



Touring Tamworth and District

Things to See and Do In Tamworth

Tamworth and the surrounding region offer delegates and their partners a variety of options on things to see and do;

Golf - Play the Greg Norman designed Longyard Golf Course and indulge in 18 holes. The very first golf course established in Tamworth is the Tamworth Golf Club; its tree lined avenues between holes, manicured fairways and numerous bunkers offer an alternative course to the competitive.

Tennis - Grab some mates and lob to the Tamworth Tennis Club. The facilities are well maintained and after the game you can reward yourself with a cold beverage of the brewery kind!

Gone Fishing - Arc-En-Ceil Trout Farm at Hanging Rock (1 hour from Tamworth) just up the hill from picturesque Nundle gives you the opportunity to take a break and you're guaranteed to catch a few! Try the rainbow trout smoked in their exquisite trout pates and other trout products...an excellent addition to any picnic!

Back To Nature - There are a number of great bush walking trails in and around Tamworth. From the Oxley Lookout begin the Kamilaroi Walking Track and lose yourself in the hills of Tamworth and the views across the valley....quite the challenge.

Food and Wine - Indulge in the fruits of the region with a visit to one of Tamworth's nine vineyards. Tourism Tamworth recommends taking a trip to Blickling Estate (Banalasta - 35 mins from CBD) to sample the flavours from the soil at the top of the Great Dividing Range, local wines, the eucalyptus plantation and lavender products or explore the lavender farm and pick up a natural beauty treat. Or visit Kitty Crawford Estate, just a short drive on the Dungowan Road to discover the Ironbark Creek Winery cellar door with the original architectural heritage buildings, picture postcard perfect....you might even enjoy a glass of wine.

Berry Farm - Koolkuna Berry Farm (1.5 hours from CBD, in the hills of Niangala) is a local producer of berry products, ice creams, jams and spreads and even liqueurs - a trip to the farm will give you the opportunity to create your own 'blend' to take away with you... a unique keepsake to be enjoyed at your leisure!

Spot A Star - At the Big Golden Guitar you'll find the Galaxy of Stars Wax Museum housing life sized wax figurines of some of Australia's well known country music artists.

Country Pubs / Wine Bars - Tamworth is home to a great variety of pubs with great history, including the Tamworth Hotel, Longyard Hotel, Joe Maguires plus many more. Alternatively check out the refurbished ANZ bank building and grab and Irish beer at The Vault restaurant and bar.

The Country Music Capital Tour - Walk a Country Mile is an award winning exhibition located at the Tamworth Visitor Information Centre and pays homage to the artists that have shaped Australian country music, the successes and the history - a must do when you're in Australia's Country Music Capital.

Glorious Coffee - The Coffee Bean Roasting House (7 minutes from CBD) in Tamworth allows you to see and smell first hand how coffee beans are roasted, blended and packaged. Have a cappuccino or coffee of your choice while you are there. Also there are many great cafes located along the stunning Peel Street.



Lindsay Butler Studios - One of country music busiest recording studios and is available for you to take a sneak peak at. Conveniently located on the highway it's just a hop, skip and jump away. Call and book a group in and you might find a special performance is provided just for you!

Australian Country Music Hall Of Fame - Pay tribute and take in the ACMF (within the CBD) and celebrate the journey of the music genre up to now and a great showcase of our history.

Art - Tamworth Regional Art Gallery is located in Tamworth's main street and is of such a quality that it is included in the touring route of many of the major exhibitions. There's always something amazing to check out at the gallery!

Weswal Gallery - At the top of town you'll find this quaint gallery and café, offering you a bite to eat as you soak up the atmosphere. Also a great view from the top of the town.

Calala Cottage - Step back into the past at Calala Cottage, one of Tamworth's original buildings. Its history extends back to the 1800's and it's all waiting for you to explore.

Motorcycle Museum - Start your engines - you've never seen so many masterpieces collected together as you will at Tamworth's Motorcycle Museum. Part of the Quality Hotel Powerhouse, this museum offers bikes from all eras and all styles... it will excite even the non-motorbike enthusiasts.

Retail - There are a great range of retail outlets in the city including the award winning Aussie Bush Leather, Blowes Menswear, locally owned exclusive boutiques for quality ladies clothing and shoes, Bunnings, Barbeques Galore as well as an array of major department stores and chains stores.

Delegates might choose to take some time out for themselves and have a wander through the streets of the city along the Tamworth Heritage Walk or Drive which showcases some of the architecture of yester-year including churches, Conservatorium of Music, schools, museums and other unique buildings. Or if you feel like relaxing and doing very little, grab a coffee and head to one of the many beautiful parks which surround Tamworth's CBD.

1/2 Day Tours

Tourism Tamworth will arrange guided 1/2 tours to the surrounding communities or along the themes below;

- ◆ Arts and Culture
- ◆ Business and Economic Opportunities
- ◆ History and Heritage
- ◆ Get back to Nature

There are many attractions in and around Tamworth which may appeal to conference delegates, partners or family members.



Nundle, an old gold mining town, is located 45 minutes East of Tamworth. The drive takes you past rich farming lands, picturesque picnic areas and some of the best fishing spots in NSW. Nundle, Woolomin and Hanging Rock are quaint country villages; while there you can visit Chaffey Dam (outside Woolomin), hike through the scenic surrounds such as Bowling Alley Point or Hanging Rock, or visit one of the oldest working woollen mills based in Nundle. Enjoy lunch at the historic Peel Inn, browse through the gorgeous boutiques and finish off your day with a visit Tourism Nundle and check out the recently relocated world class Gem collection.



Bendemeer is situated 42km North East of Tamworth on the New England Highway heading towards Armidale and hugs the banks of the trout-infested McDonald River in the Moonbi Ranges. Bendemeer is beautiful any time of the year - from the Macdonald River flowing through its tiny, but fiercely beating heart alive with arts, gardens, heritage and spirit.

Before you climb the Moonbi Ranges, call in at the twin villages of **Kootingal** and **Moonbi**; these towns are at the foot of those majestic hills. The locals will welcome you to their community. On the way, why not turn right at Nemingha (pronounced Nem-in-gar) for a country drive to Dungowan, Woolomin or Niangala, where visitors can taste the delicious berries and produce from Koolkuna Berries.

Manilla is an historic country town based along the Manilla and Namoi rivers. It is situated 44 km North of Tamworth on the Fossickers Way. Manilla has a population of 2110 people and is 363m above sea-level on the North West Slopes of NSW. It lies between two magnificent lakes - Lake Keepit to the South West and Split Rock Dam to the North; both dams offer excellent fishing and are great recreational areas for water sports.

This small community has gained international recognition as one of the best paragliding, sky sailing and hang-gliding sites in the world and hosted the World Paragliding Championships in March 2007!



After stopping at Manilla, continue North to **Barraba**, 90kms North of Tamworth, located in the heart of the Nandewar Ranges. The 1510 metre high Extinct Volcano, Mount Kaputar lies to the West, and the Geological and Fossicking area of the Peel Fault to the East.

Barraba is part of the popular 'Fossickers Way' touring route, which is home to gold and precious stones and, visitors are welcome to take part in a little fossicking of their own!

Barraba also provides an excellent base for bird watching in the Region where you may be lucky enough to spot an endangered Regent Honeyeater.