



## ITINERARY

# 6 Day Lake Mungo & Outback New South Wales Adventure



Get set for some adventure on this epic road trip through Outback New South Wales. Travel in a small group of maximum 8 like minded guests, visit the legendary Lake Mungo National Park and experience the Walls of China, home of the 40000 year old Mungo Man. Enjoy amazing country hospitality and incredible Outback Pubs on this 6 day iconic tour departing Sydney.

**Inclusions**

- ✓ Highly qualified and knowledgeable guide
- ✓ Travel in luxury air-conditioned vehicles
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch and dinner each night, (excluding breakfast on day one and dinner on day 6)
- ✓ Comprehensive commentary
- ✓ All entry fees including a 30 minute scenic joy flight over Lake Mungo
- ✓ All touring
- ✓ Pick up and drop off from Sydney location

**Exclusions**

- ✗ Alcoholic & non alcoholic beverages
- ✗ Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- ✗ Additional activities not mentioned
- ✗ Gratuities
- ✗ Souvenirs
- ✗ Snacks

**Pick Up**

7am - Harrington Street entrance of the Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney.

**Return**

6pm, Day 6 - Harrington Street entrance of the Four Seasons Hotel, Sydney.

*Alternative arrangements can be made a time of booking for additional pick up locations including home address pickups.*


**Legend**     **B: Breakfast**     **L: Lunch**     **D: Dinner**

# Itinerary: Day 1

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## Sydney to Hay

*L, D*

Depart Sydney early this morning crossing the Blue Mountains and heading North West towards the township of Bathurst, Australia's oldest inland town. We have some time to stop for a coffee and wander up the main street before rejoining the vehicle. Continue west now to the town of Cowra. We make a stop to admire the stunning Japanese Peace Gardens and find out the history behind them. You will have time to stroll through the seasonal displays and enjoy the surroundings. Lunch today is at the nearby Imperial Hotel. Located in Kendal Street, this is one of the town's most popular pubs.

After lunch we continue our journey along the Mid Western highway towards the township of Hay, passing through Grenfell, West Wyalong and Rankin Springs. Welcome to Hay, a prosperous country town located in the Northern Riverina, the town is well known for its agricultural activities as well as its friendliness. Check into the beautifully restored Commercial Hotel for your overnight stay. After some time to settle in, meet down stairs for dinner.

### **Travel Distance**

700 kms

# Itinerary: Day 2

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## Hay to Lake Mungo National Park

*B, L, D*

Your guide will meet you after breakfast this morning for a tour of Hay. One of the highlights will be a tour of the historic Hay Gaol as well as Shear, The Australian Shearers Hall of Fame. This amazing display takes visitors through the incredible history of shearing in Australia and the significance of the wool industry, and how it shaped Australia's future economy. We take some time also to learn about the rich history of Hay and admire the classic 19th Century Architecture.

Reboarding the vehicle we now head along the Sturt Highway toward the small town of Balranald, located in the heart of the Murrumbidgee Valley. We stop for some lunch at a local café and enjoy exploring the town. From here we now head North West towards the famed Lake Mungo National Park. Lake Mungo is one of the oldest places outside of Africa to have been occupied by modern humans since ancient times. Scientists have discovered artifacts of this ancient culture dating back over 50000 years across the expanse of the Ice Age.

Over the next couple of days you will have the opportunity to explore this area with the assistance of a local guide.

Your accommodation tonight is at the well known Mungo Lodge in a King Deluxe Cabin. After settling in, meet at the Mungo Bar and Bistro for a great night out. Chat to the locals and share some stories.

### **Travel Distance**

270 kms

# Itinerary: Day 3

## Explore Mungo National Park

*B, L, D*



Today will be spent exploring the world renowned Mungo National Park. Start the day with a spectacular 30 minute scenic flight over the National Park, experiencing the amazing landscape from the air. Take off from the local air strip and discover what one of the most ancient landscapes looks like. View the famed Walls of China as the outback slowly comes to life in the morning light.

Back on the ground you will meet your private guide and continue discovering the park. Wander through the ancient sands of the dry lake bed. Access the restricted area of the incredible Walls of China, see the footsteps of the Mungo Man and Mungo Lady, each dating back 42000 years as well as ancient fire places.

Discover the Mungo Woolshed built in 1869 and learn about the amazing history and engineering of this building. Climb to the lookout and stroll the Mallee Walk. It is an amazing experience.

Lunch will be at the lodge today and you will have some free time in the afternoon to explore by yourself or simply relax at the bar. Later just before sunset, meet with your group again and head out to get some iconic photos of the Great Wall of China just as the sun is setting over them. A uniquely Australian Outback Experience.

Afterwards return to the Bar and Bistro for another great night sharing your stories with new found friends.

### **Travel Distance**

0 kms

# Itinerary: Day 4

## Mungo National Park to Menindee

*B, L, D*

After breakfast this morning, board your vehicle and head north towards the Menindee Lakes. We make a stop in the tiny village of Pooncarie which has a population of 166, before arriving in Menindee at lunchtime. Menindee is the oldest European settlement in Western New South Wales. Today we will learn of the ill fated Burke and Wills expedition as Menindee was the party's last stop before pushing North.

Lunch today is at the famous and historical Maidens Arms Hotel. Burke and Wills visited this pub before heading off on their journey. Enjoy some wonderful outback hospitality and some great food.

This afternoon explore the nearby Kinchega National Park on the banks of Lake Menindee. We take the Kinchega Billabong Homestead walking track to discover the amazing birdlife including Pelicans, Black Swans and Egrets.

Afterwards we head slightly out of town and board the The River Lady for a charming cruise down the Darling River. The waterways are teeming with birdlife at the moment so sit back and relax and enjoy the great views and learn about the local history.

Later we return to town and check into our accommodation for the night, the Burke and Wills Motel. You will have some time to relax and explore the local town before meeting for dinner again at the Maidens Arms Hotel.

### **Travel Distance**

240 kms

# Itinerary: Day 5

## Menindee to Lake Cargellico

*B, L, D*

Enjoy a hearty outback breakfast this morning before boarding your vehicle and heading East now towards the town of Lake Cargellico. Enjoy the stunning and very scenic drive this morning as we follow the Cobb Highway to Ivanhoe. We make a stop here at this once significant town to enjoy lunch and meet some of the locals at the Ivanhoe Hotel. Another classic Outback Pub experience. We will have time to explore and learn of its history.

Afterwards reboard the vehicle as we continue towards Lake Cargellico. As we pass by the Willandra National Park keep a look out for Emus and Kangaroos before making a stop at Hillston on the banks of the Lachlan River.

Our next stop is Lake Cargellico. The town is situated on the Lachlan River and Lake Cargellico Wetlands and is a welcome oasis. Our accommodation tonight is at the Lachlan Way Motel. You will have some time to freshen up in your room before meeting for dinner at the nearby Commercial Hotel.

### **Travel Distance**

440 kms

# Itinerary: Day 6

## Lake Cargellico to Sydney

*B, L, D*

Depart Lake Cargellico today for Sydney. On our last day we pass through West Wyalong, stopping in Cowra for lunch, and then onto Bathurst and Lithgow before arriving in Sydney late afternoon.

### **Travel Distance**

550 kms

# Additional Information

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**Time Zone**  
AEST UTC +11



## Climate

Mungo's climate is semi-arid and rainfall averages just 280 mm a year, with most rain falling in spring and the least in autumn. But rainfall is notoriously erratic and big falls that close roads can happen any time if you're unlucky. Summer is generally hot, with average maximums of around 32 degrees and average minimums of between 16 and 17 degrees. But humidity is often low. In winter the days are cool and the night's cold, with average maximums of 15 degrees and average night-time lows of around 4 degrees. Frosts are not uncommon. The climate is ideal for travelling and exploring the country in the cooler months.



## What to Bring

- Day pack/shoulder bag
- Layered, comfortable clothing for warm days and cool nights
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Camera
- Small
- Binoculars





### **Luggage/Baggage**

A maximum of 20kg per person is allowed on your tour. Preferably 1 x small soft sided bag and 1 x carry-on bag to take in the vehicle with you.



### **Level of Fitness**

Minimum level of fitness is required however there are a number of short walks included in the itinerary.



### **Contact**

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### **Disclaimer:**

*From time to time our itineraries are updated prior to departure to incorporate improvements stemming from past travellers' feedback as well as updates from our service providers. Some changes may be necessary due to inclement weather and common seasonal changes to timetables and transport routes. Whilst we endeavour to give you as much notice as possible, this can happen with little notice so please be prepared for modifications to the route. The order and timing of included activities may also vary from time to time.*



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