



PENSHURST RSL TRAVEL CLUB Inc.

58A PENSHURST STREET, PENSHURST NSW 2222

INTRODUCTION: Welcome to your Travel Club. The aim of the Travel Club is to offer members of Penshurst RSL Club inexpensive, interesting days out and extended tours in comfort and safety. Our Motto of “So many places to go, so much to see” says it all. We trust that the following information will give you a better understanding of our aims and systems used. These have evolved with the approval of members and, at a meeting, members may pass a change to any system.

The Travel Club was formed in 2002, by members involved in travel clubs for a number of years, to present Penshurst RSL Club members with the advantages that a Travel Club has to offer. Membership is \$6 per person incl. GST per year and covers the period from 1 July to 30 June.

Extended tours feature three to five-star accommodation, morning teas, most lunches, two or three-course dinners, sightseeing fees, fully-cooked breakfasts and a 5-star coach. The GST is included in all tour costs.

Day tours are to various points, restricted by Port Stephens in the north, Nowra in the south, Lithgow in the west, as well as Canberra. The cost will depend on the distance and whether any entry fees are payable. Morning tea and lunch are included in the price of all day tours, unless otherwise specified.

MONTHLY MEETINGS: These are held upstairs in the Club’s Auditorium on the first Wednesday of each month, commencing at 6.45 pm. Payments for existing tours may be made then, until the meeting commences at 7 pm. New trips will open after the meeting. Supper is available during this time. The Executive Committee is also available to accept bookings/payments on the third Monday of each month between 5 - 6 pm in the Club’s Bistro.

BOOKINGS:

General Information: With the exception of theatre parties, it is essential to be a Travel Club member. All tours are opened at a Monthly Meeting and members attending may book on the opening night. When making a payment, you will be issued with a Payment Sheet which is our only form of receipt and confirmation of your booking.

Day Tours: These are held on average four to six weeks apart and usually mid-week. Cost is normally between \$60 - \$80 and the amount is payable in full at the time of booking. A Payment Sheet will be issued and you will be given a seat number. The Payment Sheet must be returned to us for a refund/credit (if applicable) in the event of a cancellation.

Extended Tours: All extended tour prices are advertised as Per Person/Twin Share. The Travel Club will situate single members into twin share if required and if possible. Single Supplements (your own room) are available on most tours at an extra cost. When paying a deposit (vicinity \$100 - \$300), you will be provided with a Payment Sheet which is our only form of receipt and which is confirmation of your booking. The Payment Sheet allows for further instalments to be made up until the closing date and must be submitted each time you wish to make a payment. You will also be given an Extended Tour Application form to complete and return to us as soon as possible. This information is used to ensure suitable accommodation is arranged on your behalf and to meet any other requirements including dietary (special dietary may incur an extra charge). Travel Insurance is recommended and should be organised as soon as the deposit is paid, as deposits may be non-refundable. Once final payment has been received, you will be able to select your coach seat from the remaining seats available. On tours of two days, this will be your seat for the complete tour. On tours over two days, a seat rotation will take place.

Theatre Parties: Payment must be made in full at the time of booking. When the Organiser has received the tickets, you will be advised of the collection date, normally at a monthly meeting. Please note that, once a theatre seat has been purchased on your behalf, there is no refund or return unless the Travel Club is able to find someone willing to buy your ticket. However, the ticket may be transferred to a person of your choice, as non-members are permitted to attend performances for the same price. Theatre parties are advertised in the ‘Travel Talk’ some months beforehand and preference is given to matinees. Public transport is used, as hiring a coach would add substantially to the cost.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

Deposits: The payment of a deposit on an extended tour is accepted on the understanding that a booking will only proceed if there are seats available. The placing of a deposit does not mean a confirmed booking until you are issued with a Payment Sheet.

Payment Options: The final payment date is printed on the Payment Sheet and, if the amount due is not received by then, the Executive reserves the right to cancel the booking and make the seat available to another member. Payment may be made preferably by cheque (made payable to Peshurst RSL Travel Club) or cash. Unfortunately, the Travel Club does not have Credit Card/EFTPOS facilities.

If you are unable to attend a meeting, it is possible to pay an extended tour instalment by mail. Our mailing address is: Peshurst RSL Travel Club, C/- Peshurst RSL Club, 58A Peshurst Street, Peshurst NSW 2222. Please ensure that all details, cheque and Payment Sheet are enclosed. We do require a stamped, self-addressed envelope please, for return of your receipt.

The third option is to leave your envelope in the tin at the Club's reception desk. Please ensure that all details, cheque and Payment Sheet are enclosed, plus a stamped, self-addressed envelope for return of your receipt.

Most important! Occasionally, tours book out on opening night. If you are unable to come along to a meeting and wish to book on any of the opened tours, please check first that there are places available by contacting us before mailing or leaving your payment at the Club.

Cancellations: If you cancel any tour/function, there could be penalties for doing so. On extended tours, the Cancellation Policy will either be printed on the itinerary or as stated by the company organising the tour. On day tours, any penalty will be decided by the Executive Committee. No cancellation will be recognised less than two days prior to departure and without the return of the Payment Sheet. Unless the seat can be re-sold, no refund can be issued.

Waiting Lists: Some of our day tours in particular book out on opening night. If you are unlucky enough to miss out, please do put your name on the waiting list, as cancellations do occur.

DEPARTURE POINTS: Our usual departure and return point is the Council Car Park in Connelly Street, Peshurst, unless otherwise specified. Apart from those with a disabled permit, please be aware that this car park has a three-hour limit including Saturdays, and we are not permitted to leave our vehicles in the Peshurst RSL Club's car park. We ask that you arrive at least 15 minutes before the advertised departure time.

ADVERTISING: Tours and functions are advertised in our newsletter "Travel Talk" for at least a month before they are opened for bookings. The Travel Talk is published monthly and is available at the Monthly Meeting or in Peshurst RSL Club's reception area, from the first Thursday of each month. Our advertising always carries the Peshurst RSL Travel Club name.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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