

Newcastle, Australia



Next stop was Newcastle, Australia where POLAR SEA hosted a reception for over 200 guests. Winery tours were popular as well as the "specky" beaches. The town of Newcastle was originally established as a coal mining town, but today it acts as an unofficial capital of the Hunter region, famous for its wines.

With Sydney just an hour and a half away, some folks wandered down there to see what all the hype was about. Others took day trips out into the bush for fishing and hiking, and some just kicked back in the hotels, chatted with the Aussies, and enjoyed heaps of beer.



These Christmas elves were the only indication of the cooling holidays. Australia enjoys blossoming springtime weather in December.



SK3 Juan Vazquez, FA Jeff Gaspard, and Joseph Lapierre in Sydney at the Opera House.