6 Days / 5 Nights - with Mary and Brian

Tour Departs: Sunday 6 September - Friday 11 September 2020

Tour Inclusions:
• Pick up from your home, transport and return to Lightning Ridge
• Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
• 5 Nights Quality Accommodation
• 5 Three Course Dinners with Choices & All Fully Cooked Breakfasts
• Lunches included Day 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6!
• All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary
• Escorted Tour

Tour Highlights:
Taronga Western Plains Zoo; Coonamble Nickname Hall of Fame; Full Day Opal tour - Fred Bodel’s Hut, Three Mile Flat, Lunatic Hill Open Cut Mine, Simm’s Hill Opal Fields & Miners’ Camp, Astronomers’ Monument, Amigo’s Castle, Bevan’s Opal Cactus Garden & Chambers of the Black Hand; Grawin, Glengarry & the Sheepyard Opal Fields Full Day Tour; Narrabri Tourist Centre; Siding Spring Observatory; Australian Museum Diprotodon Exhibition & much more!

Tour Fee including GST:
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Minimum loading 20 passengers booked and paid by Thursday 2nd July 2020

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Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

PO Box 109 BRINGELLY 2556
Day 1. Sun 6 Sep: Home - Lithgow - Dubbo
This morning we pick you up from home and begin our drive across the Blue Mountains through Lithgow into Dubbo. We stop in Lithgow to purchase lunch at the Workies Club Motel and continue into Dubbo for check in to our accommodation later this afternoon. Dinner tonight is in the motel restaurant.

Overnight Dubbo: Golden West Motor Inn

Day 2. Mon 7 Sep: Dubbo - Coonamble - Lightning Ridge
This morning we visit the Taronga Western Plains Zoo, home to over 4,000 animals, and widely recognised as Australia’s greatest open range Zoo. With our own guide on board we begin our Zoo Safari Tour for a brief insight to over 350 species of animals. After our tour we enjoy a light lunch before we board our coach and head to Lightning Ridge. We take the scenic route via the small country township of Coonamble, famous for its Nickname Hall of Fame. The ‘Nickname Hall Of Fame’ can be seen in and around Castlereagh street where prominent local characters have been immortalised in caricature and adorn the walls. Find out how ‘Fluffy’, ‘Singo’, ‘Vanderbilt’ and others got their nicknames! We then continue up to Lightning Ridge, home of Australia’s National Gemstone the Black Opal and a town known for its rich history and colourful characters. Upon arrival we check in to our motel before dinner.

Overnight Lightning Ridge: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort

Day 3. Tue 8 Sep: Lightning Ridge
This morning after breakfast our guide meets us to head out to Grawin, Glengarry & the Sheepyard Opal Fields. Our first stop is the Grawin Club in the Scrub for morning tea, then we travel through the mining fields and view working mines and opal mining machinery. Afterwards we try our luck at fossicking for an opal on the Mullock heaps. Lunch today is from the tucker van at the Glengarry Hilton, a great opportunity to meet some of the eccentric and opal loving locals. We take a tour around town with a visit to the Sheepyard community War Memorial and Sweeney's community shop. With everyone back on-board our coach we head back to Lightning Ridge with free time before dinner.

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Day 4. Wed 9 Sep: Grawin - Glengarry
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Day 5. Thu 10 Sep: Lightning Ridge - Coonabarabran
We enjoy breakfast, bid our Lightning Ridge host farewell and begin our journey across to Narrabri then south to Coonabarabran. We stop at the new Narrabri Tourist Centre which provides an insight into the areas cotton industry. We continue down to Coonabarabran where we visit the Siding Spring Observatory. The observatory is Australia’s premier Optical Astronomical Research Facility and is home to Australia’s largest optical telescope, the 3.9 metre Anglo Australian Telescope, and the Australian National University’s 2.3 metre Advanced Technology Telescope. After our guided tour stop by the Visitor Centre to check out the Australian Museum Diprotodon Exhibition. On display is the skeleton and skull of a Diprotodon, the largest marsupial ever to have lived. It is often likened to a giant sized wombat. After our visit we check in to our motel before enjoying dinner in the motel restaurant.

Overnight Coonabarabran: Matthew Flinders Motor Inn

Day 6. Fri 11 Sep: Coonabarabran - Home
Today after an early breakfast we begin our drive home, stopping for a comfort stop in Merriwa and enjoying lunch in Cessnock. Later this afternoon we arrive home after a wonderful few days in Lightning Ridge with Ezi Drive Coaches.

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