



## Broken Hill, Mildura & White Cliffs, Menindee Lakes & Silverton

**\$2,195 per person twin share**

**\$2,713 solo traveller**

### Eight-day coach holiday package including:

- ✓ Luxurious return coach travel & seven nights quality accommodation as per itinerary.
- ✓ Hearty breakfasts & delicious evening meals in the Motels' Restaurants & lunches every day on the tour.
- ✓ Fascinating day tours and entry to all attractions.

### Day 1- Journey to Griffith

This morning you will board your Coach at the organised departure point for the journey south with morning tea along the way followed by Lunch normally provided at Murrumburrah on the Burley Griffin Way. Accommodation, dinner & breakfast will be provided at the Griffith Motor Inn tonight 02 69621800.

### Day 2- The Riverina via the Hay Plains & Balranald to Mildura

This morning as you head west the countryside begins to change from the lush, irrigated farming areas to the drier regions surrounding Hay, where you break for morning tea. Cross the famous Hay plains with their large cattle and sheep properties as well as expanses of rice to Balranald where lunch will be provided. This afternoon you will be warmly welcomed at the Chaffey International for 2 nights & your contact number will be 03 5023 5833

### Day 3- Wentworth & Mildura

Start the day with a call into the state-of-the-art Mildura Information Centre. The Centre has an excellent audio-visual presentation providing a brilliant insight into the history of Mildura, the Chaffey Brothers, and the European settlement of the area before spending some free time in the main shopping district

Join your relaxing cruise on the Paddle Steamer Melbourne, Mildura's only steam driven paddle steamer. Relive the sights and sounds of the pioneering days on this informative cruise which takes you through the workings of the river locks. A light lunch will be provided on board.

After the cruise, board your coach for a visit to Woodsies Famous Gem Shop. Once a family hobby, Woodsies has flourished into a unique tourism attraction. See the exquisite jewellery and unique gemstone collection containing lots of the world's lesser-known gemstones and minerals!

Head over this afternoon for a brief coach tour of historic Wentworth, located at the junction of two of Australia's' mighty rivers, the Darling and Murray. Today, the town has many gracious buildings to remind us of its grand past including the Anglican Church, the Post Office, the original Customs Officer's house, and the Old Wentworth Gaol, built in 1881.

### Day 4- Broken Hill

This morning depart on the interesting 296-kilometre journey up the Silver City Highway to Broken Hill. A comfort stop will be provided a little over halfway to Broken Hill at the only amenities on this morning's journey as the previous Coombah Roadhouse closed during Covid-19 & has no plans to re-open. Broken Hill is a living, breathing time-capsule, an artefact that survives in the desert and waits to be rediscovered. First

stop will be the Flying Doctor Service for a tour of the base, see the Aircraft, visit the Museum & theatre for a brief DVD. Lunch provided in Broken Hill at the famous Palace Hotel featured in the Movie Priscilla Queen of the Desert. Visit the Pro Hart Gallery - Pro Hart was a painter, a father, a husband. He traveled the world, but stayed in Broken Hill. He painted almost every day of his life but was disliked, even mocked by the "art mafia". He met and was admired by Princes, Presidents and movie stars, but he was a shy man who preferred the company of his mates. He collected Rolls Royce's, Rembrandt's and Picasso's, but loved Chinese takeaways and a cup of tea. Pro Hart was born in Broken Hill, NSW, Australia in 1928. His early years were spent on "Larloona" a sheep station, around 130kms from Broken Hill, learning by correspondence school. He was drawing from a young age, illustrating his homework at seven and progressing steadily in his talent. He continued to paint and draw after moving back to Broken Hill in his early twenties, even as he worked the long underground shifts in a mine. Indeed, the hard work and the characters in the mine provided much inspiration for the narrative category of his painting styles. A local Guide will join you in Broken Hill this afternoon & provide an informative & entertaining insight into this fascinating outback city as you explore the town & some of the key attractions. Broken Hill truly is a living museum and since its beginning as a promising mining village in the 1880s, it has come to be recognised as the boldest of the Australian outback towns, its reputation developed through decades of hardship in the desert. The city's different styles of architecture, from miners' basic huts to classic stone & art deco shopfronts provide a picture of how Broken Hill evolved. They depict the booms & busts & individual fortunes made & lost. Broken Hill has been and still is a town dominated by the mining industry. The [Broken Hill Proprietary Company](#) became Australia's largest mining company, and later became part of the world's largest mining company, Billiton. Unlike the rest of New South Wales, Broken Hill observes Australian Central Standard Time, the same [time zone](#) used in South Australia and the [Northern Territory](#). Over 1,100 km west of [Sydney](#) & over 500km from [Adelaide](#) it experiences a hot [desert climate](#) with an average annual rainfall of just 235 mm (9 inches). After the tour check into the Hilltop Motel for 2 nights 08 8088 2999

### **Day 5 – Menindee Lakes & Silverton**

One of the highlights of the trip is today's visit to Menindee Lakes – a system of nine large but relatively shallow lakes that are contained by a series of weirs, levees and channels. The wildlife that this now supports is incredible with over 220,000 waterbirds living in the area. As well as being a significant source of water for local towns and users, the lakes are also located in an area of environmental, social and cultural significance and provide recreational, tourism and economic opportunities for the towns and surrounding region. The Menindee Lakes system contains a broad diversity of both terrestrial and aquatic flora and fauna including threatened species and nationally important wetlands. Truly an inland oasis. This afternoon travel to the nearby "ghost town" of Silverton with our local guide. Known as the Hollywood of the outback, with its blood red earth, picture perfect sunsets, solitary stone buildings this town's photogenic qualities have become the set for an impressive list of films such as Mission Impossible 2, Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Mad Max 2, Razorback & A town Like Alice & countless commercials. Lunch will be provided at the famous Silverton Hotel. Sitting in the centre of the town the iconic pub has maintained its laid-back country lifestyle even as it has flourished into one of the most filmed and photographed Hotel's in the country. Just 5 kms from Silverton is the Mundi Mundi plains lookout. Described as like being on the edge of the world! From the top of the hill, the flat lands of the Mundi Mundi plains stretch out for an eternity. Just 9 kilometers from Broken Hill is the "Living Desert Reserve" with the 12 sandstone sculptures highlighting the skyline & providing a memorable view as sunset approaches. On return to Broken Hill this afternoon visit the stunning Sculptures in the Desert as sunset approaches.

### **Day 6 - White Cliffs**

Today your scenic adventure continues after an early start as you lose 30 minutes this morning with the time change. We are travelling to a landscape many have never experienced. The lunar like diorama of the opal mining town of White Cliffs. On arrival you will enjoy lunch before rejoining the coach for a guided

tour with one of the fascinating locals of the area in preparation for you going underground into a real opal mine! Time to buy that special gift before checking in to your unique accommodation for tonight – the Underground Motel where you will experience staying in a hotel room fashioned from rock. Truly a great experience. Your contact number tonight is 08 8091 6677

### **Day 7- White Cliffs to Dubbo**

Your journey takes you through the extraordinary outback, heading east along the Barrier Highway through Wilcannia, with a late lunch provided at Cobar. A morning tea stop and welcome break will be provided at your own expense at one of the few service centres along the way. This afternoon a suitable comfort stop will be provided as you travel through Nyngan to meet the Mitchell Highway with overnight accommodation, dinner & breakfast provided in Dubbo at the Matilda Motor Inn 02 6882 3944

### **Day 8- Dubbo to Sydney**

Today your Coach continues south-east through some marvellous farming countryside & a huge contrast to the day before with a morning tea stop followed by lunch provided in Lithgow. This afternoon your journey home continues through the Blue Mountains, hopefully filled with wonderful new memories of your journey through the magnificent Outback. Thank you for choosing to travel with us.

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