

BRUSHSTROKES OF THE BUSH- NSW SILO ART & MURALS

Day 1 – Sydney • Blue Mountains • Lithgow • Portland • Cowra

We begin our journey in Sydney and travel through the Blue Mountains, stopping at Mt Tomah for morning tea among cool-climate gardens. After lunch in Lithgow, we continue to Portland to admire its beautifully restored silos, once part of the town's historic cement works. These towering canvases now feature vibrant murals celebrating local workers and community spirit, marking Portland as an early pioneer in regional silo art.

The afternoon takes us deeper into regional NSW as we continue to Cowra, where we settle into our motel and enjoy dinner together.

Overnight: Club Cowra Motel- 3 Star- (02 6341 1999)

Meals Included: Morning Tea, Lunch, Dinner

Day 2 – Murrumburrah • Grenfell • Eugowra • Canowindra • Cowra

Today begins in Murrumburrah, where we enjoy morning tea beside the silo artwork depicting the birthplace of the First Australian Light Horse, capturing themes of courage and local pride. We continue to Grenfell to view its striking silo mural portraying native birds and landscapes in soft, earthy tones. In Eugowra, we explore a town alive with colourful murals telling stories of bushrangers, floods and local legends before enjoying lunch. The afternoon takes us to the Age of Fishes Museum, where we discover rare 360-million-year-old fossils that bring prehistoric Australia vividly to life, before returning to Cowra for dinner.

Overnight: Club Cowra Motel

Meals Included: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch & Dinner



Day 3 – Cowra POW History • Japanese Garden • Heritage Rail Depot

We begin the day at the Cowra Visitor Centre for the moving POW theatre experience, which introduces the town's profound connection with Japan. Cowra became the site of a tragic breakout during WWII, and in the decades that followed, the community worked tirelessly to promote reconciliation and peace. After morning tea, we visit the former POW camp site and its commemorative water tank artwork, before continuing to the serene Japanese Garden. Created as a symbol of friendship between Cowra and Japan, the garden's winding paths, bridges and reflective lakes offer a peaceful place to pause and enjoy lunch. Later, we tour Cowra's Heritage Rail Depot, discovering restored engines and local railway history, before returning to our motel for dinner.

Overnight: Club Cowra Motel

Meals Included: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Dinner

Day 4 – Molong • Wellington • Gulgong • Dunedoo • Tamworth

Departing Cowra, we visit Molong's water tank art, where vibrant images highlight Wiradjuri culture and local childhood memories. In Wellington, we pause for morning tea before continuing to Gulgong to explore the exceptional Holtermann Museum, home to rare gold-rush-era photographs offering a vivid window into 19th-century life.

After lunch, we travel to Dunedoo to view its beautiful silo mural celebrating champion racehorse Winx, portrayed in dynamic blues and golds. We continue to Tamworth for a comfortable evening and dinner.

Overnight: Best Western All Settlers Tamworth- 4 Star- (02 6762 1566)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 – Barraba • Gunnedah • Tamworth

After breakfast, we travel to Barraba, home to the impressive "Water Diviner" silo mural created by internationally acclaimed artist Fintan Magee. Towering over the landscape, it depicts themes of drought, resilience and the deep relationship between locals and the land. In Gunnedah, we admire a collection of murals and silo artworks that celebrate Indigenous heritage, farming life and poet Dorothea Mackellar. After lunch, we return to Tamworth for a town tour and a visit to the Golden Guitar Museum, where we explore Australia's rich country music heritage, before enjoying dinner together.

Overnight: Best Western All Settlers

Meals Included: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 – Quirindi • Merriwa • Hunter Valley

Today takes us to Quirindi to admire its brightly coloured silo mural celebrating the region's sunflowers, farming landscapes and local identities, enjoyed alongside morning tea. In Merriwa, we view its striking "Dancing Merinos" artwork, a playful and much-loved depiction of sheep wearing red socks. After lunch, we travel into the Hunter Valley for a relaxed wine tasting set among vineyard scenery. We settle into our accommodation and enjoy dinner in the heart of wine country.

Overnight: Mercure Hunter Valley- 4 Star – (02 4998 2000)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, Dinner



Day 7 – Hunter Valley Gardens • Kurri Kurri • Newcastle • Sydney

We begin at the Hunter Valley Gardens, exploring themed displays and sculpted landscapes. Travelling east, we visit Kurri Kurri, famous for more than 60 murals that portray local stories, characters and cultural moments scattered throughout the town. Each artwork adds colour and charm, creating an outdoor gallery through the streets. Continuing to Newcastle, we enjoy lunch before beginning our return to Sydney. We arrive in the late afternoon, concluding our creative journey through regional art and storytelling.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Pricing

Cost per person based on 30 passengers: \$2,560.00

Cost per person based on 25 passengers: \$2,685.00

Single supplement: +\$532.00

This includes a group discount and pick-up, all experiences, meals, accommodation, and luxury coach travel as listed in the day-by-day itinerary.