



10 days | COUNTRY TOWNS AND OUTBACK ART

Join us on a scenic journey through the stunning High Country, where rolling hills, charming towns, and breathtaking alpine landscapes await. Explore the historic streets of Beechworth, with its beautifully preserved gold rush architecture and vibrant local culture. Wander through the picturesque towns of Bright and Mount Beauty, nestled at the foot of the mountains and bursting with colour and charm. Take in sweeping views from the alpine region, visit local farms and artisan producers, and enjoy the warm hospitality of country communities along the way. This tour is a perfect blend of natural beauty, history, and relaxed country charm.

DAY 1 (LD) PORT MACQUARIE TO GOULBURN

Monday 09 March 2026

Welcome to our 10-day tour discovering country towns and outback art. Depart early this morning as we make our way south with a morning tea stop from the coach at **Bulahdelah**. Lunch today will be at **Beresfield Bowling Club**. Our travels this afternoon take us further southwest of Sydney to **Goulburn**. A welcome dinner awaits us in the hotel.

Morning Tea from the coach | Lunch at Ourimbah RSL | Dinner at hotel

Mercure Goulburn, Goulburn | 1 night



DAY 2 (BLD) GOULBURN TO WANGARATTA

Tuesday 10 March 2026



Following an early breakfast, we continue south through Gundagai and Holbrook towards Table Top. Our lunch venue is the **Kinross Wool Shed Hotel**. This afternoon we continue through to **Beechworth** where we meet our guide for a town tour of the area. Our afternoons drive takes us to **Wangaratta**, where we can unpack and relax as this will be our home for the next three

nights.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Morning Tea from the coach | lunch Kinross Wool Shed Hotel

Quality Hotel Wangaratta | 3 nights

Day 3 (BLD) WANGARATTA

TO MULWALA

Wednesday 11 March 2026

Today we travel to **Yarrawonga**, located on Lake Mulwala in the region of the Murray often referred to as “Sun Country”. Here we join a **morning tea cruise on Lake Mulwala**. The lake was developed in 1939 by the completion of the Yarrawonga Weir, which was part of the massive Lake Hume project to harness



the waters of the Murray for irrigation purposes. It is one of the Murray River’s most beautiful stretches with features of the area including ghostly river red gums and dozens of sandy beaches. Back on dry land, we make our way to **Buller Wines** for a delicious lunch at The Pavilion Restaurant. Dinner tonight will be at the Wangaratta RSL.

Breakfast at the hotel | Morning Tea Cruise | Lunch at The Pavilion Restaurant | Dinner at Wangaratta RSL



Day 4 (BLD) SILO ART TRAIL

Thursday 12 March 2026

Silos are drawing crowds to small country towns in Victoria, so today we are off to do some more silo spotting of our own. We begin in the small town of **Tungamah**, where the silo features much loved Australian wildlife including the iconic Kookaburra, pink and grey Galah and sulphur crested Cockatoo. Not far from here is our next silo, **St James**. Artist Tim Bowtell depicts a mural of St George Coles, the



founder of Coles supermarkets who was a local to the St James township. In **Devenish**, see Cam Scale’s artwork representing the changing role of women in the military – a First World War nurse and a modern-day combat medic. We enjoy lunch in **Goorambat** before visiting our last silo a Barking Owl, which is critically endangered. Here we also visit ‘Sophia’ representing the female aspect of the Holy Trinity on the wall inside the Uniting Church.

Breakfast and dinner at the hotel | Morning Tea from the Coach | Lunch at Goorambat Railway Hotel



Day 5 (BLD) A DAY OF NED KELLY

Friday 13 March 2026

We have a day of discovering as we take the short drive across to **Glenrowan** with our first visit of the day to **Kate’s Cottage**. Named after Ned Kelly’s sister, Kate. Kate’s Cottage is situated opposite the “Big Ned Kelly” Statue and features a huge range of interesting and exciting Ned Kelly and Australiana gifts and souvenirs, as well as a fascinating museum. We make our way to **Benalla**, located on the banks of the Broken River noted for its public gardens. We enjoy the sights including the bootmaker’s shop in Arundel Street where Ned hid after being charged with drunkenness and riding his horse on the footpath! When he gave himself up to Constable Fitzpatrick after a fracas, he was taken in handcuffs across the road to the old courthouse. Ned’s cell is situated behind the building and is open to the public. We also visit the **Costume and Pioneer Museum**. Here we can view period costumes and two permanent exhibitions. ‘**The Ned Kelly Story**’ is housed in a portable cell in which Ned was once imprisoned on his journey to Melbourne by train. It contains memorabilia such as Ned’s sash and bridle, the bloodstained silk cummerbund he was wearing when he was captured at Glenrowan, the witness box from the old Benalla courthouse and



the door of the old Benalla Gaol Joe Byrne’s body was tied to for photographs after the Glenrowan siege in 1880. Leaving Benalla we’ll see the bank the Kelly Gang held up in **Euroa** as well as the Euroa Inn, the oldest building in Euroa, where Ben Gould stayed whilst reconnoitring for the bank raid. From here we travel to **Beveridge**, Ned Kelly’s birthplace. Located on the corner of Kelly



Day 5 (BLD) A DAY OF NED KELLY

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Friday 13 March 2026

Street and Stewart Street is the weatherboard cottage that Ned lived in as a child. Ned's father John 'Red' Kelly built the home using local materials including bluestone. While in town you can also see Beveridge Catholic School which the Kelly kids attended. A full day of stories of the infamous Ned Kelly. We arrive in Ballarat later today for the next 2 nights.

Breakfast, lunch pack and dinner in motel | Morning Tea from the coach

Sovereign Park Motor Inn, Ballarat | 2 nights



Day 6 (BLD) BALLARAT

Saturday 14 March 2026



Today we explore the legacy of the gold rush and admire the city's stunning streetscapes. We make our way to **The Eureka Centre**, which explores the cultural impact of the gold rush and tells the stories of the men and women who risked their lives in the fight for miners' rights. Located at the historic site of the 1854 Eureka Stockade, the Eureka Centre is home to one of Australia's most iconic cultural objects – the Eureka Flag (The Flag of the Southern Cross). We look

through the museum and have lunch at the onsite café. We spend the afternoon at **Sovereign Hill**, where Australia's history comes to life! We step back in time to the golden past and days of the great gold rush of the 1850s at this unique open-air museum. There's real gold to be panned, street theatre, the opportunity to meet consumed goldfield characters and watch skilled craftsman at work.

Breakfast and dinner at motel | Lunch at the Eureka Centre



Day 7 (BLD) BALLARAT TO BENDIGO

Sunday 15 March 2026



Our first stop today – on our way to **Bendigo** – is at the small town of **Creswick** to visit the **Creswick Woollen Mill**. This is Australia's last coloured woollen spinning mill. Here we have a fully interactive experience showcasing the journey of fibre - all the way from its source on the alpaca through the manufacturing process and finally to the shop shelf. The exhibit gives a great insight into natural fibres and how they are processed. We then travel to **Castlemaine**. This district dates to the 1830s when most

of the land was taken up for farming. The discovery of gold radically altered the agriculture-based landscape as 30,000 diggers worked several goldfields. The centre of the town has been virtually unaltered since the 1860s when the surface gold was exhausted. Our stop here is at **Buda Historic Home and Garden** for a guided tour followed by lunch. The house is one of the great heritage assets of the goldfield's region. Built in 1861, it was once the home of noted gold and silversmith Ernest Leviny and his family. Complete with the family's art and craft collections, furnishings and domestic effects, Buda is a unique record of this creative family who occupied it for the period of 118 years. On arrival into Bendigo, we have time to relax and freshen up before dinner.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | Morning Tea from the Coach | lunch at Buda Historic Home and Garden

Quality Lakeside Hotel, Bendigo | 1 night



Day 8 (BLD) BENDIGO TO ALBURY

Monday 16 March 2026



After breakfast this morning we join the **'Talking Tram'** to see some of the stunning buildings in Bendigo - such as the Shamrock Hotel - and to learn a little about the history of the Goldfields. Then we are off to **Ravenswood Homestead** for a brief tour and a slightly earlier lunch. Gold was first discovered on the property which led to Bendigo becoming one of the richest towns in the world. Consequently this property plays a big part in the

history of Bendigo and is a most interesting visit. Making our way to Tatura where we visit the **Tatura Irrigation and Wartime Camps Museum**. There's also a wonderful mural on the side of the



museum. The Museum houses a unique collection based on 3 main themes: the History of Irrigation in Victoria's Goulburn Valley, the Local and Family History of Tatura since white settlement and the history of the seven World War 2 Prisoner of War and Internment Camps which were established in this area.

Breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Ravenswood Hotel

Quality Resort Siesta, Albury | 1 night



Day 9 (BLD) ALBURY TO GOULBURN

Tuesday 17 March 2026

Following breakfast, we head to **Holbrook** where we will make the most of our journey and visit the **Submarine Museum**. You might think it's a bit odd to find a life-sized submarine in the middle of rural NSW? Our visit reveals why the HMAS Otway's final resting spot came to be in Holbrook. Through an amazing holograph presentation, we will hear how a brave young Submariner, whose exploits during the First World War earned him the honour of having a town named after him. With all our questions answered, we are leaving Holbrook and continue our



journey to **Junee**. Junee has been an important railway centre since the early 1880s when workshops were moved here from Wagga Wagga. On arrival we visit the **Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory**. The Factory was established in the **old Junee Flour Mill**. Here they manufacture organic liquorice, one of only three certified organic liquorice manufacturers in the world! That's why we are very lucky to have **lunch** here. With some purchases made filling our bags with liquorice and chocolate, we head to

Goulburn and settle into our hotel for the night.

Breakfast and Dinner in Motel | Morning Tea from the coach | Lunch at Junee Liquorice and Chocolate Factory

Mercure Goulburn | 1 night

Day 10 (BL) GOULBURN TO HOME

Wednesday 18 March 2026

What a tour we've had. Making tracks for home, with several stops along the way and **lunch** at the **Ourimbah RSL** before arriving home with a suitcase full of special memories.

Breakfast at hotel | Morning Tea from the coach | Lunch at Ourimbah RSL

Tour Inclusions

- 9 night's motel accommodation
- 9 motel breakfasts
- 8 motel dinners and 1 out - see below
- 10 included lunches – see below
- Lunch at Ourimbah RSL
- Lunch at Kinross Wool Shed Hotel

Tour Inclusions continued:

- Locally guided tour of Beechworth
- Devonshire Tea Cruise on MV Paradise Queen, Yarrawonga
- Lunch at the Pavilion Restaurant, Buller Wines
- Dinner at Wangaratta RSL
- Lunch at the Goorambat Railway Hotel
- Lunch pack from Quality Hotel Wangaratta
- Entry to Kate's Cottage, Glenrowan
- Entry to Costume & Pioneer Museum, Benalla
- Entry and lunch at The Eureka Centre, Ballarat
- Entry to Sovereign Hill, Ballarat
- Visit to Creswick Woollen Mills
- Entry, guided tour of grounds and historic house and lunch at Buda Historic Home, Castlemaine
- Vintage Talking Tram Tour, Bendigo
- Tour and lunch at Ravenswood Homestead, Bendigo
- Entry to Museum at Tatura Irrigation & Wartime Camps Museum
- Entry and tour at the Submarine Museum, Holbrook
- Lunch and tour at Junee Licorice & Chocolate Factory
- Lunch at Ourimbah-Lisarow RSL Club - The Kitchen

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