



## SO ACCESSIBLE – THE SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS

Located just over 60 minutes from Sydney, 90 minutes from the National Capital Canberra and 55 minutes from the South Coast, the Southern Highlands is indeed one of the easiest locations in NSW to visit. Dual carriageways and expressways make the drive from both Sydney and Canberra just soooo easy!

The Southern Highlands is a country region, consisting of three larger towns, Bowral, Mittagong and Moss Vale. Add to this an assortment of small and large villages dotted throughout the landscape and you have the Southern Highlands. Shopping offers everything from unique Antiques through to roadside stalls selling farm grown produce.

The largest natural attraction in the region is the Morton National Park which comprises 1000's of hectares of pristine bushland and as luck may have it, three magnificent waterfalls with easy access for visitors right on our doorstep. This national park offers a wide range of bushwalking in a landscape which is uniquely Australian.

The climate too, is an attraction in itself. Four distinct seasons offering different experiences and attractions throughout the year. Fresh air though, is always guaranteed, with the region rising to a height of approximately 610 metres above sea level, producing a noticeably cooler highland climate (compared to Sydney and coastal regions), which can be very cold, but refreshing, in winter and excellent in the warmer months, as humidity rarely reaches these heights.

This 'cooler climate' has also lent itself to the development of a local wine industry which continues to grow, going from strength to strength. Producing cool climate wines are none less than 18 Cellar Doors, which are supported by over 60 vineyards.

Visitors to the area are also able to enjoy the world famous Bradman Centre and International Cricket Hall of Fame in Bowral and Sturt Craft Centre in Mittagong, both renowned for their individual attributes and both, attracting a wide range of visitors annually.

Garden lovers, also make the Southern Highlands a must visit destination every Spring and Autumn, with a large number of private gardens and estates opening their gates for visitors during both seasons.

The Southern Highlands is the perfect destination for day trips, short stays and for those who have more time, longer stays are also well catered for. Accommodation choices are excellent with everything on offer from camp sites through to five star luxury resorts and B&B's. Destination Southern Highlands offers a free accommodation booking service, just call 1300 657 559