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CLARE VALLEY BROKEN HILL

11 DAY TOUR

Departing: Monday 18 May 2020

Returning: Thursday 28 May 2020



TOUR COST:

\$2830.00 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3500.00 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: (LD) CANBERRA TO HAY: Monday 18 May 2020

Loading the bags onto our coach, we begin our adventure to the fertile surrounds of South Australia's **Clare Valley** and the dramatic and beautiful scenery of **Broken Hill**, just across the border. Today's route takes us via Wagga Wagga to **Hay**, our first overnight stop.

Cobb Inlander Motel, Hay | 02 6993 1901

Day 2: (BLD) HAY TO BARMERA: Tuesday 19 May 2020

With the riverland region beckoning, we travel to **Mildura**, stopping at a lovely olive oil farm, **Varapodio Estate**. We'll have **lunch** here and time to taste their award winning oils and stock up on salad dressings, olive oil cosmetics and soaps. Heading into South Australia's Riverland district, we arrive at our destination of **Barmera**. Warmly welcomed at our hotel, where you can enjoy a pre-dinner drink at the bar before dinner.

Barmera Country Club Motor Inn, Barmera | 08 8588 2888

Day 3: (BLD) MURRAY RIVER DELIGHTS & A RURAL HOMESTEAD: Wednesday 20 May 2020

We travel via Overland Corner, once used as a stopover point for drovers taking stock from NSW to Port Adelaide. Our morning stop is in the historic port of **Morgan**, at the distinct point where the Murray River turns towards a southerly direction. Delicious home-made goodies will be offered for **morning tea** at the delightful tea room and gardens **Mallyons on the Murray**. Wander through the gallery containing works by local artists including woodwork, embroidery and leadlighting. As we make our way towards the Clare Valley, we make a stop at one of the finest homesteads in country South Australia. **Anlaby Station** is more like a village than a farm, having had as many as 70 farm workers onsite in its heyday. We're invited to enjoy **lunch** and a **tour of the house and gardens** to truly experience the grandeur and glamour of times gone by. Arriving at the well-appointed **Clare Country Club**, we'll be met on arrival and shown to our rooms.

Clare Country Club, Clare | 08 8842 1060

Day 4: (BLD) EXPLORING CLARE: Thursday 21 May 2020

A **guided tour** starts our day, discovering this beautiful wine region is as diverse as we anticipated. No more so than the interesting **Bungaree Station**. This merino sheep station established in the 1880s is still run by descendants of the original founder. We won't be seeing a museum but rather a living record of rural Australia, revealed by a member of the family. Following a lovely **morning tea** we'll visit station sites such as St Michael's church and cemetery, the homestead gardens and the station store, complete with its tools of trade which collectively gives us a wonderful insight into 19th century station life. The nearby town of Blyth gives us our **lunch** venue and a visit to **Medika Gallery** to meet Ian Roberts, nationally recognised as one of Australia's premier bird painters. His work also includes native flora with a particular passion for eucalypts. Enjoy a wander through his gallery and we'll hopefully see him at work during our visit.

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Day 5: (BLD) YORKE PENINSULA: Friday 22 May 2020

Travelling through wheat and canola paddocks we drive to the **Yorke Peninsula**. The coastal town of **Moonta** sits on Spencer Gulf and promotes itself as Australia's little Cornwall. Copper was discovered here in 1861 attracting many Cornishmen miners and their centuries old mining methods. Spending some time at the **Moonta Mines Museum** we'll hear how the district produced so much copper the wealth generated exceeded all other mining in the state. There is also an interesting display of an entire 1900 classroom being left as though the teacher only departed a few minutes ago. Settling into our train seats, we take in a **ride** on the **Moonta Mine Tourist Railway** which departs from a station just outside the museum. Relive life in Moonta as we pass the historic landmarks of the former mining operations, including the reservoir and tunnel within Ryans Tailings Heap. Having worked up an appetite, we have the opportunity to choose a Cornish pasty for **lunch** at the **Cornish Kitchen**. Crossing the peninsula, we head to **Ardrossan**. The beautiful, blue waters of the Gulf St Vincent contrast with the patchwork of grain fields producing the world's best barley and cereals. Pausing to witness the glorious gulf views from the red clay coastal cliffs on which the town sits, on a clear day it's possible to see the Adelaide Hills. We'll enjoy a wander through the fascinating **Ardrossan Heritage Museum**, housed in the original factory that manufactured the 'stump jump' plough. The invention was stumbled upon quite by accident and we'll discover how it happened during our visit. It was also the site which produced the first electricity on the Yorke Peninsula. We head back to Clare for dinner.

Clare Country Club, Clare | 08 8842 1060

Day 6: (BLD) HISTORIC MINTARO: Saturday 23 May 2020

Amongst the rolling hills of the Clare Valley is the historic town of **Mintaro**. Our day's adventure includes the living **Mintaro Maze** and the Georgian mansion **Martindale Hall**. Be enchanted by the magical garden maze, consisting of 800 conifers and features fountains, twists and turns designed to delight us. Fans of Picnic at Hanging Rock will especially enjoy our visit to **Martindale Hall** as it starred as Appleyard College in Peter Weir's famous film. We engage in a **tour** of the property, hearing the riveting history of both great tragedy and amazing successes, followed by **lunch**. It is fitting we finish our visit to the Clare Valley at the oldest winery in the region. **Sevenhill Cellars** was originally established in 1851 by a religious order of the Catholic Church (commonly known as the Jesuits). Begun primarily to produce altar wine, they still run the winery today. A wander around the old underground cellars and the adjoining church grounds of St Aloysius with a **guide** is a most enjoyable way to finish our sightseeing.

Clare Country Club, Clare | 08 8842 1060

Day 7: (BLD) CLARE TO BROKEN HILL: Sunday 24 May 2020

Loading our bags onto the coach, we depart Clare and head to **Broken Hill**. A true outback city in every sense, Broken Hill is a living, breathing time capsule where the great mining prosperity of yesteryear has blended into the cultural hub it is today. Arriving into Broken Hill we step back in time with **lunch at Bells Milk Bar**. Later, visit the **Silver City Mint and Art Centre** for a guided tour and be mesmerised by the impressive Big Picture. This large acrylic painting will draw you into the huge skies and red rocky earth of ancient river beds dotted with gums, leading out into the distant Flinders Ranges. It is indeed a picture that says a thousand words! Checking into our accommodation, unwind and refresh prior to dinner.

Desert Sand Motor Inn, Broken Hill | 08 8088 4122

Day 8: (BD) BROKEN HILL: Monday 25 May 2020

A visit to the **School of the Air** this morning gives us an interesting insight, albeit with an early start, into the education of remote Australian children. Listening in on a live lesson with students, we'll be reminded how amazing this service is to the many local communities who rely on it. The **Royal Flying Doctor Service** is also dedicated to bringing health and emergency services to people in the bush. We'll visit the base where, during the Queen's visit in 1954 the service received the "Royal" prefix. The centre combines a museum, theatre and shop with interactive displays showing the tributes to the doctors, pilots and flight nurses who work for the RFDS. Explore Argent Street and purchase lunch – perhaps take a look at the Palace Hotel used for the Bar scenes in the movie 'Priscilla - Queen of the Desert'. This afternoon we honour the legendary 'Brushmen of the Bush' and visit the art galleries of **Jack Absalom and Pro Hart**. The light and vivid colours of the surrounding countryside appeal to artists and production crews from around the world, who have all helped in making Broken Hill famous.

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Day 9: (BLD) SILVERTON: Tuesday 26 May 2020

The virtual ghost town, **Silverton** offers us an intriguing insight into why this place has attracted film crews from all over Australia making movies such as Mad Max 2 and Priscilla Queen of the Desert with commercials being shot here every few months. Experience the town's past at the **Silverton Gaol and Historical Museum** and visit **Beyond 39 Dips**, a craft shop filled with glass and leather wares inspired by the light in the outback. Fun fact, there are 39 dips in the road between Broken Hill and Silverton. Not far is the **Mundi Mundi Lookout** overlooking the plains and the wide flat heart of the Australian outback. The view seemingly extends forever with the curvature of the earth visible on a clear day! We stop for **lunch** at the **Silverton Pub** where we will probably find the Silverton donkeys. Many visitors come to Silverton just to see the friendly, if not a little bit naughty, donkeys. Heading back to Broken Hill we drop by the '**Living Desert**' to view the Sculpture Symposium. With the skyline as a backdrop, thirteen sandstone sculptures sit on the hilltop with great views over Broken Hill in the distance.

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Day 10: (BLD) BROKEN HILL TO NYNGAN: Wednesday 27 May 2020

Commencing our return home, we travel to Wilcannia on the Darling River. **Wilcannia** became one of the major ports of the Murray Darling system in the late 1880s as the paddle steamer trade carried wool and other produce downriver to Goolwa, some 1110 river miles away! Eventually rail and road transport killed the river boats and Wilcannia lost its former glory. Today we'll enjoy **lunch** at the Wilcannia Golf Club. Continuing east, we'll drive through Cobar and onto **Nyngan** where we check into our overnight accommodation.

Country Manor Motor Inn, Nyngan | 02 6832 1447

Day 11: (BL) NYNGAN TO CANBERRA: Thursday 28 May 2020

On the home stretch, we travel onto Parkes for an early **lunch** at the **Parkes Services Club**. The final leg has us arriving home before it gets dark, ending a wonderful tour with many memories to share.

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 13 MARCH 2020

Tour reference for
Direct Deposits:
Surname P12100

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Reservations that are cancelled on or after **FRI 13 MAR 2020** and prior to **FRI 17 APR 2020** loss of 50% 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, 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.

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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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