



The Australian Sewing Guild *Fabric, Fashion and Fun Tour* to Sydney – July 2010

Following on from the overwhelmingly successful ASG tour to Melbourne this year, the Australian Sewing Guild is continuing with its 'Discovery Tours of Australia' in July 2010, with an 8 day/7 night visit to Sydney.

Join members of the ASG on a tour of discovery as we explore our favourite fabric and haby haunts, investigate designer stores, shop crafty markets and explore fabulous Sydney and the beautiful country that surrounds it– ALL while wining and dining with like-minded friends.

We've continuing with our winter getaways so that you can 'Frock Up' and strut all your beautiful creations with a group that truly appreciates a fine piece of cloth, a beautiful cut and stitch, and a clever embellishment or accessory. So go the whole way and pull out your best, then run away with the ASG.

**DATE: SUNDAY, JULY 4 TO
SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2010**

Day 1 – Sunday, July 4, 2010

Make your own way to Sydney to meet up with the group by 12 noon on July 4. Pick up a great air deal, use your frequent flyer points, drive or bus it. That way you pick the deal, the mode and the timing that suits you best.

Settle into the CBD-located apartments. Choose a 1 or 2 bedroom apartment and



meet up with new roommates or old friends. All apartments have kitchens, washer and dryers, TV and DVD players and secure undercover parking.

Be ready to leave the apartments at 3pm to enjoy an inspirational afternoon at one of Australia's most innovative fabric stores followed by a very friendly 'meet and greet' welcome dinner.

Day 2 – Monday, July 5

Today we travel south to the heritage village of Berrima and the beauty of the Southern Highlands.

Stop along the way to visit embroiderer's delights at 'Victoria House' and have morning tea in Mittagong before heading onto Berrima.

In Berrima we will visit the fabulous 'Peppergreen' store for a guided tour and talk on antique fabrics, buttons and quilts and view incredible collections of vintage clothing and corsetry.

Visit the fabulous craft nooks and quilting stores and enjoy lunch at Berrima with local ASG members.

Return to the city and a sizzling BBQ dinner at one of Sydney's oldest and most famous pubs, Philips Foot at the Rocks.

Day 3 – Tuesday, July 6

This morning we head behind the scenes of Opera Australia. Costume designers, milliners, wig makers, cobblers, carpenters, choreographers, conductors, musicians and of course artists – these are the people who make the operas you see on stage come to life and we are going to meet them all on this inspiring guided tour. Enjoy lunch on-site before boarding our coach.

This afternoon we will explore the best outlets in the inner Sydney fashion hub of Surry Hills and Waterloo – fabric and haberdashery outlets, fusing, pleating and buttonhole specialists





You will know all the right people to help with your future fashion sewing projects.

Finish the day with dinner at our favourite Italian restaurant.

Day 4 – Wednesday, July 7

Join the Sydney members of the ASG for one of their very popular 'Industry Days' at Simplicity Patterns Aust. Guest speakers and topics will include the latest news on patterns, fabrics, fitting and finishing.

Then dress up for a gala night at the world famous Sydney Opera House or the hottest theatre production in town.

Day 5 – Thursday, July 8

Travel Sydney harbour the way the locals do by catching the ferry to Manly for lunch at beautiful Fairy Bower. Explore the harbour and ocean fronts before returning, by ferry, to Darling Harbour and a 'by invitation only' visit to the fashion and fabric archives of the Power House Museum.

Tonight is late-night shopping in Sydney and you have a free night option to explore the city or chill out and dine in your apartment with a good book, DVD or 'bubbles' and friends.

Day 6 – Friday, July 9

Early pick-up today for a full-day coach trip to explore the scenic Blue Mountains. Local ASG members will guide us to their favourite haunts, crafty corners, antique dens, gourmet delights and cosy coffee nooks.

After returning to the city we will be throwing a pyjama, pizza, jewellery, shoe and bag party at the apartments ... so much to do ... so little time!

Day 7 – Saturday, July 10

Up early to coach to another selection of great Sydney fabric and haby outlets in Sydney's southern and inner western suburbs. Then on to the odd bag or shoe warehouse outlets to accessorise your new wardrobe in style

Tonight we will be 'dressing-up' for our farewell evening at one of Sydney's most famous Spanish Restaurants, 'Capitan Torres'.

Day 8 – Sunday, July 11

Last day HUGE fabric shopping extravaganza! Tour by air-conditioned coach to Cabramatta to explore nine great fabric shops located within an easy three-block walk. Wovens, knits, silks, laces, cottons, remnants and designer remnants await you. Bring a BIG bag!

The coach will drop you off at either Sydney airport at 4pm or Sydney centre by 4.30pm. Hug new friends, exchange contacts and head happily home (to SEW!).

This tour includes:

- Full accommodation in CBD-located serviced apartments on a twin, triple or quad share basis
- Transport in air-conditioned coach as per itinerary

- Five lunches as per itinerary
- Five dinners as per itinerary
- ASG Industry Day – Simplicity Patterns
- Manly and Darling Harbour Ferries
- Opera House or Theatre ticket
- Sightseeing as outlined in itinerary
- ASG Tour Coordinator

Not included

- Transport to and from Sydney, airfares and taxes
- Breakfast daily
- Single room supplement – \$800
- Travel Insurance (recommended but not compulsory)
- Tipping and all services not mentioned

Cost (per person share basis) – \$1,480

*Booking enquiries please contact: ASG Travel Coordinator – Stephen Gray
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Fitness Level Required –

It is important that participants are able to walk a kilometre, at a moderate pace, plus climb several flights of stairs.

To join the Australian Sewing Guild or to find out about other great plans, groups or meetings look at the ASG website www.aussew.org.au