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DAY TOURS GUIDE

Day Tour Burraga – Carcoar – Rockley – Perthville – Chifley Dam

Burraga village was once a thriving copper mines and present day it is a radiata log treatment facility. After Burraga, the tour continues through Rockley to Trunkey Creek (a gold rush town) to Carcoar for a picnic lunch. Carcoar is the third oldest town west of the Blue Mountains and was the site of Australia's first bank hold up and haunt of Ben Hall the bush ranger. The Church of Immaculate Conception, constructed in 1870, has an ingenious cooling system with air passing through wall cavities with vents in the window sills. The tour then returns to Oberon via Barry, Newbridge, Perthville and Ben Chifley Dam.



Day Tour Yerrandrie - 'ghost tour' in the Blue Mountains

A day full of adventure and great Blue Mountains scenery. The drive to the 'ghost town' follows the historic stock route over the mountains and a trackside morning tea stop is near a rock shelf with numerous Aboriginal sharpening grooves. On arrival at the site of the once thriving silver mining town of Yerranderie, a guided town tour will be conducted. After a picnic lunch there is time to stroll a nearby silver mine or enjoy the peaceful surrounds of the "ghost town" before returning to Oberon.



(By arrangement only – due to road conditions.)

Day Tour Timber Harvesting and Oberon Attractions



Drive by a coach along forestry trails to watch the high tech harvesting machinery at work in the radiata forests that cover large areas near Oberon. Enjoy a picnic lunch before returning to visit the local museum (in the railway station), the wood gallery and the Cobweb gallery (situated in the Malachi Gilmour Hall – perhaps Australia's best example of art deco architecture) or simply enjoy time to stroll around Oberon township.



Spring Time Tour - Daffodil Festival

This tour is on the weekend before the long weekend in October as that is when the Daffodil Festival occurs in Oberon. The tour will include a trip to Kangara Walls, and various daffodil and tulip gardens as well as being back in time for the Daffodil Festival. The Street Fair is held in the main street of Oberon. The main street is closed to traffic for the day with entertainment, rides, exhibitions and displays, as well as the growing number of stallholders.

Day Tour Sofala – Hill End

A day full of history with a visit to one of Australia's first gold-fields. Morning tea will be provided en route. A local guide at Hill End will relive the history of the gold fields with visits to local historic sites. After lunch the tour will visit the History Hill complex with its own underground mine and perhaps the finest 'gold rush' museum in the country. There will be a stop at Sofala with time to browse this historic town.



Day Tour Tarana – Lithgow – Glow Worm Tunnels

(small groups only – 25 or less)

En route to Lithgow we pass through Tarana (pink granite quarry for the Sydney Opera House) and cross sections of Cox's original road to Bathurst as well as the old railway route. Visit all the highlight in Lithgow, before viewing the impressive rock formations known as the 'lost city'. The adventure continues as we drive along the abandoned railway track on the Lithgow to Newnes line, through a long railway tunnel to the track head for a walk to the main tunnel with its pretty glow worms (torches supplied).



Day Tour Kangara Walls – Jenolan Caves

A short drive to Kanangra Boyd National Park and Kanangra Situated near the Jenolan Caves, 180 km west of Sydney, Kangara-Boyd is a large wilderness region covering 68 276 ha.. Enormous cliffs, canyons and gorges, underdeveloped limestone caves, spectacular waterfalls and crystal clear streams. One of the main attractions is the Kanangara Walls, these spectacular cliffs are an amazing sight. Then the tour heads to Jenolan Caves in time for lunch. Browse the newly renovated historic Caves House or walk one of the short nearby trails. There are over 400 karst features recorded at Jenolan of which most are caves ranging from a few metres in length up to several kilometres long. Of these, 12 are regularly shown to the public. The tour is in small coaches (less than 30) because of road conditions. The tour includes a picnic lunch at Jenolan.

Day Tour Ilford and the Museum of Power and Steam

Travel to Kelso first to see the The Holy Trinity Anglican Church at Kelso was the first church built west of the Blue Mountains. The foundation stone was laid in 1834 and the building was completed in 1835. Rev Samuel Marsden conducted the first service in 1835 and in 1836 Bishop Broughton, the first Bishop of Australia, consecrated the building. The the tour heads to Ilford and the Museum of Power and Steam. The museum's exhibits show the development of steam and internal engine, the transition to the internal combustion engine and its development, also the lateral thinking which developed the turbine - the steam engine of the 20th century. The tour returns via Sofala, Limekilns, Kelso and Brewongle.



Day Tour Bathurst – Abercrombie House

Travel to Bathurst (Australia's oldest inland settlement) and visit Abercrombie House (extraordinary blue stone Gothic mansion) and the Sommerville Collection (Australia's finest fossil and mineral museum). The City of Bathurst is the oldest inland settlement in Australia. It was proclaimed a town in 1815 and, with the discovery of gold, experienced rapid growth in the 1850s and '60s. It is the home of Ben Chifley, motor racing and education. Returning via Perthville, Chifley Dam (major water storage for Bathurst) and O'Connell (pub opened in 1865).

Mt Piper Power Station/Trout Farm/Small Arms Factory Tour

Mt Piper Power Station Visitors' Centre at the district's newest and most up-to-date power station has plenty of scope for participation, with videos, touch-screen computers, wind turbines and solar panels. The Archvale Rainbow Trout Farm is located off the Great Western Highway at Marrangaroo, there is recreational fishing and fresh trout. The Lithgow Small Arms museum houses one of Australia's most comprehensive collections of machine guns, rifles, pistols and related items from around the world. Unique to this museum are Australian designed experimental, prototype and pre-production weapons.



Bathurst Tour – Motor Racing Tour



Mount Panorama Motor Racing Circuit is 6.213 kilometres in length, 874 metres above sea level and has grades of up to 1 in 6.13. The track is a public road for the majority of the year and as such regular road rules apply (incl. 2 way traffic, 60km/hr speed limit). Race direction (during major events is anti-clockwise. Mount Panorama is unique in its rural setting. There are over 40 private residences located around the circuit, as well as luxury accommodation, a winery, restaurant and fruit orchard. Several local sporting associations also use the Mount as a base for their activities, including the Sporting Shooters Association, Bathurst Rifle Club, Bathurst Gun Club, Panorama Motorcycle Club, and, of course, the Bathurst Light Car Club. The National Motor Racing Museum sits on Murray's Corner, showcasing an impressive array of motorcycle and car racing memorabilia from all over the country. The mix of homes, businesses and sporting clubs adds to the mystique of the Mount, creating a laid-back, welcoming feel to this remarkable track.



Carcoar Wind Farm Tour

This man-made Wind Farm is the largest of its type in Australia. It consists of 15 wind turbines between Lake Carcoar and Mount Macquarie. The energy produced here is distributed to green-power customers. The benefits for the area are not only environmental but has also become a great tourist attraction, bringing significant economic benefits to the region.

Burruga/Trunkey/Abercrombie Caves Tour

This tour starts at Burruga village, a once thriving mining town and present day it is a radiate log treatment facility. After Burruga, the tour continues through Rockley to Trunkey Creek (a gold rush town) Abercrombie Caves. The entrance to the Abercrombie Caves is through the majestic Grand Arch. Solid masses of marble decorate the walls of the caves highlighted by the soft natural light entering from each end. More than a century ago goldminers built a platform for dances in one of the main galleries. Today the historic dance floor is used as a stage for underground concerts, weddings and Christmas carols. The tour returns via Rockley (Time passed Rockley by. Around the turn of the century the copper mine closed and slowly people drifted away. As a result the village remains largely untouched. It is this near-perfect preservation which has resulted in the whole village being listed by the National Trust.) and Charlton.



Local Farm Tours

Visit sheep/cattle/vegetable growing (when in season) farms in the Oberon District.

