

## Outback NSW Tours

### 2, 3 or 4 Days Sydney to Outback NSW Safari Tours



Cuddly Koalas



Warrumbungles National Park



Underground Opal Mine

Sydney to Outback New South Wales safari tours via Blue Mountains, Mudgee wines, Wollomli National Park, Warrumbungle Mountains, Lightning Ridge opals, hot springs, Mt Kaputar, Hunter Valley

- Wildlife in the wild. See koala, emus, kangaroos, reptiles, wallabies, stunning native birds and much more
- Buy cheap opal at traders prices from the source at Lightning Ridge
- Meet real Australian's and local Aboriginal people in communities
- Other tour options include Broken Hill, Lake Mungo NP, Gundabooka National Park, Bourke



### 2 Day Sydney to Outback NSW Tour - 2 or more options

#### Option 1 – Lightning Ridge Outback NSW

Elements of the 3 day tour are available but driving distance limits days activities. This option is offered primarily to visit Lightning Ridge, but your preferences can be catered for - please call or email to discuss your objectives.

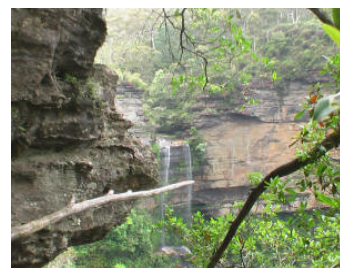
#### Option 2 – Blue Mountains, Country NSW and Hunter Valley



Wild Kangaroos



3 Sister Blue Mountains Echo Point



Rainforest walk- Blue Mtns

**Day 1** – Pick up from your Sydney accommodation at 730 am and enjoy the fresh early light and air of the spectacular **Blue Mountains**. Visit **Katoomba, Leura, Echo Point, Three Sisters, Jamieson Valley** (Grand Canyon) and Cliff Drive over **Megalong Valley** before a morning tea at **Govett's Leap** near Blackheath, overlooking the **Grosse Valley** and spectacular Blue Gum Forest in the Blue Mountains. Option for descent into the Jamieson Valley via scenic railway and return by cable car – a great ride !

Beyond Govetts Leap we descent the 1500 metres of the **Great Dividing Range** to Lithgow and from Pearson's Lookout view the **Blue Mountains** region and **Wollomli National Park** in this **World Heritage** area. Enjoy a tasty lunch at a Winery in Mudgee and wine tasting. Often we see wild kangaroos as we travel these areas. Travel to the old **gold mining town**, and historic Gulgong, the town that was on the \$10 note. Overnight locally in a motel (twin /triple share or B&B - upgrades available) Choose your accommodation options when booking. Dine in town at the numerous options available (dinner own expense).

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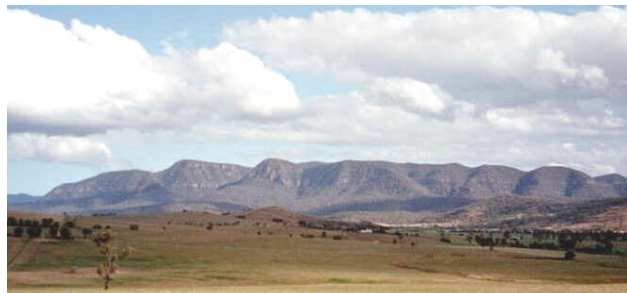
### 2 day NSW tours continued

**Day 2:** Depart for the awesome drive through the **Goulburn River National Park** and spectacular mountain passes to the village of **Sandy Hollow** (great arts and coffee stop) in the Hunter Valley. Travel through small rural town on the **Golden Highway**, via some of Australia's most prestigious thoroughbred **horse studs**, and cattle country. We see the vast coal mines of the **Hunter Valley** before our stop at some **local wineries** for wine tasting a full range of wines from various vineyards, and a delicious lunch. If willing, we can also visit the **Hunter Valley Chocolate Company**, a Cheese factory for cheese tasting and a fudge factory ... mmm. Wildlife are waiting for us at a nearby wildlife park (closed Wednesdays). Here we can take a close up look and see most of the famous Ozzie wild ones including koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, dingoes, wombats, echidnas and a great array of native birds. Sydney is a couple of hours away and we cross the mighty **Hawkesbury River** before travel through Sydney's leafy northern suburbs to arrive your hotel approx 6pm.

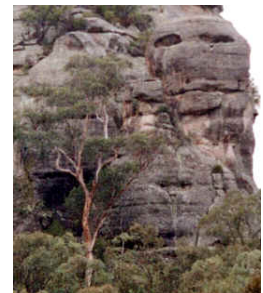
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Hunter Valley Vineyards



Wollom National Park from Hunter Valley



Hunter Cliffs

**Other 2 day tour** can include Canberra, Snowy Mountains, South Coast, North Coast, Port Stephens & Barrington Tops.

### 3 Day Sydney to Outback NSW Tour - itinerary

**Day 1** - Depart your Sydney hotel or accommodation at 730 am and enjoy the fresh early light and air of the spectacular Blue Mountains. Visit Katoomba, Leura, Echo Point, Three Sisters, Jamieson Valley (Grand Canyon) and Cliff Drive over Megalong Valley before a morning tea at Govett's Leap near Blackheath, overlooking the Grosse Valley and spectacular Blue Gum Forest in the Blue Mountains.

Descent the 1500 metres of the Great Dividing Range and from Pearson's Lookout view the Blue Mountains region and Wollom National Park in this World Heritage area. Enjoy a tasty lunch at a Winery in Mudgee and enjoy wine tasting. Travel on through old gold mining towns, and historic Gulgong - the town on the \$10 note. See wild kangaroos and emus as we travel through Warrumbungle National Park. Dine at own expense in town (numerous options) and consider a visit to the Sky Watch Observatory to view the night sky through their giant telescope. This area experiences some of the clearest skies in the world, hence the nearby Siding Springs Observatory. Enjoy motel style accommodation this evening.

**Day 2:** After a healthy breakfast travel through the Pilliga Scrub region on Backcountry dirt roads. Arrive Lightning Ridge, home to Australia's beautiful black opal. Visit an underground mine and see how the mining community lives. Buy your opals direct from the Opal Cutters and Wholesalers at huge discounts to City prices. Enjoy a swim in the healing waters of the hot Artesian spring baths. Overnight Lightning Ridge motel.

**Day 3:** Depart Lightning Ridge for the return journey to Sydney via huge sheep stations and some of the largest fields of wheat and cotton in the world. Witness the majestic 1520 m high Mt Kaputar dominating this ancient volcanic landscape. Visit Mt Kaputar foothills and see an ancient and massive organ pipe lava flow (time permitting). Lunch in a "Country Pub". Travel on through the Liverpool Ranges, and Scone, the heart of horse breeding country in Australia. Time permitting enjoy some wine tasting in the Hunter Valley before arrival in Sydney approximately 7:00 pm

#### Inclusions -

- Wine tastings
- Wild wildlife!!
- Discount opal buying
- Aboriginal art and real Aussie county folk
- National Parks entry fees.
- Visit to Aboriginal Art communities for "direct from artist" purchases.
- Proportion of tour price supports Outback Kids Fund & [Nature Care projects](#).

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### 3 Day Sydney to Outback NSW Tour

**3 day tour Includes** 2 nights accommodation (based on twin share), morning and afternoon teas, 3 lunches, 2 breakfasts. All fees, professional guide, luxury 4WD transport (Toyota Landcruiser or similar). Two dinners at own expense in local restaurant of your choice. Cost including GST, for twin share AUD \$1495. Single supplement add \$135. Group of 3 sharing, same as twin share rate.

Departs on demand. Minimum 2 people.



Hunter Valley Vineyards



Nelson Bay & Port Stephens beaches



Dolphins Nelson Bay

### 4 Day Sydney to Outback NSW Tour

Add an extra night to your 3 day tour with a night in the Hunter Valley to relax & enjoy the history and wines or overnight in Port Stephens on Nelson Bay near Newcastle (with optional swim / surf or whale or dolphin watch cruise)  
Cost for 4 day tour \$1895 twin share. Single supplement add \$195. Group of 3 sharing, same as twin share rate.

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**2 Day Sydney to Blue Mountains & Hunter Valley via Mudgee & Gold Country** ...includes 1 night motel accommodation, morning and afternoon teas, 2 lunches, 1 breakfasts. All fees, professional guide, 4WD transport. \$595 includes GST (min. 2)

**3 Day Sydney to Outback NSW Tour** includes ... 2 nights accommodation, morning and afternoon teas, 3 lunches, 2 breakfasts. All fees, professional guide, 4WD transport – AUD \$1495 includes GST

**4 Day Sydney to Outback NSW Tour** includes 3 nights accommodation plus as above with a night in the Hunter Valley to relax & enjoy the history and wines or overnight in Port Stephens on Nelson Bay near Newcastle (with optional swim / surf or whale or dolphin watch cruise). Cost for 4 day tour \$1895 twin share. Single supplement add \$195. Group of 3 sharing, same as twin share rate.

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## Sydney - Melbourne - Sydney Outback Tours

One way (3 day tour) or return (coastal route options too) **Sydney to Melbourne tour** or reverse tours. Visit Canberra, Snowy Mountains, Murray River and rich **outback NSW** sheep growing & agricultural areas. Suggested tour itinerary follows.



Australian National Museum - Sydney - Melbourne Tour



Canberra Sydney Melbourne Tour

### Day 1 - Sydney to Canberra

Take the Hume Highway south passing via the rich wool producing area of **Goulburn** and mysterious and disappearing **Lake George**, now with a very large working wind farm on the horizon. We arrive in the national capital, [Canberra](#). This well-planned city was established in 1911 to create a capital for the newly federated country of Australia. Hidden beneath Canberra's leafy surrounds is a thriving modern city with national attractions that hold and share the treasures of the nation. At the [National Gallery of Australia](#) you can experience Australia through the eyes of our artists or visit the [National Museum of Australia](#) for a social history museum that explores the land, nation and people of Australia. The focus is on Indigenous histories and cultures, histories of European settlement and Australia's interaction with the environment.

Before leaving the [Canberra](#) region consider visiting a few vineyards. The region's cool climate wines are now receiving recognition worldwide. There are 140 vineyards with more than 35 cellar doors in peaceful rural countryside around [Canberra](#) and most are within 30 minutes of the city centre.



Thredbo Village Snowy Mountains Sydney Melbourne Tour

### Day 2 - Canberra to Echuca via Thredbo & Snowy Mountains

Travel the **Monaro Highway** to Cooma, home of the Snowy Mountains Scheme that united the nation and redirected waters to the arid outback irrigation areas of the Murray & Murrumbidgee Rivers. Visit Australia's premier ski resort, Thredbo, and travel through "Man from Snowy River" highlands country via **Dead Horse Gap & The Alpine Way**. We follow the Murray River from Albury – Wodonga. European history in the area goes back over 180 years, when explorers Hume and Hovell crossed the Murray River in 1824. Gold fever, paddle steamers and railways all fuelled the development of [Albury-Wodonga](#) into a vital river port and customs point. Stroll through Albury's QEII Square visiting the Albury Regional Art Gallery to see works by well-known 20th century Australian artists or the Albury Regional Museum.

We travel west following the Murray River through the awesome and ancient outback **Barmah Forest** & take a little time to explore this iconic area. Upon arrival in [Echuca-Moama](#), experience the first steaming of the paddle steamers and the fascinating wharf area.

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## Day 3 - Echuca to Melbourne

From Echuca, consider an optional paddle steamer cruise on the Murray River, which is the state border and an important past trade route. Arrive in the centre of [Bendigo](#) at the elaborate Alexandra Fountain. Discover the city's rich past with a day visiting attractions. Discover gold history at [Central Deborah Gold Mine](#) or wander through the historic streets admiring boom time architecture. More gold was found in [Bendigo](#) between 1850 and 1900 than anywhere else in the world. Today, art, culture, food, wine and heritage attractions are the new riches of [Bendigo](#). The highway to [Melbourne](#) leads us past idyllic Mount Macedon and through Victoria's apple region Harcourt Valley. Arrive in Melbourne early evening.

**Tour Cost** for 3 day 2 night tour \$1495 twin share. Single supplement add \$195. Group of 3 sharing, same as twin share rate.

Includes experienced Driver/Guide, 4WD transport, 2 nights motel accommodation, spectacular sightseeing

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## Lightning Ridge Attractions

### Artesian Bore Baths

A trip to the Ridge would not be complete without a visit to the FREE Artesian Bore Baths. At the end of a hard day fossicking and exploring, there is nothing quite as therapeutic as a long soak in the naturally heated thermal baths. Allow the water to soothe your aches while you gaze at the starry night sky and enjoy the serenity. Bliss!

### Astronomer's Monument

Take the time to browse this incredible feat of engineering and truly experience the eccentric mind of one of the Ridge's late characters. The walls of this 'concrete folly' have been carefully and lovingly inscribed and you can journey through the mind of its creator and wonder...

Not open to the public - but stop and have a look and read about the builder on the front gate. (On the red car door tour).

### Black Queen

The Black Queen is true testament to the passion, dedication and hardship of the people of Lightning Ridge and is a living example of outback ingenuity. A series of three hand built sandstone cottages, the Black Queen is a stunning example of recycling at its best and 34 coloured bottle walls highlight the exquisite antique lamp display inside.

Opening Hours: (Easter-October) 9am - 5pm

Cost: Adults \$5 and Family \$12

Features: World Class Antique Lamp Display, Hand Built Sandstone Miner's Cottages with Glass Bottle Feature Walls

### Bird of Paradise Art Gallery

Local artist, Paul Bird, established the Bird of Paradise Art Gallery in 1977. Paul enjoys the challenge of painting the unique Lightning Ridge landscape, reflecting the beautiful colours of opal. Built by Paul, his large gallery/studio is situated on the deep 3-mile opal field, where visitors cannot only view paintings, but also fossick for opal on the nearby diggings.

Opening Hours: 9am - 5pm daily

Features: Artworks, mining information, fossicking

Location: Deep 3-mile opal field 3kms from P.O.

### Everything Opal

Located conveniently in the main street, this shop has something for everyone.

Opening Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon- Fri) 9am - 1pm (Saturday)

Features: Fine Jewellery, Opal Inlay, Unset Opals, sterling silver jewellery, body jewellery, souvenirs, diamond and gemstone jewellery, gold and silver chains and gifts

Location: 39 Morilla Street, Lightning Ridge

### Fossicking Heap

Whether you are old hat or it is your first time - there is nothing more exciting than that first bit of colour appearing beneath your fingertips as you scratch through the seemingly endless piles of white opal dirt. Good Luck!

Opening Hours: Daylight to Dusk

Features: The lure of the big find!

Location: Lightning Ridge Visitor Information Centre

### John Murray's Art Gallery

You will be intrigued at the talent of local John Murray. His unique sense of humour and outback palette combines beautifully into some stunning and colourful masterpieces.

Opening Hours: 9am - 5pm (Mon-Fri) 9am - 1pm (Sat-Sun)

Features: Original Artwork by John Murray  
Location: Opal Street, Lightning Ridge

### **Kangaroo Hill**

A life of collection has led to this quirky Lightning ridge icon. A fabulous display of rocks, minerals, shells, bottles and antiques will have you captivated for hours as will the FREE fossicking heap outside.

Opening Hours: 9.30am - 5pm except Sundays (Closed Christmas Day)

Cost: \$4 adults 50c children (group prices available)

Features: 1 hour FREE fossicking, Rocks and Mineral Display, Shells, Bottles and Antique Display, Souvenirs for Sale

Location: top of Opal Street, Lightning Ridge

### **Walk in Mine**

If you want an authentic underground experience, then the Walk in Mine is just the place. Here you can feel first hand what it's like to go below the earth and dig for opal. Originally a working mine, the Walk in Mine is a myriad of shafts and ballrooms that have been restored so visitors can glimpse the life of an opal miner.

Opening Hours: 9am - 5pm seven days

Cost: starts from \$5 adults \$3 children (group packages available)

Features: Underground mining, Opal and Mining Information Talk video and opal and jewellery showroom

Location: Bald Hill Road, Lightning Ridge

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