



Sun Country Tours on the Murray



Day 1- Travel to Cobram Barooga

Today you make your way to the El Sierra Motel in Barooga, where Kristen and Michael your hosts are waiting to meet you. Once all settled in our driver will escort you to have a lovely dinner at the Barooga Sporties.

Day 2- Jerilderie & Deniliquin

Start the day off right with a country style cooked breakfast served in our uniquely decorated breakfast room. Today we take you north to the township of Jerilderie, rich in history thanks to the infamous Ned Kelly and his gang. For this is where they robbed the local bank, destroyed the telegraph poles and held 30 people hostage. It was also here that Ned wrote the "Jerilderie Letter", a manifesto of his life past present and future. Here we will visit the telegraph station and have a local tell us all about this wonderful town.

Deniliquin or "Deni" to the locals, was once a major industry giant in wool production and the area around Deniliquin was home to several Merino studs. In 1861, George Hall Peppin and his two sons, experienced English sheep breeders, established a Merino stud at Wanganella station, north of Deniliquin. There, the brothers developed the Peppin Merino, able to thrive in drier inland regions. Today, as many as 70 per cent of Merinos in Australia are said to be directly descended from these sheep. In Deni we visit the Peppin centre to learn all about the wool industry, as well as a town tour by the driver. This town is set between the Murray and the Edward Rivers and is now most famous for the "Deni Ute Muster" an event held each year which brings in close to 20,000 visitors from all across Australia to celebrate all things "Aussie".

Dinner tonight will be at the Barooga Hotel

Day 3- Echuca

Today after breakfast we venture to Echuca, a town with significant history. Along the way we stop in Nathalia and visit the Barmah Forest Heritage Center to learn all about one of the largest River Red Gum forests in the world- the Barmah Forest as well as the regions indigenous history. In Echuca, step back in time visiting the Old Port, built in 1865 by the Victorian Railways. Learn about the importance of the river and how it was used during the 19th century trade era. Soak in the majestic Murray with a cruise and lunch on an original Paddlesteamer. After the cruise you will be able to enjoy some free time in this beautiful town before we make our way back to Barooga.

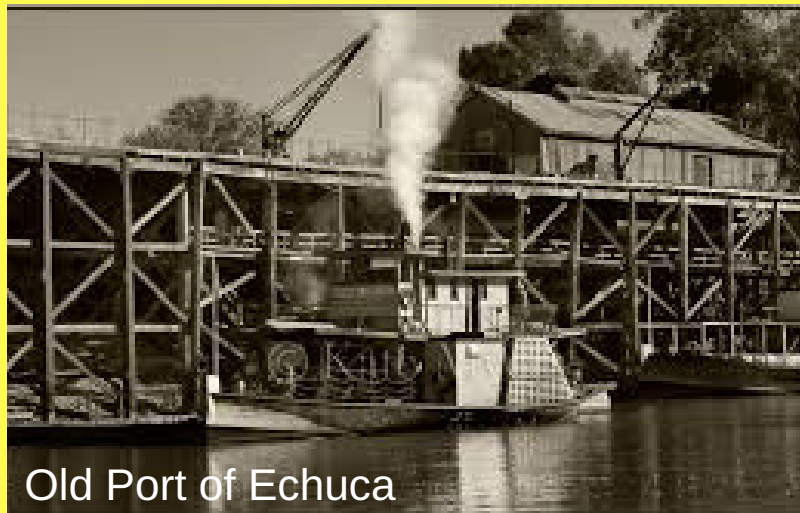
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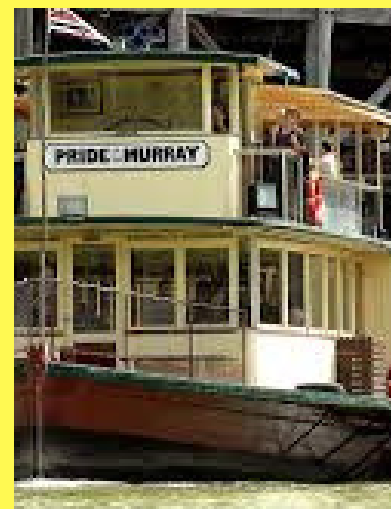
Telegraph Station



Peppin Centre



Old Port of Echuca



Day 4- Bendigo

Today's adventure takes us all the way to Bendigo, so an early morning start is required as the bus departs at 8am. Bendigo was one of Australia's main mining towns during the gold rush of the 1800s. To this day, there are still many mines in operation in the surrounding area. In Bendigo we visit the Central Deborah Mine. This self-guided tour of the above ground area gives a greater understanding to what it was like down below. For those feeling a little more adventurous, you can go underground as well at your own expense. Bendigo is also home to the Sacred Heart Cathedral where we will visit before making our way to the Bendigo Botanic Gardens and a picnic lunch will be served. After lunch we journey to the Chinese Museum, home to one of the largest festival dragons in the world. Learn about Chinese Immigrants in Australia and the culture they have brought to this wonderful area.

Dinner will be a BBQ at the motel.

Day 5- Corowa/ Rutherglen/ Yarrawonga

Enjoy another hearty cooked breakfast before we head off for Corowa via Rich Glen Olives, an award-winning local producer of Olive Oils and many other amazing products. From here take in the beauty of Lake Mulwala on our way to visit the Corowa Chocolate and Whisky Factory, set in the old Flour Mill. Sample some delightful treats. From there we visit the castle-like winery, All Saints. Guests have the opportunity to sample wines or just take in the picturesque landscape and buildings. We will let you explore Rutherglen and take this opportunity to purchase lunch in town. Enjoy some free time to look around and purchase some other local delights. From here we venture back to Yarrawonga, visiting Campbells Winery on the way. After some free time in Yarrawonga we will board the PS Cumberoona for a dinner cruise on Lake Mulwala before returning back to the motel.

Bendigo



Day 6- Home

For all those on our 6 day tour this is your last day and we bid you farewell after breakfast. We hope that you have a safe journey home with new incredible memories of your time discovering the Sun Country Murray Region.

For those who are continuing on with our 8 day/ 7 Night

Day 6- Beechworth

Today sees us touring to the foothills of the Great Divide, as we meander through Historic Chiltern on our way to Yackandandah, a picture perfect little town. Our stop here will give you the opportunity to stretch your legs and have a cuppa before we set off for Beechworth.

Beechworth is another place full of important Australian History. From its gold boom to the Kelly gang this town continues to showcase its many treasures, with our first stop being the Chinese Cemetery. Here we will view the ceremonial crematory towers used for many years during the gold mining days. We drive to Mayday Hills, a lunatic asylum where only one signature was needed to commit you and 8 to release you! We don't actually enter the building as they only do night tours. From here we will take you back to the town center past the Old Beechworth Gaol. You will have free time to buy some lunch and take a look around the town center or take a walk up to Beechworth Honey and sample some sweet treats. Take a short stroll to the Information Center where a video of the towns history is on loop every 30 mins or enter into the courthouse which sentenced Ned Kelly to hang. Dinner will be at the Mulwala RSL Club before returning to the motel.

Day 7- Cobram Barooga and Surrounds.

Cobram Barooga is largely known for its Championship Golf Courses and its fruit growing. We'll first visit Australia's largest inland beach, Thompson's Beach. A beautiful and tranquil setting on the banks on the MIGHTY Murray. A visit to the area is never really complete if you don't go to the Big Strawberry, yes we have something BIG here too. There are plenty of preserves and liqueurs to buy. From here we will take you to Kensall Estate for a tasting of local wines and specialized liqueurs. We will travel in to Cobram where you will have free time to purchase your lunch. After lunch we will spend time walking through Barooga's Botanical Gardens. Here you can read a little about the history of the township. Then we return back to the motel to relax and pack for your trip home. Dinner will be at the Barooga Sporties.

Day8- Home

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Beechworth



Yackandandah



Chinese Crematory

Cobram Barooga Bridge



The Big Strawberry



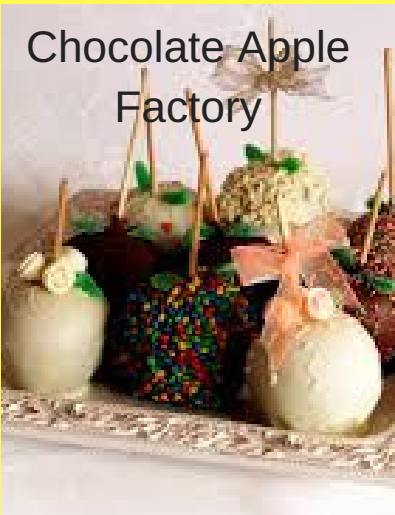
Cobram



Additonal Days you may like to add to your itinerary

GLENROWAN/BENALLA/SHEPPARTON

Today we again head for Kelly country, to Glenrowan and visit the site where Ned has his final stand off with the law before being arrested and taken to Beechworth. Here you can enjoy the Ned Kelly Museum and Kates Cottage. We will then go on to Benalla for lunch and a stroll through the rose gardens. There is a statue celebrating the life of Weary Dunlop displayed in these gardens. From here we travel to Shepparton, home of the well known factory SPC. Victorian guests may like to visit the SPC Factory Sales store. We will also take you to the Chocolate Apple Factory. We will return to the motel and dinner will be a BBQ at the motel.



**BRIGHT- AUTUMN LEAVES TOUR
(April/May only)**

Today takes us to the beautiful area of Bright, it is a lovely town nestled at the foot hills of the Snowy Mountains. During Autumn this town bursts with colour and really is a sight to be seen at least once in your life. The beauty of the mountains and the changing autumn leaves makes this a day to remember.



Please note Itineraries may change without notice and these are to be used as a guide only.

