

# Rainforest Waterfalls and Woodlands

## Discovery International Student Tours Blue Mountains National Park



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### TRUE BLUE MOUNTAINS: RAINFOREST WATERFALLS AND WOODLANDS (KATOOMBA- LEURA)

This tour begins at the cliff edge in Leura and we walk down to the magical Fern Bower and the ancient world of Leura Forest. Listen for lyrebirds and learn about the significant part they play in shaping this ancient landscape. National Parks and Wildlife Service Discovery Rangers will discuss

#### QUICK INFORMATION

When: Mondays to Fridays

Times: As required 7am- 7pm

Locations: Leura and Katoomba  
Cost: \$48 per student incl. GST

Minimum group size 10 pax,  
Difficulty: Hard  
significant steps and stairs

Duration: 4 hrs

the many native birds and animals that rely on this valley for habitat and how the environment shapes their lives. Observe how dramatic erosion forces occur and the microclimates that result. Discover the impacts on our wildlife and how animals and plants survive great change. Finally we ascend the cliffs via the iconic Giant Stairway to the Three Sisters at Echo Point. (4 hrs)

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sensational views of Jamison Valley, Giant Stairway and the Three Sisters
- Explore unique temperate rainforests
- Diverse ecosystems and fauna habitats
- Abundant birdlife
- Unique geology and spectacular rock formations

#### LOCATION

Leura and Katoomba are townships on top of the southern escarpment of the upper Blue Mountains, with spectacular views across the Greater Blue Mountains World Heritage Area. Our century old walking track network takes unique advantage of an often challenging landscape of rainforests, deep gorges and vertical cliffs.

#### ACTIVITY PLAN

Groups arrive 15 to 30 minutes prior to start time for recess and toilets.

Discovery Rangers provide students with an introduction to the Blue Mountains environment, a safety briefing and hold a minimal impact discussion.

Students are divided into walking groups: group size of 15 with one group leader and one Discovery Ranger. (Group leaders not required for university groups.)

On the walk, students are encouraged to observe, question and discuss content that is relevant to your course of study and draw conclusions about the values of National Parks and reserve systems.

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Awarded Gold Major  
Tourist Attraction 2012







## COST

Inbound Students \$48 per head (Accompanying staff and escorts FOC – limits apply), Monday to Friday 7am to 7pm  
All prices quoted include GST and valid until 1st April 2014.

## GROUP SIZES

Minimum booking for group rates is 10 students and maximum is 90. Groups are to provide 1 teacher (or authorized adult) for every 15 students. (Supervising adults not required on university groups)

## HOW TO GET THERE

Its easy to get to our tours:

You can catch a train from Sydney Central to Katoomba (2hrs) and walk 2.5 kilometres to the meeting place on Cliff Drive or catch the Explorer Bus or the Trolley Bus from Katoomba Station to Solitary Restaurant on Cliff Drive

By coach or car, drive west 100 kilometres from Sydney to Katoomba. Follow signs to Cliff Drive and continue. Our meeting place is the public car park adjacent Solitary Restaurant on Cliff Drive Katoomba.



View of Three Sisters, Echo Point, Katoomba Blue Mountains National Park

## WHAT TO BRING:

Minimum 1 litre water

Snacks and lunch

A raincoat & a rubbish bag

Beanie, gloves & a warm jumper (April-Oct)

A camera (optional)

Personal medications e.g. Asthma puffer, epipen

## PLEASE WEAR:

Enclosed walking shoes

A hat & sun screen

A warm jacket (April –October)

Please do not wear ugg boots or sandals



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**DISCOVERY**  
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## PROVIDER:

NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service  
Discovery Program,  
Blue Mountains Region

ABN 30 841 387 271

Locations: Blue Mountains National Park and  
BMCC reserves: including Leura, Wentworth  
Falls, Katoomba, Blackheath,

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