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LIGHTNING RIDGE AND MOREE

8 DAY TOUR

Departing: Wednesday 01 July 2020

Returning: Wednesday 08 July 2020



TOUR COST:

\$2325.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$2710.00 Sole Occupancy

Please call the office for Direct Deposit details.

PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan
7.30am Bay 1, Woden Interchange

7.50am West Row Bus Stop, City
8.00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

Day 1: (D) CANBERRA TO DUBBO: Wednesday 01 July 2020

With our bags packed, we load the coach and begin our outback journey to Lightning Ridge. Beyond the well-worn bitumen is the amazing town of Lightning Ridge, where black opal lies waiting to be unearthed. We will meet some of the colourful characters that this area draws in, looking to prosper in this bountiful yet rugged countryside. Our first overnight stop is in Dubbo, where we settle into our rooms and refresh prior to dinner.

Golden West Motor Inn, Dubbo | 02 6882 2822

Day 2: (BLD) EXPLORING LIGHTNING RIDGE: Thursday 02 July 2020

Delving further into the rugged outback we take a break in Gilgandra, home of the famous Coo-ee recruiting march of World War I. Travelling via Gulargambone, Coonamble and Walgett our approach to Lightning Ridge is emphasised when we see Stanley, the Big Bird. Created by local artist John Murray, Stanley is an 18 metre tall emu made from scrap metal, old Volkswagen bodies and the odd discarded satellite dish. In classic waste to art fashion, everything has been scavenged. The bulk of the materials were sourced by Stan Single, who donated the massive steel legs from the demolished Dubbo police station, as well as finding most of the VW bodies and parts. Lunch will be a bit different as we set up and enjoy a picnic in the park. Afterwards a local resident and expert on all things Lightning Ridge joins us for the afternoon of sharing the town's history and stories. We'll be intrigued by the fascinating passing landmarks such as Amigos Castle (a huge Italian-style castle built by one man), the Bore Baths and Coopers Cottage. This miner's camp is an authentic display of early pioneer living! We also have time to drop in at the Cactus Farm. Now encompassing two passionate generations, this large cactus nursery has hundreds of varieties grown from seeds collected from around the world. We unpack at our motel for the next three nights.

Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge | 02 6829 0542 / 1800 247 376

Day 3: (BD) SCULPTURES AND ART: Friday 03 July 2020

This morning we experience an underground mine. The Opal Mine Adventure is a walk-in mine where we'll learn how they go about mining for opal and see the final product in the showroom. Next is a visit to the John Murray Art Gallery. Wandering around the gallery, John's artistic talent becomes apparent with his pieces filled with light and humour. It's clear he likes to make people smile with his creations! Enjoy a wander in the main street and purchase some lunch before our afternoon's touring. Chambers of the Black Hand is an underground gallery with works carved and painted into the walls by the local artist, Ron Canlin. He has created amazing paintings and sculptures such as the Last Supper, Archangel Gabriel and the Chinese Terracotta Warriors with new works coming on line all the time. Rounding out our day, we meet our local opal expert at the Opal Cave. He will tell us how the opal is cut and polished.

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Day 4: (BLD) EXPLORING THE GRAWIN: Saturday 04 July 2020

With our local expert again joining us we head out to The Grawin, a group of opal fields that are made up of Grawin, Glengarry, Sheeppark and Mulga Rush. It was at Grawin that the largest opal 'Light of the World' was found. We'll also experience the delights of the Glengarry Hilton pub which is our lunch venue today. It is a welcoming place that will treat us like locals. After such an interesting day, we head back to 'the Ridge' and relax prior to dinner.

** Please Note: today's touring to The Grawin depends on local weather and road conditions**

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Day 5: (BLD) LIGHTNING RIDGE TO MOREE: Sunday 05 July 2020

Departing Lightning Ridge we drive to our next destination of Moree. After our picnic lunches we'll spend the afternoon getting to know the quaint country town with our local guide, highlighting the impressive historical buildings as well as its cultural background. Depending on the region's rainfall, we'll also see a major agriculture product produced in the area—cotton. Be guided around one of the many cotton farms where the cotton is picked and packed ready for transportation to the cotton gin. Here you will witness the raw cotton being cleaned and packaged for export. We then finish the day back at our hotel.

Artesian Spa Motor Inn, Moree | 02 6752 2466

Day 6: (BLD) PECANS: Monday 06 July 2020

This morning we discover another of the region's agricultural successes—pecan farming. Visiting the southern hemisphere's largest plantation, we will hear how one man's dream of creating the first commercial pecan operation came into fruition and taste for ourselves why this exotic nut is so sought-after. In town we enjoy our lunch at the Moree Services Club before a free afternoon to relax at the Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre. Not only are the waters good for health problems but also for those seeking relief from normal aches and pains. In each hot pool there are spray massage outlets as well as underwater spa jets. The Moree Artesian Bore has a natural temperature of 41 degrees celsius. From here we return to our hotel feeling revitalised and ready for dinner.

Artesian Spa Motor Inn, Moree | 02 6752 2466

Day 7: (BD) MOREE TO BRISBANE: Tuesday 07 July 2020

Our destination is the coast today, making our way first to the border town of Goondiwindi. This vibrant rural town is the heart of the region, surrounded by cotton and wheat crops. Travelling via Warwick, we'll break for our picnic lunches before the changing countryside of crops and farms becomes the outer suburbs of Brisbane. Our overnight stay is in the heritage area of Spring Hill.

Pacific Hotel, Brisbane | 07 3831 6177

Day 8: (B) BRISBANE TO HOME: Wednesday 08 July 2020

An easy morning begins with a look around the city. A local expert will guide us through this fast-growing capital city with stories about its historic colonial buildings and changing skyline. With time to explore the city centre and purchase lunch, we head to the airport. Our flight returns us to Canberra with long-lasting memories of our outback holiday.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

DEPOSIT is required within 14 days of booking confirming your reservation. If no deposit is received, Potter Travel reserves the right to cancel the booking. Deposit is **\$300.00 per person**.

FINAL PAYMENT: FRIDAY 01 MAY 2020

Tour reference for
Direct Deposits:
Surname P12021

CANCELLATION TERMS & CONDITIONS:

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Reservations that are cancelled on or after **Fri 01 May 2020** and prior to **Mon 01 Jun 2020** loss of 50% of total tour cost.

Reservations that are cancelled on or after **Mon 01 Jun 2020** loss of 100% of total tour cost.

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Tour Includes: Dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation at the Hotels mentioned in the Itinerary, some lunches, morning and/or afternoon tea supplied from the coach, entry fees and/or guided tours to all attractions as mentioned in the itinerary, economy flights from Brisbane to Canberra, tickets to shows (if applicable), luxury coach travel and GST.

Meals are stated in the itinerary as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch and D = Dinner.

Not Included: Alcoholic beverages or other drinks (except wine tasting), meals not specified, room service, telephone calls, some morning/afternoon teas or any items of a personal nature.

Forced Singles are not permitted on our tours. If you wish to twin share you will need to organise your own travelling companion, otherwise single supplement is payable.

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You must be able to embark and disembark the coach unaided to travel on a Potter Travel tour. Your deposit and final payment on our tour is acknowledgement that you have read and understood the booking terms and conditions as mentioned above.

RESERVATIONS AND ENQUIRIES

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