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Beyond the Darling River and at the edge of the sunset you will find Broken Hill. A special place, rich in social, industrial, and architectural heritage. It is surrounded by the most fascinating arid landscapes seen in the remote NSW north-western corner. It is the only sizeable centre of population in this area, with approximately 23,000 people.

Since the discovery of rich mineral deposits in 1875, Broken Hill has been one of the world's great mining centres for silver, lead and zinc ore. It tolerated an environmental disaster as the desert threatened the town until 1953 when a 100km pipeline connected Broken Hill to the Darling River at Menindee. The city of Broken Hill has flourished due to the hardships encountered by many of the residents and this in turn has created a unique and proud spirit that binds the community like few others in Australia.

Day 1 Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August	NEWCASTLE to COBAR	MT - D
Accommodation	Copper City Motel, Cobar	

**7.00am** Depart Kings Coach Depot, you may join the coach at Hexham McDonalds or Maitland Railway Station.

Travel through our beautiful Hunter Valley passing the coal mines, wineries, million-dollar horse studs and lush grain-growing areas of Merriwa where we will stop for morning tea.

Further Travel will take us through Dunedoo then on to Dubbo – where there is time to purchase lunch in town. On the return journey we will be making an overnight stop in Dubbo. Rejoin the coach after lunch and enjoy the afternoon travel through the agricultural town of Narromine, the cotton growing area of Trangie and Nevertire, then Nyngan for an afternoon comfort stop. There is certainly a lot more to the history of Nyngan than the 1990 floods.

The last of today's travel will take us along the Barrier Highway to Cobar – the far north-western mining town of NSW.

**6.30pm** Relax over dinner in the motel dining room.

Day 2 Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	COBAR TO BROKEN HILL	B - MT - L - D
Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Broken Hill	

### **7.00am** Breakfast in the motel dining room.

Depart the motel - when we leave Cobar for Broken Hill our travel along the Barrier Highway will pass through many kilometres of vast open land of vivid contrast that only "The Edge of the Outback" can offer. Sometimes the bush is green, other times arid and unbelievably dry.

A morning tea / comfort stop will be taken on the edge of the Darling River flood plains before travelling through Wilcannia – once a busy River Port on the Darling. Today it is a small service town for the rural district.

Upon arriving in Broken Hill – lunch will be served. After lunch our sightseeing will begin with a tour of the city's main CBD and suburban areas.

Check into the Hotel. You will have time to relax and freshen up before dinner in the Hotel dining room.



Day 3 Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	BROKEN HILL	B - D
Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Broken Hill	

- 7.00am Breakfast in the Hotel dining room.
- **8.15am** Today will be a busy one. With a full day of sightseeing in Broken Hill and Silverton.
- Silver City Mint and Art Centre
- ★ White's Mineral Art & Mining Museum
- Historic Silverton and the Mundi Mundi Lookout
- Mad Max Museum
- ★ Silverton Museum
- The Living Desert Sculpture Symposium at Sunset Lunch today is at your own expense; you will have a chance to check out the main CBD.

To complete our day of sightseeing we will watch the sunset in the outback from the spectacular Desert Sculpture Symposium site.

Dinner will be served a little later tonight at approximately **7.00pm** upon our return to the Hotel.



Day 4 Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	BROKEN HILL	B - MT - L - D
Accommodation	Ibis Styles, Broken Hill	

#### 7.00am Breakfast

**8.00am** Depart the Hotel for an early morning visit to the Royal Flying Doctor base & information centre. Before leaving Broken Hill for travel to Menindee we will take a morning tea break at the Line of Lode Miners Memorial overlooking the city of Broken Hill. Following this we travel to the small town of Menindee on the Darling River to the south of Broken Hill. The Menindee Lakes and Waterways surrounding the town are approximately eight times the size of Sydney Harbour. Lunch today will be at a historic hotel at Menindee.

After a relaxing lunch we will return to Broken Hill with time for that last minute shopping and a visit to Pro Hart Gallery before we return to the Hotel.

## 6.30pm Dinner in Broken Hill.

Day 5 Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	BROKEN HILL TO WHITE CLIFFS	B – MT – L – D
Accommodation	Underground Motel, White Cliffs	

### 7.00am Breakfast

8.00am The time has come to leave Broken Hill – today we head out for the opal fields of White Cliffs. Here you will experience the real Australian outback. White Cliffs was born through the discovery of Opal in the 1890's and today is a pioneer town with a genuine character of its own. White Cliffs offers visitors a contrasting glimpse of the tough early days of opal mining and how an opal-mining town survives in 2025. You will have the chance to tour through "a dug-out home" – Opal show rooms – and the historic opal fields, which create a lunar landscape effect – see the White Cliffs Solar Power Station. We have organised a local guide to add those special extras to your tour. Lunch today has been organised for you at the White Cliffs General Store. To get the true feeling and atmosphere at White Cliffs you must go underground.

## **7.00pm** Dinner in the motel restaurant.

Day 6 Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	WHITE CLIFFS TO DUBBO	B – MT
Accommodation	Dubbo RSL Motel	

#### 7.00am Breakfast

8.00am Today the time has arrived to leave the Outback behind and head back to the city way of life. Retracing our travels along the Barrier and Mitchell Highways, to the city of Dubbo for the last overnight stay on our tour. Lunch can be purchased today in the township of Cobar. Overnight accommodation in Dubbo is at the Dubbo RSL Club Motel. Dinner has not been included in your tour cost enabling you the chance to do your own thing.

Day 7 Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	DUBBO TO NEWCASTLE	В
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#### 7.30am Breakfast

Depart the motel for a city tour of Dubbo, followed with a morning visit to the Western Plains Zoo one of the world's great open range zoos, home to over 1000 animals from across the world. The Zoo opened in February 1977 and has continued operating not only as a major tourist attraction but also as a centre for the care of wildlife, with education facilities and conservation programs, particularly in the breeding of endangered species. You will have plenty of time this morning to explore the zoo with ample opportunities for those special photos or video shots.

We depart the Zoo at 12pm to begin our return travel towards home. Travel through Dunedoo, Merriwa, Denman and the Hunter Valley as a comparison to the Outback this countryside will look magnificent.

**6.15pm** Estimated time of arrival, Newcastle.

## **COST INCLUSIONS:**

- 5 Star coach travel with experienced coach driver
- Quality accommodation
- Attractions as per listed on itinerary
- Meals as per code below

Breakfast	В	(6)
Morning Tea	MT	(5)
Lunch	L	(3)
Dinner	D	(6)

## COST:

\$2320.00 per person *Twin/Double share*accommodation
\$650.00 per person extra charge for a single

supplement

## **NON – REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT:**

\$820.00 per person *due within 14 days of your booking* 

# **FULL PAYMENT DUE:**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025