

BLUE MOUNTAINS

HEAD TO THE HILLS ON SYDNEY'S DOORSTEP FOR BREATHTAKING SCENERY, HISTORIC TOWNSHIPS AND GOURMET FOOD.



Introduction to the Blue Mountains:

The Blue Mountains is a magical place any time of the year. Glowing in autumn, cool in winter, colourful in spring and refreshing in summer. The close proximity of the Blue Mountains to Sydney makes it an ideal getaway for a day trip, however, many days are required to truly experience the magic of the Blue Mountains.

Growing up in Sydney, I have had the pleasure of many visits to this amazing destination. From romantic escapes, weekends with a group of my girlfriends and many family trips, it really does suit everyone! You can tailor your stay depending on your mood and how adventurous or energetic you may be feeling.

Must Do:

You could easily spend a day, a week or a whole month exploring the many attractions throughout the Greater Blue Mountains region. I have listed some of my personal highlights and recommendations whilst you are in the Blue Mountains, and I am sure you will discover many more of your own.

Nature: For nature enthusiasts, there is much to see.

Firstly visit the [Blue Mountains Heritage Centre](#), offering expert advice on walks, activities, plants and wildlife.

A visit to Echo Point lookout to see **the Three Sisters** and views of the World Heritage-listed rainforest and escarpments is a must, with a return in the evening to see the Three Sisters dramatically floodlit until 11pm.

Head to [Scenic World](#), where you can ride the steepest train down into a valley between the mountains.

If you want to take it easy, [Tread Lightly Eco Tours](#) (book well in advance to avoid disappointment) and [CDC Tours - Jenolan Caves](#) will look after you.

Explore [Everglades](#), National Trust of Australia; Australia's most spectacular garden for all seasons.

To take home your own piece of nature, visit the beautiful [Katoomba Fine Flowers](#) and [Birches of Leura](#) for a spectacular flower arrangement, unique plant or even a Wollomby Pine!



Arts: Appreciate creativity in the Blue Mountains. Visit the many galleries, here are my picks -

[Lost Bear Gallery](#)

[Day Gallery](#)

[Norman Lindsay Gallery](#)

[Blue Mountains Cultural Centre](#)



or step back in time & browse antiques throughout the region - don't miss the enormous [Victory Theatre Antique Centre](#).

Food: You will be spoilt for choice when it comes to dining. Whether it's a quick bite whilst out and about or a leisurely few hours savouring the delicious local produce, the choice is yours. I hope you experience my favourites -

[Darleys Restaurant](#)

[The Savoy](#)

[Alexandra Hotel](#)

[Leura Garage](#)

[Avalon Restaurant](#)

[Wintergarden](#)

[Blue Mountains Chocolate Co.](#)



To Do: A few more activities not to miss -

[Centennial Glen Stables](#) for an amazing experience horse riding through the beauty of the valley.

Don't forget to visit nearby Bilpin, famous for its apples. Drop into [Hill Billy Cider](#) and sample their many varieties and to purchase your take away tippie.

Or if wine is more your choice, call into [Dryridge Estate](#) vineyard for some wine tasting and a cheese platter overlooking divine mountain views.

Rainy days or just because, why not treat yourself to the movies at the local [United Cinema The Edge](#).

Shopping: The Blue Mountains is graced with perhaps the most eclectic assortment of boutiques so don't go home empty handed. Here are a few musts -

[Ravir Boutique](#) - all your fashion needs

[The Candy Store Blue Mountains](#)

[Megalong Books](#) - a real treasure trove

[Wollemi Gems](#) and [Colliers Crystals](#) - for a beautiful gift

[Irene Byrne Antique Jewellery](#) - you deserve it



[Blue Mountains Uggboots](#) - an absolute must on the way up or down from Sydney.

