

NORTHERN RIVERS ART TOUR

With Leonie Norton

18 – 24 May 2020 (7 days)

Come and enjoy a week sketching in the stunning Northern Rivers area of New South Wales. Immerse yourself in the lush valleys, meandering rivers and pristine coastlines while catching glimpses of Mt Warning (Wollumbin), Mt Chincogan and the Border Ranges (part of the Great Dividing Range) along the way.

Our mountainscape of the Tweed Valley is collectively known as the Caldera and volcanologists consider Mt Warning to be one of the most important shield volcanoes in the world. It is also home to many species of native orchids. Many farmers are still enjoying the benefits of cultivating their crops on rich, red volcanic soil.

Once a busy hub for dairy farmers, the area now focuses on cane farming, macadamia nut production and tourism. In recent years the commercial fishing industry has largely given way to recreational fishers who enjoy the amenities of the rivers, the dams and the ocean.



Leonie Norton is an international artist, author and globetrotter, who has guided sketching tours throughout Australia and overseas. Leonie's teaching philosophy is simple – there is no such thing as a mistake! For students of all levels, her words are encouraging and her expertise is invaluable. Whether an experienced sketcher or a newcomer to the wonderful world of painting *en plein air* Leonie's one-to-one tuition and group demonstrations will give you the tools to produce finished works to be proud of.



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DATE	MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Monday	Guests arrive at Gold Coast Airport. Transfer from airport to motel at own expense (taxi \$? approx)	Guests arrive at Gold Coast Airport. Transfer from airport to motel (venue TBA) at own expense (taxi \$20 approx)	Meet and greet dinner with Leonie and guests
Tuesday	Coach takes us to Mullumbimby Riverside Heritage Park for sketching. The journey takes approximately one hour and takes in gorgeous Tweed Valley scenery. Lunch in Mullumbimby. (B)	After lunch coach takes us from Mullumbimby to Brunswick Heads (approximately 15 minutes drive) to check into The Sails Motel. After settling in we will spend the afternoon sketching on the Brunswick River foreshore.	Choose from one of the eateries within walking distance of the motel.
Wednesday	Coach takes us from Brunswick Heads to Ballina (approx 45 minutes drive) where we will be sketching. Lunch in Ballina. (B)	After lunch the coach takes us from Ballina to Lismore (approx 45 minutes drive) where we will check into motel.	This afternoon we will sketch near the Richmond River. Dinner at one of the pubs or restaurants within walking distance of the motel.
Thursday	After breakfast we will walk to the Lismore Art Gallery to view an exhibition. After morning tea we will sketch in the adjacent precinct. Lunch in Lismore. (B)	After lunch the coach takes us to the historic village of Uki (approx 65 minutes drive) via Nimbin, enjoying the lush countryside and prominent rock formations. In Uki we will sketch around the iconic Buttery building. In the afternoon the coach will take us to our motel in Murwillumbah.	Dinner at one of the pubs or restaurants within walking distance of the motel.
Friday	After breakfast the coach will take us to the Tweed Regional Art Gallery, the home of the magnificent Margaret Olley Centre. Lunch at the Gallery cafe. (B, L)	After lunch we will spend the afternoon sketching the panoramic views from the gallery out over the Tweed River to Mt Warning beyond.	Dinner at one of the pubs or restaurants within walking distance of the motel.
Saturday	After breakfast the coach will take us across the Condong Ranges to Cabarita Beach (approx 30 minutes drive) for sketching on the Headland. Picnic lunch on site. (B, D))	After lunch the coach will take us to our motel (venue TBA) and after settling in we will sketch on the famous Coolangatta foreshore.	Farewell dinner.
Sunday	After checking out onward transfers to airport at own expense (taxi \$? approx)		

INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights accommodation
- 6 breakfasts
- One lunch
- Two dinners
- Daily sketching reviews
- Coach transport between localities
- Information folder

NOT INCLUDED

- Flights and transfers to and from Gold Coast Airport.
- Unless specified, meals are at guests' own expense.



COST

\$2280 AUD per person
\$350 AUD Single Supplement
\$500 Deposit AUD

Small Group Tour. Numbers Strictly Limited

Bookings and further information

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