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NSW SILO ART TOUR



**7 days
Tuesday 10 to Monday 16
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Holiday Coast Tours – NSW Silo Art Tour 2022

DAY 1: (LD) PORT MACQUARIE TO NARRABRI

TUES 10 MAY 2022

Welcome to our tour into North Western NSW. We depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 8.00am and travel via the Oxley Highway up the Great Dividing Ranges towards *Walcha*. Before arriving at Walcha we stop to visit Apsley Falls on the edge of the Oxley Wild Rivers National Park. The falls provide a superb sight with good volumes of water and visitors able to get very close on a safe viewing platform. From Apsley Falls we travel into Walcha where we pass some of the town's historic buildings - the Pioneer Cottage and the Museum. These buildings are typical examples of houses built in Walcha during the 1870's when gold mining was carried out in the area. Our *lunch* stop for today is at the *Apsley Arms Hotel*. After lunch, we head to Gunnedah and stop at the *Gunnedah Water Tower Museum* and to take a look at the Mural. The mural facing west features a group of soldiers from 7RAR waiting to be picked up by the iconic Huey helicopters, while the mural facing north includes soldiers paying their respects beside the Long Tan Cross, a moving tribute. We take a look through the museum before seeing Dorothea MacKellar's statue. Dorothea is widely known for her poem *My Country*. Our next stop is at the Gunnedah Silo Art which depicts Dorothea MacKellar and an extract from her famous poem "My Country". Continuing on to *Narrabri* with some time at leisure before dinner.

Nandewar Motor Inn, Narrabri | 1 night
Dinner at hotel | Lunch at Apsley Arms Hotel

DAY 2: (BD) NARRABRI TO LIGHTNING RIDGE

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY 2022

After breakfast we make our way through *Burren Junction*. Burren Junction gets its name from the local Aboriginal language meaning Boomerang or 'Big Creek.' A popular stop being the *Burren Junction Bore*, a hot mineral water

TOUR INCLUSIONS

Air-conditioned coach travel
6 night's motel accommodation
6 motel cooked breakfasts
6 motel dinners
4 included lunches – see below
Group lunch at Apsley Arms Hotel
Entry to Gunnedah Water Tower Museum
View Dorothea Mackellar Memorial Statue
Visit Gunnedah Maize Mill Silo mural
Group entry to John Murray Art Gallery
Group entry to Chambers of the Black Hand
Guided Tour of Bevans Black Opal & Cactus Nursery
Visit Gulargabone Silo Art
Lunch at Gilgandra Services Club
Group visit to Gilgandra Coo-ee Heritage & Visitor Information Centre
Visit Peak Hill
Visit Henry Parkes Centre
Photo with Elvis Presley
Visit Grenfell Silo Art
Visit Weethalle Silo Art
Lunch at Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory
Visit Captains Walk at Cootamundra
Visit Harden/Murrumburrah Silo Art
Group Visit to Yarn Market
Visit Dunedoo Silo Art
Entry to Singleton Army Infantry Museum
Group wine tasting at Tempus Two Winery
Visit Hunter Valley Smelly Cheese
Group lunch at Cypress Lakes Bistro & Bar

and influenced the tactics, techniques and procedures of the Royal Australian Infantry Corps. Next, we indulge in the local wine and produce the Hunter Valley has to offer. We begin at The Smelly Cheese shop for some cheese tastings which is in the Roche Complex as well as the Tempus Two Winery. The award-winning cellar door offers a truly breathtaking and perfect backdrop for the Tempus Two experience – wine and cheese tastings. Finally, sit back and relax in the beautiful *Cypress Lake Bistro & Bar* and enjoy our *farewell lunch* overlooking the spectacular views over Cypress Lake and the fairways beyond. We arrive late afternoon back home with many great memories of our time spent away.

Breakfast in hotel | lunch at *Cypress Lake Bistro & Bar*

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**Cost: \$2115.00 per person
(based on twin/double share accommodation)
Single Supplement: \$430.00**

**A deposit of \$250.00 per person is required upon booking
with final payment being 20 March 2022
Please advise correct spelling of your name (as per
identification) at time of booking**

pool complex, the main pools average surface temperature ranges between 35 and 40 degrees Celsius. On arrival in Lightning Ridge, we visit the *John Murray Art Gallery*. Wandering around the gallery, John's artistic talent becomes apparent with his pieces filled with light and humour. It's clear he likes to make people smile and enjoy his creations! This afternoon we are captivated by *Chambers of the Black Hand* where local artist Ron Canlin has created the most amazing paintings and sculptures 11.2 metres underground. There is The Last Supper, Archangel Gabriel and the Chinese Terracotta Warriors. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years, and all the old shafts and drives that were dug by the old timers are still there. We have one last stop to make at *Bevans Cactus Farm*. Started in 1966 and now encompassing two passionate generations, Bevan's host the largest cactus nursery in the Southern Hemisphere with approximately 2,500 young and aged varieties. Grown from seeds collected from around the world, many plants are now over 100 years old, with the oldest being nearly 150 years of age.

Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge | 1 night
Breakfast & Dinner at hotel | Lunch at own cost

Day 3: (BLD) LIGHTNING RIDGE TO DUBBO

THURSDAY 12 MAY 2022

Bid Lightning Ridge a fond farewell as we make our way to *Walgett* to see the art works of the *Walgett Water Tower*. The story behind this mural is the life of Jimmy Little, one of Australia's first prominent Australian Aboriginal musician and actor who recorded his first single in 1956. We continue on to *Coonamble* for morning tea before arriving at *Gulgambone* to see the beautiful *painted Water Tower* of a Kingfisher in flight as it dives after its next meal. We continue on to *Gilgandra* to enjoy lunch at the *Gilgandra Service Club*. A visit to the *Coo-ee Heritage & Visitors Centre* is a must to see the interesting display on the history of the famous Coo-ee recruiting march of World War I. This depicts the journey of the 35 men who left Gilgandra in 1915 hoping to attract volunteers to join them to enlist for service in WWI. They held recruitment drives at many towns along their march route to Sydney. On arrival their number

totalled 263 men. After some time to look around Gilgandra, sit back and relax as we head for Dubbo.

The Oxley Motel, Dubbo | 1 night
Breakfast & Dinner at hotel | Lunch at Gilgandra

DAY 4: (BLD) DUBBO TO WEST WYALONG

FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

Following breakfast, we head to the *Henry Parkes Centre* which houses the '*Kings Castle*' which gives homage to *Elvis Presley* and the legacy he left. Enjoy morning tea here and perhaps a 'selfie' with Elvis's statue. Continuing on to *Grenfell*, the birthplace of Henry Lawson, for our stop to view the *Grenfell Silo Art* before having lunch at *Wilders Bakery & Coffee Shop*. After a leisurely lunch, we arrive in to West Wyalong, our overnight stop. Late this afternoon, we take advantage of being in this part of Australia to travel to *Weethalle* where the magnificent Silo Art by the renowned Melbourne based street artist Hessco. This large mural pays tribute to the rich agricultural heritage of this small community and is a sight to behold! Return back to our hotel for dinner.

Colonial Motor Inn West Wyalong | 1 night
Breakfast & Dinner at hotel | Lunch at Grenfell

DAY 5 (BLD) WEST WYALONG TO COWRA

SATURDAY 14 MAY 2022

Temora is our *morning tea* destination where we also visit the *Aviation Museum* – one of the finest collections of historical aircrafts in the world. Continue on to *Junee*, for a tour in this quaint rural town set between the rolling hills and the Murrumbidgee River. Junee has been an important railway centre since the early 1880s when rail workshops were moved here from Wagga Wagga. Our visit to the Junee *Liquorice & Chocolate Factory*, one of only three certified organic liquorice manufacturers in the world is a must! This visit gives us a chance to see how liquorice is made before enjoying our delicious *light lunch*. Leaving here, we head to Cootamundra. Sir Donald Bradman was born here in 1908. He and his parents moved to Bowral three years later. While on the cricket subject, we will also see the

Captain's Walk, a collection of bronze sculptures of Australian test cricket captains. A life size statue of Sir Donald Bradman takes pride of place in the park. Our final stop is to inspecting the silo that Melbourne-based artist Heesco Khosnaran did, depicting the deep history and significance of the flour mills at *Murrumburrah-Harden*. Our day complete, we arrive in Cowra and check in our hotel.

Cowra Services Club Motel, Cowra | 1 night
Breakfast in hotel, lunch at Junee

DAY 6: (BD) COWRA TO DENMAN

SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

Today we're off on another exciting day of sightseeing! We drive via Canowindra, situated on the Lachlan River and once known as the town held captive by Frank Gardiner's gang of bushrangers which included Ben Hall. From here we travel across to Molong, a quaint historic village to visit the *Molong Yarn Market* and view the famous tapestry created by the people of Molong and district. This is also our venue for morning tea. We continue on to the historic gold town of *Gulgong* for lunch (*Own expense*). Continuing on to Dunedoo to see the *Dunedoo Silo Art* which focuses on one of Dunedoos' famous residents Hugh Bowman, who rode Winx, the first horse in history to win the prestigious Cox Plate four times. There is more than one side to this story though but we will wait to find out what that is for when we arrive. We travel via *Merriwa*, known for its festival of the Fleeces running of the sheep before arriving at our accommodation for the night at *Denman*.

Grapevine Motel, Denman | 1 night
Breakfast in hotel, lunch at own cost

DAY 7: (BL) DENMAN TO PORT MACQUARIE

MONDAY 16 MAY 2022

We're on the road early today as we begin to make our way home. We stop in *Singleton* and arrive at the *Australian Army Infantry Museum*. The exhibition is divided into two areas. The ground floor displays focus on the chronological history of infantry operational deployments, from Sudan in 1885 through to our current deployments. The mezzanine displays focus on the infantryman's 'tools of the trade' and how they have developed