11 Days Inland Explorer

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
11 Days	**$5,775**	**Coach Tours**	**FO50**

Overview

Take the inland route from Brisbane to Melbourne, discover quirky characters and hidden treasures along the way. Try your luck for opals in Lightning Ridge, enjoy a wildlife Zoofari at Dubbo's Western Plains Zoo, and visit Miners Heritage Park in Cobar. See the 'Living Desert Sculptures' in Broken Hill and the Old Wentworth Gaol before enjoying a paddleboat cruise on the Murray and a finale night in Melbourne. We depart from the Brisbane Coach Terminal on our luxurious ‘Gold Class’ coach, ensuring responsible travel with 100% offset coach emissions. We travel through the rich fertile area of the Lockyer Valley, breaking at Picnic Point in Toowoomba for a cuppa. Our afternoon takes us through country towns arriving at St George. 1 Night Stay: Riverland Motor Inn, St George

Itinerary

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Depart Brisbane to St George

Stay: Merino Motor Inn, St George • Meals: Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

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St George to Lightning Ridge

Stay: Lightning Ridge Wallangulla Motel • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning, we make our way to Riversands Vineyards were we are joined by a local cotton farmer to showcase the towns irrigated agriculture and wine growing industry. On tour you will learn about cotton planting, growing, irrigation, harvesting and marketing. Afterwards, we break for lunch, followed by a wine tasting before we leave St George making our way into Lightning Ridge. 2 Night Stay: Lightning Ridge Wallangulla Motel

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Lightning Ridge

Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Our local guide shows us many hidden gems in this fascinating town. We visit Fred Bodel’s hut, the oldest miner’s camp in the area and the Historic Three Mile Flat, the site of the early miners’ settlement. We travel back to town for morning tea and an opal cutting demonstration. Later we learn about the historic opal mining techniques at Lunatic Hill Open Cut. Next, we see the Astronomers’ Monument, the hand built Amigo’s Castle and Bevan’s cactus gardens. After lunch we visit ‘Chambers of the Black Hand’ a national treasure in the making in a 100 year old mine shaft. After a day of sightseeing we take a therapeutic soak in the naturally heated thermal baths.

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Lightning Ridge to Dubbo

Stay: Dubbo RSL Motel • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Our travels today take us through Walgett a regional hub for the wool, wheat and cotton industries. We break at Coonamble before making our way to Dubbo, visiting the Taronga Western Plains Zoo for lunch followed by a guided wildlife tour. 1 Night Stay: Dubbo RSL Motel

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Dubbo to Cobar

Stay: Town & Country Motor Inn, Cobar • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Leaving Dubbo we head to the prosperous cattle and sheep farming region of Nyngan on the Bogan River. We then traverse the Barrier Highway to the copper mining town of Cobar, arriving in time for lunch. We pay a visit to the Great Cobar Heritage Centre, built to commemorate those who lost their lives in the town's mines. 1 Night Stay: Town & Country Motor Inn, Cobar

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Cobar to Broken Hill

Stay: Broken Hill Outback Resort (Diamond Class) • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

On the highway for the first part of our day today, we break at Emmdale Roadhouse then break for lunch in Wilcannia, before continuing to Broken Hill. We arrive at Broken Hill in the early afternoon, giving you time to mix with the locals and enjoy some souvenir shopping before transferring to our accommodation.2 Night Stay: Broken Hill Outback Resort (Diamond Class). Old Willyama Motor Inn, Broken Hill (Gold Class)

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Broken Hill

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Enjoy a gossip tour of Broken Hill, viewing heritage-listed architecture and discovering the famous art galleries. Next, we head to Silverton, almost a ghost town, and the setting for many famous movies. We head back to Broken Hill via the vast Mundi Mundi plains to visit the Pro Hart Gallery before visiting the Living Desert Flora & Fauna Sanctuary, taking a 2.2km walking trail. We then wait for sunset to witness the 'Living Desert Sculptures' nestled amongst the Barrier Ranges. This outlook takes in the magnificent colours of the desert at sunset, along with views of the distant horizon. Afterwards, we make our way to The Old Salt Bush Restaurant to enjoy culinary delights.

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Broken Hill to Mildura

Stay: Mildura Inlander Resort • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We depart Broken Hill and travel south along the Silver City Highway, making our way to the New South Wales/Victorian border city of Wentworth, the junction of the two mighty rivers; the Darling and the Murray. Our afternoon takes in historic Old Wentworth Gaol before travelling across the Murray River and on to the Victorian town of Mildura. 1 Night Stay: Mildura Inlander Resort

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Mildura to Echuca

Stay: Mercure Port of Echuca • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We follow the Murray River upstream through the town of Robinvale and take a break on the banks of the Murray River at Tooleybuc. Back on the road, we travel to Swan Hill, visiting the Pioneer Settlement for a guided tour and lunch. We then continue through Lake Boga, finishing our day at Echuca paddle steamer capital of Australia. 1 Night Stay: Mercure Port of Echuca

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Echuca to Melbourne

Stay: Crown Metropol, Melbourne • Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

After breakfast we join a local guide for a coach tour that takes us around the district of Echuca, showing us the history of the Murray River and its paddle steamers. Next we board an iconic paddle steamer which will take us meandering between the red gum lined banks of the mighty Murray. Then we make our way to Melbourne for our last night together. 1 Night Stay: Crown Metropol, Melbourne

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Flights home

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before we check out at 11am and transfer to the airport for our respective Carbon Neutral flights home. B = Hot & Continental Breakfast; MT = M/Tea; L = Lunch; AT = A/Tea; D = Two Course Dinner

Inclusions

• Travel carbon neutral on our 100% offset luxurious ‘Gold Class’ coach • Fully escorted by experienced Fun Over 50 Holidays tour host and coach captain • 1 night St George • Riversands Wines Tour and Tasting • 2 nights Lightning Ridge; Australian Opal Centre; Fred Bodel’s hut • Locally guided tour of Lightning Ridge • Amigo’s Castle; Bevan’s Cactus Gardens • ‘Chambers of the Black Hand’; thermal baths • Guided wildlife zoofari tour at Taronga Western Plains Zoo • 1 night Dubbo; 1 night Cobar • Great Cobar Heritage Centre • 2 nights Broken Hill • Silverton; Mundi Mundi Plains • Pro Hart Gallery; ‘Living Desert Sculptures’; Old Wentworth Gaol • 1 night Mildura • Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement • 1 night Echuca; Paddle steamer cruise • 1 night Melbourne CBD • One way Economy Class carbon neutral flight ex Melbourne to Brisbane, Sydney or Adelaide • 30 meals

Ready to Book?

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