

7 Days

The

# Darling River Run



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Departs: **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August '22**

Price: **\$2128 pp, based on Twin Share.**  
**Single Supplement: \$550**

## TOUR INCLUDES:

- \* Free passenger pickup & return (Please refer to the Booking Conditions) \* No hidden extras \* All Breakfasts
- \* Name Badge \* GST Inclusive \* Luxury 5 Star Coach Travel \* Motel/Outback Station Accommodation \* Dinners Included
- \* Morning & Afternoon teas (where time & weather permits) \* All admission fees, sightseeing tours & cruises per itinerary
- \* Experienced crew with their extensive experience and knowledge.

## DAY 1 – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August '22

**DUBBO**

**(L,D)**

Welcome aboard our exciting '**All the Rivers Run**' tour. Today we travel to Jerilderie for our morning tea break. We continue on through Narrandera to West Wyalong for lunch. Our journey continues north through **Forbes** and **Parkes** where we see the Dish, then onto Peak Hill for our afternoon tea stop. From here it is a short drive to **Dubbo** where we settle in for our **Overnight Stay** at the **Quality Inn Dubbo International**.

## DAY 2 – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August

**DUBBO – WALGETT**

**(B,D)**

This morning we enjoy a **Guided Tour** of Dubbo's oldest building **Dundullimal Homestead**, built in the 1840's. We join the Newell Highway and travel North to **Gilgandra** where we have time for lunch and a chance to explore the shops. We travel the short distance to **Walgett**, affectionately known as "the gate", the gateway to the Opal Fields and the Outback. The name Walgett comes from an Aboriginal word meaning '*hollow in the ground where waters meet*' which is an appropriate name for the town that stands at the junction of the **Barwon** and **Namoi Rivers**. We visit the **Walgett Historical Society** and tour the **Masonic Lodge**. We settle in for our **Overnight Stay** at the **Coolabah**.

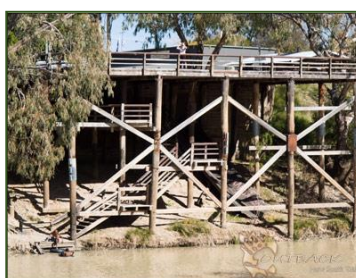
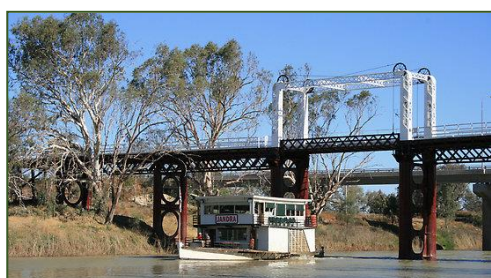


## DAY 3 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August

**WALGETT - BOURKE**

**(B,L,D)**

A leisurely start today as we see the well preserved coolabah and box **Scar Trees** on the floodplains, 5km west of Walgett. '*Scar trees*' have had their bark removed by indigenous Australians for the creation of canoes, shelters, shields etc. Our journey continues west to **Brewarrina**, where we experience a **guided tour** of the **National Heritage Listed Fish Traps** or "**Ngunnhu**". The traps are an elaborate network of rock weirs and pools that stretch for half a kilometre along the Barwon River bed, we enjoy learning of aboriginal culture and visit the **Museum** before departing for **Bourke**. In the early 1860's Bourke was established as a mercantile centre and port to serve sheep runs along the upper darling. Bourke is located where the **Kidman Way** meets the **Darling River**, a town on the edge of the wilderness, firmly etched in Australian folklore, with great historical, cultural and geographic significance. Between Brewarrina and Bourke is where the river changes its name from the Barwon River to the Darling. This afternoon we visit the **Back O Bourke Exhibition** before enjoying a relaxing cruise on the paddle boat **PV Jandra**. We settle into the **Riverside Motel** for our **Overnight Stay**.



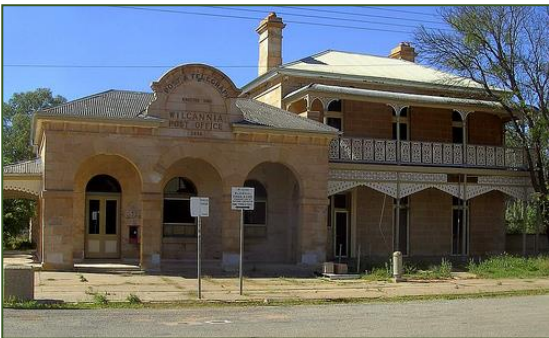
**DAY 4 – Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August** **BOURKE – TRILBY STATION** **(B,D)**

Today we are joined by a local guide, for the “**Country Tour**”. The tour includes an Orange Grove, Cotton and Gin Farm, and much more. We return to Bourke and see **Fred Hollows** grave at the **Bourke Cemetery**. We farewell Bourke and follow the “**Darling River Run**” and travel to the quiet and sleepy settlement of **Louth**. The town was established by Tom Matthews who was born in County Louth, Ireland who sought his fortune on the Victorian Goldfields in 1856, but soon found a better living as a tradesman on outback properties before establishing a hotel to service the river trade and the Cobb & Co coaches that used it as a stopover. We visit the Hotel for a refreshment or two (*at own expense*), now called **Shindy’s Inn** where outback hospitality is still alive. Our journey continues onto “**Trilby Station**” an outback farm, where we are greeted by our Host for our **Overnight Stay**. Before Dinner our Host, Liz will take you on a tour and talk on the history of the Station. Trilby Station has a great history, birds, plants, wildlife and of course the famous outback hospitality. (*Facilities may be less elaborate but the hospitality is first class*)



**DAY 5 – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August** **TRILBY STATION - MENINDEE** **(BLD)**

After a hearty breakfast, we farewell our host and travel to **Wilcannia**. Wilcannia is on the very edge of the New South Wales desert. A town steeped in history which includes the National Trust listed **Old Centre-Lift Bridge** and the beautiful buildings constructed from local sandstone. The town’s name is thought to be an Aboriginal word for ‘a gap in a bank through which flood waters flow’. After we’ve explored the history of the town we travel to **Menindee**. This small settlement, south-east of Broken Hill, is surrounded by flat, dry plains but steeped in legend and history for Indigenous and European culture. From the words of Banjo Paterson’s immortal poem “The Man from Snowy River”..... “There was Harrison, who made a pile when Pardon won the cup.....” The ‘Cup’ actually refers to the Presidents Cup at Menindee and not the Melbourne Cup as many people assume. Menindee is an area where both the scenic splendour and the remarkable people who live there are constant reminders of the uniqueness of the Australian Outback. A highlight to the area is watching the sun set over the Menindee Lakes. The dead river gums add a stark, surreal edge to the landscape as the setting sun turns the trees into silhouettes. We settle in for our **Overnight Stay** at the **Burke & Wills Motel**.



**DAY 6 – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August** **MENINDEE – WENTWORTH** **(B,D)**

We enjoy a relaxing start to the day as we explore **Kinchega National Park** with a local guide. The National Park was once part of the vast 800,000 hectare Kinchega Station. During our tour we’ll see Aboriginal cultural sites as well as the historic buildings from Australia’s iconic shearing era. The Darling River forms a chain of natural lakes which creates a sensational wetland habitat for huge flocks of birds. We travel to **Pooncarie** for lunch then onto **Wentworth** stopping at the famous **Perry sand hills**. We settle into the **Wentworth Grande Resort** for our overnight stay.

**DAY 7 – Monday 7<sup>th</sup>** **WENTWORTH - HOME** **(B,L)**

This morning we see where the Darling River runs into the Murray River, a fitting ending to our historic tour of the outback’s most famous waterway and its towns. Our journey home continues along the Murray River to **Swan Hill** for our Lunch Break and **Echuca** for Afternoon Tea before farewelling our new found friends at the end of a most enjoyable tour of “**The Darling River Run**”.



## BOOKING CONDITIONS

**A deposit of \$150.00 per person** is required on booking to confirm your reservation.  
**Balance is due by 28<sup>th</sup> June '22.** Full payment is required if booking after the above date.  
**Name Badges:-** Will have your **Preferred** First Name  
**Please Advise:-** Your Telephone Number, Address, Phone Number & any Special Meal or Room Requirements.

**Accommodation Preferred:-** Twin / Double / Single / Triple (if available)/ Will Share – Passengers who are willing to share with other passengers (**if we are unable to find someone to share then Single Supplement will apply**). \*Please Note: For all 'Will Share' Passengers we will endeavour to find another single traveller of the same gender with whom you can share a room. Will Share option is not available after the balance date.

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**SEAT CHANGES:** A seat rotation system everyday ensures that all passengers have the opportunity to enjoy similar seating arrangements.

**LUGGAGE:** One medium suitcase per person, not exceeding 20kg (42lbs) and one carry bag for inside the coach. Over limit luggage cannot be carried.

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