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Off The Beaten Track

10 Day New South Wales Escorted Small Group Tour

06–15 September 2021

Experience the stunning beauty of the Outback and the opportunity to connect with our ancient landscape. A journey into the heart of outback New South Wales will have you discovering the Australia often depicted in the movies; a moon-like landscape home to outback characters and ancient stories. Along the way you will sample the delights of local food and produce, visit the amazing underground homes of White Cliffs and be amazed and moved by the spectacular country that makes this region so unforgettable.

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**10 days from
\$5,595 pp
twin share**

INCLUSIONS:

- Travel in bespoke 13 passenger Seat Deluxe Mercedes Springer
- An expert driver who is also your Guide
- Admissions & National Park fees and Tours as advised in Itinerary
- Twin-share accommodation, all rooms with ensuite
- Sustainable Water bottles on board



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Day 1: Monday, 6 September 2021 – Broken Hill

On arrival into Broken Hill, you will be met by your guide and transferred to your accommodation where the remainder of the day is free at leisure. Dinner tonight is own expense.

Accommodation: Outback Resort Broken Hill

Day 2: Tuesday, 7 September 2021 – Broken Hill (BLD)

Head out for a fascinating day of exploration of Broken Hill and surrounding areas. Morning is spent exploring the town- visit to the miner's museum located atop of the original mullock heap in the middle of the town where you can admire the views of Broken Hill and surrounding countryside as well as the beautiful memorial to the local miners. We also have an option to visit the legendary Pro Hart museum. From here we travel to the nearby town of Silverton, which has been used in many movies & commercials but is most famous for Mad Max movie franchise. Discover local galleries, museums and the tiny stores that make up one of Australia's most iconic towns. Late afternoon has us enjoying a sunset experience at the Sculpture Symposium and Living Desert Area, a collection of beautiful sandstone sculptures found 9km north of Broken Hill.

Accommodation: Outback Resort Broken Hill

Day 3: Wednesday, 8 September 2021 – Broken Hill to Mutawintji National Park Day Tour (BLD)

head off for an unforgettable day exploring Mutawintji National Park. Visiting Mutawintji National Park in the NSW outback is a uniquely Australian experience. Here you will find a ruggedly beautiful desert region showing evidence of continuous use by Aboriginal people for thousands of years.

Accommodation: Outback Resort Broken Hill

Day 4: Thursday, 9 September 2021 – Menindee and Kinchega National Park (BL)

Today we head out to explore the Menindee region. Menindee is a tiny outback settlement which is famous for two things: it was the last place where the Burke and Wills expedition stayed before heading north into the uncharted outback and the Menindee Lakes, an inland wonder land and a vital source of water for the surrounding citrus orchards and vegetable farms.

Accommodation: Burke & Wills Hotel Menindee

Day 5: Friday, 10 September 2021 – Menindee-Mungo National Park (BLD)

Visit Mungo National Park. The World Heritage listing of Mungo National Park indicates its importance and interest. Driving on red dirt roads and into the outback with plenty to see along the way including kangaroos, emu and abundant birdlife. We arrive at Mungo Lodge in time for a delicious lunch on arrival and check in to our accommodation. This afternoon we tour around the Lodge to meet the hand reared emu's and other animals and learn of the surrounding eco systems. From here head off on an amazing Mungo Walls of China Sunset Tour with your Mungo Lodge guide – duration approximately 2 hours. Returning to the lodge enjoy a sundowner drink on the deck (local wine) and meet your hosts, followed by a 3 course dinner at the Lodge.

Accommodation: Lake Mungo Deluxe Cabins

Day 6: Saturday, 11 September 2021 – Mungo National Park (BLD)

This morning we have breakfast at the Lodge. There is then time for an optional Scenic flight at an additional cost. We will then enjoy a morning sightseeing tour into the World Heritage Mungo National Park including Zanci homestead, Mungo Woolshed and Mungo Visitors Centre – learn about the fascinating indigenous and pastoral history of this area. Enjoy a picnic lunch at Red Top Lookout (close to where Mungo Man & Mungo Lady were found) and this afternoon enjoy a walk with your AEA Guide of "The Loop" a 50 odd kilometre circuit around the outside of the Walls of China stopping at Mallee Walk for a wander through Mallee forests, Round Tank, an ingenious goat trap build around a manmade water hole and visit Vigar's Well, a natural water hole where Cobb & Co would stop to rest and water the horses travelling between Queensland and South Australia. Dinner this evening at the lodge.

Accommodation: Lake Mungo Deluxe Cabins

Day 7: Sunday, 12 September 2021 – Mungo NP, Balranald, Narrandera (BL)

This morning after breakfast at the Lodge we depart and travel to the charming heritage town of Balranald which is located on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River and surrounded by spectacular riverscapes and national park. This morning is spent exploring around the Yanga National Park. We visit the Yanga Woolshed, once the largest, most modern woolshed in the district. Here we wander through on a self-guided tour, exploring its runs and pens, getting a feel for an authentic nineteenth century woolshed and a taste of Australian history. We will have a picnic lunch before spending the afternoon visiting Hay for the Australian Shearers Hall of Fame and into our overnight destination of Narrandera.

Accommodation: Bishops Lodge Narrandera

Day 8: Monday, 13 September 2021 – Narrandera to Wagga Wagga (BL)

Today we will spend exploring the town and surrounds. Included this morning will be a Guided tour at the Narrandera Fisheries Centre, a world-class fisheries research and aquaculture facility located adjacent to the Murrumbidgee River. Opened in 1962, NFC can produce millions of fingerlings per year. These fish – including Murray cod, trout cod, golden perch and silver perch – are stocked into NSW waterways to maintain and enhance populations of key native freshwater fish for recreational and conservation outcomes.

We will look to arrive at the Glendale Citrus & Hazelnut Orchard, the Riverina's first and only citrus and hazelnut orchard. We will be met by our hosts Graham and Barbara and enjoy a delightful picnic lunch on the riverbank before boarding their vintage tractor drawn "Orchard Express" to meander through the orchard. Mid-afternoon we will depart and commence the short 1 hour drive to our destination for the next 2 nights Wagga Wagga. On arrival check in with the remainder of the evening free at leisure.

Accommodation: Townhouse Hotel, Wagga

Day 9: Tuesday, 14 September 2021 – Wagga Wagga (BLD)

Wagga Wagga is a vibrant regional centre on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River in the heart of the Riverina. With four distinct seasons, there is always something new to explore. Discover the delicious food and wine scene, wonderful galleries, tranquil riverbank walks, gorgeous gardens and parks, and fascinating heritage. Highlights of today include visit to Coolamon Cheese Factory which produces the only Australian Brie to win a medal at the recent World Cheese Awards. Wine Tasting at a Boutique Winery and a visit the picturesque country town of Junee. Noted for the heritage streetscapes time to explore at leisure before uncovering the delights of the Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory. A pleasure for all the senses, we will learn about the production of these organic treats in the rustic surrounds of the old flour mill. Farewell dinner this evening is included.

Accommodation: Townhouse Hotel, Wagga

Day 10: Wednesday, 15 September 2021 – Wagga Wagga to Sydney (BL)

After breakfast, our morning drive takes us through picturesque country as we make our way to the Southern Highlands, stopping enroute for morning tea refreshments. We will enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at a local Southern Highlands Winery and time to explore Berrima, one of the best-preserved Georgian villages in Australia before departing for the drive back into Sydney for drop off approximately 5:00pm and the end of the Off The Beaten Track tour.