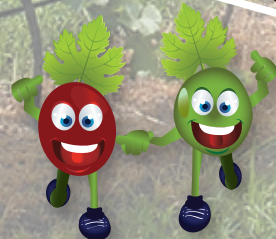


Your iGuide to Lovedale and North Pokolbin

Welcome aboard iHop and to Australia's oldest wine producing region. Lovedale is in the Lower Hunter (approx. 183km's North of Sydney) and is often referred to as the "Heart of the Hunter". Surrounded by the beauty of natural bushland, picturesque boutique vineyards and olive groves, with views across Pokolbin and the scenic Brokenback Ranges.

With so much choice the enclosed iGuide provides a "snapshot" on each venue to assist you (or we love to help) with planning your day and choosing the best suited stops and venues to visit in each location, depending on YOUR tastes and preferences. We recommend deciding on a starting point for the day and then planning your day from there trying to keep to your stops in order of the timetable. With the bus operating on a continuous 55-minute loop, when ready jump back on at the next scheduled pick-up time or stay on for as many stops as you like! With storage boxes and an esky (cooler) onboard for your convenience – you can enjoy your favourite drop (or gourmet treat) later or savour back home.

iFacts Vineyard – is a plantation of grapevines.
Winery – is an establishment where wine is produced.
Cellar Door – is where wine tastings are conducted.



iFacts Vineyards date back to the early 1800's and the region is best known for Semillon and Shiraz varietals



iFacts Summer (December to February) is harvest time in the Hunter Valley where you can see the vines being both machine and hand-picked.



Lovedale and North Pokolbin Loop – Operates Saturdays Only			Stops every 55 minutes							
iHop Stops At		Walk to Venues	LOOP 1	LOOP 2	LOOP 3	LOOP 4	LOOP 5	LOOP 6	LOOP 7	
Hop 1	Calais Estate Winery / Kawul Restaurant	Gemelli Estate / Moorebank Vineyard	10:15 AM	11:10 AM	12:05 PM	1:00 PM	1:55 PM	2:50 PM	3:45 PM	4:40 PM
Hop 2	De Bortoli Wines	Peterson Sparkling House	10:19 AM	11:14 AM	12:09 PM	1:04 PM	1:59 PM	2:54 PM	3:49 PM	4:44 PM
Hop 3	Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley at Crowne Plaza		10:21 AM	11:16 AM	12:11 PM	1:06 PM	2:01 PM	2:56 PM	3:52 PM	4:46 PM
Hop 4	Allandale Winery		10:26 AM	11:21 AM	12:16 PM	1:11 PM	2:06 PM	3:01 PM	3:56 PM	
Hop 5	Binnorie Dairy		10:29 AM	11:24 AM	12:19 PM	1:14 PM	2:09 PM	3:04 PM	3:59 PM	
Hop 6	Domaine De Binet / Tatler Wines & The Brunch Society	Adina Vineyard & Olive Grove / Emersons Café & Restaurant	10:34 AM	11:29 AM	12:24 PM	1:19 PM	2:14 PM	3:09 PM	4:04 PM	
Hop 7	Lovedale Smokehouse		10:38 AM	11:33 AM	12:28 PM	1:23 PM	2:18 PM	3:13 PM	4:08 PM	
Hop 8	Gartelmann Wines / Deck Café		10:41 AM	11:36 AM	12:31 PM	1:26 PM	2:21 PM	3:16 PM	4:11 PM	
Hop 9	Wandin Valley Estate		10:45 AM	11:40 AM	12:35 PM	1:30 PM	2:25 PM	3:20 PM	4:15 PM	
Hop 10	Thirsty Palette		10:51 AM	11:46 AM	12:41 PM	1:36 PM	2:31 PM	3:26 PM	4:21 PM	
Hop 11	Emmas Cottage Vineyard		10:55 AM	11:50 AM	12:45 PM	1:40 PM	2:35 PM	3:30 PM	4:25 PM	
Hop 12	Stomp! Wines		10:57 AM	11:52 AM	12:47 PM	1:42 PM	2:37 PM	3:32 PM	4:27 PM	
Hop 13	Ballabourneen Wines / The Chilli Hunter	Amanda's on the Edge	11:02 AM	11:57 AM	12:52 PM	1:47 PM	2:42 PM	3:37 PM	4:32 PM	
Hop 14	Bimbadgen Estate / Esca Restaurant		11:06 AM	12:01 PM	12:56 PM	1:51 PM	2:46 PM	3:41 PM	4:36 PM	

iFacts The name Lovedale can be traced back when John Wright purchased the land near what is now Capercaillie and Allandale wineries. It changed hands again in 1859, and was then purchased by James Love in 1868, and sold by his son in 1923 to two young dandies, Reginald Bancroft from the Yorkshire Dales and his friend Rupert Cousins, who named it 'Lovedale' after the Love family and Reginald's home.

Key Beer Hop Chocolate Hop Cheese Hop

Allow additional travel time during peak periods & events. For Groups of 8 or more it is advisable to book tasting directly with the Cellar Doors. Note: some cellar doors may charge a tasting fee.

Operates Saturdays Only

- 1 **Calais Estate, Come What May Homewares and Kawul Restaurant** – Completely self-contained boutique winery that manages all aspects of the wine making process from the growing and harvesting of its own grapes, through to the creation of its broad range of traditional wines and rare varietals. There are twenty acres of working vineyard, which are planted in Cabernet Sauvignon, Shiraz, Semillon and Chardonnay, with sweeping views over the vineyard and Brokenback ranges. The Estate is the perfect spot to enjoy one of their signature picnic packs or cheese plates or browse through the Vintage Modern Homeware store. Located upstairs is Kawul restaurant where their focus is to look back to the local, native and organic produce used by our ancestors. Jayden and his team focus on creating dishes that complement the land and the region.
- 1 **Moorebank Vineyard** – Moorebank is a family owned and operated boutique vineyard located on the tree hugged Palmers Lane. It is one of the smallest but finest estates in the Hunter Valley, specialising not only in a wide range of ultra-premium wines but also in a vast selection of handmade, wine inspired condiments, spreads and sauces that have been handed down from old family vineyard recipes.
- 1 **Gemelli Estate** – Surrounded by 25-year-old Chardonnay, Merlot and Muscat vines. You can relax upstairs in the Art Gallery or the outdoor seating overlooking the vines. A perfect place to laze away the afternoon; whether you are enjoying a glass of wine and a cheese platter or one of their monthly High Teas, where you will be surrounded by beautiful gardens and magnificent views.
- 2 **De Bortoli Wines** – The De Bortoli family has been producing wine since 1928. Step into their lovely stone-fronted cellar door at the gateway to Wine Country and taste from an extensive range of wines available, including their range of premium fortified, ports and the iconic De Bortoli Noble One. Visit the local markets there on a Saturday, home to a selection of local products, produce, gift and homewares.
- 2 **Peterson's Sparkling House, Restaurant Cuvee and Hunter Valley Chocolate Company** – This chic looking cellar door surrounded by beautiful sandstone walls specialises in premium sparkling wine tastings with Restaurant Cuvee serving breakfast (bubbles breaky a specialty) and lunch, with an oyster bar open on weekends offering a selection of antipasto, seafood and cheese plates. Visit the chocolate shop onsite (locally made here in the Hunter) for tastings and purchases.
- 3 **Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley** – Located within the Crowne Plaza (at The Lovedale Bar and Restaurant), the brewery offers a range of boutique beers and ciders that can be sampled on their signature tasting paddles and complimented with their bistro style menu served out on the terrace overlooking the manicured golf course.
- 4 **Allandale Winery** – The site of Allandale Winery is close to what was originally one of the largest wineries in the Hunter Valley in the 1890s, also called Allandale. The now winery and cellar door was established in 1978 and has only had two winemakers in the whole history of the winery. Allandale has created an acclaimed portfolio of wines made from their own and selected vineyards and their impressive range can be enjoyed at the cellar door with stunning views out across Pokolbin.
- 5 **Binnorie Dairy** – Is known for producing an award-winning range of cheeses with distinctive characters unavailable outside the region. Pop into their cheese factory for a tasting, casual style lunch serving cheese and antipasto platters and lighter menu options, with all their signature products available for purchase to be enjoyed later.
- 6 **Domaine De Binet** – Daniel Binet (the winemaker) is fast becoming one of the Hunter Valley's most recognised young winemakers. The vineyard and winery has been awarded 5 stars by James Halliday and focuses on interesting regions and alternative varietals. Step into their "open bar" feeling cellar door for a unique tasting of their sort after range of wines.
- 6 **Tatler Wines & The Brunch Society** – Tatler offers a premium range of wines for tasting in its inviting cellar door where their 100-tonne winery is located that produces all their award-winning wines. These pair beautifully with the All Day Menu from the brunch cafe bringing high quality, honest and tasty food to make you happy.
- 6 **Adina Vineyard & Olive Grove, Emerson's Café & Restaurant** – A pretty vineyard and olive grove that grows the worldfamous Hunter Valley grape varieties of Semillon, Shiraz and Chardonnay, as well as many other varieties all available for tasting. They also produce and sell a wide range of providore: olive oils; table olives and tapenades; condiments and skin care products. While there you can dine at the popular Emerson's serving regional Modern Australian cuisine in a relaxed vineyard setting.
- 7 **Lovedale Smokehouse Cafe and Gourmet Pantry** – Is a boutique local artisan smokehouse serving platters to share and individual dishes showcasing their individual range of smokehouse produce. Relax in their courtyard with vineyard views and enjoy a craft beer, cider, local Hunter Valley Wines or a coffee. Located onsite is their gourmet pantry offering a selection of; smoked goods, deli range of local and international cheeses, olives, vinegars, sauces and condiments that can all be purchased and enjoyed later.
- 8 **Gartelmann Wines & Deck Café** – Is a family owned cellar door and wine producer, where you can taste their multiaward-winning Semillon and Shiraz, aromatic Verdelho, elegant Chardonnay, soft Merlot, delicious Cabernet and complex Petit Verdot and the toasty spice of the Liqueur Muscat. Start your day with breakfast or enjoy lunch at The Deck Café which provides a diverse and delightful menu complimented by Gartelmann wines and a generous range of beverages and coffee sitting out on the "deck" overlooking the dam.
- 9 **Wandin Valley Estate and Café** – Situated on the slopes of the Molly Morgan Mountains with beautiful views over Pokolbin towards the Brokenback ranges. The vineyard was established in the early 1970's and the mature Shiraz and Chardonnay vines are over 30 years old. You can enjoy tastings of their wines at their open "French provincial" style cellar door or visit the Café which overlooks the vines from the deck with a breakfast and lunch menu that offers many options such as Tasting Plates, 2-Course Lunches, Specials and a full a la carte menu.
- 10 **Thirsty Palette Wines** – Is a quaint family owned and operated cellar door and art studio with stunning views out across the Brokenback Ranges. Enjoy personalised service from the owners, sampling a range of wines produced from handpicked grapes that have been sourced from vines just meters away from the cellar door.
- 11 **Emma's Cottage Vineyard and Art Gallery** – Situated on a boutique vineyard where all the wines have been made from grapes that they have loved and cared for from their own property. Peruse the art gallery located at the cellar door featuring Australian and local artists as you taste award winning wines of; Shiraz, Semillon, Verdelho, Pinot Noir, Merlot, Sparkling and liqueur wines with welcomed hospitality.
- 12 **Stomp! Wines** – Offers a boutique wine tasting experience at their newly located cellar door offering two stunning contemporary brands, Stomp! and Pssst 'n' Broke Wine Co. Their wines are a must for those with a thirst for authentic, stylish, fresh, fruit driven wines with a true sense of place.
- 13 **Ballabourne Wines & The Chilli Hunter** – Pronounced "Balla-bour-neen" offers a signature range of boutique wines for tasting that focusses on varieties the Hunter Valley is most famous for; Semillon, Chardonnay, Verdelho and Shiraz. Lovely spot to sit back and relax with a cheese and charcuterie plate paired with that perfect wine! Located onsite is The Chilli Hunter a place where you can taste home grown chilli products all lovingly made from Australian grown chillies. There are no artificial flavours or colourings and they are packed with natural flavour.
- 13 **Amanda's on the Edge** – Offering a Modern Australian dining experience amongst the vines specialising in quality Hunter produce, meats and seasonal fresh produce.
- 14 **Bimbadgen Estate & Esca Restaurant** – Walk through the open plan winemaking facility with viewing platforms across the winery operations and then stop by the Cellar Door for an informative wine tasting, or simply relax with a glass of wine in the Courtyard Cafe. For a fine dining experience that offers world class food and wine experience, Esca Bimbadgen restaurant is located onsite with beautiful views out across the estate and Valley.