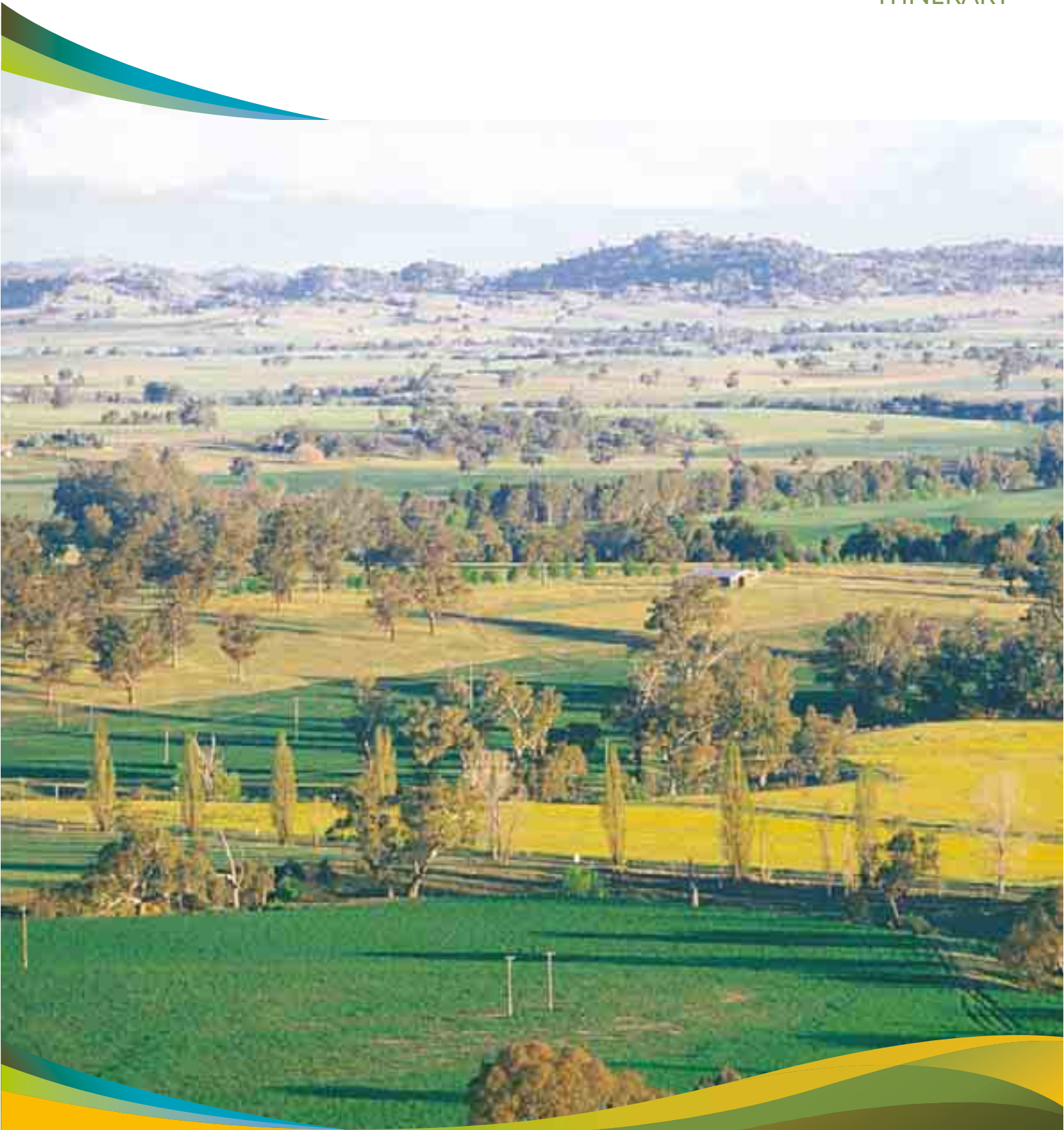


# Cowra and Orange

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*3 days and 2 nights*

## DAY 1: SYDNEY TO COWRA (via Bathurst)

Today you may take the daily flight with Rex Airlines to Orange (45 min) then rent a car to drive to Cowra (1.5 hr);

or

Drive from Sydney to Cowra via the Blue Mountains and Bathurst. (4.75 hr)

Sydney to Blue Mountains 60km  
Blue Mountains to Bathurst 145km

En route you may like to stop and have lunch in Bathurst and check out one of the local wineries.

Lunch suggestion:

**The Crowded House Café**  
1 Ribbon Gang Lane, Bathurst NSW 2795  
Phone: 02 6334 2300  
www.crowdedhousecafe.com.au

The Crowded House Cafe is situated in the oldest church building in Bathurst (circa 1850, originally a church school), which has been fully restored to create a warm, friendly, contemporary feel. The inside dining area is complemented by a truly outstanding garden-courtyard dining area. Our modern Australian food is French based with a Mediterranean influence.

Winery Suggestion:

**Mt Panorama Winery**  
117 Mountain Straight, Mt Panorama, Bathurst NSW 2795  
Phone: 02 6331 5368  
Mobile: 0414 525 255  
Contact: Bill or Deborah Stewart  
Email: mountpanoramawinery@bigpond.com.  
Open: 7days, 11am–5.30pm, with cellar door sales.

Mt Panorama Winery is located in an idyllic setting on Mountain Straight, after Hell Corner on the inside of Mt Panorama motor-racing circuit. This picturesque cellar door sales area offers free wine-tasting with an interesting selection of sought-after cold-climate white and red wines. The wine labels are themselves a tourist attraction with interesting names taken from around the Mt Panorama Race Circuit. Hell Corner Shiraz, The Cutting Blend / Cabernet Sauvignon / Shiraz, and Cabernet Sauvignon / Zinfandel, Chateau Stuart Shiraz / Merlot. Forrest Elbow Rhine Riesling, Chase Chardonnay, Thunder Mountain Old Sweet Tawny Fortified (Port), The Esses Cabernet Sauvignon and Skyline Honeywine. Go for a saunter across the lawns down to the vineyard and browse along the rows of vines that create Mt Panorama Winery.

Continue your drive to Cowra.

Bathurst to Cowra 53km

Cowra – Discover Cowra and discover a wealth of experiences – the great outdoors, vineyards, adventure, ballooning. Cowra has a choice of country leisure activities, from relaxing along the many waterways to reflecting in the tranquil Japanese Garden. Enjoy Cowra’s fascinating history: from the days of steam trains to exploring the site of the largest Prisoner Of War breakout in modern military history. Food and wine buffs can tour Cowra’s ever-expanding vineyards to sample the superb local food and wines available. Industries based in Cowra include a vegetable processing factory, wool scouring, a district abattoir, farm-machinery distributors and furniture manufacturers. Cowra has a vibrant and expanding retail and commercial centre. It boasts the services you would expect to find in a larger town while still retaining that wonderful country hospitality.



On arrival in Cowra, please make your way to the Cowra Visitor Information Centre to collect local maps and information on the area.

#### **Cowra Visitor Information Centre**

Olympic Park, Mid Western Highway, Cowra NSW 2794

Contact: Ruth Fagan

Phone: 02 6342 4333

Fax: 02 6342 4563

Email: [tourism@cowra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@cowra.nsw.gov.au)

Website: [www.cowratourism.com.au](http://www.cowratourism.com.au)

The Centre is located at the junction of the Grenfell, Young and Boorowa roads and is bordered by the magnificent Cowra Rose Garden featuring more than 1,000 rose bushes and 100 varieties.

#### **P.O.W. Hologram Theatre**

Cowra Visitor Information Centre, Olympic Park,  
Mid Western Highway Cowra NSW 2794

Phone: 02 6342 4333

Fax: 02 6342 4563

Email: [tourism@cowra.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@cowra.nsw.gov.au)

Website: [www.cowratourism.com.au](http://www.cowratourism.com.au)

You may also like to make your way to Civic Square and see Australia's World Peace Bell.

#### **Australia's World Peace Bell**

Civic Square, Darling Street, Cowra NSW 2794,

Phone: 02 6342 2975,

Fax: 02 6342 1217

Email: [janmun@ozemail.com](mailto:janmun@ozemail.com),

Website: [www.cowratourism.com.au](http://www.cowratourism.com.au)

The Australian World Peace Bell was awarded to Cowra in 1992 for its longstanding contribution to world peace and international understanding. The Bell is made from coins provided by 103 member countries of the United Nations. The coins were melted down and cast into the bell. The pavilion is decorated with pottery tiles reflecting the community's ideas about the World Peace Bell and its association with Cowra. An audio presentation has recently been installed at the Peace Bell, explaining the significance of the bell and its association with Cowra. A ceremony is held on World Peace Day – third Tuesday in September – to coincide with the opening of the Disarmament Session at the United Nations.

For your accommodation, here are a few suggestions:

#### **Bed and Breakfast style:**

##### **Dunrobin Bed & Breakfast and Farmstay**

Canowindra Road, Cowra NSW

Phone: 02 6342 9417

Contact: Mary Weingarth

Located 11km out of Cowra on the road to Canowindra. Enjoy comfortable accommodation in a spacious old homestead set in tranquil surroundings. Laze in the gardens or enjoy an invigorating country walk. Feel free to use the pool table or read and relax in one of the sitting rooms. Rest in a beautifully fitted bedroom (some feature spa en suites). Lunch and dinner on request.

**DIRECTIONS:** From Cowra travel out on Redfern St heading to Canowindra. The property is located 11km from town on the left-hand side of the road and is signposted, however, look out for the yellow-tiered monument as this is where you turn. Follow Wynnefield Rd (dirt) for 600m, the B&B entrance is on the left.

#### **Farm stay:**

##### **Clarendon Farm Stay**

Clarendon Broula, Cowra NSW 2794

Phone: 02 6342 9333

Fax: 02 6342 9332

Email: [thornett@westerv.net.au](mailto:thornett@westerv.net.au)

Clarendon Farmstay accommodation is in the old Broula School, built from granite and sandstone around 1885. The building is self-contained and is completely separate from the main homestead. It has been handsomely renovated. The large rustic living room retains many original features and the residence has a fully equipped kitchen. Leather lounges are set around a beautiful old fireplace for those cold winter nights. Cooling is provided throughout for a comfortable summer living. There are two bedrooms, one with a queen-size bed and one with two singles, and a large bathroom. The accommodation is therefore ideal for a family or two couples.

The 250-hectare property runs beef cattle, 'dorper' sheep stud and olive trees, and includes the historic outbuildings of the original large holding. The property runs into the Broula Hills which offer spectacular views from easy walks through native vegetation, which is home to a large number of kangaroos, wallabies and native birds. The bush animals are easily reached by a short 4WD trip.

Guests are free to roam around the farm and gardens but hosts John and Viv Thornett are delighted to show you the farm activities, or guide you to the best walking tracks.



#### Self-contained:

##### The Bank

Cnr Parkes and Noveau Streets, Woodstock NSW 2793  
Phone: 02 4735 3200  
Fax: 02 4735 3200  
Contact: Chris or Ann Morris  
Email: [ch.morris@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ch.morris@optusnet.com.au)  
Website: [www.thebank.net.au](http://www.thebank.net.au)

The Bank was built in 1912 and is located in the village of Woodstock, just 15 minutes from both Cowra and Canowindra. The Bank is a delightful, 2-storey, furnished house, and offers spacious self-contained accommodation ideal for weekend getaways or longer holidays.

#### Motel style accommodation.

##### Vineyard Motel (3½-star)

Chardonnay Road, Cowra NSW 2794  
Phone: 02 6342 3641  
Fax: 02 6342 6800

Surrounded by picturesque fields of grapevines and overlooking the lush Lachlan Valley, The Vineyard Motel, with cottage decor and friendly atmosphere, offers a secluded stopover only three minutes from Cowra.

You can enjoy a barbeque on the wide verandah or dine at one of the quality restaurants in town. Venture out for a tasting of Cowra Wines at a nearby outlet, swim in the pool, play a game of tennis, walk or bike around the vineyards, play a round of golf next door, visit the Japanese Garden, take a ride on a steam train or just relax and enjoy the view.

##### Cowra Country Gardens Motel (4-star)

75 Grenfell Road, Cowra NSW 2794  
Phone: 02 6341 1100  
Fax: 02 6341 1139  
Email: [admin@cowracountrygardensmotel.com.au](mailto:admin@cowracountrygardensmotel.com.au)  
Website: [www.cowracountrygardensmotel.com.au](http://www.cowracountrygardensmotel.com.au)

Located on a quiet edge of town on a hectare of manicured grounds, a peaceful night's rest is assured. Spacious rooms with queen-sized beds. Spa suites include plunger coffee, aromatic bath oils and handmade truffles. Also two-room family suites. Seven new deluxe suites includes two executive king-size beds and baths. All rooms have a four-star rating. Seasonal room-service menu focuses on local produce. Unwind in the solar-heated saltwater swimming pool followed by viewing of 6-channel cable TV.

Please make your way to dinner this evening, which is at The Quarry Restaurant & Cellars:

##### The Quarry Restaurant & Cellars

Cowra Estate Vineyards, Boorowa Road, Cowra NSW 2794  
Phone: 02 6342 3650  
Fax: 02 6341 4191  
Contact: Anna,  
Email: [quarry@bigpond.net.au](mailto:quarry@bigpond.net.au)  
Website: [www.cowraregionwines.com](http://www.cowraregionwines.com)

The Quarry Restaurant and Cellars is set among Cowra Estate Vineyards.

The Cellar, open Tuesday to Sunday, offers tastings and sales of some of Cowra's best wines, including wine from the oldest vineyard, Cowra Estate, as well as award-winning wines from Coolinda Wines, Fossil Creek, Mulyan and Nassau Estate. These wines can also be purchased online from [www.cowraregionwines.com](http://www.cowraregionwines.com).

The Quarry Restaurant was awarded three stars in the *Mietta's 2002 Best Australian Restaurant Guide* and was also the winner of the Cowra Outstanding Business Awards 2001 – Restaurant Category. The restaurant caters for lunch and dinner, either outside on a lovely tree-shaded terrace or in the delightful restaurant. The style of the food served is Modern Australian using the best of regional produce. A unique feature of the restaurant is the number of local wines available by the glass, approximately 20. These wines are also available to purchase in the cellar.

The restaurant serves lunch Wednesday to Sunday and dinner is available Friday and Saturday night.

Alternatively, you may like to try the one-chef hat awarded, SMH Good Food Guide 2006, restaurant:

##### Neila

5 Kendal Street, Cowra NSW 2794, Ph: 02 6341 2188  
Email: [eat@neila.com.au](mailto:eat@neila.com.au)  
Website: [www.neila.com.au](http://www.neila.com.au),  
Open Thurs – Sat from 6:00pm.

Neila was opened to promote the great produce of the Cowra Region. The focus of the restaurant is providing quality food and to use as much fresh and quality local produce as possible. The menu is contemporary.

Return to your accommodation at your leisure.

Overnight: Cowra Accommodation.



## DAY TWO: COWRA TO ORANGE (via Canowindra)

Depending on where you are staying, you may wish to visit one of the local cafés or local markets. Please note that the farmers market is on the third Saturday of each month, from 9am – midday, at the Showground Pavilion.

May we suggest:

### The Cowra Smokehouse

2 Lynch Street, Cowra NSW

Phone: 02 6342 6366

Fax: 02 6342 6377

Contact: Tim Pullen

Email: cowrasmokehouse@yahoo.com.au

The Café and Smokehouse are open from Monday to Sunday, 10am–5.30pm. The café is closed on Tuesdays.

OR

### La Vita

127 Kendal Street, Cowra NSW 2794

Phone: 02 6341 1511

La Vita is Cowra's newest restaurant, located in Cowra's oldest house. This magnificent property includes an outdoor courtyard, sunny conservatory and private dining rooms. La Vita specialises in modern European cuisine and features a wide range of local produce on their menu. While there, browse through the gourmet deli and perhaps take home some gourmet delicacies to remember your visit by. Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Suggestions for today include a visit to:

### ESQ Homewares

Redfern Street, Cowra NSW

A great fix of furnishings and homewares, ladies fashions and jewellery.

### Cowra Art Gallery

77 Darling Street, Cowra, NSW, 2794

Open: Tue–Sat, 10am–4pm; Sun, 2pm–4pm;

on week of exhibition opening, Sun, 10am–4pm.

The Cowra Art Gallery is a free cultural facility of Cowra Shire Council. The gallery hosts a regular calendar of exhibitions ranging from the work of local artists to travelling works of renowned artists.

### Cowra Japanese Garden & Cultural Centre

Off Binni Creek Road, Cowra NSW 2794

Phone: 02 6341 2233

Fax: 02 6341 1875

Email: garden@cowra.nsw.gov.au

Open: 7 days, 830am–5pm.

A stop at Cowra is not complete without a visit to the Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre. Opened in 1979, this multi-award winning attraction is a must-see at any time of the year.

Ken Nakajima created the Kaiyushiki (strolling) garden at Cowra, which is designed to take each visitor on a voyage of discovery. The Garden represents the landscapes of Japan where the hill is the mountain, streams are rivers while ponds are inland lakes and the sea.

Special features of the Tranquil Garden include: an authentic open air Tea House, a working Pottery House, Tatami Room (a traditional Japanese living room) and a Bonsai House.

The Cultural Centre adjoins the Garden and has two galleries featuring an extensive collection of Japanese works of art and artefacts. A third gallery houses rotating exhibitions highlighting the work of local painters, sculptors and wood carvers.

Visitors are welcome to bring a picnic lunch or take advantage of Red Carp restaurant. Red Carp overlooks the Garden and offers morning and afternoon teas and lunches daily.

### Red Carp Restaurant

Cowra Japanese Garden, Binni Creek Road, Cowra, NSW, 2794,

Phone: 02 6342 5222

Dine in a restaurant in a superb 4-hectare garden. Located inside the Cowra Japanese Garden, The Red Carp Restaurant is fully licensed and offers a selection of local wines. On the menu you will find modern Australian cuisine with some Japanese food.



## WINERIES:

You may also want to make your way back to the Quarry where you had dinner last night and spend time at the cellar door.

### Chiverton

605 Mid Western Highway, Cowra, NSW, 2794

Phone: 02 6342 9308

Fax: 02 6342 9314

Chiverton produces hand-selected limited-release wines from only the finest quality fruit grown from the Chiverton Vineyards. A new cellar door has recently been built to allow the public the opportunity to taste and purchase our premium wines. The cellar door encourages families and groups to come and enjoy Chiverton's picturesque surroundings whilst enjoying the friendly atmosphere they will encounter. Open weekends and public holidays.

### River Park Vineyard

88 River Park Road, Cowra NSW 2794

Phone: 02 6342 3596

Fax: 02 6341 3711

Email: [Murphy@westserv.net.au](mailto:Murphy@westserv.net.au)

River Park is conveniently located on the edge of town, in beautifully landscaped gardens with views over the vineyard and Lachlan River. Enjoy free wine-tasting and local produce, while strolling through the gardens. River Park caters for children, making it an enjoyable family experience. Ample parking and impaired mobility access. Open Mon – Thu; other times please phone ahead.

### Kalari Vineyards

120 Carro Park Road, Cowra NSW 2794

Phone: 02 6342 1465

Fax: 02 6342 1465

Email: [kalari@westserv.net.au](mailto:kalari@westserv.net.au)

Website: [www.kalariwines.com.au](http://www.kalariwines.com.au)

Kalari is a family-owned boutique vineyard set on the banks of the Lachlan River, an easy five-minute drive from Cowra's town centre. Taste the award-winning wines in its stylish cellar door nestled amongst the vines. While sipping on their delicious wines enjoy the art exhibition by local artists, local craft and breathtaking views. The range of wines includes Verdelho, late-picked Verdelho, fortified Verdelho, Chardonnay, Semillon and Shiraz. Cellar door open for tastings and sales. Local produce platters available with prior booking. Open: Fri – Mon, 10am – 5pm, including public holidays, except Christmas Day and Good Friday.

### Mulyan Garage Cellars

North Logan Road, Cowra NSW 2794,

Phone: 02 6342 1336,

Email: [mulyan@westserv.net.au](mailto:mulyan@westserv.net.au)

The Mulyan property has been in the Fagan family for over 115 years. The Fagan family motto is 'quality without compromise' and this is certainly reflected in the range of Mulyan award-winning wines and cellar door. Enjoy award-winning wines and local produce in a relaxed atmosphere with views over the Lachlan Valley. Rose plantings and a fountain feature in the courtyard and inside is a pottery gallery. The annual Mulyan Boule Tournament is held in spring.

Of particular interest is Mulyan Bushrangers Bounty range. Named after an incident in 1862 when a stagecoach driven by ancestor John Fagan was held up by notorious outlaws Ben Hall and Frank Gardiner. Legend has it that John was lucky to escape a sudden death, a bushranger's bullet passing through the top of his hat.

Lunch suggestion for today:

### The Mill

6 Vaux Street, Cowra, NSW, 2794

Phone: 02 6341 4141

Fax: 02 6341 4411

Email: [themill@windowrie.com.au](mailto:themill@windowrie.com.au)

The local granite building started as a flour mill in 1861 but closed in 1905 and was not used again until 1996. The building is the oldest in Cowra. The O'Dea family began renovating in January 1996 and opened as a Winery and Restaurant in October that year. Wines for tasting and for sale from the O'Dea family vineyard, Windowrie Estate Wines under the Windowrie and The Mill Labels. The cellar door is located on ground level, the Restaurant is located on the first level and the top level.

Please make your own way to Canowindra.

Distance: 32 km (30 mins drive.)



Historic Canowindra, situated just 33 km north of Cowra on the way to Orange, is surrounded by rolling foothills, vineyards, olive groves, orchards and traditional farms, and is a classic country town.

The vineyards of Canowindra have been causing a stir in the wine world, consistently producing premium wines that have taken out numerous trophies and awards. Open every weekend for wine tasting and sales are Hamilton's Bluff, The Falls Vineyard Retreat, Bindaree Estate and Tom's Waterhole Wines. Wallington Wines and Catherine's Ridge are open the first weekend of every month and Swinging Bridge by appointment.

A walk down the heritage-listed main street will take you past cafés, pubs, clothing stores trading in beautiful linen and famous country labels such as RM Williams, guesthouses, galleries and antique stores. At the end of the main street is the spectacular Age of Fishes Museum, home to an incredible 360 million-year-old fossil collection and travelling exhibitions, as well as the Visitor Information Centre.

From the museum, follow Ferguson Street to another beautifully restored shopping quarter including the Canowindra Trading Post, well regarded for its beautiful antiques and collectables, the newly opened Bindaree Estate Cellar Door and a café/gallery.

On arrival in Canowindra, you may like to spend a few hours checking out some of the local vineyards.

#### **Bindaree Estate**

Cnr Ferguson & Tilga Streets, Canowindra NSW 2804  
Phone: 02 6344 1214  
Fax: 02 6344 3217  
Email: [tourism@orange.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tourism@orange.nsw.gov.au),  
Website: [www.orange.nsw.gov.au](http://www.orange.nsw.gov.au)

Bindaree Estate has recently opened its cellar door in Canowindra. The vineyard is situated 16 km out of town and with only 7 hectares under vine, Bindaree is truly boutique. The personal management of the vines, in particular the handpicking of the fruit, intensifies the flavour and character of the wines. From the three varieties, Chardonnay, Shiraz and Cabernet Sauvignon they produce three styles to suit all patrons. Bindaree Estate winemaker Adrian Lockhart, winner of the Australian Young Winemaker of the Year 2001, is passionate about his work.

Open: Wed–Fri, 10am–5pm; weekends & public holidays.

#### **Tom's Waterhole Wines**

Long's Corner Road, Canowindra, NSW, 2804  
Phone: 02 6344 1819  
Fax: 02 6344 2172  
Email: [pieman@westserv.net.au](mailto:pieman@westserv.net.au),  
Website: [www.orange.nsw.gov.au](http://www.orange.nsw.gov.au)

Tom's Waterhole cellar door is located on Long's Corner Road, Canowindra. All wines are made and bottled on site. Ploughman's lunches with specialty bread and espresso coffee are available on request. Open weekends and public holidays.

#### **Mulligan's Wines**

Grenfell Road, Cowra NSW  
Phone: 02 6342 9334  
Contact: Andrew and Emma Mulligan

Mulligan's cellar door is housed in an imposing Tuscan Tower that seems quite at home in the Lachlan Valley landscape. Views from the cellar door over the surrounding vineyard and gardens are breathtaking. Emma and Andrew Mulligan and their two young children live on the vineyard where they grow Chardonnay, Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz varieties. A permanent exhibition of photographs depicting Italian POWs in Cowra during WWII are shown in an underground bunker on the vineyard.

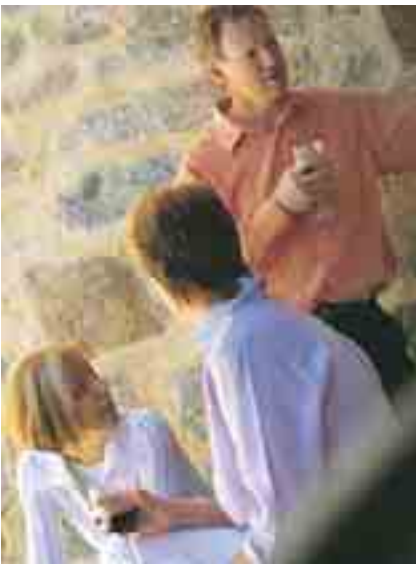
#### **The Falls Vineyard Retreat**

Belubula Way, Canowindra NSW 2804,  
Phone: 02 6344 1293  
Fax: 02 6344 1290  
Email: [thefalls@allstate.net.au](mailto:thefalls@allstate.net.au)  
Website: [www.thefallsvineyardretreat.com.au](http://www.thefallsvineyardretreat.com.au)  
Contact: Peter and Zoe Kennedy

The Falls Vineyard Retreat is situated on the outskirts of Canowindra, specialising in comfortable accommodation, friendly hospitality and fine wines. The homestead has 5 bedrooms available for guests, all of which open directly on to the verandah. Other guest facilities include lounge room, dining room, large outdoor entertaining areas, indoor heated pool, spa, sauna, tennis court, solarium and gym. The property is on 161 hectares and includes a spectacular vineyard, lucerne covered river flats, and a lookout hill with great views to Mt Canobolas.

Vineyard – [www.fallswines.com.au](http://www.fallswines.com.au)

In country where bushranger Ben Hall and his gang once roamed, 100 hectares of fertile land next to the Belubula River is under vine, with varieties including Chardonnay, Semillon, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot.



Established in 1996, the vineyard produces limited quantities of outstanding wines. Our Fields of Gold Chardonnay and Classic Semillon have received widespread acclaim and our Squatter's Ghost Shiraz was recently recognised by our industry peers as one of the best NSW red wines of our times.

The cellar door is open for wine tasting and sales 7 days from 10 am to 4 pm. Vineyard tours, lunches and dinners are available by appointment.

#### **Rosnay Organic Farm**

Rivers Road, Canowindra NSW  
Phone: 02 6344 3215  
Fax: 02 6344 3229  
Contact: Richard Statham

BFA Certified Organic Farm, producing olives, oil and vegetables.  
NB: Wine-tastings Saturday midday–4pm only.

#### **Other attractions in Canowindra are:**

##### **Canowindra Trading Post**

46–59 Ferguson Street, Canowindra NSW 2804  
Phone: 02 6344 1529  
Fax: 02 6344 1135  
Email: [justask@canowindratradingpost.com.au](mailto:justask@canowindratradingpost.com.au)  
Website: [www.canowindratradingpost.com.au](http://www.canowindratradingpost.com.au)

The Canowindra Trading Post is an antique and homewares store featuring a wide variety of products including antique furniture, gifts, homewares, lamps, jewellery, garden features and much more. Wander through the two floors and, enjoy the ambience created by the eclectic mix of old and new. Open 7 days.

##### **Ages of Fishes Museum**

Cnr Gaskill & Ferguson Streets, Canowindra NSW 2804,  
Ph: 02 6344 1008, Fx: 02 6344 2450  
Email: [info@agesoffishes.org.au](mailto:info@agesoffishes.org.au)  
Website: [www.mudgee-gulgong.org](http://www.mudgee-gulgong.org)

Imagine a world ruled by fish! Long before the dinosaurs the mighty rivers of the Central West teamed with bizarre ancient fishes – fish with armour shells, fish with lungs, and huge predators with jaws like crocodiles. Thousands of their fossils were found at Canowindra and give us a unique glimpse into life during the Devonian Period, the 'Age of Fishes'. The Museum displays many of these beautiful fossils together with live aquarium displays and wonderful recreations of life in the Devonian. Open daily.

Continue your drive from Canowindra to Orange.

**Canowindra to Orange**      60 km

Please note that the farmers markets are on the 2nd Saturday of the month between 8.30am–midday, and noon at the Showground.

Orange is situated a comfortable 3½ hours from Sydney and is an ideal location for your next short break. The Orange region presents its guests with a playground in which to discover the wonderful natural attractions. Immerse yourself in the areas rich in history and heritage, or simply escape and relax and experience delicious food and wine with more than 50 vineyards, 23 of which have cellar doors. For more information about the vineyards visit [www.winesoforange.com.au](http://www.winesoforange.com.au)

Orange is known as Australia's Colour City and with four distinct seasons, it's easy to see why. At any time of the year, Orange's streets are alive with a kaleidoscope of colours. Golden reds and oranges splash through the city in autumn, winter snowfalls bring a brilliant white contrasted by a rich velvet green in spring, and with summer's arrival comes a warm sunshine ideal for enjoying all that Orange has to offer. Whether it's a morning walk, lunch at an exceptionally delicious café, perusal of a gallery or boutique store, Orange has something for everyone to enjoy.

#### **Things to do in Orange:**

Cook and Robertson Park and the Orange Botanic Gardens – both in Orange, showcasing the colours of the Colour city.

##### **Mount Canobolas State Recreation Area, Orange:**

Tall and majestic Mt Canobolas, an ancient volcano, stands 1395 m above sea level and is the highest peak between the Blue Mountains and the Indian Ocean. A stunning, 360 degree view from the summit encompasses the City of Orange, the rolling countryside and the Blue Mountains in the distance. There are seven walking tracks, two camping areas and a number of lookouts and waterfalls.

##### **Lake Canobolas Reserve, Orange:**

At the foot of Mt Canobolas is Lake Canobolas, a large tranquil lake that provides a range of activities with the changing of the seasons. Excellent for water sports, picnics, barbeques and bushwalking.



#### Orange parks and gardens:

Cook Park, Robertson Park and Botanic Gardens. Cook and Robertson parks are magnificent city parks featuring links to the rich history and heritage of Orange. Enjoy the Botanic Gardens situated on a 20-hectare site in Kearney's Drive with its impressive native and exotic plant collections, heritage rose garden set below a historic church, an apple orchard with historic varieties, billabong, analemmatic sundial (requires human involvement) and Federation Arch sculpture. The parks and gardens showcase the colour of the seasons in the Colour City, Orange.

#### Other activities in Orange:

Orange Regional Cooking School: Regional produce takes centre stage at Orange Regional Cooking School where classes inspire keen cooks. Lesley Russell has been cooking professionally for more than 20 years with a career that includes restaurants and hotels, cafés and guesthouses as well as catering and teaching. Her approach to food is fresh and simple with the emphasis on quality ingredients and robust flavours. 169 Hill Street, Phone: 6361 3336 [www.learncook.com.au](http://www.learncook.com.au)

Hillside Orchard: The orchard offers all local fruit in season including cherries, strawberries, blackberries, boysenberries, raspberries, plums, peaches, nectarines, apricots as well as apples and pears. There are fresh figs in season from New Year until the end of March and locally made fig jam. Stroll through the orchard and watch the seasons unfold. 10 km from Orange on the Forbes Road at Borenore, Phone: 6365 2247.

Huntley Berry Farm: Enjoy farm fresh berries: strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, blueberries, available according to season. October to April, picked and packed daily. Phone: 6365 2296.

#### Hopping Mad Brewery

Hopping Mad Brewery was established in 2003 and is a micro-brewery specialising in traditional hand-crafted, bottle-conditioned ales and beers, free of preservatives and chemicals. The range include a fine traditional English ale and an Aussie-style wheat beer. Tastings and tours by appointment: 5/22 Scott Place, Orange, Phone: 6361 0953, Website: [www.hoppingmadbrewery.com.au](http://www.hoppingmadbrewery.com.au)

#### Shopping In Orange:

Lavendilli Blue, Sale Street, Orange NSW  
Phone: 02 6361 9408

Visit this beautiful shop in Sale Street, Orange for an aromatic experience that will delight the senses and indulge the mind, body and soul. To complement the natural bodycare products it is a must-visit for gifts, hand-poured candles, locally made gourmet food, pottery and unique homewares.

#### Lady Steptoe

28 Kite Street (opposite Cook Park), Orange NSW  
Phone: 02 6362 5646  
Open: Wed–Sat, 10am–5pm; Sun, 11am–3pm.

Step back in time at Lady Steptoes, loaded with character and set in charming surroundings. Discover antiques, old wares and collectables including furniture, bric-a-brac, kitchenalia, glassware and more.

#### Summer Hill

100 Bung Street, Orange NSW  
Phone: 02 6361 8777

For unique furniture, gifts, homewares and rugs, this shop has eight rooms of treasures for you to explore.

#### Caboodle

186 Anson Street, Orange NSW  
Phone: 02 6362 6310

This gorgeous shop is the place to find quality Australian gifts and souvenirs, unique jewellery, gifts for children, and exciting knitting-wool such as mohair and alpaca.

#### Accommodation options in Orange:

Arancia B&B, Wrights Lane, Orange 2800  
Phone: 02 6365 3305  
Mobile: 0413 996 870  
Contact: Annette,  
Email: [contact@arancia.com.au](mailto:contact@arancia.com.au)  
Website: [www.arancia.com.au](http://www.arancia.com.au)

Set among 11 hectares of landscaped gardens, fields and orchards just 5 minutes from town, Arancia offers luxury accommodation with stunning panoramic rural views. Each room is superbly appointed with a private entrance and full ensuite facilities (spa suites available) and include air-conditioning, television, fridge and tea- and coffee-making facilities. Enjoy a fully cooked breakfast prepared by our resident chef and à la carte dinner by prior arrangement.



### Belgravia Vineyard Cottage

25 km west of Orange on the Mitchell Highway near Molong

The ideal haven from the stress of everyday life, Belgravia Cottage provides a comfortable, relaxing way to enjoy the best of country living. Acres and acres of rolling green hills are neatly scored by rows of vines or dotted by the slow-moving forms of contented cattle. Belgravia Cottage overlooks the vineyards and is a great place to relax and enjoy a glass of our complimentary wine with a classic sunset.

### Black Sheep Inn at Bed of Roses

Kyalla Park, Forbes Road, Orange NSW 2800

Phone: 02 6362 6946

Fax: 02 6361 7492

Contact: Dee & Rob Napier

Mobile 0407 784 684

Email: dee\_napier@bigfoot.com

Bed of Roses is exclusive, fine country accommodation. This luxurious rural retreat is surrounded by acres of glorious gardens with a lake and spectacular views to distant rolling hills. Black Sheep Inn is the NEW exciting addition with five large guest rooms all with ensuites. Experience country life in style by staying in this impeccably converted old shearing shed.

### Cloud Gap

9km east of Orange, Ph: 02 6365 1231

Contact: Susan & Tony Doe

Email: cloudgap@cloudgap.com.au

Cloudgap is a luxury romantic retreat. It is set among beautifully landscaped gardens in a tranquil rural setting within 60 hectares of peaceful bushland, 9 km east of Orange. The guest premises are new and each of its three rooms includes a king-size bed with a spacious double hydrotherapy spa bath ensuite that adjoins balcony areas overlooking the garden. Reverse-cycle air-conditioning provides ultimate comfort in all seasons. A full breakfast, cooked to order, is served in the dining room at guests' choice of time. The flora consists of magnificent wild orchids, banksias and eucalyptus gums which provide food for the abundant native birds and kangaroos.

### Turner's Vineyard Lodge (4½ star)

Mitchell Highway, Orange NSW

Phone: 02 6369 1045

Fax: 02 6369 1046

Email: turnersvineyard@bigpond.com

Website: www.turnersvineyard.com.au

Forty-two beautifully appointed 4½-star rooms, each with their own private balcony with magnificent views of the vineyard and Lucknow Valley. This includes 12 luxury spa villa units situated on top of the hill with their own spacious living area, private carports and DVD players in the rooms. All rooms include modern facilities: TV, video, pay TV, tea and coffee, sofa bed and fully stocked mini bar. Dinner 7 nights a week.

### Cotehele

The Magistrates House, 177 Anson Street, Orange, NSW 2800

Phone: 02 6361 2520

Mobile: 0431 256 090

Email: info@cotehele.com.au

Website: www.cotehele.com.au

Enjoy luxury country hospitality in an elegantly restored home built in 1878. An easy walk to shops and restaurants, adjacent to Selkirks. Log fire and complimentary port in guest lounge. Five queen rooms, generous full breakfasts.

### Dining options for this evening:

#### Lolli Redini

48 Sale Street, Orange NSW 2800

Phone: 02 6361 7748

Fax: 02 6361 8162

Contact: Simonn/Maddy

Open for coffee, lunch and dinner.

With the rapid growth of the food and wine industry in this region, visitors expect a food and wine experience of a high standard. Lolli Redini restaurant provides visitors a unique dining option. The restaurant, owned by the Hawke family, is in its fourth year of operation and has now established a reputation for being a popular dining destination, having achieved three consecutive chef's hats in the SMH's Good Food Guide Awards, and chef Simonn Hawke is one of only four females in NSW to head a restaurant with a coveted chefs hat. The menu focuses on promoting mainly regional produce and support local growers as much as possible. The food is modern regional Italian cuisine. The produce is fresh and the menu is formulated on a



daily basis in accordance with availability. The experienced fishmonger chooses seafood for its quality three times a week at the Sydney Fish Markets. All meat and poultry are sourced locally from the region's best producers. All food is made on the premises including our organic sourdough, pastas, pastries and ice creams. The coffee, made with passion, is Vittoria Cinque Stella Arabica blend and comes from the La Pavoni espresso machine. The wine list reflects the importance of having wine that is compatible with the style of food and features the best cool climate local wines and also good food wines from other cool climate regions.

Source: [www.lolliredini.com.au](http://www.lolliredini.com.au)

#### Selkirks

179 Anson Street, Orange NSW 2800  
Phone: 02 6361 1179

Selkirks opened its doors in 1997 in a restored country house situated in what is now the centre of Orange. Josephine Jagger has created an interior that is warm and inviting, the service is efficient and friendly; in fact, Selkirks is everything that you would associate with fine country dining. Selkirks has built its reputation on simple food with well balanced flavours derived from the best possible local produce. As a result the menu is small and changes regularly. Most of the dishes are accompanied by a well-constructed sauce. Meat and Charcuterie dishes are our specialty.

#### Tonic

Cnr Pym & Victoria Streets, Millthorpe NSW  
Phone: 02 6366 3811  
Contact: Tony & Nicole Worland

"Historic Millthorpe, between Bathurst and Orange, boasts an antique charm straight from an Aussie period drama. Tonic maintains that heritage with understated modernity... Chef Tony Worland did stints with everyone from Gordon Ramsay to Genevieve Copland, Matt Moran and Michael Manners before settling in 2003. His refined seasonal menu draws on European classics, adding a contemporary edge..."

Source: *Sydney Morning Herald Good Food Guide*, p 254.

#### And for something a little different....

Belgravia at Union Bank, Sale Street, Orange NSW 2800,  
Phone: 02 6361 4441  
Fax: 02 6365 0646  
Email: [info@unionbank.com.au](mailto:info@unionbank.com.au)  
Website: [www.unionbank.com.au](http://www.unionbank.com.au)

Belgravia at Union Bank, is a new concept in wine and food tourism – managing to combine the cellar door experience and a sophisticated wine bar in one space. And of course, food plays a starring role with tapas and specials menu by Lolli Redini's chef Simonn Hawke.

The heritage-listed Union Bank is a significant Orange landmark – it opened in 1858 as the town's first bank – and after an extensive restoration process, the complex of historic buildings and courtyards now houses Belgravia's cellar door, a wine bar/wine store with a list by wine expert (and Orange resident) Peter Bourne, and of course the tapas menu.

Belgravia at Union Bank's wine bar is a welcoming, warm and stylish space designed for the ultimate enjoyment of fine wine and food. Or maybe you've spent all day travelling around Orange's cellar doors and are a bit 'wine-d' out? They also have a selection of beers and natural fruit sodas. Espresso coffee is by Allpress.

Overnight: Orange.



## DAY THREE: (Orange to Sydney)

After a full day yesterday you may like to see some of the local suggestions on yesterday's itinerary as well as paying a visit to:

- Allan James Fine Food in Sale Street, Orange, (open until 4 pm).
- Proven Artisan Breads and Pastries – a few doors down from Allan James Fine Food, (only open until 2 pm).
- M & J's Butchery Phone: 02 6362 2037 – great country butcher.

Some winery suggestions for today are:

### Brangayne of Orange

49 Pinnacle Rd, Orange

Phone: 02 6365 3229

Email: [brangayne@netwit.net.au](mailto:brangayne@netwit.net.au)

Website: [www.brangayne.com](http://www.brangayne.com)

Tastings every Saturday 10am–5pm. Other times by appointment. Brangayne has a unique environment protected by fine deciduous and pine trees and comfortably sitting on the north east slopes of Mt Canobolas. The vineyard ranges from 870 m to 1000 m altitude.

### Burke & Hills

Lake Canobolas Rd, Orange

Phone: 02 6365 3456

Email: [helve@burkeandhills.com.au](mailto:helve@burkeandhills.com.au)

Tastings Mon and Fri 10am–3pm, Sat and Sun 10am–5pm and daily during school holidays. Located by the waters of picturesque Lake Canobolas, Burke & Hills offers a unique cellar door experience in Orange. Sample a range of fine wines accompanied by delicious food at the Lakeside Café or pick up a hamper and graze under the trees.

### Prince of Orange

Forbes Rd, Borenore

Phone: 02 6365 2396

Email: [prince@netconnect.com.au](mailto:prince@netconnect.com.au)

Saturday tastings 11am–5pm.

Rest a while, enjoy the cosy hospitality and taste premium Sauvignon Blanc, Cabernet Sauvignon and Rose.

Enjoy distant views to the west. Open for tastings every Saturday and long weekends. Look out for the flags (as a landmark).

### Highland Heritage Estate

Mitchell Hwy, Orange

Phone: 02 6361 3054 or 02 6361 3612

Email: [heritage@netwit.net.au](mailto:heritage@netwit.net.au)

Daily tastings 9.30am–5pm, buses by appointment. Taste international award-winning estate-grown wines in our railway carriage tasting room overlooking the vineyard. Fresh (in season) and frozen raspberries and blackberries are available from the cellar door.

### La Colline

Lake Canobolas Rd, Nashdale

Phone: 02 6365 3275

Email: [kuringgai1@bigpond.com.au](mailto:kuringgai1@bigpond.com.au)

Cellar door, café/restaurant open Wed–Sun 10am–5pm. Lies on the slopes of Mt Canobolas on 27 hectares of vineyard and orchard. 8 km from Orange.

### Templer's Mill Wines

University of Sydney, Leeds Pde, Orange,

Phone: 02 6360 5570

Email: [templersmill@orange.usyd.edu.au](mailto:templersmill@orange.usyd.edu.au)

Website: [www.templersmillwine.com.au](http://www.templersmillwine.com.au)

Daily tastings 11am–4pm.

Cellar door wine-tasting and sales on the Orange Campus of the University of Sydney. Visitors are welcome to view the campus, vineyards, sample the wine or enjoy a meal at Banjo Bistro.

### Turners Vineyard

Mitchell Hwy, Orange,

Phone: 02 6369 1045

Email: [turnersvineyard@bigpond.com](mailto:turnersvineyard@bigpond.com)

Website: [www.turnersvineyard.com.au](http://www.turnersvineyard.com.au)

Daily tastings. There are more than 22 hectares of mature grapevines and the vineyard boasts six varieties of grapes. Turners Vineyard Cellar is the ultimate venue to sample one of the award-winning Summer Hill Wines or Turners Vineyard labels. Accommodation and restaurants on site.



### Sharpe Wines Of Orange

Fanning Lane (off Icely Rd), Orange

Phone: 02 6361 9046

Email: [sharpewinesoforange@bigpond.com](mailto:sharpewinesoforange@bigpond.com)

Website: [www.sharpewinesoforange.com.au](http://www.sharpewinesoforange.com.au)

Tastings first weekend of each month, Sat 11am–10pm; Sun 11am–5pm.

The cellar door and restaurant overlook the charming rural scene of the vineyard and dam. Specialise in small quantities of handmade, estate-grown wines.

### Underwood Lane, The Winery

The Escort Way, Orange

Phone: 02 6365 2221 or 0428 668 878

Email: [info@underwoodlane.com.au](mailto:info@underwoodlane.com.au)

Daily tastings 11am–5pm.

Visit this boutique, working winery and learn about winemaking and special cool fermentation techniques. Taste a premium selection of vintages and many varieties of cool-climate wines, all made from locally grown fruit.

### Dindima Wines

Lot 22, Cargo Road, Nashdale

Phone: 6365 3388

Email: [dindima@bigpond.com](mailto:dindima@bigpond.com)

Website: [www.dindima.com.au](http://www.dindima.com.au)

Open weekends & public holidays 10am–5pm and other times by appointment. Newly established winery nestled below Mt Canobolas, surrounded by orchards. At the cellar door, elegant, cool-climate wines are on offer, produced on site from small parcels of hand picked estate-grown grapes. 10 km west of Orange.

### Orange Mountain Wines

Cnr Forbes Rd & Radnedge Lane, Orange,

Phone: 02 6365 2626 or 0418 118 455

Email: [terrance@ix.net.au](mailto:terrance@ix.net.au)

Website: [www.orangemountain.com.au](http://www.orangemountain.com.au)

Weekend tastings and public holidays from 9am–5pm, other times by appointment. Boutique winery and vineyard located 10 km west of Orange. Visit the cellar door and sample Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Noir, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Viognier.

### Ibis Wines

239 Kearneys Drive, Orange

Ph: 6362 3257 / 0402 412 188,

Email: [ibiswines@bigpond.com](mailto:ibiswines@bigpond.com)

Website: [www.ibiswines.com.au](http://www.ibiswines.com.au)

Weekend tastings and public holidays 11am–5pm, other times by appointment. Near the Botanical Gardens, Ibis Wines is a great place to visit in any season. Enjoy tastings in extensive shaded areas or open and enclosed eating areas. Cellar Door is open weekends and public holidays, 11am–5pm.

### Printhie Wines

Yuranigh Rd, Molong

Phone: 02 6366 8463

Email: [printhie@netwit.net.au](mailto:printhie@netwit.net.au)

Website: [www.printhiewines.com.au](http://www.printhiewines.com.au)

Tastings Mon–Sat 10am–4pm.

Elegantly crafted to produce a range of quality affordable wines. The new cellar door and winery complex has been acclaimed for excellence in both design and presentation, providing the perfect, wine-tasting experience for visitors. Printhie is a pleasant 30 minute drive from Orange.

### Cargo Road Winery

Cargo Rd, Lidster

Phone: 02 6365 6100 or 0428 656 100

Email: [cargo@ix.net.au](mailto:cargo@ix.net.au)

Website: [www.cargoroadwines.com.au](http://www.cargoroadwines.com.au)

Tastings weekends and public holidays 11am–5pm.

With the delights of the gourmet café, gallery with collection of local artists and the gorgeous views, wine-tasters can appreciate the beauty of the Orange region.

### Mayfield Vineyard

Icely Road, Orange (10km from the town centre)

Phone: 02 6365 9295

Email: [sales@mayfieldvineyard.com](mailto:sales@mayfieldvineyard.com),

Website: [www.mayfieldvineyard.com](http://www.mayfieldvineyard.com)

Cellar door and restaurant open every Friday and Saturday for lunch and dinner, and lunch on Sundays. Tastings 10am–5pm Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Group parties and functions by appointment. The Schoolhouse Restaurant is located on the stunning Mayfield Estate, overlooking the vineyard.



Lunch suggestions for today are:

**Anson Street Tea House**

186 Anson Street, Orange NSW 2800

Phone: 02 6362 1908

Take time out from shopping to enjoy country hospitality in this café that serves delicious cakes and quiches baked daily, light meals and all day breakfast complemented by an extensive range of teas.

**Saplings Café**

108 Kearneys Drive, Orange NSW 2800

Phone: 02 6369 1666

Open Wed–Sun, 10am–4pm.

Licensed, serving locally made Hopping Mad beer, wines, light lunches incorporating local produce, homemade mayonnaise on the BLT, great Toby's Estate Coffee made to your taste. Right next to beautiful Orange Botanic Gardens and next to Orange Adventure Playground built by the community and with views of Mt Canobolas – a perfect spot to relax any time of year.

After lunch, make your way back to Sydney either by return air flight with Rex Airlines or driving.

Orange to Sydney via Bathurst

260 km or 4 hr