



OUR HUNTER VALLEY FAVOURITES

A hand-picked guide for our guests

Welcome to the Hunter Valley!

I have compiled this guide to make planning your stay a little easier. It includes many of our personal favourites - places and experiences we genuinely enjoy and are always happy to recommend.

Opening days, prices and availability can change, so please book ahead and confirm the latest details directly with each business. You are also very welcome to discuss your plans with me at any time before your stay or when you check in. I am always happy to help you choose experiences that suit the pace and style of your getaway.

Warmly,
Carolyn

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LOCAL TAXI SERVICE - WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND TAXICO

Taxico is a family owned and operated local service that we find very reliable. Call 6572 1133, or use the Express Web Booking QR code on the Taxico magnet on your cabin fridge. Their booking service also allows you to track your taxi.

When Taxico lets you know they are at the accommodation gate, ring the gate and tell the driver which cabin you are staying in. They can then drive in to collect you.

Start here: Carolyn's quick picks

You do not need to fit everything into one trip. These are a few easy ways to enjoy the Hunter at a slower pace.

A relaxed wine day	Coffee in Greta → Lucy's Run or Gartelmann → long lunch → Audrey Wilkinson or Usher Tinkler → back to Tucker's Lane for the spa.
Something special	Book a beautiful lunch, add a premium tasting, horse-and-carriage outing or helicopter experience, then leave plenty of time to enjoy your cabin.
No driving	Start with Hunter Wine Journeys (Lisa & Tony), Lucky's Tours (David) or Wine D Road Tours (Dan). Always confirm Tucker's Lane pickup and return before paying.

Need help planning?

Tell Carolyn what sort of day you have in mind - wine, food, relaxed, romantic, adventurous or a little bit of everything - and I'm happy to help you narrow it down. Ask before you book if you want help with guest perks, preferred operators or experiences we may be able to arrange for you.

How to read this guide

★ **Tucker's Lane Pick** = one of our personal favourites. **Guest Perk** = ask us before booking because there may be a Tucker's Lane benefit, preferred arrangement or useful local tip.

Travel times are approximate driving times from Tucker's Lane Boutique Accommodation and can vary with traffic, roadworks and your exact destination. Please check your route before leaving.

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Cellar doors

From famous Hunter names to intimate boutique producers. Tasting bookings are recommended.

Lucy's Run ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK GUEST PERK	Relaxed Lovedale cellar door. Complimentary tasting for Tucker's Lane guests - please mention us when booking or arriving. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: 0409 994 030 / 0419 611 825 E: info@lucysrunwines.com.au
Horner Wines ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Small-batch, family-run wines and a welcoming boutique tasting experience. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: 0447 382 203 E: hello@hornerwines.com.au
John Wallace Wines	Family-owned boutique cellar door with approachable premium wines in a relaxed setting. From Tucker's Lane: Hunter Valley - check route P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Hunter Wine Lab ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Contemporary boutique winery. Ask about the wine and chocolate pairing experience. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 0488 483 810 E: hello@hunterwinelab.com
Audrey Wilkinson ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK GUEST PERK	Historic hilltop cellar door with outstanding valley views. Premium tastings and cheeseboards are available. Please speak with us before booking directly - we can often arrange a better price and guaranteed placement, subject to availability. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20-25 min P: (02) 4998 1866 E: cellardoor@audreywilkinson.com.au
McCaffrey's Estate ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Boutique family winery offering hands-on experiences, including Winemaker for a Day. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 0487 809 888 E: info@mccaffreystate.com.au
Allandale Winery	Long-established winery known for classic Hunter varieties and sweeping views. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: (02) 4990 4526 E: wines@allandalewinery.com.au
Gartelmann Wines ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Lovedale boutique cellar door with a broad range of wines and relaxed country atmosphere. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: (02) 4930 7113 E: cellardoor@gartelmann.com.au
Tatler Wines	Lovedale winery offering tastings, casual dining and a spacious vineyard setting. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: (02) 4930 9139 E: sales@tatlerwines.com
Wandin Estate	Beautiful Lovedale estate combining wine tasting, dining and vineyard views. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: (02) 4930 9888 E: info@wandin.com.au
Tamburlaine Organic Wines	One of Australia's leading organic wine producers, with a large Pokolbin cellar door. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 4222 E: hunter@tamburlaine.com.au
Hanging Tree Wines	Character-filled cellar door in a converted cow shed, with gardens and picnic-friendly grounds. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 6608 E: info@hangingtreewines.com.au
Mercer Wines	Modern, small-batch wines with a focus on alternative varieties and thoughtful winemaking. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 1300 227 985 E: orders@mercervines.com.au
Vinden Wines	Progressive family winery creating distinctive Hunter classics and experimental wines. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 0488 777 493 E: hello@vindenwines.com.au
Usher Tinkler Wines ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Tastings in a restored Pokolbin church, with an excellent salumi and cheese bar. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7069 E: enquiries@ushertinklerwines.com
Hart & Hunter	Boutique cellar door with small-production wines and a personal, unhurried tasting style. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries

Piggs Peake Winery

Bold, characterful wines and one of the Hunter's most memorable cellar-door personalities.

From Tucker's Lane: Broke/Fordwich - ~35 min

P: (02) 6574 7000 E: Online enquiries

Pierre's Wines

Smaller cellar door suited to guests who enjoy discovering local, boutique producers.

From Tucker's Lane: Hunter Valley - check route

P: See current website E: Online enquiries

Tyrrell's Wines

★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK

Iconic family-owned Hunter winery dating to 1858, renowned for Semillon and Shiraz.

From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~25 min

P: (02) 4993 7000 E: tyrrells@tyrrells.com.au

Saddler's Creek Wines

Premium wines and a polished cellar-door experience in Pokolbin.

From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min

P: (02) 4991 1770 E: winery@saddlerscreek.com.au

Restaurants

A mix of relaxed local dining, winery restaurants and memorable special-occasion experiences. Please reserve ahead.

Jonny's Italian, Greta ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Local, authentic Italian dining in the heart of Greta. From Tucker's Lane: Greta - ~10 min P: 0429 694 885 E: jonnysitalian@gmail.com
Amanda's on the Edge	Much-loved Hunter restaurant serving modern Australian food overlooking Windsor's Edge vineyard. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7900 E: dine@amandas.com.au
Hunters Quarter	Elegant contemporary dining with a private vineyard terrace at Pooles Rock. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7776 E: info@huntersquarter.com.au
Harkham	Natural wine, relaxed hospitality and flavour-led dining in a distinctive local setting. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 0426 432 090 E: venue@harkhamwine.com
Blaxland Inn ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK GUEST PERK	Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner . Ask about their courtesy bus and remember to ask us about a complimentary drinks voucher . From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7550 E: Online enquiries
The Wood at Brokenwood ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Refined winery dining with an open kitchen at Brokenwood Wines. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7559 E: dine@brokenwood.com.au
Muse Restaurant	Acclaimed contemporary Australian fine dining focused on seasonal Hunter produce. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 6777 E: muse@musedining.com.au
EXP. Restaurant	Intimate, creative tasting-menu experience in Pokolbin. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 0478 374 677 E: reservations@exprestaurant.com.au
Circa 1876 ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Romantic fine dining in a heritage cottage surrounded by gardens and vineyards. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Bistro Molines ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	French-inspired food, warm hospitality and one of the region's loveliest vineyard views. From Tucker's Lane: Mount View - ~30 min P: (02) 4990 9553 E: dine@bistromolines.com.au
Esca Bimbadgen	Relaxed modern dining with panoramic vineyard views and Bimbadgen wines. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
The Mill Restaurant	Modern Australian dining at Estate Tuscany with views toward the Brokenback Range. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~25 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
The Brokenback Bar	Casual option at Estate Tuscany for drinks, share plates and relaxed meals. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~25 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Redsalt at Crowne Plaza Hunter Valley	Resort dining with a broad modern Australian menu. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Oishii Japanese & Thai	Popular, casual Asian dining in the heart of Pokolbin. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7051 E: Online enquiries
NINETEEN	Contemporary tavern dining, drinks and live entertainment at The Vintage. From Tucker's Lane: Rothbury - ~15 min P: (02) 4998 2244 E: info@nineteenhuntervalley.com.au
Harrigan's Hunter Valley	Lively Irish pub atmosphere, casual meals, sport and weekend entertainment. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries

éléments Bar & Dining	Modern dining at Mercure Hunter Valley Gardens, convenient for central Pokolbin. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 2000 E: reservations@mrhvg.com.au
The Gates Restaurant	Polished vineyard dining featuring local produce and Hunter wines. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Restaurant Botanica	Seasonal, produce-driven dining overlooking the vines at Spicers Vineyards Estate. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~25 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Éremo	Contemporary Italian-inspired dining at Spicers Guesthouse, including handmade pasta and wood-fired flavours. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 1300 590 075 E: reception.guesthouse@spicersretreats.com

Cafés & casual stops

Good coffee, breakfast, pastries and easy lunches around Greta, Lovedale and Pokolbin.

Flock & Fork GUEST PERK	Local favourite for breakfast and lunch. Mention Tucker's Lane for the offered 10% locals discount. From Tucker's Lane: Hunter Valley - check route P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Jimmy Joans	Country café and restaurant known for house-made food, local produce and warm service. From Tucker's Lane: Greta area - ~10 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Hunter Valley Social, Greta ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Convenient local café for coffee, breakfast and casual bites. From Tucker's Lane: Greta - ~10 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Rusty Jack's	Handy local stop for coffee and classic pies. From Tucker's Lane: Greta/Branxton area - ~10 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
The Deck Café	Relaxed Lovedale café overlooking water and bushland at Gartelmann Wines. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: (02) 4930 9007 E: cellardoor@gartelmann.com.au
Café Enzo ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Hunter Valley classic for breakfast, lunch and coffee in Tuscan-style surrounds. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7233 E: hello@enzohuntervalley.com.au
Usher Tinkler Salumi Bar	Combine a cellar-door visit with quality salumi, cheese and wine in the historic church. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7069 E: enquiries@ushertinklerwines.com

Local produce, sweets & drinks

Moorebank Vineyard Estate	Fun local-produce stop for grape sauces, lemonade and condiments, as well as wine. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7610 E: sales@moorebankvineyard.com.au
Pokolbin Cider House	Taste a varied range of Hunter-made ciders. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 6722 E: info@pokolbinciderhouse.com.au
KissOfire	Locally made chilli products, sauces and condiments. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: 0403 325 175 E: hot@kissofire.com.au
Small Mouth Vodka	Colourful, flavoured vodkas and a playful tasting experience. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Hunter Distillery	Organic spirits, including vodka, gin, schnapps and liqueurs. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 6737 E: info@hunterdistillery.com.au
Binnorie Dairy ★ TUCKER'S LANE PICK	Local artisan cheese - perfect for building a picnic or enjoying a tasting plate. From Tucker's Lane: Lovedale - ~15 min P: (02) 4998 6660 E: info@binnorie.com.au
Pokolbin Distillery	Small-batch spirits and guided tasting experiences. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4040 3036 E: admin@pokolbindistillery.com.au
4 Pines at the Farm	Brewery venue for craft beer, casual food and relaxed afternoons. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: (02) 4998 7829 E: farm@huntervalley.com.au
Pokolbin Chocolate Company	Handmade chocolates, fudge and sweet gifts. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries

Hunter Valley Smelly Cheese Shop	Wide cheese selection, gourmet produce and picnic supplies. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Elay High Tea	Special high-tea experience - bookings are recommended. From Tucker's Lane: Hunter Valley - check route P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Hunter Belle Cheese Room	Cheese tastings, local produce, café treats and cheese-focused gifts. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries
Sabor Dessert Bar	Decadent cakes, desserts, chocolate and coffee with vineyard views. From Tucker's Lane: Pokolbin - ~20 min P: See current website E: Online enquiries

Activities & wellness

There is much more to the Hunter than wine. Many activities are weather-dependent, so confirm directly before booking.

Sutton Estate Hunter Valley	Electric bike hire, Hunter Valley Smash Room and the Chocolate Escape Room. P: 0429 088 020 / 0448 600 288 E/Web: admin@suttonestate.com.au
Prestige Horse Carriages - Sam & Sir Duke	Horse-and-carriage experiences, special occasions and winery outings. P: 0490 469 023 E/Web: prestigehorsecarriages@gmail.com
Hunter Valley Helicopters	Private helicopter pickup and transfer from Tucker's Lane may be possible. Please speak with us before booking so we can coordinate suitable landing clearance. P: 0488 711 778 E/Web: info@huntervalleyhelicopters.com.au
Hunter Valley Horse Riding	Trail rides through the Lovedale countryside. P: (02) 4930 7111 / 0417 233 008 E/Web: ride@huntervalleyhorseriding.com.au
Hunter Valley Wildlife Park	Large wildlife park with Australian and exotic animals. P: (02) 9622 1644 E/Web: Online enquiries
Hunter Valley Mobile Massage Co.	Arrange a massage in your cabin or in our Mini Day Spa To You space. Advance booking is essential. P: Website E/Web: hvmobilemassage.au
Hot-air ballooning	See the Hunter at sunrise from above - an unforgettable special-occasion experience. P: See chosen operator E/Web: Online enquiries
Hunter Valley Segway Tours	Guided off-road Segway experiences through bushland and vineyard country. P: See current operator E/Web: Online enquiries

Wine tours & private transport

Before you pay: confirm directly with your chosen operator that pickup and return to Tucker's Lane Boutique Accommodation are included.

STRONGLY RECOMMENDED - Hunter Valley Taxi Co: Family owned and operated, local and very reliable. Their phone number is on the magnet on your cabin fridge, or you can call them directly and use their app to book and track your service. When your taxi arrives at the accommodation gate and lets you know it is there, ring the gate and tell the driver which cabin you are staying in - they can then drive into the property to collect you.

Hunter Wine Journeys - Lisa & Tony	P: 0428 165 519 / 0410 566 859 Online enquiries
Lucky's Tours - David	P: 0458 079 232 Online enquiries
Wine D Road Tours - Dan	P: 0437 543 078 Online enquiries
Hunter Valley Helicopters	P: 0488 711 778 info@huntervalleyhelicopters.com.au
All Around the Vines	P: 0459 145 065 Online enquiries
The Cheers Bus	P: 0408 987 057 Online enquiries
Heart of Hunter Tours - Clive	P: 0411 144 050 10% off for Tucker's Lane guests
Hunter Valley Private Tours	P: 0434 842 034 / 0401 167 884 Online enquiries
Hideaway Private Tours	P: 0431 280 920 Online enquiries
iHop Hunter Valley	P: 0455 535 035 Online enquiries

Wedding suppliers

For weddings and functions at Tucker's Lane. This is intentionally a separate supplier section so accommodation guests can skip it, while couples have an easy shortlist to work from.

Celebrants

Fiona Hall	Heartfelt celebrant specialising in weddings and elopements. P: 0431 330 412 E: Online enquiries
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Photography

Elise Brown Photography	Wedding photography. P: See current provider E: Online enquiries
Fotisto	Photography and videography packages available. P: See current provider E: Online enquiries
Stories with Mel Photography	Natural, candid Hunter Valley wedding photography. P: See current provider E: Online enquiries

Videography

Hunter Valley Video	Hunter Valley wedding videography. P: 0401 024 610 E: huntervalleyvideo@gmail.com
Fotisto	Photography and videography packages available. P: See current provider E: Online enquiries

Florists

Alyssa - Chasing Daisies	Wedding florals across the Hunter and Newcastle. P: 0422 521 647 E: chasingdaisiesflorist@gmail.com
Jess - Dear Petal, Branxton	Local Hunter Valley wedding and event florals. P: (02) 4009 2925 E: hello@dearpetal.com.au

Hair & makeup

Gloss Girl Bridal	Mobile bridal hair and makeup services. P: 0468 627 312 E: admin@glossgirl.com.au
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Wedding transport

Prestige Horse Carriages - Sam & Sir Duke	Beautiful horse-and-carriage option for wedding arrivals, photos and special moments. P: 0490 469 023 E: prestigehorsecarriages@gmail.com
Hunter Valley Helicopters	Private helicopter wedding arrivals/transfers may be possible. Speak with us before booking so we can coordinate landing clearance. P: 0488 711 778 E: info@huntervalleyhelicopters.com.au

Catering

Recommended caterers	Ask us about catering options suited to the size and style of your wedding or function. P: Ask us E: accommodation@tuckerslane.com.au
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Alcohol

Specs Liquor Greta - Josh	Wedding alcohol delivery 2-3 days ahead. With enough notice, Josh can help time orders for special pricing. Eligible unused wine/spirits and unopened full cases of beer can be returned for refund - confirm conditions directly. P: (02) 4938 7989 / 0414 133 398 E: specsliquor@gmail.com
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Wedding planning note: This preferred-supplier list will continue to grow. Please ask us if you need a recommendation in a category that is not yet listed.

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