

# POTTER TRAVEL

## NSW NORTH WEST MOREE & TENTERFIELD

9 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017

RETURNING: FRIDAY 05 MAY 2017



### TOUR COST

\$2095.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$2580.00 Sole Occupancy

## PICK UP TIMES:

**7.10am** Crawford St, Queanbeyan

**7.30am** Woden Bay 18

**7.50am** West Row Bus Stop, City

**8.00am** Southwell Park (Northbound)

### **DAY 1 (LD): CANBERRA TO COONABARABRAN: Thursday 27 April 2017**

Welcome to our 7 day tour to **Moree**. This morning we get underway and travel through to **Molong** for our **lunch** break. Molong's main street is National Trust classified and has a very charming olde-worlde appeal. This afternoon we continue travelling north through Dubbo and Gilgandra onto our overnight destination of **Coonabarabran**. We'll check into our accommodation and settle in for dinner.

*Matthew Flinders Motor Inn, Coonabarabran (ph 02 6842 1766)*

### **DAY 2 (BLD): COONABARABRAN TO MOREE: Friday 28 April 2017**

Following breakfast we re-board the coach and take in some of the sights of **Coonabarabran** including a visit to the **Crystal Kingdom** and the Tourist Information Centre. We also enjoy morning tea from the coach then travel on through to **Narrabri**. Narrabri is the administrative centre for the local cotton industry and it also has very clear skies hence why it is the home of the **Australia Telescope Compact Array**. Following our **picnic lunches** we enjoy a visit this afternoon to the Paul Wild Observatory, comprising of an array of 6 22m antennas used for radio astronomy. We have arranged to take a look before we continue through to **Moree**, the centre of a rich pastoral district. It is also well known for its artesian bore baths, used by people from far and wide and renowned for relieving rheumatic and other muscular complaints. Upon our arrival we check into our motel for the next four nights and relax before dinner.

*Artesian Spa Motor Inn, Moree (ph 02 6752 2466)*

### **DAY 3 (BD): MOREE: Saturday 29 April 2017**

This morning we take in the local sights. Prior to the 1830s the Moree district was the province of the Kamilaroi Tribe, whose culture remains an integral part of today's society. The name 'Moree' means 'the long waterhole' although some historians have translated the name to 'the rising sun'. The Moree Plains represent the richest agriculture producing shire in Australia and serves as the economic and cultural focus of North Western New South Wales. After a **town tour** we head off to visit a local **Pecan Farm**, the largest in the southern hemisphere. We enjoy a **tour** and view an interesting presentation on the actual farm operations and processing of the pecan nut. We then return to Moree for some free time to buy lunch before our afternoon visit to a working **cotton gin**. We'll be given a brief history and informative talk on the differences between irrigated and dry cotton crops. We will see how the cotton is picked and packed into modules, ready for transportation to the gins (*short for engine*) for processing. This process handles the removal of seeds and sticks before the raw cotton is cleaned, then baled. We then return to our motel to relax prior to dinner.

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### **DAY 4 (BD): INVERELL: Sunday 30 April 2017**

Today we are off to visit **Inverell**, about 150kms east of Moree. Our first stop is at the delightful **Visitors Information Centre** where we enjoy a cuppa before being joined on the coach by a **local guide**. The town sits on the Macintyre River and is the centre of a rich grazing, grain growing and mining area. Sapphires, diamonds and tin have been commercially mined here for many years. The town's history is reflected in its buildings, including the Court House. Built in 1886, it has an impressive clock tower - a landmark seen from all approaches to the town. We have some free time for lunch (own expense) then visit the **Transport Museum**. Finally we call at **Olives of Beaulieu** - an enterprise near Copeton Dam. We have arranged a country style **afternoon tea**, a tour of the operation and an olive tasting. We then head back to Moree to complete an enjoyable day.

*Artesian Spa Motor Inn, Moree (ph 02 6752 2466)*

### **DAY 5 (BLD): MOREE - GOONDIWINDI - TENTERFIELD: Monday 01 May 2017**

Today we farewell **Moree** and travel north to **Goondiwindi** or "Gundy" as the locals call it. We'll have our morning tea from the coach then collect our **local guide** for an introductory tour of town. Apart from being right on the Queensland/NSW border, it is at the junction of a number of major highways including the Newell which runs all the way to Victoria. It's also the hometown of a reasonably successful race horse - **Gunsynd** - the Goondiwindi Grey! In the spring of 1971 he won the Epsom Handicap, the Toorak Handicap, the George Adams Handicap and the Sandown Cup. In the autumn of 1972 he recorded 5 straight wins including the Futurity Stakes and the Doncaster Handicap. In the spring of 1972 he captured the Cox Plate, ran a magnificent third in the Melbourne Cup under 60.5 kg and won the Queen Elizabeth Stakes. In his final campaign in the autumn of 1973 he won the Blamey Stakes and a second Queen Elizabeth Stakes. There is a memorial here to this great horse which we will see. Our tour also includes a visit to **Customs House Museum**, a border customs point before Federation. This authentically restored building and its magnificent cottage garden has a colourful collection of mementos of yesteryear. We enjoy a picnic lunch today then from Goondiwindi we join the Bruxner Highway and head east to **Texas** located on the Dumaresq River just over the Queensland border for an afternoon stop. Texas was named

over a land claim in the 1850s which bore many similarities to one happening in the Republic of Texas and Mexico in the United States at the same time. From here we continue on **Tenterfield** for the next three nights.

*Best Western Henry Parkes Motor Inn, Tenterfield (ph 02 6736 1066)*

#### **DAY 6 (BLD): TENTERFIELD: Tuesday 02 May 2017**

This morning we head to the **Visitors Information Centre** to collect our **local guide** for a guided tour of **Tenterfield**. Next is a visit to the **Tenterfield Railway Station Museum**. The station was opened in 1886 and is a rare survival of something that was once common throughout NSW. It is an almost intact 19<sup>th</sup> century railway precinct. When the line was completed to the borders in 1888, Sydney and Brisbane were linked by rail for the first time. Services declined gradually from the 1970s and finished completely in October 1989. Next we head to the historic **Stannum House** where we follow in the footsteps of great Australians like Dame Nellie Melba and Banjo Paterson, who have both visited here. The beautifully restored home opened to the public in 2003 and today we will enjoy a **tour** and **lunch** here. This afternoon we make a stop at the well-known **Tenterfield Saddlery**. Built in 1860 of quarried blue granite, the National Trust listed saddlery has been immortalised in the song "Tenterfield Saddler" by Peter Allen, as a tribute to his grandfather George Woolnough. The saddlery's doors are red cedar and apart from the maintenance, the shop is in original condition. We complete our day with a visit to the **School of Arts**, where Sir Henry Parkes famously made his federation speech. On 24 October 1889, Henry Parkes gave a fiery and impassioned speech in support for the Federation of Australian Colonies. Five times Premier of New South Wales, Parkes was described as honest, optimistic and energetic in sharing his vision of a good society achieved through democratic means, by reason and persuasion, without violence. To celebrate the Centenary of Federation, this national heritage site was conserved, refurbished and extended. It now houses the Sir Henry Parkes Collection, a museum devoted to federation and the history of the School of Arts, the Tenterfield Public Library and theatre. After our visit we return to our motel.

*Best Western Henry Parkes Motor Inn, Tenterfield (ph 02 6736 1066)*

#### **DAY 7 (BD): STANTHORPE: Wednesday 03 May 2017**

We head north for our touring today. Just beyond **Stanthorpe** is our first stop at **Aloomba Lavender Farm**. It is part of a 4000 acre cattle property with the lavender covering about 6 acres. We'll enjoy **morning tea** and a look over the operation with time for a wander through the gift shop. We then return to Stanthorpe for some time to enjoy the town and get some lunch (own expense). This afternoon we visit **Lawdogs Australia**. This is Australia's first privately owned training kennel open to the public to see puppies and adult dogs going through their training and doing demonstrations of protection, detection and agility. Be captivated as we see the dogs barking on command, developing their bite skills, training for future arrest scenarios, controlling suspects, finding hidden scent and working around agility equipment. This is an hour of entertainment we won't forget and we may even have the chance to pat one of the puppies, if we like. Our day complete we return to Tenterfield.

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#### **DAY 8 (BLD): TENTERFIELD TO GLOUCESTER: Thursday 04 May 2017**

We farewell the town of Tenterfield, and head south to **Glen Innes**. Known fondly as the 'Land of the Beardies', Glen Innes was settled by the Scots and regards itself as the Celtic Capital of New England. From here we travel onto **Armidale** with its magnificent buildings, and location in the middle of the country's richest wool producing districts. It is one of the founding cities of this historic region and provides a wonderful contrast between a bustling modern commercial centre and a bygone era. From Armidale we continue south to the township of **Uralla**. Here we visit **McCrossins Mill Museum** where there are excellent exhibits of the history of Thunderbolt as well as the gold mining that went on in the area in early days. We enjoy a **talk** and a wander through the museum at our own pace, and enjoy **a light lunch**. This afternoon our journey takes us through **Walcha**, which claims to be New England's oldest town. The area is a significant primary producing area and known for its high quality native hardwoods. From here we travel via Thunderbolts Way to **Gloucester** for our last night on tour.

*Gloucester Country Lodge Motel (ph 02 6558 1812)*

#### **DAY 9 (BL): GLOUCESTER TO HOME: Friday 05 May 2017**

Our final day on tour sees us travel past the Central Coast and through western Sydney, stopping for a **lunch** break en-route. This afternoon we continue through to Canberra, arriving home later today having had a wonderful 9 day tour.



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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**FINAL PAYMENT: MONDAY 13 MARCH 2017**

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# RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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