

# THE LIGHTNING RIDGE 8-DAY ADVENTURE

Featuring Tamworth, Barraba, Moree, Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge, Narrabri, Walgett, Wee Waa, Nundle & More!

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Sunday 2 July 2023 – Sydney, Lake Haven, Singleton, Murrurundi, Tamworth

**Inclusions:** Full Choice of the Menu Dinner, 4.5-Star Accommodation

This morning, between 8.00am and 10.00am, a Feeder Vehicle will collect you from either outside your home or at a nearby convenient departure point (this service will be available to most people living in Sydney), and head to either the **Roadhaven Café/BP Petrol Station** complex at **Eastern Creek** or **McDonalds** in **Mt Colah**, where you'll board the luxury coach for your holiday away. At these two stops you'll have time to enjoy a refreshment or two and use the restrooms. After departing from Mount Colah, you'll head to **Lake Haven Centre**, where you'll have around an hour to grab something to eat or drink, browse in the shops, and stretch your legs. It is at this point that the Central Coast-based passengers will join the tour. After departing from here you'll head straight to **Singleton** for a 30-minute rest stop, before heading to Murrurundi, for another 30-minute rest stop. From Murrurundi you'll head straight to **West's Club**, in **Tamworth**, where you'll make your way into the Club's **Banjo's Restaurant** for an included **Full Choice of the Menu Dinner** (any single menu option costing over \$40.00 is excluded). Like in the restaurants in most large Clubs today, a large range of menu choices are available – so much so, that you'll probably find it difficult to decide what to choose! While you're enjoying Dinner, the coach will head next door to the three-storey, 52-room, 4.5-star **Mercure Tamworth Hotel**, where your bags will be unloaded and delivered to your room. During Dinner you'll be given your room key, and when you're ready, you can make your way next door, straight to your bedroom, where after a long day, you're sure to be ready for bed!

### Day 2: Monday 3 July 2023 – Tamworth, Barraba, Bingara, Moree

**Inclusions:** Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Local Produce Tasting & Guided Town Tour, Full Choice of the Menu Dinner, 4-Star Accommodation

This morning you'll make your way next door to **Banjo's Restaurant** in **West's Club**, where you'll enjoy a **Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast**. Following Breakfast you'll depart from Tamworth and the Hotel and head north to the town of **Barraba**. Located on the Manilla River, with the Nandewar Ranges to the west, the Horton Valley to the north-west, and undulating slopes and tablelands to the south-east and north, the area surrounding the town is best known for its crops, sheep, and cattle farms. The main appeal of the area lies in its long history as a mining town and the attractive and dramatic national parks which surround it. First stop will be **Barraba Painted Silos**. The three silos feature a giant mural of a local water diviner searching for groundwater, using a y-shaped twig or rod or two L-shaped ones. Diviners study the landscape of a farm and walk over areas where they suspect the water may be located. Ground minerals and magnetic forces force the sticks to cross or be pushed downwards when water is located. Despite many studies claiming the technique is pseudo-science, diviners continue to be used throughout Australia as a way of finding groundwater. Internationally renowned artist, Fintan Magee, took 24 days to paint the silos. The project was completed in April 2019. Upon arrival you'll have time to disembark from the coach, and capture the artwork on your phone or camera. After visiting the silos you'll head into the town's shopping centre, where you'll have around an hour to enjoy a refreshment or two, stroll around and explore. You'll depart from Barraba at around 11.30am and again head north to the little town of **Bingara**. Bingara is a quiet, historic, gold and diamond-mining town set in the Gwydir River Valley. Surrounded by cypress-covered mountains, it is popular with anglers and fossickers. Gold, sapphires and tourmalines are still occasionally found in the river and in local creeks. The district is known for its fine wool, beef cattle and mixed farming. The town attracts people interested in the horrific story of the Myall Creek Massacre, and those interested in the history of Greek cafes and cinemas in regional New South Wales. You'll have time to stroll in the town centre, prior to reboarding the coach to head to the busy country town of **Moree**. Upon arrival you'll head straight to the **Moree Visitor Information Centre**, where you'll be given a **Local Produce Tasting**, before having time to browse in the Centre. At around 3.45pm, you'll reboard the coach and be taken on a **One-Hour Informative Guided Tour** of the town by a local historian. During the tour you'll learn about the history of Moree, and view a number of significant buildings and points of interest within the town. After completing the Guided Tour at around 4.30pm, you'll arrive at the 4-star **Albert Motel**, where you'll check into your comfortable room. Once again, full portage will be provided – you won't have to convey your bags to your room. After having time to freshen up and relax, you'll make your way next door to **Hot Woks Bistro** in the **Moree Services Club**, for an included **Full Choice of the Menu Dinner**. The Bistro's menu features a wide range of both Asian and Australian options. Once again you'll be spoilt for choice! Following Dinner, it will be time for bed!

### Day 3: Tuesday 4 July 2023 – Moree, Collarenebri, Lightning Ridge

**Inclusions:** Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Informative Talk at the Yaama Ganu Centre, Informative Talk & Guided Tour at the Bank Art Museum, Three-Course Buffet Dinner, Accommodation

This morning you'll make your way next door to **Hot Woks Bistro**, where you'll enjoy a full **Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast**. After completing Breakfast and heading back to your room, your luggage will be collected and taken to the coach. You'll depart from the Motel at around 8.45am. First stop will be the nearby **Yaama Ganu Gallery**. This small but interesting popular tourist attraction is a not-for-profit Aboriginal art gallery, that mainly features consigned works from artists of the local Kamilaroi nation, and Aboriginal managed Art Centres from communities around Australia. Upon arrival you'll be given an **Informative Talk** by the Gallery's manager, Toby Osmond, prior to having time to browse the exhibits. You'll depart from the Gallery at around 9.45am, and head to the nearby **Bank Art Museum**. This popular venue is a regional art institution with a difference. Housed in a beautiful 1911 Federation era bank building, the Museum promotes and enriches the cultural life of the community through a continually changing schedule of touring exhibitions. It also houses one of the largest collections of contemporary Aboriginal art in regional New South Wales. Upon arrival you'll be given an **Informative Talk & Guided Tour** of the building, prior to having free time to wander through the Museum to browse the exhibits. After departing from the Museum at around 11.00am, you'll head into **Moree Town Centre**, where you'll have around two hours to enjoy lunch in one of the town's cafes, bakeries or pubs, and to stroll around and browse. Moree is the major town in the affluent Moree Plains Shire. The district is famous for its rich black soil plains which, as one local wit observed, is so productive that "You could put a match in the ground overnight and get a walking stick in the morning." Wheat and other cereals, chick peas, cotton, oil seeds, pecan nuts, legumes and olives are all grown around the town. Located on both sides of the Mehi River, Moree has numerous attractive riverside parks and reserves. It is deservedly famous for its outstanding collection of Art Deco buildings, which make the town centre particularly fascinating. The town is known as 'Australia's Artesian Spa Capital' due to its hot thermal baths. You'll depart from Moree at around 1.00pm, and head west to the tiny town of **Collarenebri**. With a population of around 650 people, the town is located on the Barwon River, and is best known for industries such as cotton, wheat, and sheep and cattle farms. The town's main structure is the **Tattersalls Hotel**. During your visit to the town, why not pop in for a drink, and take in the atmosphere of this outback pub. After having around 45 minutes to explore the town, you'll reboard the coach at around 3.15pm, and head to **Lightning Ridge**. Lightning Ridge is one of Australia's most unique towns. As a town it is the most bizarre and compelling combination of rural sophistication (the main street is sealed, curbed and guttered and has rows of regular shops) and the wildly eccentric - gasp at the house made from bottles, and the rough cement "castle" of the Astronomer's Monument; surrounded by a moonscape of mullock heaps under which literally hundreds of obsessed miners search and dig for the black opals, which have made the town famous. This town is unlike the other major opal centres of Coober Pedy, Andamooka and White Cliffs, in the sense that it is easily accessible. The town attracts over 80,000 tourists, visitors and itinerants each year. This means that it has a number of quality motels, a rich array of souvenir and gift shops, some good restaurants, and a veneer of civilisation designed to meet the needs of visitors and fossickers who come for the winter months and spend their time digging for opals. Lightning Ridge is known to be the only place in Australia, and one of the few places in the world, where the highly prized black opal is found. The black opal is prized not only because of its rarity, but because it contains carbon and iron oxide trace elements, which produce a very dark stone with hints of blue, green and red. At around 5.45pm you'll arrive at the **Wallangulla Motel**. This country-style Motel is owned by the **Lightning Ridge Bowling Club**, and features 42 rooms, spread over two levels. Full portage is not offered at this Motel, however, the friendly staff are only too happy to help you with your luggage, should you require assistance. After having time to settle into your room, which will be your home for the next three nights, you'll cross the road and make your way into the **Lucky Brasserie** at the **Lightning Ridge Bowling Club**, for an included **Three-Course Buffet Dinner**.

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### Day 4: Wednesday 5 July 2023 – Lightning Ridge

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, 4-Hour Informative Guided Town Tour by local Historian Barbara Moritz, Entry, Morning Tea, Informative Talk, Underground Mine Tour & Fossicking at Opal Mine Adventure (formerly Walk-In Mine), Guided Informative Tour at Bevan's Cactus Nursery, Guided Informative Tour of the Chambers of the Black Hand, Three-Course Buffet Dinner, Accommodation*

This morning you'll enjoy a **Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast** in the **Motel's Breakfast Room**, prior to boarding the coach at around 8.30am for a day packed with things to see, do and learn about! For the first four hours, local historian, and passionate Lightning Ridge resident, **Barbara Moritz**, will take you on a **Four-Hour Informative Guided Town Tour**. What Barbara doesn't know about Lightning Ridge isn't worth knowing! You'll learn about the town's fascinating history, its artesian bore baths, its opal mining, the people who've made the town what it is today, its architecture and much, much more! First stop on the Tour will be **Opal Mine Adventure** (formerly known as The Walk-In Mine). Once a working mine, you'll see the mine like the miners once did. Prior to heading underground, you'll don a mining helmet, and be given a short talk about your visit. The mine is accessible by 30 wide steps, complete with handrails, to allow you to take your time to descend underground. During your visit you'll watch a video about the Mine, enjoy a **Light Morning Tea** of coffee or tea and biscuits, visit the Opal Shop, and do some fossicking. After departing from the Mine, Barbara's Town Tour will continue, taking in popular tourist attractions such as **Amigo's Castle** – a 15-metre-tall structure, constructed by disenchanted opal miner, Vittorio Stefanato – known to the locals as 'Amigo', from ironstone boulders he collected in the area. Featuring a turret and a dungeon, the tourist attraction now offers accommodation, however, it can only cater for seven people staying at any one time – **The Black Queen** – located on the edge of the Town, the walls of three of the cottages that make up this home were constructed by local woman, Joan Andrews, from over 14,000 coloured bottles, stones and hand-mixed cement, while recovering from breast cancer during her 60s. Joan was inducted into the Pioneer Woman's Hall of Fame on her 88th birthday. Her inspiring story was written and performed as a theatre piece titled 'Legacy & Light'. This performance won 11 Australian Tourism Awards – and the **Hot Artesian Baths**. Water that feeds these baths comes up from 1000 metres below the surface at a temperature of 52C, but it is cooled to 42C, to allow it to be more comfortable for people to soak in. At around 11.15am you'll arrive at **Bevan's Cactus Nursery**, where you'll be taken on a **Guided Informative Tour** of the venue, which houses the largest private collection of cacti in the Southern Hemisphere. Grown from seeds collected from around the world, many of the plants are now well over 100 years old, with the oldest being nearly 150 years old. After completing your visit to the Nursery, you'll return to the Motel at around 12.30pm. You'll have nearly three hours to explore the town, and to have lunch in one of the town's eating establishments. During your stroll, be sure to pop in to visit Lost Sea Opal, the Australian Opal Centre, the Down to Earth Opal & Historical Society, and John Murray's Art Gallery. After making your way back to the Motel, you'll reboard the coach at around 3.15pm, to head to one of the Town's most popular tourist attractions – **The Chambers of the Black Hand**. Upon arrival you'll head 80 steps underground, some 11.5 metres below the surface, to witness a spectacle that many claim to be simply amazing! If you're unable to walk down the 80 steps, a small lift is available. During your **Guided Informative Tour** of the maze of hand-dug tunnels, you'll view a collection of over 350 astonishing sculptures, hand carvings and paintings – all created by artist Ron Canlin, the owner of this uniquely Australian attraction. One minute you'll be in a tunnel lined with carvings or paintings of replicas of the ancient Egyptian era, including a colourful bust of Tutankhamun, the next minute you'll be surrounded by life-size Gorillas, life-like paintings of the pop group Kiss, a statue of Buddha, or a replica of the Last Supper, which took Ron over six months to carve. During the Tour you'll learn about the former mine, and how the tunnels were hand-carved. Before departing from the attraction you'll have time to visit the Black Opal Jewellery Shop. You'll depart from the venue at around 4.45pm, and arrive back at the Motel around 10 minutes' later. After having time to freshen up, you'll make your way over the road into the **Lucky Brasserie** at the **Lightning Ridge Bowling Club**, for an included **Three-Course Buffet Dinner**.

### Day 5: Thursday 6 July 2023 – Lightning Ridge, Cumborah, Lightning Ridge

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, 7-Hour Informative Guided Tour by local Historian Barbara Moritz, Lunch, Three-Course Buffet Dinner, Accommodation*

This morning you'll enjoy a **Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast** in the **Motel's Breakfast Room**, prior to boarding the coach at around 8.30am to head out for a day of exciting things to see, do and experience. Once again, local historian and tour guide, **Barbara Moritz**, will join the tour at the Motel, and provide full commentary during today's **7-Hour Informative Guided Tour**. After departing, Barb will take you on the **Yellow Car Door Tour**. This popular tourist route takes in the 3-Mile Opal Field, stone miner's cottages, abandoned mining shafts, the graveyard of rusty treasures – an assortment of vintage trucks and cars, the site for the new Australian Opal Centre, the Black Opal Heritage Shed, and more! You'll follow in the tracks of Ion Idriess' *Lightning Ridge* and his 1909 mining adventures. Idriess wrote 50 books in 50 years – *Flynn of the Inland*, *Kidman the Cattle King* and *Lasseter's Last Ride* – to name a few. You'll disembark from the coach at **Lunatic Hill** to view the largest open cut opal mine in NSW, that is now fenced as a token to the old timers. You'll have the opportunity to look down an original hand-cut shaft, and more! Don't worry, you're in safe hands with Barb on Lunatic Hill! After departing from this point, you'll head along the Travelling Stock Route on the Castlereagh Highway. Along the way you'll disembark from the coach to view **Stanley the Emu**. This 18-metre-tall metal emu was crafted by local artist John Murray in 2013, using old VW Beetle bonnets and doors, atop huge steel girders. Upon arrival you'll have time to take a photo or two of the structure, read the information plaques, stretch your legs, and use the amenities. After departing from here you'll head to the working opal fields, while listening to Barb's banter along the way! Oh, and over the next couple of hours you'll go on a pub crawl! At around 11.00am you'll pay a short visit to the first of the pubs – **Club in the Scrub**. This small registered golf club/pub is located on the Garwin Opal Field, about 70kms northwest of Walgett. The structure is constructed of corrugated iron and timber, and the interior is typically outback in style, and uniquely Australian. You'll have time for a quick stroll, a drink at the bar, and a chat to one of the local characters, before heading down the road to the second pub – **The Glengarry Hilton**. This iconic outback pub is the oldest on the opal field, and is located about 70kms west of Lightning Ridge. Once again, the rambling structure, constructed from corrugated iron and rough cut timber, is uniquely outback in style. Upon arrival you'll sit down to a tasty **Lunch**. You'll have the choice of either Chicken Schnitzel with Chips and Salad, or Battered Fish with Chips and Salad. Complimentary Tea and Coffee will also be available. Following lunch be sure to pop across the road to visit **Sweeny's Arts & Craft Cottage**. This quaint shop is packed with a wide range of craft, trinkets, art, gems, burnt wooden bowls, delicious jams, pickles, and much more! After reboarding the coach you'll head down the road to the last pub on today's pub crawl – The **Sheepyard Inn**, in the tiny town of **Cumborah**. This quirky pub, located in the heart of the opal fields, is mainly constructed from corrugated iron, and an old dark pink railway carriage! You'll be amazed by the relics that feature both inside and outside the pub – old washing machines, cookers, fridges, baths, pianos, and much, much more! Be sure to check out the tree near the toilets that features dozens of colourful bras on its branches, that woman have left behind during their visit to the venue over the years. Also of interest to some is the wall registry of Returned Soldiers. After departing from here you'll head back to the Motel in **Lightning Ridge**, arriving at around 3.30pm. After saying 'goodbye' to Barb, you'll be offered two options to fill in the next couple of hours: (1) to head to your room to relax; or (2) to reboard the coach at 3.45pm and head to the hot thermal **Lightning Ridge Artesian Bore Bath**, on the outskirts of the town. The water in these baths is approximately two million years old! Natural pressure sends the water to the surface through an artesian bore. When you arrive at the Bath, please ensure that you read and follow the rules during your visit. After having around an hour to dip your toes in the small pool, or to have a complete soak in the large pool, you'll depart from the Bath at around 5.00pm to return to the Motel. After having time to freshen up, you'll make your way over the road into the **Lucky Brasserie** at the **Lightning Ridge Bowling Club**, for an included **Three-Course Buffet Dinner**.

### Day 6: Friday 7 July 2023 – Lightning Ridge, Walgett, Wee Waa, Narrabri

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, 1-Hour Informative Guided Tour of Narrabri, Full Choice of the Menu Dinner, 4-Star Accommodation*

This morning, after enjoying a **Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast** in the **Motel's Breakfast Room**, you'll board the coach and say 'goodbye' to the Motel and Lightning Ridge, and head to the town of Narrabri, where you will stay this evening. About an hour after departing, you'll arrive in the town of **Walgett**. This small town is the rural service centre for a huge pastoral area that stretches to the state border. It is located by the Namoi River, near the junction of the Barwon River. The surrounding region is known for its wool, beef cattle, chick peas, barley, lucerne, fat lambs, sheep studs, cotton and wheat. Upon arrival you'll have around 40 minutes to stretch your legs and explore the town. You'll depart at around 10.05am and head to the little town of **Wee Waa**. For half a century Wee Waa has been known as The Cotton Capital of Australia. Cotton was first introduced into the area in the early 1960s, and intensive research and improved irrigation have created the largest cotton yields in Australia. Today that has been expanded with rice and wheat. You'll have around an hour to enjoy lunch and stretch your legs. You'll depart from here at around 12.45pm, to head to the busy town of **Narrabri**.

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### Day 6: Friday 7 July 2023 (cont.)

Located in the Namoi Valley, the rugged peaks of Mount Kaputar National Park loom to the east, while plains stretch endlessly to the west. The area is known as an agricultural wonderland. It produces high quality wheat, fat lambs, beef and cotton. Upon arrival you'll visit the Narrabri Visitor Information Centre, and after having time to browse in the Centre, you'll reboard the coach at 1.45pm to enjoy a **1-Hour Guided Informative Tour** of the town by local historian, Max Pringle. Following the tour you'll have over an hour to explore the town centre, and browse in some of the interesting shops. You'll depart from the town centre at around 4.15pm, and a couple of minutes later you'll arrive at the **Southern Cross Motel**. After making your way to your room, your luggage will be delivered a short time later. You'll have time to freshen up and relax before heading over the road to the **Outback Shack Bar & Grill** in the **Narrabri RSL Club**, where you'll enjoy a **Full Choice of the Menu Dinner** (any single menu option costing over \$40.00 is excluded).

### Day 7: Saturday 8 July 2023 – Narrabri, Boggabri, Tamworth, Nundle, Tamworth

**Inclusions:** **Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, 30-Minute Guided Tour of Nundle Woollen Mill, Full Choice of the Menu Dinner, 4-Star Accommodation**

This morning, after enjoying a **Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast** in the **Outback Shack Bar & Grill**, opposite the Motel, you'll depart from the Motel and Narrabri, to head to Tamworth. At around 9.15am you'll arrive in the little town of **Boggabri**. This quiet rural service centre is located by the Namoi River. The surrounding district produces wheat, wool and cotton. Consequently the town is defined by its large grain-holding facilities. You'll have around 45 minutes to explore the town, prior to reboarding the coach to head to the busy city of **Tamworth**. During the past forty years, the city has become Australia's 'Country Music Capital'. In spite of this, the city has much more to offer. There is the rich history of significant and gracious buildings; the importance of the surrounding agricultural area, which produces wool, dairy products, eggs, poultry, wheat, lucerne and honey; the economic importance of cattle, horse and sheep studs; and the simple fact that with a population of over 40,000, it is a thriving and prosperous service centre. Upon arrival you'll have around two hours to explore the busy city centre, before reboarding the coach at around 1.20pm, to head the tiny village of **Nundle**. Starting life as a gold mining town, surrounded by some particularly beautiful scenery, and positioned between the Peel River and the slopes of the Great Dividing Range, the town lies in the heart of rich sheep, cattle and wheat farmlands. In many ways it is the quintessential "tree change" town with classy restaurants, good accommodation and a rich diversity of craftspeople. First stop in the town will be the famous **Nundle Woollen Mill**. This popular tourist venue attracts over 35,000 visitors each year. The Mill spins and sells yarns for customers to turn into stunning clothes and soft furnishings. The Mill's Gift Shop sells a carefully curated collection of apparel, homewares, gifts, books and knitting accessories, with a special emphasis on wool. Once inside, you'll be taken an Informative Guided Tour of the Mill. This tour will be a great way to get a thorough understanding of the processes undertaken. Although the machines are old, the process is not that much different to a modern-day textile mill. You'll be fascinated to see the number of steps required to transform the raw material into a ball of yarn ready for knitting. At the conclusion of the tour you'll have time to browse in the complex's Gift Shop, prior to having time to explore the nearby tiny Nundle town Centre. You'll depart from Nundle at around 4.15pm to return to Tamworth, where you'll check into the 4.5-star **Mercury Tamworth Hotel**. You'll have time to relax in your room and freshen up prior to making your way into **Banjo's Restaurant** in the adjacent **West's Club**, for an included **Full Choice of the Menu Dinner** (any single menu option costing over \$40.00 is excluded).

### Day 8: Sunday 9 July 2023 – Tamworth, Muswellbrook, Lake Haven, Sydney

**Inclusions:** **Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Entry to the National Guitar & Galaxy of the Stars Museum, Full Choice of the Menu Lunch**

After enjoying a **Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast** in **Banjo's Restaurant**, in the adjacent **West's Club**, you'll board the coach, say 'goodbye' to the Hotel, and head to the nearby **Tamworth Visitor Information Centre**. Upon arrival you'll visit the **National Guitar & Galaxy of the Stars Museum**. This interesting Museum houses a collection of famous guitars, replicas of famous guitars, signed guitars, and profiles on the Australian and international stars who played them. Think Smoky Dawson, Tommy Emmanuel, Keith Urban, Dolly Parton, Brooks & Dunn, Kenny Rogers, The Eagles, QUEEN'S Brian May, KISS' Paul Stanley, and many others. You'll also view life-like wax statues of some of the best-known Australian country music personalities, such as Smoky Dawson, Jimmy Little, Chad Morgan, Beccy Cole – just to name a few. After having time to browse in the Museum and Visitor Information Centre, you'll depart at around 10.00am, and head straight to **Muswellbrook Worker's Club**, where you'll enjoy a **Full Choice of the Menu Lunch** (any single menu option costing over \$40.00 is excluded). You'll depart from the Club at around 1.30pm, and head to **Lake Haven Centre**, where you'll have a 30-minute rest stop, and say 'goodbye' to the Central Coast-based passengers. The coach will then head to **McDonalds at Mount Colah** for another rest stop. If you boarded the coach from a Feeder Vehicle at this point last Sunday morning, you'll reboard the Feeder Vehicle here. If you didn't, you'll head to the **Roadhaven Café/BP Petrol Station** complex in **Eastern Creek**. After a quick rest stop, you'll board your Feeder Vehicle to be conveyed home.

## SUNDAY 2 JULY - SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023

MOST SYDNEY-BASED PASSENGERS WILL BE COLLECTED FROM EITHER OUTSIDE THEIR HOME OR AT A CONVENIENT POINT NEARBY

**TRAVEL CLUB MEMBER TOUR PRICE - SINGLE: \$3835.00 PP - DOUBLE/TWIN: \$3415.00 PP - TRIPLE: \$3310.00 PP**

**NON-TRAVEL CLUB MEMBER TOUR PRICE - SINGLE: \$3850.00 PP - DOUBLE/TWIN: \$3430.00 PP - TRIPLE: \$3325.00 PP**

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7 x NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION (SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY)

7 x HOT & COLD BUFFET BREAKFASTS (MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY)

4 x FULL CHOICE OF THE MENU DINNERS (SUNDAY, MONDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY),

3 x THREE-COURSE BUFFET DINNERS (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY)

LOCAL PRODUCE TASTING & 45-MINUTE INFORMATIVE GUIDED TOUR OF MOREE (MONDAY),

ENTRY & GUIDED TOUR OF BANK ART MUSEUM (TUESDAY), 4-HOUR GUIDED TOWN & MINE TOUR BY BARBARA MORITZ (WEDNESDAY),

ENTRY, MORNING TEA & GUIDED TOUR OF WALK-IN MINE (WEDNESDAY), GUIDED TOUR OF BEVAN'S CACTUS NURSERY (WEDNESDAY),

ENTRY & GUIDED TOUR OF CHAMBERS OF THE BLACK HAND (WEDNESDAY)

7-HOUR GUIDED TOUR BY BARBARA MORITZ (THURSDAY), LUNCH AT THE GLENGARRY HILTON (THURSDAY)

1-HOUR INFORMATIVE GUIDED TOUR OF NARRABRI (FRIDAY), GUIDED INFORMATIVE TOUR OF NUNDLE WOOLLEN MILL (SATURDAY)

ENTRY TO THE NATIONAL GUITAR & GALAXY OF THE STARS MUSEUM (SUNDAY), FULL CHOICE OF THE MENU LUNCH (SUNDAY)

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# BOOKING & PAYMENT PROCEDURE

## POSSIBLE DEPARTURE POINTS

MOST PASSENGERS LIVING IN SYDNEY WILL BE COLLECTED FROM EITHER OUTSIDE OR CLOSE TO THEIR HOME.  
IF YOU DECIDE TO BOOK ON THIS TOUR, PLEASE CALL US TO DISCUSS WHERE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BOARD THE COACH TO JOIN THIS TOUR.  
YOUR DEPARTURE TIME WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED DEPARTURE POINTS, BUT IT WILL BE BETWEEN 8.00AM AND 10.00AM

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS FOR THIS TOUR

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BOOK EARLY FOR THIS TOUR AS THERE ARE ONLY 35 SEATS AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR.  
THIS TOUR HAS ALSO BEEN OFFERED TO RESIDENTS ON OUR MAIL-OUT LIST IN CANBERRA AND THE CENTRAL COAST  
YOU WILL NOTE THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS TOUR.  
THESE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS ARE DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO FORWARD SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSITS FOR THE ACCOMMODATION, DINNERS, AND OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE TOUR.

1. Ring to book your seat, or seats, on this tour by Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, 2023. If, when you ring to book, the tour is already full, your booking will be placed on a standby list to await any cancellations.
2. The first deposit of \$800.00 per person must be received by Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023.

### PAYMENT METHODS

- Cheque
- Money Order
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**MOSS VALE NSW 2577**

2. The balance owing for each passenger must be received by Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2023.
3. If you pay the required deposit and the balance owing by cheque or money order, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with each of your payments to enable the post of a receipt for each of the payments.
4. If you pay the required deposit and the balance owing by cheque or money order, enclose a list of all the names and required departure points of any passengers that you have included in your booking.

**A RECEIPT FOR THE DEPOSIT PAYMENT WILL BE POSTED OUT TO ARRIVE TO YOU BY FRIDAY THE 22<sup>nd</sup> OF APRIL, 2023**  
**A RECEIPT FOR THE FINAL TOUR PAYMENT WILL BE POSTED OUT TO ARRIVE TO YOU ABOUT TEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOUR.**

## BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS - APPLICABLE TO ALL PERSONS WHO BOOK ON AND PAY TO TRAVEL ON THIS TOUR

If a person has paid the required deposit of \$800.00, and the person cancels their booking between Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2023 and Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023, the person will only be eligible for a refund of \$400.00. The remaining \$400.00 will be retained to cover deposits paid to facilities associated with this tour.

If a person cancels their booking after Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023, the required deposit will not be refunded.

After Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023, all money paid will be deemed totally non-refundable.

If a person cancels their booking on this tour for whatever reason, any payments made by the person for this tour cannot be transferred to another tour.

Money will not be refunded to any person who cancels their booking or who is unable to travel on the tour after Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023, for whatever reason.

If you are concerned about losing money paid for this tour, due to having to cancel your booking, or for being unable to travel on the tour, for whatever reason, Out & About Day Tours recommends for you to take out travel insurance.

Travel Insurance companies such as Cover-More (Ph: 1300 728 822), One Cover (Ph: 1300 192 021), NRMA (Ph: 132 132), and Budget Direct (Ph: 1800 444 424) may offer travel insurance for tours such as this. These companies are only suggestions, and are not specifically recommended by Out & About Day Tours.

The cost of travel insurance normally ranges between \$50.00 to \$200.00, depending on the passenger's age, health conditions, and required length of cover.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours) reserves the right to cancel this tour from the area in which you reside if an insufficient number of passenger bookings are received. In the event of this occurring, passengers will be notified of this decision by either mail or telephone.

Should this occur, all fares remitted by passengers will be fully refunded within seven (7) days of the tour being cancelled.

Whilst Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, there is no acceptance for any liability for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees will utilise the services provided by operators of coach tour companies and businesses, resorts, hotels, motels, restaurants, coffee shops, clubs, boats, steam trains, and other tourism related companies, businesses and outlets, and whilst Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators, it cannot accept responsibility for the conduct of these operators, their representatives or employees, or any ramifications of that conduct.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees reserves the right to alter or omit any part of the tour itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances, or in the event of inclement weather or environmental conditions.

Any changes to the itinerary will be decided by the tour organiser in consultation with the Coach Driver, either prior to, or on the day of the tour.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees or any associated agents or party shall not in any circumstances be held liable for any property loss or damage, or personal injury.

Menu choices, itineraries and other components of this tour may change due to circumstances beyond the control of Out & About Day Tours.

If this should occur, passengers will be advised of any changes.

**By booking on this tour, it is deemed that you unreservedly agree with the Booking Terms & Conditions as set out above.**