundhouse by Chef Matthew Smith and cocktails at a renowned rooftop cocktail bar

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DAY 2: Friday 27th September 2024 (B, L, D) – Explore and Discover

- Morning: Breakfast at the hotel followed by a surprise experience with a local chef
- Lunch at Merewether Surfhouse: Enjoy a menu of modern Australian coastal influences by Chef Bryce Harding, with stunning views of Newcastle Beach.
- Discover Newcastle Together: Explore the city's local gems, including the Honey Suckle boardwalk, harbour front bars, and Darby Street's vibrant cafes and delis.
- Evening Tram Ride to a Surprise Private Dinner: Experience a unique dining adventure at an intimate and exclusive location together.
- Return to the Hotel for a Good Night's Rest: Unwind and relax after an exciting day.

DAY 3: Saturday 28th September 2024 (B, L, D) – Pokolbin & Beyond

- Breakfast at the hotel then travel to the lower Hunter Valley.
- Visit to Hunter Belle Cheese: Savour the region's finest cheese.
- Explore Peppers Creek Village: Discover local shops and artisans.
- Pukara Estate Tasting: Sample extra virgin olive oil, balsamic vinegar, and other outstanding condiments.
- An Exclusive Lunch at EXP. Restaurant with Chef Frank Fawkner: Enjoy a specially curated lunch.
- Wine Tasting at Charteris Wines and Hope Estate: Delight in some of the best wines the region has to offer.
- Light Dinner of Tapas at Bocados: End the day with a relaxing and delicious meal.

DAY 4: Sunday 29th September 2024 (B, L, D) – Produce, Food, Wine & more

- Visit to Newcastle Farmers Market: Explore fresh, local produce and goods.
- Wine Tasting at Thomas Wines: Experience premium wines before lunch.
- Lunch with Chef Sam Alexander at Yellow Billy: Enjoy a gourmet meal and Piggs Peake wines curated by sommelier Pat Hester.
- Transfer to Sydney for final night at Sydney Harbour Hotel (The Rocks): Check-in and prepare for dinner.
- Dinner at a Mystery Restaurant: Savour a fantastic meal to conclude the day.

DAY 5: Monday 30th September 2024 (B) – Sydney exploration

- Morning: Free time to explore The Rocks area, visit art galleries, shop or just enjoy the local atmosphere.
- Lunch at leisure (own cost): Meet friends or family in Sydney and enjoy a relaxed meal.
- 2:15 PM: Transfer to Sydney Airport for Departure Back to NZ (dep. 5:10, arr. 11:25pm)

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COST

- SINGLE ex Auckland NZ\$4,460 pp
- DOUBLE/TWIN ex Auckland NZ\$3,900 pp
- Please contact Sally for prices without flights if you wish to join us in Sydney or Newcastle, or if you wish to fly from another NZ location.
- DEPOSIT REQUIRED upon booking: NZ\$1,200 (BALANCE DUE BY 9th AUGUST 2024)

INCLUDED

Price is fully inclusive of everything as listed below

- Flights with Air NZ from Auckland (fully flexible and refundable)
- Transfers and local transport
- Accommodation at quality hotels
- Full buffet breakfasts
- Top-notch lunches/dinners and most drinks (excluding lunch in Sydney on 30th Sept)
- Food and wine tastings and special experiences with local chefs
- Services of Tour Hosts Simon & Sally who will ensure you have a wonderful time!

NOT INCLUDED

- Lunch in Sydney on Monday 30th September
- Travel insurance
- Domestic travel to/from Auckland
- Personal expenses and extra drinks

GENERAL INFO

- Flights – Air NZ Auckland/Sydney return (or you can join us from another NZ location or meet us in Sydney or Newcastle – contact Sally for info, costs and logistics)
- Accommodation – 3 nights Newcastle, 1 night Sydney
- Meet local hosts who will share information about the food scene and products
- Full buffet Breakfasts each morning
- Sumptuous lunches and dinners with many drinks included
- Time: 2 hours behind NZ
- Temperature in late September: 22°C high; 12°C low (approx.)

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU TAKE OUT TRAVEL INSURANCE FOR YOUR SECURITY

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