

# pottertravel

## CHRISTMAS IN VICTORIA'S NORTH EAST

5 DAY TOUR

Departing: Thursday 23 December 2021

Returning: Monday 27 December 2021



### TOUR COST:

\$1450 per person Twin/Double Share

\$1780 Sole Occupancy

## PICK UP TIMES:

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

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

### **Day 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO WANGARATTA: Thursday 23 December 2021**

Be greeted with a smile from the **Potter Travel** team as we prepare for our special **Christmas tour** to Victoria's northeast. Bags loaded, we head to our lunch stop in **Holbrook**. After dining at the **Submarine Café** we take a stroll through the extensive range of pottery wares at the **National Museum of Australian Pottery**. Representing the struggle, courage and determination of the early potters, we'll be inspired by the collection of elegantly decorated water jugs, beautiful bread plates and colourful cheese covers. Driving into **Wangaratta** we check into our hotel, unpacking for the next four nights.

*Quality Hotel Wangaratta (ph 03 5721 8399)*

### **Day 2: (BD): BEECHWORTH: Friday 24 December 2021**

Driving across to the pretty town of **Beechworth** a **local expert** will join us on the coach. The magnificent gold rush buildings are listed by the National Trust and the beautiful gardens are a legacy of the gold rush days. We'll also visit one of the oldest country museums in Victoria, the **Burke Museum**. Named in honour of the famous explorer and former Beechworth Superintendent Robert O'Hara Burke, we'll be fascinated by the museum's collection, boasting the saddlebags used in the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition. Be escorted through a newer section opening up the world of Ned Kelly, where we'll lay our eyes on Kelly's original death mask. We have time to purchase lunch at the Beechworth Bakery then visit the **Beechworth Historic Courthouse**. If only the walls could talk! Hanging on every word from our guide, we'll be treated to fascinating court case stories including Australia's most famous bushranger, Ned Kelly who was committed to stand trial for murder. Our last stop is just off the main drag, under a towering old brick chimney. Here we'll find the historic site of **Billson's Brewery**, blessed with a natural spring providing refreshingly clear and cold water. The pure water has been used in all their beverages to this day. Specialising in turn of the century gourmet cordial mixers, we'll be reminded of **long forgotten flavours** made to time honoured recipes and methods. After a visit to the retail store for some tastings, we return to Wangaratta. Prior to dinner, the successful recording artist, **Lazy Harry** performs especially for us! Hum along, tap your toes and dance with your friends leading into Christmas Eve night.

### **Day 3: (BLS): MERRY CHRISTMAS: Saturday 25 December 2021**

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!** Silos are drawing crowds to small country towns in Victoria, so this morning we're off to do a little silo spotting of our own. Our first stop today is in Tungamah to see brolgas and a kookaburra. In Devenish, see Cam Scale's artwork representing the changing role of women in the military – a First World War nurse and a modern-day combat medic. At the Goorambat Silo we see a Barking Owl, which is critically endangered. Each silo has a different artist and a different story. We now head back to Wangaratta to ready ourselves for our **Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings!** Later this afternoon we can relax by the pool and tonight, a light supper will be offered for those who are feeling peckish.

#### Day 4: (BLD): COROWA & CHILTERN: Sunday 26 December 2021

Lying between the twin towns of Yarrawonga-Mulwala is the 'inland aquatic paradise' of Lake Mulwala. We'll witness the splendour of the region on the lake itself and board the **MV Paradise Queen** for an unforgettable vision of glistening waters dotted with ghostly red river gums. After **morning tea** we return to the dock and follow the Murray River by road to **Corowa**. Visiting the old Flour Mill we will find the **Corowa Whiskey and Chocolate Factory**. With the building repurposed and tastefully refurbished we'll be enticed with a delicious **lunch** in the rustic café. Ready to make your own 'Freckle'? Let's take a **tour** and be given the chance to utilise our culinary skills and make a chocolate treat to take with us, if we wish. Our last stop is the **Federation Museum**. In 1893 preliminary discussions began with a group of independent and uncooperative colonies to help form a unified Federation. As we wander through we can reflect on how these Australian pioneers shaped our nation. After a lovely day, we head back to Wangaratta to relax before dinner.

#### Day 5: (BL): WANGARATTA TO CANBERRA: Monday 27 December 2021

Making our way to the pleasant township of **Chiltern**, we stop to visit the historic **Dow's Pharmacy** still containing the original fittings and stock dating back a century. Another National Trust property is the **Lakeview House**, the childhood home of author Henry Handel Richardson (Ethel Florence Richardson). Our guide shares her early life in Chiltern which was immortalised within the pages of *The Fortunes of Richard Mahony*. **Lunch** is in Albury before our final leg back to Canberra. After a most wonderful time - a highlight of our year's touring calendar, we head for home.



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