13 Days Murray and Darling River Rendezvous

Day-by-Day Itinerary

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DURATION	FROM PRICE	TOUR TYPE	TOUR CODE
13 Days	**$6,575**	**Coach Tours**	**FO50**

Overview

Embark on an unforgettable adventure along Australia’s iconic waterways with our ‘Murray & Darling River Rendezvous’ tour. Cruise the Darling River aboard the historic PV Jandra paddleboat, marvel at the stunning Living Desert Sculptures, and step back in time with a guided tour of Wentworth Gaol. Experience the charm of the Murray River on a nostalgic journey aboard the PS Pevensey paddlesteamer in Echuca. Departing Brisbane Coach Terminal aboard our luxury ‘Gold Class’ or ‘Diamond Class’ coach, we travel via Cunninghams Gap, and enjoy morning tea at Bestbrook Mountain Farmstay. Afterwards we head to Goondiwindi for a guided tour of the cotton industry, including a visit to a local farm (seasonal). 1 Night Stay: Best Western Ascot Lodge, Goondiwindi

Itinerary

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Brisbane to Goondiwindi

Stay: Best Western Ascot Lodge Motor Inn • Meals: Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We depart from the Brisbane Coach Terminal on our luxurious ‘Gold Class’ coach, ensuring responsible travel with 100% offset coach emissions. Travelling through the Lockyer Valley, we enjoy morning tea at Bestbrook Mountain Farmstay before arriving in Goondiwindi for a guided tour of the cotton industry, including a visit to a local farm (seasonal) to learn about cotton farming practices. 1 Night Stay: Best Western Ascot Lodge, Goondiwindi

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Goondiwindi to Lightning Ridge

Stay: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

Departing Goondiwindi, we travel through some picturesque landscapes and interesting towns, breaking for a cuppa at Moree. We continue on our journey via Walgett to Lightning Ridge, to meet our local guide from the Australian Opal Centre for an introduction to the fascinating world of opal mining in this rugged outback town. 2 Night Stay: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort

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Lightning Ridge

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

This morning, a local guide will lead us through the opal fields, visiting key sites like Fred Bodel’s Hut and Lunatic Hill Mine. After lunch, explore the Chambers of the Black Hand, then unwind in the thermal baths before enjoying the SPARK cinematic experience under the stars.

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Lightning Ridge to Cobar

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

This morning, we stop briefly in Brewarrina before heading to Bourke to visit the Back O’ Bourke Centre, which highlights the region’s historical significance. Next, we take a leisurely cruise on the PV Jandra paddleboat along the Darling River. In the afternoon, a local guide will share insights into Bourke’s history, isolation, and community before we continue to Cobar. 1 Night Stay: Town & Country Motor Inn, Cobar

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Cobar to Broken Hill

Stay: Broken Hill Outback Resort • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We depart Cobar, heading west on the Barrier Highway to Wilcannia, where we reconnect with the Darling River. After lunch, we reach the remote mining town of Broken Hill. Following check-in, enjoy some relaxation before sunset drinks at the Living Desert Sculptures, taking in stunning outback views. 2 Night Stay: Broken Hill Outback Resort

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Broken Hill

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning we join a local guide and take a tour of Broken Hill, exploring heritage-listed architecture, renowned art galleries, the Big Picture, and the Line of Lode. Then, we head to Silverton, a near-ghost town featured in many famous films. Returning via the expansive Mundi Mundi Plains, we visit the Pro Hart Gallery before enjoying free time downtown.

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Broken Hill to Mildura to

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

Leaving Broken Hill, we head south on the Silver City Highway to Wentworth, where the Darling and Murray rivers meet. After a self-guided tour of Old Wentworth Gaol, we cross the Murray River and continue to 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 journey upstream along the Murray River, pausing at Robinvale and Tooleybuc. Then, we head to Swan Hill for a self-guided tour and lunch at the Pioneer Settlement. Continuing through Lake Boga and Kerang, we arrive in the twin cities of Echuca and Moama, Australia’s paddlesteamer capital. 2 Night Stay: Mercure Port of Echuca

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Echuca

Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

After breakfast, a local guide takes us on a tour of Echuca, highlighting the history of the Murray River and its paddle steamers. We then board the iconic PS Pevensey for a scenic cruise along the Murray’s red gum-lined banks. After disembarking, we enjoy lunch, with the afternoon free to explore the town at your own pace.

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Echuca to Albury

Stay: Albury Manor House • Meals: Full Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We begin with a fascinating tour of the Great Aussie Beer Shed & Heritage Farm Museum before continuing along the Murray River to Yarrawonga on Lake Mulwala for lunch. In the afternoon, we visit Kellyland Glenrowan to experience the ‘Ned Kelly’s Last Stand’. We end the day in the twin cities of Albury and Wodonga.1 Night Stay: Albury Manor House

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Albury to Bathurst

Stay: Mantra Bathurst • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

This morning, we travel to Gundagai to visit the iconic ‘Dog on the Tuckerbox’ before continuing to Cowra’s Japanese Gardens, the largest of its kind in the Southern Hemisphere. Here, we explore 12.5 acres of tranquil beauty. After lunch, we journey to Bathurst for a thrilling coach circuit of Mount Panorama before checking in for the night. 1 Night Stay: Mantra Bathurst

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Bathurst to Armidale

Stay: Rydges Armidale • Meals: Full Breakfast, Lunch, Two Course Dinner

We hit the road today travelling through Gulgong to Gunnedah for lunch. We then continue on to Tamworth for a break at the Big Golden Guitar before ascending the Moonbi Range to pass through Uralla and arrive in Armidale. 1 Night Stay: Rydges Armidale

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Armidale to Brisbane

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

Bound for home today, we break at the Standing Stones in ‘Celtic’ Glen Innes, then stop for lunch at the Ballandean Estate Winery. We arrive back to the Brisbane Coach Terminal late afternoon. B = Full Breakfast MT = Morning Tea L = Lunch AT = Afternoon Tea D = Two Course Dinner

Inclusions

• Journey in comfort aboard our luxury ‘Gold Class’ or ‘Diamond Class’ coach • Fully escorted tour with experienced Fun Over 50 Holidays Tour Host & Coach Captain • Morning tea at Bestbrook Mountain Farmstay • 1 night in Goondiwindi with a locally guided Cotton Farm tour • 2 nights in Lightning Ridge with a guided tour • Australian Opal Centre, Chambers of the Black Hand and Thermal Baths • SPARK cinematic experience under the stars • PV Jandra Darling River cruise • Back O’ Bourke Information Centre • 1 night in Cobar • 2 nights in Broken Hill with sunset drinks and canapés at Living Desert Sculptures • Locally guided tour visiting Big Picture, Line of Lode, Silverton and Pro Hart Gallery • Old Wentworth Gaol • 1 night in Mildura and visit to Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement • 2 nights in Echuca with a guided town tour • PS Pevensey paddle steamer cruise • The Great Aussie Beer Shed and Heritage Farm Museum • “Ned Kelly’s Last Stand” light and sound show at Kellyland Glenrowan • 1 night in Albury and visit to the Dog on the Tuckerbox • Cowra Japanese Garden & Cultural Centre • 1 night in Bathurst • Big Golden Guitar, Tamworth • 1 night in Armidale • Standing Stones at “Celtic” Glen Innes • Ballandean Estate Wines • 37 delicious meals included on your journey • ‘Diamond Class’ beverages served with dinner beverages served with dinner (includes a capped bar tab for beer, wine & soft drink)

Ready to Book?

Contact our travel experts to discuss this tour.

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