

JORBENS AUSTRALIAN TRAVEL INSPIRATION

The Hunter Valley

NSW Wine Country



Introduction to the Hunter Valley:

When you visit the Hunter, you feel as though you're miles away from the hustle and bustle of the city however it's only a short 1 hour 30 minute drive from Sydney and 30 minutes from Newcastle. For most of us within the Greater Sydney Region, the Hunter lends itself to being a great option for a day trip, however if you'd like to enjoy all the region has to offer, you definitely need to spend at least a few nights.

Must Do:

- Explore some of the many cellar doors and taste their offerings
- [Hot air ballooning](#)
- Play a round of golf at either the [Crowne Plaza Hotel](#) or [Cypress Lakes Resort](#)
- [Go Karting](#)
- Have lunch at [Oishii Japanese](#)
- Visit the [Hunter Valley Gardens](#) and Shopping Village
- [Horse Riding](#) or an [ATV tour](#) if that's more your thing
- Take a ride in a [Horse Drawn Carriage](#)
- Taste all the delicious [cheeses](#)
- Visit [Mortels Sheepskin Factory](#)
- Don't forget [Cocoa Nib!](#)



Plan your itinerary:

Up until two years ago I was definitely not a wine drinker. My first wine tasting experience to the Hunter Valley quickly changed this! I always had this preconception that all wine was strong, bold and vinegary. Upon visiting a few of the wineries I quickly found out this was not the case at all. Tracy from [Ivanhoe Wines](#) may have even found a red I can enjoy!

Last year I stayed at the [Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley](#) for a week and had my first proper look around. I was so blown away by the sheer amount of Wineries and Cellar Doors. No matter what direction I drove in, they just seemed to go on forever! How do you decide which ones to visit? I've put together a guide which is linked below that narrows that selection down so you can focus on enjoying the local wine offerings rather than spending half your day arguing about where to go!

As with the wineries, there are a plethora of accommodation options for you to choose from, ranging from hostels to 5 star resorts. I'd recommend either the [Crowne Plaza Hunter](#)

[Valley](#) or [Cypress Lakes Resort](#) as they both offer fantastic facilities, multiple dining options and are a great central base to start your daily adventures. Whichever option you choose, you won't be disappointed, with both locations offering fully self contained apartments.

The Hunter Valley offers more than just wine & food. If you're a photographer, adventure lover, or just wanting to see the landscape from a different perspective, then you need to book in for a sunrise [Hot Air Ballooning](#) experience!

Perhaps you'd prefer to explore the terrain on horseback? [Hunter Valley Horses](#) & [Hunter Valley Horse Riding](#) have you sorted, whether you're a first timer or a seasoned rider.

When you're finished in the valley, be sure to visit a few of your favourite cellar doors on the way out and purchase a case to take home.



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