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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.

Due to unexpected traffic or weather conditions, our arrival into Sydney might be delayed. We strongly recommend that you do not book flights ex Sydney on this day.


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

Itinerary: Day 1

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 will stop along the way for some morning tea. 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. Afterwards we have lunch at the Cafe overlooking the gardens before re-boarding the vehicle.

We continue 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. We check into the Saltbush Motel for your overnight stay. After some time to settle in, meet with your guide who will accompany you to dinner.

Travel Distance

700 kms

Note: Day 1 is designed to maximise our distance so that we can spend the most amount of time exploring the outback. We make regular stops and you are travelling in a comfortable vehicle.

Itinerary: Day 2

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 restaurant onsite for dinner.

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 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 lodge for dinner.

Travel Distance

0 kms

Itinerary: Day 4

Lake Mungo to Bindara Station, Menindee

B, L, D

After breakfast this morning we our way to the tiny village of Pooncarie which has a population of 166. Enjoy a light lunch at the Old Wharf Cafe situated on the Darling River before making our way to the historic Bindara Station. Bindara Station was many things in the past; an operational farm with sheep, beef cattle, horses and irrigated hay. More recently the farm has been opened up to share a little of their "oasis" on the Darling with visitors.

An important part of the station experience is to observe the day to day running of the property and gain a taste of the real outback. Enjoy a two course dinner prepared from local & homestead produce and cooked at the central campfire adjacent to our indoor/outdoor dining room. Enjoy a great evening around the fire pit with new found friends while gazing at the millions of outback stars.

Travel Distance

184 kms



Itinerary: Day 5

Menindee to Callubri Station

B, L, D



After breakfast we depart Bindara Station and continue north to the town of Wilcannia, once a thriving river port on the edge of the Outback, transporting wheat and wool along the Darling by paddle-steamer in the 19th century. Today, its dusty streets are still lined with a remarkable collection of heritage buildings and there's an emerging movement of local artists. We stop for lunch at a local café and have an opportunity to explore the town.

Reboarding the vehicle we now head east towards Nyngan. Stop for Afternoon tea at Cobar before continuing on through to Callubri Station where we will spend our last night. Callubri Station is one of the most unique farm stay venues in the country, fusing history and modern sophistication to create an unparalleled travel experience.

Nestled between the remote country towns of Nyngan and Tottenham in Central West NSW, the 28,000 acre property is steeped in more than 140 years of family history. Purchased in 1878, the property has a long association with Merino Wool and Lamb production. On arrival, enjoy a sunset welcome drink before checking into your accommodation for the evening.

Travel Distance

660 kms

Itinerary: Day 6

Callubri to Sydney

B, L, D

After breakfast, we make our way to Sydney. We pass through unique outback towns before arriving in Orange. Characterised by beautiful tree-lined streets, charming houses dating to the early twentieth century, and outstanding public parks it is a substantial and sophisticated rural service centre which lies at the heart of some of New South Wales' richest and most bountiful agricultural land. The city is known for its excellent local produce, its impressive vineyards and its fine dining restaurants. We enjoy lunch here at a local café before making our way back to Sydney arriving around 6pm.

Travel Distance

548 kms

Additional Information

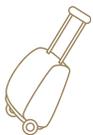


Time Zone
AEST UTC +11



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.



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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. We do travel on unsealed roads in the outback and sometimes these roads can be a little rough, however it's all part of the experience! We do take our time and extra care when travelling through these remote regions which may result in longer travel times.



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