

Broken Hill Outback Arts Trail



AUGUST 2024
8 DAY PACKAGE
\$4,560
PP TWIN SHARE*

FITNESS LEVEL 1 TOUR

Experience the Outback

Highlights Include: Silo Arts Trail, Murtoa Stick Shed, Mildura, PV Rothbury Paddleboat Cruise, Mildura Wharf, Broken Hill Royal Flying Doctors, Arboretum Gardens, Silverton, The Living Desert Sculpture Symposium Sunset, Menindee Lakes, Lady River Cruises, Kinchega National Park, Pro Harts Gallery, Mungo National Park, Lake Tyrrell Salt Lakes.

FREE HOME PICKUP & RETURN: Melbourne, Geelong, Torquay, Bellarine Peninsula, Warrnambool, Terang, Camperdown, Colac, Ararat, Ballarat, Bacchus Marsh & Bendigo. Additional locations may be an option, please enquire directly with us.

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SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$680 PP

 **DEPARTING:**
MONDAY 5
AUGUST 2024



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DAY ONE MONDAY 5 AUGUST 2024



Ocean Grove / Ararat / Lunch at Donald / Murtoa Stick Shed / Sheep Hills Silos / Brim Silos / Nullawil Silo Art / St Arnaud / Pink Lake / Patchewollock Silo / Mildura

Welcome to our Broken Hill Outback Art Silo Tour. After your personalised home pick up, we depart your hometown and travel to join the Christian's Bus Company Luxury Coach. We then make our way to Mildura via the famous Silos Arts Trail. Stopping for morning tea, compliments of Christians Bus Company, and a counter pub lunch at Donald along the way.

From here we follow the trail to the Rupanyup Silo Art, Brim Silo Art, Rosebury and Lascelles, where we visit the Stick Shed built in 1941, which was the first purpose built emergency bulk wheat storage built in Victoria and is the only remaining shed of its type in Australia.

Following this we take in the majestic sights of the Pink Lake at Dimboola which was explored by Thomas Mitchell's 1836 expedition into Western Australia.

We then continue to Mildura seeing Lake Tyers on the way. Arriving at the Best Western Chaffey International for your first night, there is time to settle into your room before a scrumptious buffet dinner in the restaurant. All dietary catered for.

OVERNIGHT Best Western Chaffey International
244 Deakin Ave, Mildura, T (03) 5023 5833

DAY TWO TUESDAY 6 AUGUST 2024



Mildura / Discover Mildura Paddle Boat Cruise / Line of Lode Miners Memorial / Broken Hill

We kick off day two with our personalised guide Alison from Discover Mildura Tours to introduce us to the town of Mildura, our locally based expert explores the conversations around the Canadian Chaffey Brothers who arrived in Mildura in 1886 to establish the first irrigation scheme in Australia and hear about Life past and present.

Our lunch break will be cruising along the river aboard a Beautiful Murray River Paddle Boat with lunch onboard the PV Rothbury which will Journey Through Lock 11. Back on dry land we depart Mildura, off to the Silver City Highway to Broken Hill an oasis in the wilderness. Afternoon Tea is Travelling in the Outback roadside as we take in the changing landscape. "The Hill "is a fascinating town that grew from a "one company mining town" to a multi-cultural thriving city that boasts being the home to many famous artists. One of the world's richest deposits of silver, lead and zinc is found in Broken Hill. As we arrive at Broken Hill, we drive to the Historical Landmark of Line of Lode Miners Memorial. The worlds largest bodies of Ore, containing the silver, lead and zinc that made fortunes

in this remote outback city. The striking architecturally designed memorial, which opened in 2001, has the name of each miner who perished etched into free-standing glass panels within high red rusted steel walls.

Spectacular views from the summit as our coach waits for us to enjoy this view of the City you will call home for 4 nights. Arrival then to our accommodation, where we are greeted by our hosts and shown to our rooms. Dinner is prepared as their specialty Chinese Banquet to welcome you to Silver City in the Motel our home for the next four nights.

OVERNIGHT Old Willyama Motor Inn,
30 Iodine St, Broken Hill, T (08) 8088 3355

DAY THREE WEDNESDAY 7 AUGUST 2024



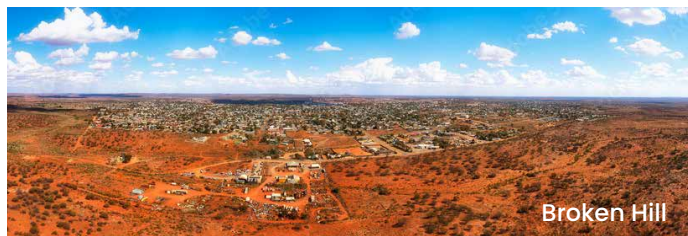
Broken Hill / Royal Flying Doctors / Silver City Mint / Jewish Museum / Riddiford Arboretum Conservation Gardens

After breakfast we are ready to explore the Royal Flying Doctor Service during which includes a film and inspections of their headquarters. With time to browse the displays within the Visitor Information Centre that are set up to give tourists a feel for the remarkable holiday they are venturing into.

We later make our way to the Silver City Art Gallery and Mint where we find ourselves in awe at the sight of Peter Anderson's Big Picture. The magnificent Australia landscape is the World's largest acrylic canvas painting. We also find original paintings and limited-edition lithographs and Jewellery made from Broken Hill silver. Free time to enjoy the City as you have your own Lunch at your expense.

The Jewish Muesum is an easy walk or bus as an optional visit (gold coin donation) The Broken Hill Synagogue is heritage listed and now Museum owned by the Broken Hill Historical Society. After the outback Museum Visit, we take some time to Visit the Broken Hill Conservation Gardens – Riddiford Arboretum. Featuring Trees and shrubs of the region. Named after Walter Riddiford, mayor of Broken Hill. A tribute to Albert Morris also a self-taught Botanist responsible for establishing regeneration reserves around the city. Also in the town centre, Later in the afternoon, Larry Angell meets with the Coach to escort us to the Broken Hill mining Muesum. Afterwards, we make our way to our motel where we rest prior to dinner in a Local Pub The BHP (The Broken Hill Pub).

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Broken Hill



Menindee Lakes

DAY FIVE FRIDAY 9 AUGUST 2024



Menindee Lakes / Lady River Cruises (if no drought) / Kinchega National Park

Today our guide joins us again as we travel to Kinchega National Park, located just 110km south-east of Broken Hill. It lies amongst the beautiful Menindee Lakes. Kinchega is an oasis for wildlife amid the dry red sand plains of the surrounding semi-arid region. The Lakes are fed by the tranquil Darling River, which meanders along the eastern boundary of the park, amid forests of River Red Gum, Coolabah and Black Box. The serenity of the glades is disturbed only by the multitudes of waterbirds that flock there throughout the year to breed in extensive rockeries. River Lady Tours a family-owned tour boat company takes us on a Magnificent Menindee Lakes and Darling River Cruise. We experience the historic authenticity of the indescribable perspective of the river with our lake and river cruises for an hour before driving to Lunch at the local Pub Maidens at the Menindee Hotel.

The Pub provides homemade fresh sandwiches and cakes for us, each year. As we rest and enjoy the local pub feel in the Australian Outback and warmth, the Bus captures from its moving windows, Undulating bluebush sand plains give the visitor a chance to see the great Red Kangaroo, wandering emus in their native habitat and visit the historic woolshed and buildings. Wedgetail Eagle sightings are common. As approach entry to Kinchega National Park in the Late afternoon with our guided Tour. We return to Broken Hill with time to relax before dinner at the Musicians Club Broken Hill, not far from our accommodation.

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DAY FOUR THURSDAY 8 AUGUST 2024



Broken Hill / Silverton / The Living Desert

After Breakfast we are joined by a local guide and enjoy a highlights tour of the silver city, identifying places and buildings of historical significance. Our Guide is with us for the Two Days. Morning Tea in the local Park. A lunch at your expense in the Local family run Bakery. Following some free time and lunch (own arrangements) in Broken Hill our guide will join us as we make our way to Silverton, a virtual Ghost Town, which played an important role in the history of the local region. It is also the scene of more than 140 films and commercials from Mad Max II to the Royal Flying Doctor series. The Silverton Pub often enjoys a Local afternoon stroll past of Bulls and their friendly donkeys. We head home for a coat and to Freshen up as Late in the afternoon we make our way to the Living Desert & Sculpture Symposium. The sculptures comprise 12 sandstone artworks which highlight the skyline, all with a story to tell. While viewing the huge carved monoliths, weather permitting, we enjoy the magnificent sight of an outback sunset.

We return to Broken Hill and enjoy a visit to the Palace Hotel. The spiritual home of the Queen of the Desert Movie, As we sit back and relax in a Building that was erected as a Coffee Palace in 1889 at a Cost of 12,190 Pounds. The Architect was Alfred Dunn from Melbourne, who had successfully won a competition to design the hotel. Our Art Mural Trail continues inside the Palace Hotel, where we stop for a drink, as we view the Indigenous artist from Port Augusta Named Gordon Waye. The interior of the hotel is all Murals, hand painted, with the only stipulation being the scenes contain water features so the hotel would feel like an oasis in the outback. Dinner is enjoyed in a our Accommodation tonight in the dining room.

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DAY SIX SATURDAY 10 AUGUST 2024



Broken Hill / Mildura

After a leisurely breakfast and some free time to walk the City or Visit a Gallery on your list, we bid farewell to our hosts. Before leaving the 'Silver City' we visit the Pro Hart Gallery. Pro Hart is Broken Hill's internationally acclaimed artist. The Gallery houses one of the largest private collections in Australia.

Pro Hart's art captures the lush colours, the sense of space and the spiritual quality of the outback in ways very few artists can emulate. At Jack Absalom Gallery we see an extensive display of works by one of the Brushmen of the Bush. You will find his earthy colours depict the real harshness of the Australian Outback. Following lunch (own arrangements) we depart for Mildura arriving late afternoon. Refreshed and ready for a Fresh and well thought through buffet dinner.

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Mildura / Mungo National Park

Today we take on an adventure and jump back in time to enjoy a Local expert and specialist guide show us and explore the remarkable Mungo National Park again with our Two Guides from Discover Mildura. Alison and Phil. The Park Sits within the Willandra Lakes Heritage Area. This unparalleled scientific site has been compared to Africas "Rift Valley ". We arrive for Morning Tea at Mungo Lookout. Journey Across to the Walls of China" for a Guided walk. It's layered with ancient story of significance for Australia and the people who belong to the oldest continued civilization in the world. Our hotel has packed us a Fresh Picnic with Morning Tea and Lunch Provided. We explored historic Mungo woolshed: Ancient Trackway Footprints & Mungo Visitors Centre. To give us ample time to view or walk on the spectacular moon-like dunes, sometimes known as "The Walls of China".

Taking us right back to the Ice age. Rare Beauties of geologically unique and highly eroded formations and sculpture like natural structures. Ample creative photographic Opportunities within the deeply spiritual and rich cultural significant location. We finish this Tour saving the best till last and enjoy our final meal together with abundant fresh and healthy buffet options.

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Silo Art

KEY

- B** = Breakfast **MT** = Morning Tea
- AT** = Afternoon Tea **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner

Mildura / Arts Silo Trail / Lake Tyrrell

After breakfast we depart Mildura early and rest as we contemplate our final day of this inspiring Tour. As we bid farewell Mildura we make our way through Red Cliffs, the resting place of Big Lizzie". We make our way to Lake Tyrrell, where our Guide Julie takes us on one of her infamous Tours as a local to the area of Lake Tyrrell. We enjoy Morning Tea here and take in this vast shallow lake that reflects like a Giant Mirror. with adequate refreshment stops along the way, and arrive to enjoy Lunch at St Arnaud a Silo Trail setting for Lunch, at your own expense.

Its time to head home and share our photos and stories with a delightful way to finish your journey and your Personalized pickups wait to deliver you home safely with wonderful memories, friendships made.

EXCLUSIONS

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Additional information



Can I take a walking frame on a tour?

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate walkers on some of our tours. Our transportation typically does not have the space to store a walker and all physical ratings require that guests must be able to get on and off transportation unaided. If you wish to travel with a walker please contact us in advance of making a booking.

Can I take a walking stick on a tour?

Yes, taking a walking stick on tour is perfectly fine as long as you are able to meet the fitness rating for your chosen tour.

What happens if I book a tour with the wrong fitness level?

We discuss fitness ratings with all our guests as part of the booking process to ensure you book a tour that's right for you. If a guest has misrepresented their fitness level and cannot keep up with the tour activities, they be asked to return home.

What are the fitness levels?

Fitness levels are important when selecting a tour. Every tour has a Physical Rating of 1–2:

1. Easy
2. Active/Moderate

Relaxed pace tours – Level 1 fitness – Easy

These tours are at a more relaxed pace and generally we unpack once. You don't have to worry about doing anything physically demanding unless you want to. The tour is primarily coach travel but the day tours may have content that requires disembarking vessels/vehicles with stairs to which you have to do unaided.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in guided or unguided small walking tours at a relaxed pace
- Walk on mostly level ground
- Tackle an occasional flight of stairs or incline
- Occasionally need to stand for up to 10 minutes
- Get on and off transportation unaided
- Manage your own luggage.

Tours with some mild physical activities – Level 2 fitness – Active/Moderate

There are some easy physical activities included in these tours and an average level of fitness is required to gain maximum enjoyment.

Passengers must be able to:

- Participate in walking tours with time to rest at least every 10 minutes
- Walk confidently on bush tracks and soft sand – mostly level ground
- Stand for 15 minutes without needing to sit down
- Tackle a flight of stairs or incline
- Get on and off transportation multiple times unaided
- Manage your own luggage

Travelling with a carer

If you are unable to travel alone and feel that the fitness levels required are not obtainable, you can travel with a carer or chaperone. Coach drivers and staff are only permitted to provide basic assistance. Drivers and staff are unable to assist with access to facilities, lift or carry passengers, administer medicines or perform any medical procedures.

Travelling with a medical condition

If you have a medical condition, it is recommended that a carer/chaperone accompany you on your journey. In the event that you become ill during the journey, the appropriate emergency services will be contacted and the continuation of travel will be determined by the emergency services personnel. Our coach drivers and staff are not trained or permitted to administer any medicines or perform medical tasks.

Special needs

Should you have any special needs, you are required to inform us at the time of your booking. Special needs include (without limitation) if you have any disability, illness, disease or other condition, you have limited mobility, you have a service animal, you are pregnant, you need special help or any other circumstances exist which may make it difficult for you to use travel services. If you fail to advise us of your special needs, we may not be able to book suitable travel services for you. To the extent permitted by law, you are responsible for ensuring that the travel services are suitable for your special needs.