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GRIFFITH

SPRING FESTIVAL

6 DAY TOUR

Departing: Monday 21 October 2024
Returning: Saturday 26 October 2024



TOUR COST:

\$2195 per person Twin/Double Share
\$2625 Sole Occupancy

PICK UP TIMES:

8.00am Crawford Street, Queanbeyan

8.20am Platform 6, Woden Bus Interchange

8.40am West Row Bus Stop, City

8.50am Riggall Place Lyneham

Join us and explore the beauty of the Riverina region. Celebrate heritage and historic experiences, highlighted by fabulous gardens and crazy citrus sculptures at the annual Griffith Spring Festival. This tour we will be travelling with a friendly group from Dapto Combined Probus Club.

DAY 1: (LD): CANBERRA TO LEETON: Monday 21 October 2024

Travelling via Yass to Temora we drop into the **Temora Rural Museum** for a visit and **lunch**. Make time to amble through the complex featuring a range of working agricultural machinery and a number of reconstructed or replicated buildings, including a slab cottage that was Sir Donald Bradman's first home. Later we pass through Ardlethan, a town that claims to be the home of the Australian Kelpie! Journeying onwards, we arrive in the historic town of **Leeton**, our base for the next 5 nights.

Leeton Heritage Motor Inn | (02) 6953-4100

DAY 2: (BLD): GRIFFITH: Tuesday 22 October 2024

We spend the day in **Griffith** to immerse ourselves in the **Spring Festival** activities. On arrival a **local specialist** joins us on the coach to take us on a guided tour of Griffith. We'll get to know the town whose local produce has made it synonymous as the Riverina's Food Bowl. Our next stop is **Catania Fruit Salad Farm**. The family owned business, produces a variety of fruits and nuts which we can sample on our tour. During our visit we'll learn about the life and times of the pioneers, see how the irrigation system delivers water to the farms and how crops are grown and harvested. This is also our lunch location. Our afternoon includes a visit to a wonderful garden called **Rosewood Park**. We'll be immediately inspired by its beauty. Surrounded by vineyards and beautiful orange trees, this garden truly captures the magic of the festival. Hedged by a wall of roses, flowering trees and a variety of shrubs, this garden has so much to explore. Shade loving plants provide cool areas to stop and a gazebo nestled on a large pond filled with water lilies and irises is a welcomed respite after a meander through the garden. Our final stop is for a stroll through the amazing **citrus sculpture** display. A highlight of the festival, more than 70 wacky, larger than life sculptures line the main street of Griffith. Created using more than 100,000 oranges and 100,000 rubber bands, a dedicated project manager and an army of volunteers, these sculptures are impressive and unique to Australia. Created using more than 100,000 oranges and 100,000 rubber bands, a dedicated project manager and an army of volunteers, these sculptures are most impressive and unique to Australia.



DAY 3: (BLD): ANIMALS & CROPS: Wednesday 23 October 2024

This morning we head directly to **Altina Wildlife Park** to enjoy a **safari style tour**. The park is home to a range of exotic animals, some of whom we may not have heard of before. Our guided tour is conducted in style, making our way around the park travelling on horse drawn or motorised carts. Next, we visit **Whitton Malt House**, an impressive venue showcasing seasonal produce from the area with their lunch menus. The breathtaking floor to ceiling views across Lake Hulong and eucalyptus forest makes it a delightful spot to explore. This afternoon we head to **Southern Cotton**, an award-winning cotton gin. We take an informative and engaging tour designed to educate us on the local cotton industry, as well as the processes. From when the bales are brought in, cleaned and packed ready to ship out, Southern Cotton's specifically built observation walkways allow us to witness these stages firsthand in a safe environment. Our day complete, we return to Leeton.

DAY 4: (BLD): LOCAL SIGHTSEEING: Thursday 24 October 2024

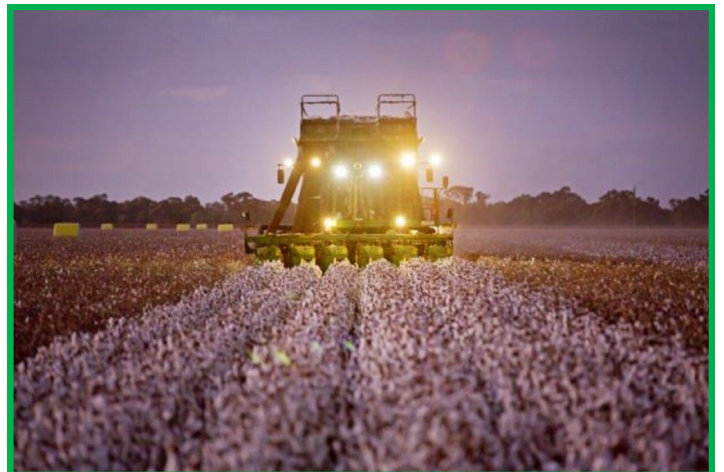
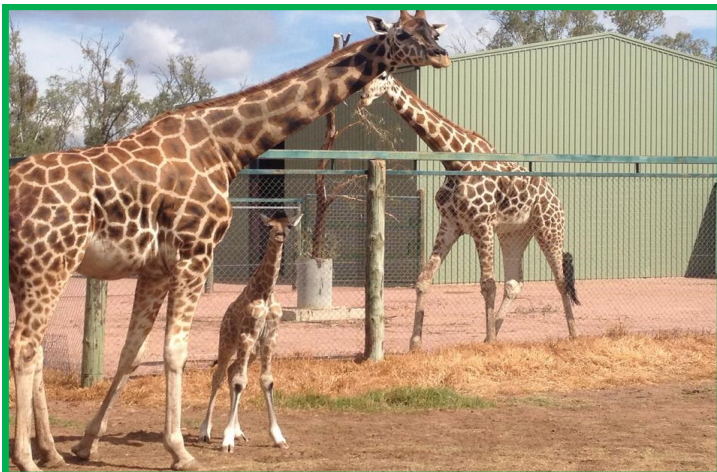
Arriving at the **Visitors Information Centre** this morning, we get to know Leeton a bit better. With a **local guide** taking us on a tour of the town, we'll hear the stories behind the heritage buildings such as the Roxy Theatre and why the surrounding area is often referred to as the gateway to the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. Back at the centre, we have the opportunity to sample the local produce on the **Taste of Leeton tour**. Next is a visit to a farm and local identity, Libby Bailey of **Rocking Horse Restorations**. During a drought Libby took up rocking horse restoration to ward off depression when all on the farm had dried up. A true example of country ingenuity! Libby will provide us with a **tour** of her work followed by a lovely light **lunch**. This afternoon we head to **Narrandera** to experience the compelling **Fisheries Centre** educating us to the native and non-native fish species inhabiting the waters of the Murray, Murrumbidgee, Lachlan and Darling River systems. Before leaving town, enjoy the tranquillity of the **Memorial Gardens**. Meander through the pretty gardens before getting your camera ready to capture the Royal Doulton **Hankinson Fountain**. There are only two of these fountains known to be in existence. We return to our accommodation for dinner.

DAY 5: (BLD): GRIFFITH: Friday 25 October 2024

We return to **Griffith** and explore more of the festival, commencing with a garden visit. The **Piccolo Family Farm** is a labour of love and a celebration of what this region offers. Located just outside of Griffith the property features a citrus orchard, a small vineyard, a cellar door, market gardens and established manicured gardens – all of which we will tour and enjoy morning tea. Late morning, we visit **Pioneer Park Museum**. Step back in time as we explore some 40 historic buildings showing development of Griffith from the early 1900s. Enjoying a train ride through the park before a **light lunch**. We complete the day with a wine tasting at the famous **De Bortoli Winery**. It was here in the Riverina region where the story began. Vittorio De Bortoli arrived in the region after migrating to Australia with no more than a few coins in his pocket. It is now home to the world-famous dessert wine, Noble One Botrytis Semillon, which is one of the most successful and internationally award-winning wines ever produced in Australia. After our wonderful day, we return to Leeton for our final night on tour.

DAY 6: (BL): LEETON TO CANBERRA: Saturday 26 October 2024

Departing Leeton and our hosts, we head for Cootamundra for a morning refreshment. Travelling through Jugiong we arrive into the heart of fine sheep grazing country, at the town of **Yass**. We'll enjoy **lunch** in this charming and vibrant township then continue into Canberra mid afternoon to complete our wonderful 6 day tour.



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