



# Explore the Blue Mountains this winter

The Blue Mountains has been a favourite visitor hotspot for more than 100 years.

And these days, there's so much to enjoy.

From retro hotel makeovers, new foodie flavours and the Blue Mountains Craft Beverage Trail to upgraded views accessible to all, fresh activities and an entire hidden valley to explore.

Here's some top tips when visiting the Blue Mountains...

### Megalong Valley

When COVID put the kybosh on renowned chef Colin Barker's The Boathouse at Blackwattle Bay, he re-established on Lot101. The 600ha property tucked under the cliffs of the Megalong Valley includes the fine dining Megalong Restaurant, historic Megalong Valley Tearooms and Werriberri Cottages. Vegetables and fruit, sheep, cattle, ducks and chicken are grown and served onsite.

### Blackheath

Chalets of Blackheath with four luxury eco chalets has risen from the ashes of the wellknown Jemby Rinjah Eco Lodge that was destroyed in the 2019 bushfires, while the old Redleaf Resort was unveiled as Kyah Boutique Hotel at Blackheath in December 2021 as a Palm Springs-inspired modern venue with a twist of old Hollywood glamour.

### Alexandra Hotel in Leura

Equeva Group has renovated the accom-



Hillbilly Cider at Bilpin.

modation rooms at Echo Point Discovery Motel to offer a more comfortable stay with eco-friendly features in contemporary cosiness in designs inspired by the nearby Echo Point.

### Blue Mountains Craft Beverage Trail

People often come for the bushwalks, but there's another type of track weaving its way through the Mountains - a trail where exploration means sampling some of the best beverages in the Blue.

There's cider from a century-old orchard, beers brewed down canyons and spirits

infused with local botanicals for a true taste of the region.

Along the way is the world's best (it's official) vodka at Karu Distillery, the only brew pub in the Blue (Mountain Culture Beer Co) with the country's top craft beer, and newbies Frankly This Wine Was Made by Bob (Blackheath) and Blue Mountains Gin Company (Katoomba).

And don't forget to check out Hillbilly Cider at Bilpin, a must-see!

### Katoomba

Gazelles Restaurant & Café Royale at the Palais Royale has a new chef with fresh offerings at one of the original grand hotels of the region, while the renowned quirk venue Avalon Restaurant has a new sister in The Bowery.

New kid on the block Tempus Restaurant at Katoomba serves modern Australian cuisine, well-known chef Misha Laurant travels the world in eight street food dishes at his 8Things venue (and mobile food truck) and his latest Leura Dumplings turns out dumplings, noodles and Hainanese chicken rice.

### Blacktop Adventure Tours.

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## Go deeper in the Blue Mountains

Did you know, the Blue Mountains is one of the few cities in the world to be surrounded by World Heritage-listed national parks and is one of Australia's first certified ECO Destinations? Famous the world over for its stunning scenery and outdoor adventure, the Blue Mountains offers even more if you look a little deeper...

The Blue Mountains has always been special. Not only are the Three Sisters, a unique rock formation, famous globally, the site is importantly a declared Aboriginal Place,

recognising the special cultural, social and historic significance of the site to the Aboriginal community. Nearby, the Gully is also a declared Aboriginal Place. Learn more by booking a tour with a local Aboriginal guide for an authentic and fulfilling experience.

There are many guided experiences to uncover, take a tour on the new Grand Cliff Top Walk or take the load off your feet with a 4WD tour.

From spas to stargazing, your mind and body will thank you! After absorbing the rich natural and cultural experiences 'the Mountains'

has to offer, head to one of the 26 villages scattered throughout the Blue Mountains, each with their own character.

Uncover unique shopping, art deco and boutique hotels, gin parlours and cellar doors on the craft beverage trail, fantastic coffee and locally sourced cuisine at funky cafés and stylish restaurants loved by locals.

A day is not enough, stay a while and see how good you feel after a few days in the Blue.

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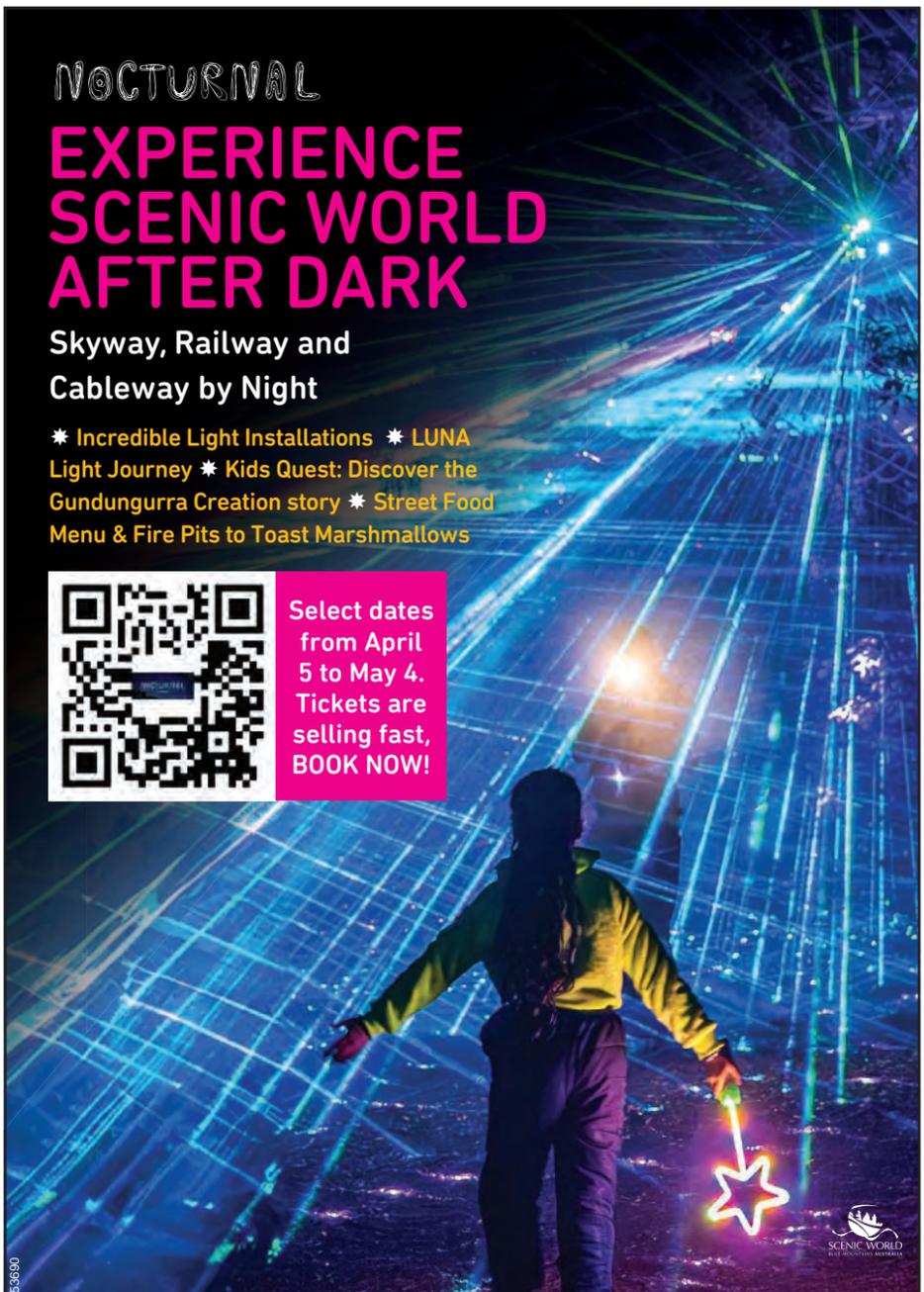
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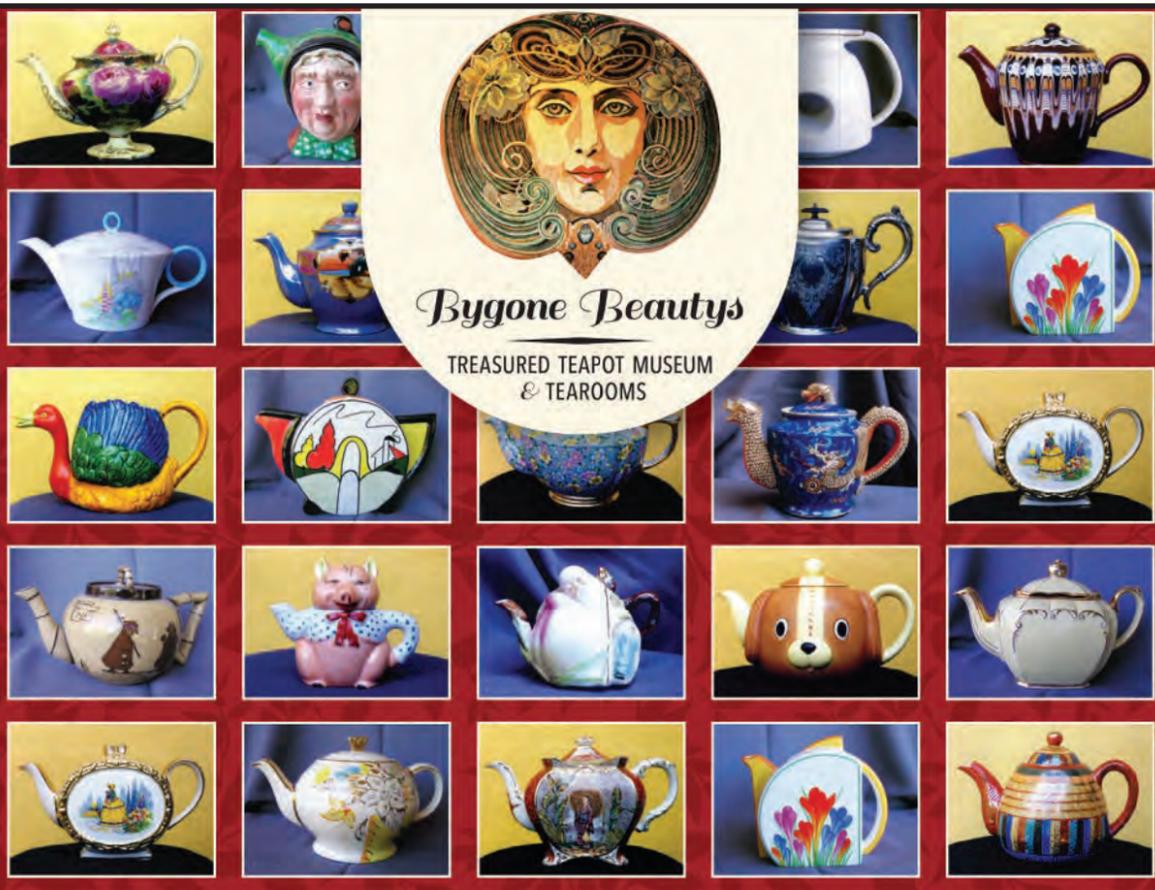


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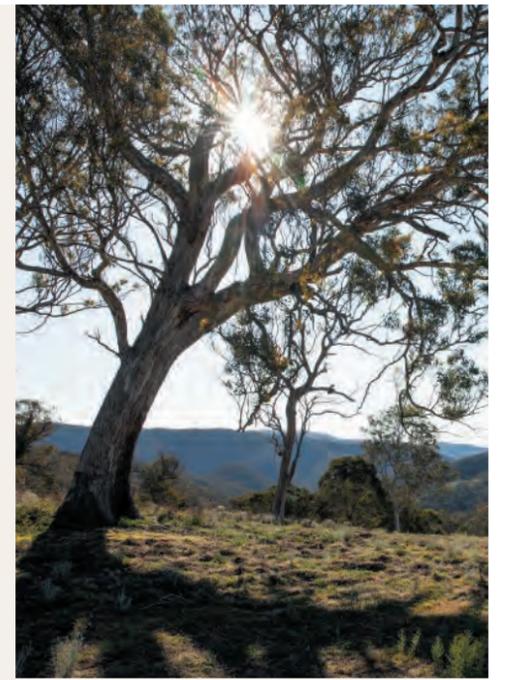
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