

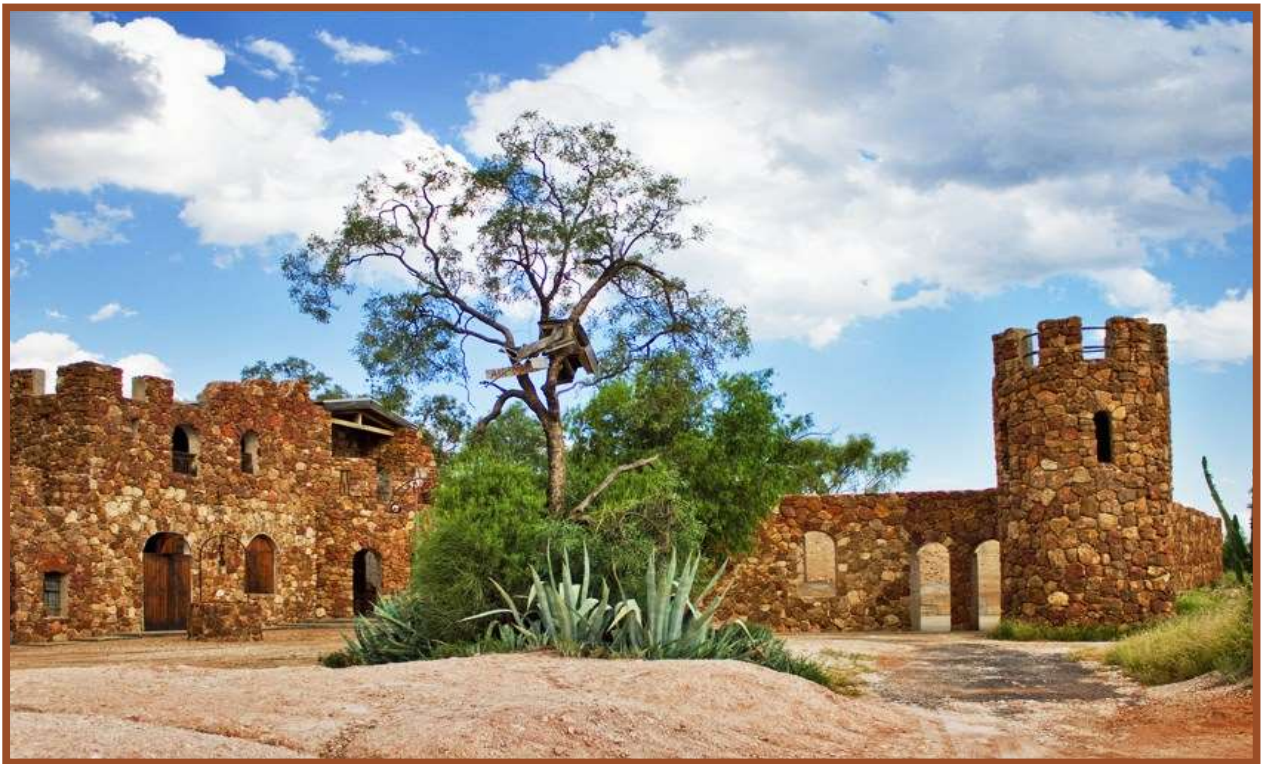
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LIGHTNING RIDGE & MOREE

8 DAY TOUR

DEPARTING: FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2024

RETURNING: FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2024



TOUR COST:

\$2950 per person Twin/Double Share

\$3495 Sole Occupancy

PICK UP TIMES:

7.10am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

7.30am Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange

7.50am West Row Bus Stop, City

8.00am Riggall Place, Lyneham

Day 1: (LD) CANBERRA TO DUBBO: FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2024

Welcome to our fantastic tour to Lightning Ridge and Moree. We meet our friendly travel crew and fellow travellers as we begin our tour. Our morning drive will see us to Molong, a quaint historic village tucked away in the rolling green hills of the Macquarie Ranges. As we arrive into town, we see the incredible Molong Water Tank Art created by artists Michael Crook and Ricky Ah-see. Here we visit The Yarn Market, located in a beautiful historic building. We will have a chance to view the famous tapestry created by the people of Molong and district, as their contribution to the bicentenary and listed to the narration of the history of Molong. The wonderful volunteers will welcome us here as we browse the various gifts members craft such as knitwear, quilts, embroidered tea towels and jewellery. This will also be our lunch location. We make our way through the towns of Cumnock and Yeoval to see some of the incredible 'Animals on Bikes' sculptures dotted along the road before arriving in Dubbo for our first night on tour together.

The Oxley Motel Dubbo | PH: 02 6882 4444

Day 2: (BLD) DUBBO TO LIGHTNING RIDGE: SATURDAY 17 AUGUST 2024

We spend the morning on the coach making our way through Coonamble and Walgett to our destination Lightning Ridge. Famous for magnificent opals, Lightning Ridge is home to the unique black opal, a rare and luminous gem mined from the surrounding plains. It is the only place in Australia (and one of the few places in the world) where the highly prized opal is found. After lunch, our first visit is 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! We finish our day at the Down to Earth Opals, who have been mining, designing and specialising in selling to the world one-of-a-kind jewellery pieces and top gem quality loose opals.

Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge | PH: 02 6829 0542

Day 3: (BLD) LIGHTNING RIDGE: SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024

We are joined by a local guide for a town tour which will include the Bore Baths and Coopers Cottage, an authentic miner's camp. We then make our way to Bevans Cactus Farm. Started in 1966 and now encompassing two passionate generations, Bevan's host the largest cactus nursery in the Southern Hemisphere with approximately 2,500 young and aged varieties. Grown from seeds collected from around the world, many plants are now over 100 years old, with the oldest being nearly 150 years of age. We enjoy lunch before heading to the Walk in Mine to experience the atmosphere of an underground mine. We also have a tour including a video presentation and explanation about opal mining. We then visit the showroom to view the opals that came from the mines in this area. After an interesting day we return to our motel.

Day 4: (BD) LIGHTNING RIDGE: MONDAY 19 AUGUST 2024

This morning we visit The Hidden Gem, a unique off grid art camp originally built by acclaimed local artist John Murray. Here we are hosted by award winning entertainers, Mel and Susie, known as Australian Champion Bush Poets and Yarnspinners. We enjoy a delicious morning tea and comic tour of this amazing property. At Chambers of the Black Hand, we'll be captivated by local artist, Ron Canlin, who has created the most amazing paintings and sculptures 11.2 metres underground. There is The Last Supper, the Egyptian Chamber including a replica of a tomb and the Chinese Terracotta Warriors. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years, and all the old shafts and rivers that were used by the old miners are still there.

Day 5: (BLD) LIGHTNING RIDGE TO MOREE: TUESDAY 20 AUGUST 2024

Saying goodbye to Lightning Ridge, we travel to Moree to enjoy lunch at the Moree Services Club before spending time relaxing at the Moree Artesian Aquatic Centre. Not only are the waters good for health problems but also for those seeking relief from the normal aches and pains. In each hot pool there are spray massage outlets as well as under water spa jets. The Moree Artesian Bore has a natural temperature of 41 degrees Celsius. From here we check into our motel feeling revitalized and ready for dinner.

Artesian Spa Motor Inn, Moree | PH: 02 6829 0542

Day 6: (BD) MOREE: WEDNESDAY 21 AUGUST 2024

This morning we meet our local guide who will introduce us to their quaint country town including the impressive historical buildings and rich history of the town. We then uncover two of the region's agricultural successes, Pecan and Cotton. At the Pecan Farm we hear how one man's dream of creating the first commercial pecan operation came into fruition and taste for yourself why this exotic nut is so sought after. After purchasing lunch in town, we are guided around one of the many cotton farms where the cotton is picked and packed ready for transporting to the Cotton Gin.

Day 7: (BLD) MOREE TO MAITLAND: THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2024

Departing Moree, we head into the Upper Hunter region where lunch is served at Hunter Belle Cheese. There are viewing windows into cheese making rooms allowing us to understand how cheese is made. Sit back, relax and let your tastebuds dance with flavours of the region. We continue to Maitland for our overnight stay.

Old Maitland Inn | PH: 02 4932 5255

Day 8: (BL) HOMEWARD BOUND: FRIDAY 23 AUGUST 2024

With our bags packed full of wonderful memories we make our way home today. Bypassing Sydney, we stop in Mittagong for lunch before continuing onto Canberra, arriving home mid-afternoon from an incredible tour.



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FINAL PAYMENT: FRIDAY 14 JUNE 2024.

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