Dencaro Tours Presents

14 Day Central Queensland Gemfields Tour

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Departing Monday 12th August 2024

Visiting - Light Ridge, Longreach, Winton, Charleville, Charters Towers. Emerald, Roma and Goonawindi



Attractions including Opal mine tour, Blackhand Mine, Stockman's Hall of fame, Qantas Museum, Waltzing Matilda Centre, Texas Long Horn Farm, Gemfields Mine Tour, and lots more

Day 2 - Bollan Emus in the street

Day 1 Monday 12th August

Begin our holiday boarding the coach at the Big W bus zone Cessnock at 7.00am, picking up fellow travellers at Kurri, Branxton and Singleton. Travel the Golden Hwy viewing the ever-changing landscapes of the Upper Hunter through Denman and Sandy Hollow. Turn on to the Castlereagh Highway at Dunedoo, travelling to Gilgandra, where we pause for lunch. After lunchcontinue on to Gulargambone. Spot the corrugated Iron Galah sculptures attached to metal poles along the side of the road. View the Bourban Street murals, depicting a day in Gulargambone, before continuing to Walgett and Lightning Ridge.

Overnight Outback Resort

Today we discover Lightning Ridge starting with a Guided town tour. Highlights include Amigo's Castle, Opal cutting demonstration and a visit to "Chambers of the Black Hand" a collection of sculptures, hand carvings, paintings plus an Opal shop all located 40 feet underground.

Overnight Outback Resort

Day 3 Wednesday 14th August

We depart Lightning Ridge and travel to Charleville via Hebel, Dirranbandi then on to Bollan Hotel for lunch. The soil gets redder as you approach this great little western town. Have your camera ready as Bollan is famous for Emu's wandering the streets. After lunch we continue to Charleville arriving late afternoon.

Overnight Mulga Motel

Day 2 Tuesday 13th August

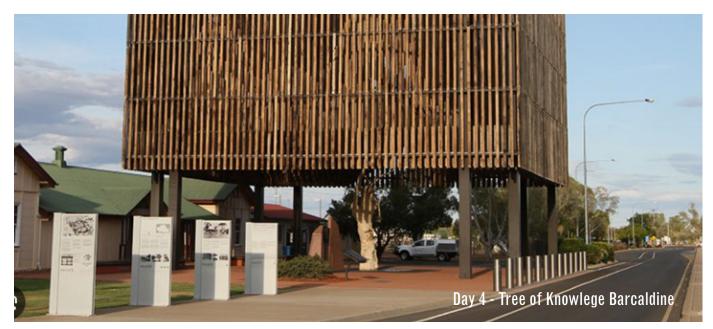




Day 4 Thursday 15th August

Enter Jackie Howe country, through many sheep and cattle properties to tambo for morning tea and the onto Blackall. A statue of the famous shearer is featured in the main street. Lunch today is in Barcaldine where we visit the Australian Workers Heritage Centre and view the memorial to the "Tree of Knowledge" where the Australian Labor Party was born in the late 1800's. Arrive in Longreach late afternoon.

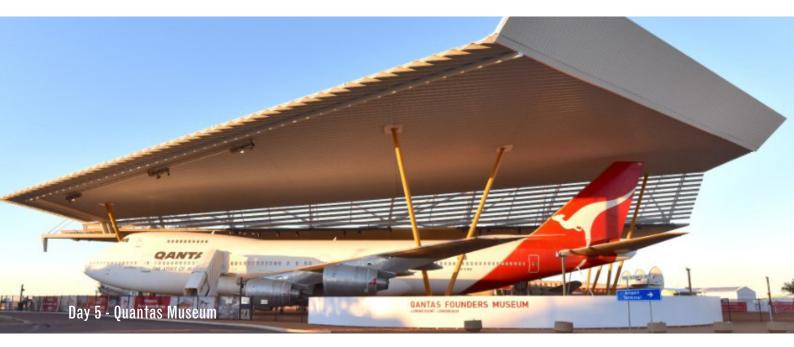
Overnight Saltbush Resort



Day 5 Friday 16th August

This morning we start our day with a visit to the Qantas Museum, a world class museum and cultural display telling the story of Qantas through displays and exhibits. We then head over the road to visit the pride of the outback, the "Stockman's Hall of Fame" an inspiring and moving tribute to the Outback pioneers. Spend the day and join virtual stockman "Hugh" on a journey retracing the footsteps of the men and woman that built our nation. Immerse yourself in their stories as they come to life on a canvas of hope, ingenuity and mateship. Bring your stockman's experience to life at Stockman's life Live Show. In the evening glide down the Thompson River on the Drover's Sunset Cruise including Smithy's outback Dinner show.

Overnight Saltbush Resort



Day 6 Saturday 17th August

Northbound again to view the "Waltzing Matilda Centre. The first museum in the World dedicated to a song, the new Waltzing Matilda Centre boasts state of the art interpretation, telling the story of Waltzing Matilda. After lunch at the Centre a visit to the Australian age of Dinosaurs Museum, this Museum is home to the largest collection of Australian Dinosaur fossils in the World. You will experience the ultimate tour which covers all three sections of the Museum including the laboratory, collection room and Dinosaur Canyon.

Overnight Matilda Motel



Day 7 - Charters Towers Railline

Day 7 Sunday 18th August

Departing Winton, we travel to Charters Towers with a lunch stop at the Great Western Hotel Hughenden. Hughenden is a classic Queensland Outback town; it owes its existence to the railway line and the surrounding cattle grazing land. After lunch we continue onto Charters Towers, our home for 2 nights.

Overnight Cattleman's Inn

Day 8 Monday 19th August

Now for something completely different. Today we travel to Leahton park for a Texas Longhorn Wagon tour. Your day will include a wagon tour, Chuck wagon smoko, saddle shop tour, BBQ lunch & entertainment. This is the one and only experience of its kind and you will also see American Bison, Scottish Highlanders, Asian Buffalo, African Watusi, Indian Gyr, Wild Donkeys and other native wildlife grazing freely with Texas Longhorns.

Overnight Cattleman's Inn



Day 9 Tuesday 20th August

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Travel through some of the mighty Burdekin catchment area to Clearmont for lunch. Then continue South to Emerald, the gateway to the largest and richest Sapphire Gemfields in the Southern Hemisphere. The worlds largest reproduction of Van Goughs "Sunflowers" is in Morton Park, it was built to celebrate the fact that Emerald was once famous for its Sunflower production.

Overnight Maraboon Motor Inn

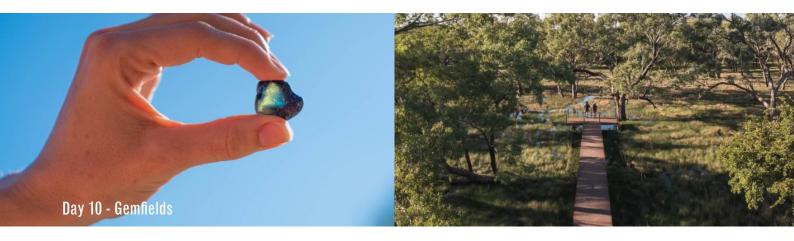




Day 10 Wednesday 21st August

Today we head to the Sapphire Gemfields. Passing through Sapphire to the Miners Heritage Walk-in Mine. Australia's largest underground Walk-in Sapphire mine tour. The tour is 17 metres underground. After the tour and lunch, try your hand at some fossicking, you might even be lucky enough to find some Gems.

Overnight Maraboon Motor Inn





Day 11 Thursday 22nd August

Leaving Emerald behind we tour past some of the biggest stations in Australia, home to most of Queensland's sheep population with cattle coming a close second. The mulgas characteristic greys and greens cover most of the landscape leading to Roma. Enjoy lunch in Roma and in the afternoon visit the Big Rig Tourist Complex with a guided tour of the Oil Patch.

Overnight Bungal Creek Motel

Day 12 Friday 23rd August

We start the day with a town tour of Roma, hear about the history of the Gas and Oil industry that Roma is famous for. This afternoon enjoy free time for some retail therapy or just quiet time around the pool at our motel. Tonight, we return to the Big Rig for the night Show, an entertaining outdoor light and sound presentation of local early 20th century oil and Gas exploration.

Overnight Bungal Creek Motel



Day 13 Saturday 24th August

Today we travel through remote towns like Tingun, Surat and Glennmorgan to Meandara where we will pause for morning tea. Continuing through Moonie and Billa Billa to Goondawindi in time for lunch. After lunch we visit the Gunsynd display in the Visitor Centre and take a step back in time with a visit to the Pioneer Museum.

Overnight Ascot Motel



Day 14 Sunday 25th August

Sadly, Today brings an end to our wonderful tour. After breakfast we pack our bags onto the coach for the last time and head for home. We will pause at Moree for morning tea and Gunnedah for lunch, before joining the New England highway at Willow Tree continuing through Scone, Muswellbrook and Singleton arriving in Cessnock mid-afternoon.

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Bookings to Denis Mcgrorey - 0412 730 578

FARE: \$3790 per person based on twin share. \$5090 per person Single Supplement.

Deposit: \$500.00 per person at time of booking (no refund unless replacement found)

Balance: Due by Monday 1st July 2024

Payment can be made by cheque or direct deposit to Dencaro Tours. BSB 325 185 ACC 0376 9681 Please put your name as a reference. Payment by Eftpos also available Cancellation fees apply 4 weeks prior to tour **NO refund**

FARE INCLUDES - All luxury coach travel & sightseeing as per this itinerary, quality motel accommodation with dinner and breakfast and admissions to the attractions listed.

FARE DOES NOT INCLUDE - Lunches, (unless stated), morning/afternoon teas (unless stated), optional sightseeing or items of a personal nature.

B = Breakfast, **L** = Lunch, **D** = Dinner

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS - please advise in writing to Denis when final payment is due.

Dencaro Tours does not offer Travel Insurance, but we recommend all passengers have insurance prior to final payment and during the tour. Travel Insurance can be purchased from Travel Agents, NRMA or online.

GENERAL TRAVEL CONDITIONS

ELIGIBILITY: Dencaro Tours reserves the right to terminate the tour of any person or persons who disrupt the operation of the tour, or who are objectional to other travellers, or who are unable to maintain themselves on tour. Dencaro Tours will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for such reasons.

ITINERARY CHANGES: Dencaro Tours acts in the best interest of their passengers and will endeavour to operate as closely as possible to the itinerary but reserves the right to alter them where necessary due to conditions prior to or during the tour.

FARES: All prices quoted are based on tariffs current at the time of printing, and are subject to increase without previous notice, as a result of any increase in basic tariffs which may occur prior to final balance being paid.

BAGGAGE: Is restricted to one suitcase per person not exceeding 25kgs in weight. A small travel bag or brief case is allowable as well.

Baggage is at owner's risk for the duration of the tour. Insurance is recommended.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Is recommended for your own peace of mind on all tours.

SMOKING AND ALCOHOL: Are not permitted while travelling on the coach. Adequate stops will be provided for smokers. Passengers are requested not to bring food or drink on to the coach unless for medical reasons.

TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES: Where Dencaro Tours does not operate the excursion which may be included in the tour itinerary, they shall not be liable for any loss, damage or injury occasioned to any person or property as a result of such excursion undertaken during the tour whatsoever or howsoever the same may be caused whether as a result of negligence or otherwise.

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