

10 Day CORNER COUNTRY, BROKEN HILL, & WHITE CLIFFS Tour



Sunday 20th June to
Tuesday 29th June 2021

\$2,610 per person, twin share

Inclusions: *3 Meals a Day (Morning Teas wherever possible) *Entrance Fees to all Tourist Attractions & Tours as per Itinerary. Luxury air-conditioned coach through outback New South Wales. Fully escorted by Simon.

Highlights: Murray & Darling River BBQ Lunch Cruise, Broken Hill & Silverton tour & attractions, cross the Dog Fence, Cameron's Corner—the convergence of NSW, Qld and SA Borders and the Famous Cameron's Corner Store, Sturt National Park, Milparinka Heritage Centre and the Police Barracks Visitors Centre, Gooree Park Stud Farm tour, plus much more.

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10 Day Itinerary of Corner Country, Broken Hill & White Cliffs Tour

Day 1

Sydney to Hay

Leave from a designated pick up point at Turramurra bright & early (8.00 am). Our first stop is at Goulburn around 10.00am to get out stretch our legs and have some morning tea. Lunch will be at Gundagai. After lunch we visit the Gundagai Historical Museum & learn about one of Australia's worst flood disasters back in 1852 when the town was just established. On to Narrandera for afternoon tea and then into Hay, situated on the Murrumbidgee River, for our overnight accommodation. Our evening meals will be eaten in the motel's restaurant.

Day 2

Hay to Broken Hill

Breakfast is served from 7.00am in the dining room and we will depart the motel at 8.30am for a town tour before crossing the Hay Plains to arrive in Balranald for morning tea. We then arrive in the small town of Wentworth. It lies at the confluence of Australia's two most important rivers, the Darling and the Murray Rivers. We will have a 2 hr BBQ Lunch Cruise along both of these rivers. We then follow the Silver City Highway to Broken Hill arriving at our accommodation for the next 2 nights around 4.30pm. Dinner will be in the motel's restaurant.

Day 3

Broken Hill

We pick up our local guide Josephine Peters, an icon to Broken Hill, as we travel to Silverton with our first stop at Silverton Goal Museum for a self guided tour. This no ordinary museum. Its contains a wealth of history on Broken Hill. Morning tea will be available afterwards. A visit to Horizon Art Gallery which contains quality art of the Arid Zone. We then visit the Silverton Hotel to look at the memorabilia of all the movies that have been made in the area such as "Mad Max" & "Priscilla- Queen of the Desert" and more. We leave Silverton as we head back to Broken Hill to have lunch at the Musicians Club. After lunch our guide will takes us on a city tour. Our tour will take in many landmarks & the history of this famous city with its present & past mining activities & the local artists. We complete the tour-mid afternoon when you will have some free time for shopping & browsing the city. It is then back to the motel for happy hour before dinner.

Day 4

Broken Hill to Tibooburra

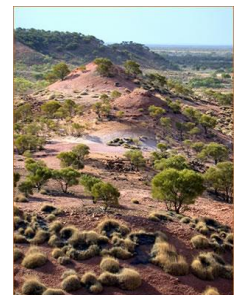
After breakfast we visit the Silver City Mint & Pro Hart Gallery which are located right in the city. Lunch in town before we leave Broken Hill & follow the Silver City Highway to the small town in the state's northwest of Tibooburra. A stop for afternoon tea at Packsaddle to stretch our legs & then arriving at our motel for our accommodation for the next 2 nights. Explorer Charles Sturt was one of the first Europeans to visit the area in 1844. He spent six months trapped by drought at Depot Glen, south of Tibooburra. He then tried to travel north west and was defeated by the desert. Burke and Wills also went through this area in 1861 on the journey north towards the Gulf of Carpentaria. It was the search for Burke and Wills that led to the opening up of the country for the pastoral industry. Tibooburra derives its name from an aboriginal word meaning "heaps of boulders".

Day 5

Cameron's Corner

After breakfast a town tour with a visit to Tibooburra Pioneer Park and see the full size 27 foot whaleboat (a sculpture by Anthony Hamilton) perched on top of some poles. This is a replica of the whaleboat Charles Stuart hauled across inland Australia on a Wagon with the intention of using it to row around the continent's "inland sea". We then travel through the semi-desert of the Sturt National Park and pass Fort Grey entering the "jump-up" country, where the flat topped mesa rise up to 150 metres above the surrounding plains. Enjoy the spectacular colour contrasts of dunes and sky as we travel to Cameron Corner, where the state lines of New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia converge. We have lunch here and check out the famous corner store. We pass through the world's longest fence, the Wild Dog Fence. A total distance of 5614 kilometres from Jimbour in Queensland to the Great Australian Bight.

Originally built to keep out the rabbits out of South Australia, the fence is now maintained to prevent dingoes entering sheep grazing areas. We leave after lunch & travel back to Tibooburra arriving back at our motel mid afternoon for a well earned rest before dinner.





Day 6

Tibooburra to White Cliffs

After breakfast we have a tour of Tibooburra's Outback School of the Air. It is the town's educational provider, servicing both the local residents and the children of property owners in the area. It was established as a Distance Education Centre in 1991 by Tony Bush after being approved for the project in 1990. We leave Tibooburra & head south stopping at Milparinka, which was once the centre of a historic mining district during the 1880's; today, it's a living heritage site in a dramatic desert setting.

We will have a picnic lunch here before leaving & arriving in the opal mining town of

White Cliffs mid afternoon to check in to our accommodation for the next 2 nights. Our accommodation will consist of modern en-suite motel rooms underground. Dinner in the motel's restaurant.

Day 7

White Cliffs

Breakfast at leisure in the restaurant. We then collect our local guide for a town tour with our first stop at the Opal Field to learn hands on about opal mining. Morning tea here & then we visit Joe's Stubby Opal Shop, which is a house built of 54,000 bottles & then a visit to the Fossickers Den Opal Showroom. We head back to our motel for lunch. After lunch we will visit Australia's first Solar Power Station. The station was constructed by a team from Australian National University in 1981 & White Cliffs was chosen as it has the highest insolation in New South Wales. We leave here & visit The Red Earth Opal Cafe for an underground opal mine tour. We complete the day & head back to our motel.

Day 8

White Cliffs to Nyngan

Early Breakfast & then we depart White Cliffs around 8.30am & head south arriving in Wilcannia for a short town tour & then morning tea on the banks of the Darling River. We leave Wilcannia & follow the Barrier Highway through to the mining town of Cobar. The town is at the crossroads of the Kidman Way & Barrier Highway. The name is derived from an aboriginal word meaning "red earth". The town has a population about 5500 due to the CSA (the letters stand for Cornish, Scottish and Australian) mine opening up in the 1980's. The mine is now NSW largest producer of copper & zinc. Lunch in town before we will visit the Heritage & Visitor Information Centre. It is then onto Nyngan for our overnight accommodation arriving around 4.00pm. The town name could have been derived from an aboriginal word for "mussel" or "crayfish". A town tour of Nyngan as you see the remains of the levee banks around the Bogan River. It was April 1990 when the town experienced its worst floods in history. Virtually the entire town of 2000 people were airlifted by army & private helicopters. The total damage amounted to \$50 million. The airlift is commemorated by an Army Helicopter placed outside the Nyngan Railway Station. Dinner will be at the RSL Club directly across the road.

Day 9

Nyngan to Mudgee

A full Breakfast will be delivered to your room. We leave Nyngan for morning tea in Dubbo & stretch our legs on the banks of the Macquarie River. We follow the Mitchell Highway to Wellington & then across country to Gooree Park Wine & Thoroughbred Stud Farm for a BBQ lunch & guided tour of the beautiful 550 hectares property. Our last night & farewell dinner will be at the Parklands Motel in Mudgee.

Day 10

Home

Breakfast in the restaurant before leaving the motel for a town tour & some free time in this beautiful country town. We leave here for lunch in Lithgow. We cross the Blue Mountains via the Bells line of Road arriving back in Turramurra around 4.00pm.

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