

Exploring the NSW Riverina



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6 Days / 5 Nights with Brian and Mary

Tour Date Sunday 24 - Friday 29 August 2025

Tour Inclusions:

- •Pick up from your home, transport to Wagga Wagga and return to your doorstep
- •(Sydney Metropolitan area only)
- •Luxury Coach Travel, Seatbelts and Restroom
- •All fully cooked breakfasts
- •Three Course Dinners with Choices at the motel
- •Five nights quality accommodation,
- •Lunches each day
- •All entry fees and guides as per Itinerary
- Escorted tour

Tour Highlights:

Tour Fee including GST: Members \$2,579.00 per person twin share Non Members \$2,629.00 per person twin share

Single Supplement \$459.00

Book now Paid by Thursday 26 June 2025

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Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice

The Itinerary

Day 1 Sunday 24 August 2025 Home to Wagga Wagga

Lunch, Dinner

Our tour today starts at your door. After our pickups we travel south along the M5 Motorway and stop at Gunning for lunch. After lunch at the **Telegraph Hotel Gunning**, we continue south and stop at **the RAAF Wagga Aviation Heritage Centre**. The Centre showcases Air Force history, along with representing the significant involvement of the RAAF in the Riverina region of New South Wales. From here we make our way to our hotel in Wagga Wagga The town, situated on the banks of the Murrumbidgee River is the heart and gateway to the wonderful Riverina district. For the next 5 nights, we will be staying at the Quality Hotel Rules Club Wagga. Dinner is at the Club Rules Wagga.

Day 2 Monday 25 August 2025 Exploring Wagga Wagga Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

The largest inland city in NSW, Wagga is the capital of the fertile Riverina agricultural area dedicated to wheat growing and dairying. At the Visitor Information Centre, we meet our local guide for a tour around town concluding at the Wagga Wagga Railway Station Heritage Museum where we have morning tea and a talk by one of the local volunteers. Next, we call into the Mount Erin Heritage Centre, located on the original Mount Erin Convent built in 1874. The Centre displays the history of the Presentation Sisters in the Riverina and beyond. A timeline, changes in dress, photographs and unique memorabilia show the sister's life and Mission over the years. A harp brought from Ireland by the pioneers, and priceless lace are among the exhibits. Lunch today is at the Gardens Café, then we take a look through the Wagga Wagga Botanic Garden, the pride and joy of the city which has helped Wagga earn the title "Garden City of the South". The 8.9 hectare Botanic Gardens feature drought resistant plants from Africa and the Americas, the Camellia Garden with its Chinese Pavilion, the Tree Chapel and the Music Bowl. Our final visit for the day is to the Wagga Wagga Art Gallery which contains the National Art Glass Gallery. The gallery contains the largest collection of studio production glass art. The 500 piece collection features, engraved, etched, kiln fired, cast and sand blasted glass art from renowned international and Australian artists

Day 3 Tuesday 26 August 2025 Coolamon & Wagga Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Following breakfast, we make our way to the charming town of **Coolamon** and admire the bygone architecture of the heritage listed Cowabbie Street. We have our morning coffee stop at the **Coolamon Cheese Co** and then visit the **Coolamon Fire Museum**, where manager Chris Berry has pieced together a formidable collection of firefighting memorability for more than three decades. Next stop is the beautiful **Roseleigh Manor** where we enjoy lunch and a brief tour. The property, originally known as Overdale, was a thriving community within itself and at its peak held 30,000 acres. As well as management personnel, the property employed live in maids, groundsmen, field hands and had its own onsite cabinet maker and blacksmith. During the Second World War Italian prisoners of war lived and were employed at Overdale. Many families of those POW's still live in the Wagga District. In 1955 the property was bequeathed to the Nursing Sisters of the Little Company of Mary. Then in 2004, the property was sold to the current owner. They have transformed the derelict convent back to its former glory. This afternoon we visit the **Charles Sturt University**, and our classroom will be the **Charles Sturt Winery**. Here we have a wine tasting and talk about how the students studying Wine Making create the wines.

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Day 4 Wednesday 27 August 2025 Narrandera & Leeton

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

This morning, we make our way to Narrandera for a visit to the **Narrandera Fisheries Centre**. The centre carries out important research into freshwater fish species which inhabit the Murray - Murrumbidgee- Lachlan and Darling River systems. Next, we head into Narrandera for morning tea, then its off to nearby **Yanco**, the starting point for development of the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area (MIA). Our first stop is the **Yanco Powerhouse Museum**. Built in 1913 to supply power to the developing Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area and for the Leeton Butter Factory. It was chosen for its proximity to the rail line enabling easy access to coal and water. The station was decommissioned in the late 1950s once the Snowy Hydroelectric scheme was operational. We have lunch in **the Leeton RSL Club**, then take in the sights with a **local guide** where he will explain the local agricultural industries that are in the area. From Leeton we head back to Wagga.

Day 5 Thursday 28 August 2025 Wagga Wagga

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

After breakfast we leaving the hotel and head to the Wagga Wagga sale yards where we have arranged a guided tour of the Livestock Marketing Centre. With today being a sale day, we will be taken to the undercover selling ring and escorted through the sheep and lamb sales. From the sale yards we head to Bidgee Strawberries and Cream! The owners Kylie and Michael Cashen will introduce us to their hydroponic farming and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) technique of farming Stawberries. We will see the scar tree, their bee hives and of course taste their chemical free strawberries. We have lunch at the Wagga Wagga RSL club, and this afternoon we visit Wollundry Grove Olives where we will meet the growers, walk through the trees, learn about the history of Wollundry Grove and the production process of producing award winning olive oil and olives, and sample all their products!

Day 6 Friday 29 August 2025 Home

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

We enjoy our final breakfast together then depart Wagga Wagga. Our morning stop is in Gundagai, then we have lunch at the **Trappers Bakery in Goulburn** before starting our return journey to Sydney. Heading north along the M5 we return in the afternoon to say goodbye at your door after a wonderful visit to the Riverina with Brian and Mary and Ezi Drive Coaches and Holiday Coach Tours.

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