

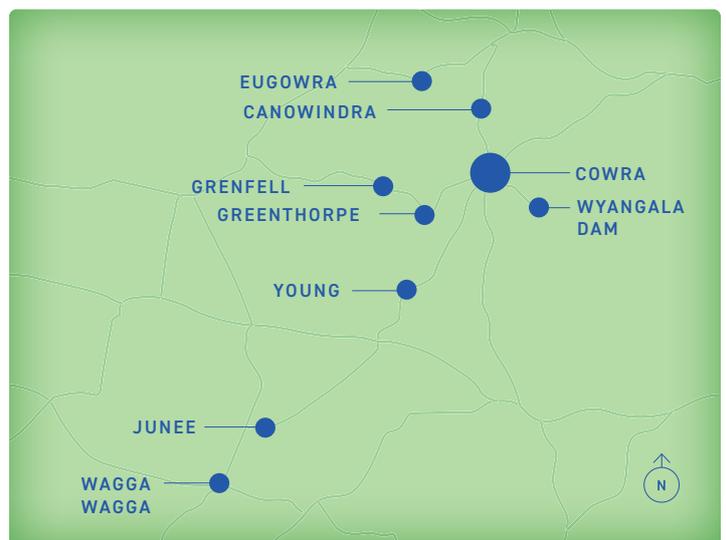
Cowra Great Escape 7 Day Guided Tour



SEPTEMBER 2023
7 DAY PACKAGE
\$2,399
TWIN SHARE*

Experience Cowra

Highlights include: Wagga Wagga, Young, Lambing Flat Chinese Gardens, Cowra, Cowra guide, Cowra Japanese Gardens, POW Camp Sites, Wyangala Dam, Eugowra Murals, Canowindra, Age of Fishes Museum, Montrose House, Greenthorpe, landra Castle & Homestead, Grenfell Guide, Grenfell Museum, Grenfell Art Gallery, Junee, Monte Cristo Homestead and Wagga Wagga Botanical Gardens.



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DAY ONE MONDAY 11 SEPT

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Homeports / Wagga Wagga

We depart your hometown and travel to join your luxury Christians Bus Co coach. Our travel this morning is along the Princes Highway and Western Ring Road to join the Hume Highway. We will stop for morning tea and lunch (own expense) along the way. Mid afternoon we arrive in Wagga Wagga, situated on the Murrumbidgee River. Wagga Wagga is NSW's largest inland city and is considered the capital of the Riverina area of NSW. There will be time to freshen up before dinner in the restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

Mecure Wagga Wagga, 1 Morgan St,
Wagga Wagga, Ph: 02 6939 7200

DAY TWO TUESDAY 12 SEPT

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Wagga Wagga / Young / Cowra

This morning our journey continues as we make our way to Young, we stop at the Lambing Flat Chinese Gardens to stretch our legs. After crossing the bridge to the garden and passing the marble lion sculptures guarding the garden entrance, make your way to the garden viewing platform overlooking the garden and the Pool of Tranquillity.

We then visit the Lambing Flat Folk Museum, divided into several themed rooms the Museum is one of the main tourist attractions for the Hilltops region and houses a valuable collection, including objects relating to the early days of Lambing Flat and Burrangong. Young has always been a multicultural community, whether people came seeking their fortune from gold mining, were convicts or free settlers. or established the rich diversity of agricultural pursuits, they have left us with a wonderful history.

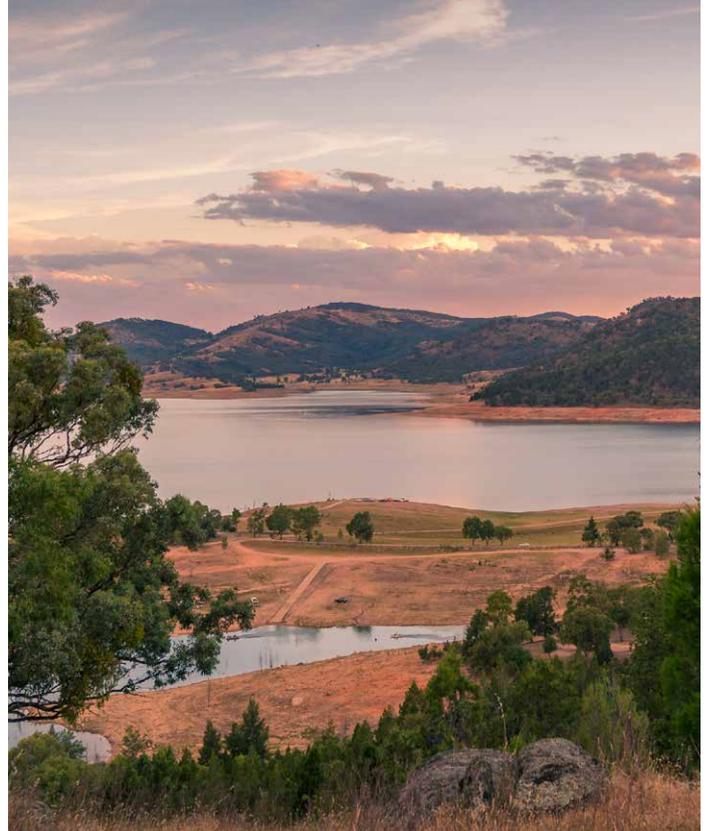
Following lunch in Young (BYO) our travel continues to Cowra, our home for the next four nights.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

Cowra Services Club Motel, 105-111 Brisbane Street,
Cowra, Ph: 02 6341 1999



Wyangala Dam



DAY THREE WEDNESDAY 13 SEPT

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Cowra / Wyangala Dam

We start our day in Cowra at the Cowra Visitor Information Centre, home to 'Claire' the local girl who tells her personal account of the Cowra Breakout in 1944 through a fascinating hologram presentation.

We are then joined by a local guide for a highlight's town tour of Cowra, who as we drive will tell us about this fascinating town including the Australian and Japanese War Cemetery and POW Camp Sites. Our next stop is the Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre, the 5ha garden was established to recognize and develop the historic and ongoing relationship between the people of Australia and Japan, a relationship that has its origins in the Prisoner of War Camp that housed the Japanese P.O.W.'s during World War II and the decision in 1960 by the Japanese Government to bring all their war dead from other parts of Australia to be re-buried at Cowra. There will be time to purchase lunch whilst taking advantage of the natural setting and magnificent views of the garden.

This afternoon we take the scenic drive to Elliott's Lookout offering panoramic views of Wyangala Dam, when at capacity the dam is 2.5 times the size of Sydney Harbour.

We make our way back to Cowra with time to relax and freshen up for dinner in the restaurant.

OVERNIGHT

Cowra Services Club Motel



landra Castle

DAY FIVE FRIDAY 15 SEPT



Greenthorpe / Grenfell

Following breakfast, we make our way to Greenthorpe stopping at landra Castle & Mt Oriel Homestead, a unique part of Australia's heritage. The existing homestead was built over, and incorporates, the original single-storey brick building on the site. This was the home of George Henry Greene, local landowner, grazier, and politician, after whom nearby Greenethorpe is named.

Following our tour and morning tea we continue to Grenfell, birthplace of Henry Lawson, we stop by the Silo Art Mural representing the contemporary farming industry and landscape of the Weddin Shire. At the Grenfell Museum we view exhibitions based on local history. Themed displays feature early household rooms, medical and railway history just to name a few, other exhibits pay tribute and reflect the war service of local people and some local identities including Henry Lawson.

Following lunch (own expense) we visit the Visitor Information Centre and the Art Gallery, home of the Grenfell Community Curtain which permanently occupies the northern wall of the gallery. The vision for the curtain was 'a visual representation of the essence of the Grenfell community'. The curtain is 14 feet high comprises five panels each of which is five foot wide. We are then joined by a guide for a highlights tour of Grenfell including views from O'Briens Hill Lookout and a stroll along Lawson Drive to see the 12 interpretive plaques explaining the circumstances of Lawson's life and celebrate his many achievements while acknowledging the challenges he experienced.

Late afternoon we return to Cowra for dinner in the restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

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DAY FOUR THURSDAY 14 SEPT



Eugowra / Canowindra

Today we head north to Eugowra, a warm and friendly little town nestled along the Mandagery Creek, full of stunning murals and is most famous for Australia's biggest gold robbery. Our guide will join us as we view the 36+ murals. A small committee was formed in 2012 to establish the first mural meeting in aim to bring Eugowra back to life and attract visitors to the town. The murals continue to bring the village of Eugowra to life with their fantastic representation of the stories of Eugowra and district.

Our travels continue to Canowindra and a visit to the Age of Fishes Museum, imagine a world ruled by fish! Long before dinosaurs roamed the Earth, the mighty rivers of the Central West teemed with bizarre ancient fishes - armoured fishes, fishes with lungs, and some huge predators with jaws like crocodiles. Thousands of their fossils were found at Canowindra and give us a unique glimpse into life during the Devonian Period - the 'Age of Fishes'.

At Montrose House style, sophistication and old-world charm combine to create an unforgettable lunch experience, with a touch of glamour fine linen and good quality china, crystal, and silverware.

Following lunch, we visit the Historical Society Museum which depicts the development of Canowindra from the 1840s frontier township on the Belubula River to its growth as a rural centre. Horse-drawn vehicles, vintage farm machinery, textiles, household memorabilia and a genuine ancient slab hut and a shearing shed recall the pioneering days.

This afternoon we return to Cowra with free time to browse the shops, take a walk or relax at the motel.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

Cowra Services Club Motel



DAY SIX SATURDAY 16 SEPT



Junee / Wagga Wagga

This morning we farewell our hosts and travel to Junee to visit Monte Cristo Homestead, claimed to be Australia's most haunted house, with reports of ghostly figures, strange lights, invisible forcefields and phantom sounds. From 1948 the house stood empty until 1963 when Reg and Olive Ryan purchased and restored it to its current condition.

Following lunch (own expense) we have the chance to treat ourselves to chocolate, licorice and specialty products from the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory, a must for the sweet tooth. Our travel continues south to Wagga Wagga with time to explore the beautiful Botanic Gardens with its themed gardens, mini zoo, and free-flight aviary.

We make our way to our motel to freshen up before dinner in the restaurant.

DINNER & OVERNIGHT

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Wagga Wagga Botanic Gardens

DAY SEVEN SUNDAY 17 SEPT



Wagga Wagga / Homeports

This morning we depart Wagga Wagga early for our trek back down along the Hume Highway enjoying several comfort stops along the way for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea (own expense). We arrive home late afternoon after a magical seven days away.

EXCLUSIONS

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Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory



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= Breakfast



= Lunch



= Dinner



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