

# Broken Hill & Outback Wanderer

*With Trade Travel*

**11 Days / 10 Nights - Fully Escorted**

**Departs: Sunday 15 September - Wednesday 25 September, 2024**



**TRADE TRAVEL**  
Effortless Journeys, Endless Memories



## **Day 1. Sunday 15 Sept: Homeport - Sydney - Bathurst**

**Lunch & Dinner**

### **Flight Details: Homeport - Sydney (flight times to be advised)**

We arrive at Sydney Airport this morning ready for a week of touring Outback New South Wales. We board our coach and begin our drive up through the beautiful Blue Mountains, in Penrith our first fantastic tour experience takes place on-board the **Nepean Belle Paddle Wheeler**. On our **11.30am Scenic Adventure Cruise** we admire the incredible scenery of the Nepean Gorge while enjoying a delicious hearty lunch. After our cruise concludes at 2.30pm, we travel across the incredible Blue Mountains with a stop by the **Three Sisters Lookout** before arriving in **Bathurst at Rydges Mount Panorama** for check-in and freshen up before gathering for dinner in the Chicane Bar and Grill.

**Overnight Bathurst: Rydges Mount Panorama**

## **Day 2. Mon 16 Sept: Bathurst (Outback Explorer Rail) - Broken Hill**

**Breakfast**

### **Outback Explorer Rail: Departs Bathurst Station at 0947 - Arrives Broken Hill Station at 1910**

After breakfast this morning we **check-in at Bathurst Station** for our **Outback Explorer rail journey across to Broken Hill** while enjoying the on-board dining facilities. We arrive in **Broken Hill**, a true outback city in every sense, a living breathing time capsule where the great mining prosperity of yesteryear blends seamlessly with a rising modern art scene, all set amid a sprawling desert landscape. On arrival we transfer to our centrally located motel for check-in.

**Overnight Broken Hill: Ibis Styles Broken Hill**

## **Day 3. Tue 17 Sept: Broken Hill**

**Breakfast & Dinner**

After breakfast we see the very best of **Australia's First Heritage Listed City** on our tour showcasing Broken Hill's rich history. Our first stop of the day is at the **Miner's Memorial**, located at the highest point of the **Line Of Lode**. From here we will be able to see the city's unique architecture. Next we visit another of Broken Hill's must-see mining museums, **The Albert Kersten Mining and Minerals Museum 'GeoCentre'**, presenting the rich mineral history of Broken Hill. This geological science museum boasts a 42kg silver nugget, large mineral collection and iconic **Silver Tree**. Late afternoon enjoy **sunset drinks and nibbles** while taking in the dramatic natural scenery and breathtaking light and colour of the **Living Desert Sculptures**. We then enjoy dinner and a good night's rest in readiness for another intriguing day tomorrow.

**Overnight Broken Hill: Ibis Styles Broken Hill**

## **Day 4. Wed 18 Sept: Royal Flying Doctor Service, Gin Distillery & Palace Hotel**

**Breakfast & Dinner**

We start our day with a visit to the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**, where we will learn about the important work they do in providing medical care to remote communities. Then, it's on to the **Broken Hill Gin Distillery** for tastings and behind-the-scenes look at how the spirit is made. We'll finish up with a meal at the iconic **Palace Hotel**, made famous by the film **Priscilla, Queen of the Desert**, check out the **hand stencilled wallpaper** and **amazing murals** and observe the history of the former **Coffee Palace**.

**Overnight Broken Hill: Ibis Styles Broken Hill**

## **Day 5. Thurs 19 Sept: Menindee Lakes & Kinchega National Park**

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

Our day today takes us south around the **Menindee Lakes scheme**, with scenic stops along the way at Menindee and **Kinchega National Park** (roads permitting) including a morning tea stop on the shores of Copi Hollow. The magnificent Kinchega National Park located along the banks of the Darling River and the shoreline of Menindee Lakes Scheme is home to the **Kinchega Shearing Shed**, which dates back to the 1860s and had 62 shearing stands. A highlight of our day is a Menindee Lakes and Darling River **wetlands lunch cruise on the River Lady**, where we will get up close and personal with the abundant wildlife that call this area home. While in Menindee we check out **Maidens Hotel**, the second oldest pub in NSW and also the **two historic trees** – one marked by a survey team in 1882, and one in Yartla Street that marks the height of the 1890 floods. This afternoon we return to Broken Hill to refresh before dinner.

**Overnight Broken Hill: Ibis Styles Broken Hill**

### Day 6. Fri 20 Sept: Silverton & Taste of the Artback

**Breakfast & Dinner**

After breakfast we head off to Australia's liveliest ghost town, **Silverton**, a must-see destination for any movie buff or history lover. Explore craft centres, art galleries and museums as well as enjoying lunch (own expense) at the iconic Silverton Hotel and discover why this tiny desert town has inspired countless filmmakers. Learn about some of the characters that called Silverton home for a short time including **Mel Gibson, Bryan Brown and Helen Morse** just to name a few. This afternoon our **'Taste of the Artback Tour'** takes us to galleries including the late **Pro Hart, Howard Steer, Amany Mitha and The Silver City Mint and Art Centre, home to the "Big Picture"**. Our day complete, it's back to our accommodation to enjoy dinner.

**Overnight Broken Hill: Ibis Styles Broken Hill**

### Day 7. Sat 21 Sept: Free Day

**Breakfast**

Today is ours to enjoy at leisure from our centrally located motel. We can start with a stroll around to the **Syndicate of Seven** where the sculptures depict the seven men who founded Broken Hill when they pegged claims for mining leases along the Line of Lode in 1883. Nearby is the **Sulphide Street Railway and Historical Museum** which houses the Silverton Tramway Company locomotives and memorabilia in the original 1905 station building and grounds. The Broken Hill Migrant Heritage Museum, Hospital Museum, Ron Carter Transport Pavilion and the Tess Alfonsi Mineral Collection are all on-site as well. Another must visit is the **Broken Hill Visitors Information Centre** which of course has a wealth of information on Australia's first heritage listed city, an extensive gift and produce shop plus a large Gloria Jean's Coffee Shop. Then there are the local shops, cafés, restaurants, historic hotels and clubs to enjoy. Dinner tonight will be at your own leisure.

**Overnight Broken Hill: Ibis Styles Broken Hill**

### Day 8. Sun 22 Sept: White Cliffs

**Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner**

On our journey today, we travel to White Cliffs enjoying a morning tea stop in Wilcannia which was the third largest inland port in the country during the river boat era of the mid-19th century. We then arrive in **White Cliffs**, Australia's oldest commercial opal field and one of the only places in the world where white opal is found. White Cliffs is also home to Australia's first solar power station. We visit the **opal fields, solar power station and various underground showrooms and galleries** including the **Red Earth Opal Underground Mine and Showroom** where we will get the opportunity to purchase opals directly from the source before enjoying dinner and spending the night in the **unique White Cliffs Underground Motel**.

**Overnight White Cliffs: Underground Motel**

### Day 9. Mon 23 Sept: White Cliffs - Broken Hill

**Breakfast & Dinner**

After checkout we travel back across to Broken Hill enjoying a comfort stop en-route before arriving back in the Silver City at the **iconic Bells Milk Bar** where history abounds and traditional **milkshakes, spiders** and other delights are served. After checking back into our accommodation enjoy some leisure time to explore more of this great part of Australia. For a glimpse into what life was like for the early settlers step inside the **Sulphide Street Railway and Historical Museum** or why not take a stroll through the **Broken Hill City Art Gallery**. This evening we gather at the motel for our **farewell dinner**.

**Overnight Broken Hill: Ibis Styles Broken Hill**

### Day 10. Tue 24 Sept: Broken Hill - Bathurst (Outback Explorer Rail)

**Breakfast & Dinner**

**Outback Explorer Rail: Departs Broken Hill at 0745 - Arrives Bathurst Station at 1802**

After a light breakfast we transfer to the Broken Hill Station for our Outback Explorer Rail journey back across to **Bathurst** where we are met by our coach captain and transferred to our motel for dinner and a good nights rest.

**Overnight Bathurst: Rydges Mount Panorama**

### Day 11. Wed 25 Sept: Bathurst - Mount Wilson - Sydney - Homeport

**Breakfast & Lunch**

Today we begin our drive back down to the Sydney Airport travelling through Lithgow to the **heritage garden village of Mount Wilson** which is home to **Windyridge Garden**, which sits on just shy of 5 acres and has been **voted as one of Australia's most beautiful gardens**. The entire property is landscaped, with each section of the garden themed with crowd pleases which include a large selection of Japanese maples featured throughout the garden, camellias, rhododendrons, peonies and hydrangeas. Enjoy a cuppa and biscuit on arrival then take a stroll around the delightful garden, where there is always something to see no matter the time of year. We then travel the Bells Line of Road to Bilpin where we call in to the **Hillbilly Cider Shed** for a talk, tasting and some **wood-fired pizza for lunch**. We then continue our drive down to Sydney Airport for check in and late afternoon flight back home after our New South Wales Outback Wanderer Tour with Trade Travel.

**Flight Details: Sydney - Homeport (flight times to be advised)**



# Tour Highlights & Inclusions



Credit: Destination NSW



## Tour Highlights:

Nepean Belle Paddle Wheeler Lunch Cruise; Three Sisters Lookout; Line of Lode Miner's Memorial; Albert Kersten Mining & Minerals Museum 'GeoCentre'; Sunset Drinks Living Desert Sculptures; Royal Flying Doctor Service; Broken Hill Gin Distillery; Palace Hotel; Menindee Lakes & Kinchega National Park; River Lady Wetlands Cruise; Silvertown Township; Taste Of The Outback Art Trail - Pro Hart, Howard Steer, Amany Mitha, The Silver City Mint & Art Centre; White Cliffs Opal Mining Township; Bells Milk Bar; Mount Wilson Windyridge Garden; Hillbilly Cider Shed plus more!

## Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Bathurst to Broken Hill Return Outback Explorer Rail - (subject to availability and first in, first option)
- Luxury coach travel
- 10 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (22 Meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

**EX Brisbane Tour Cost: \$4998.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$860.00)**  
**EX Melbourne Tour Cost: \$4898.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$860.00)**  
**EX Sydney Tour Cost: \$4458.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$860.00)**

**A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed.**

*The tour prices valid for travel in 2024. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.*

A **deposit of \$200.00 per person** is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form!

**Final Payment:** Due no later than **Friday 14 June, 2024**

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