

Guided Heritage Tour

A leisurely 2½-hour City Bus Tour



Departs 10.00am Monday to Saturday

(excluding Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day)

from the Visitor Information Centre located at 82 Marsh Street

The HeritageTour operates on the generosity of donations

The Heritage Tour bus is unable to cater for children under 4 years of age, children aged 4-7 must provide their own booster seat

Bookings are recommended

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The Guided Heritage Tour is a 2½-hour taster of Armidale. You will be taken on an historical journey through Armidale with a lively and personal commentary from one of our tour guides.

There are four opportunities for you to disembark the bus.

1. The **Aboriginal Cultural Centre and Keeping Place** in Kentucky Street houses a fine collection of local Aboriginal artefacts and historical material. The Cultural Centre also has regular art exhibitions of important local and other Aboriginal artists. **15 minutes**
2. The **New England Regional Art Museum (NERAM)** houses two important art collections, The Howard Hinton Collection of early Australian art and the Coventry Collection of modern Australian art. These collections have been supplemented over many years and the exhibitions at NERAM offer a very wide variety for the art lover. There are also regular travelling exhibitions. **15 minutes**
3. The **Armidale Railway Museum and Station** offers visitors the chance to talk about the history of the railway and its arrival in Armidale. They will also be offered a complimentary cup of morning tea or coffee to enjoy during this talk. **20 minutes**
4. The **University of New England** and the heritage listed homestead “Boooloominbah” is the last stop on the tour. This impressive house has a rich history telling the story of the White family in New England. The home was completed in 1888; Australia’s centenary year. Its most spectacular feature is the “Gordon Window” – a large stained-glass window above the main staircase. **30 minutes**

In between these three stops, as you drive slowly past, you will be given the descriptions and history of many of the old and beautiful buildings that grace the City of Armidale. Some of the buildings that you will see include cathedrals and churches, private and public schools, historic hotels and public buildings, monuments and memorials. These buildings are all within viewing distance of the bus and your guide will tell you their entertaining and interesting stories.

Enjoy the unique experience of the Armidale Heritage Tour