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Day 1: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dubbo ~ Grenfell ~ Junee

Your unique Mungo National Park tour starts early today as you board the luxury Langley's coach! Enjoy the scenery as we travel down the Newell Highway. At Forbes the coach will turn off the highway and head for the small gold rush town of Grenfell. It is also known for being the birthplace of Henry Lawson. After a quick morning tea there will be time to visit the very different Wallangreen Sculpture Garden. You can wander among the quirky and realistic metal sculptures that are displayed amongst trees and garden beds.

After having some lunch in town and enjoying the ambience of a small county town there will be a chance to view the Heesco painted silos and see the Big Gold Pick and Pan. Then head off to Junee via Young and Cootamundra. After checking in to your nights' accommodation, you are in for a real experience. Dinner tonight is at Monte Cristo and then you will get to enjoy or "shiver" your way through the famous Monte Cristo's Ghost tour. Monte Cristo Historic Homestead is recognised as Australia's Most Haunted Homestead. Hopefully you will sleep well tonight!

Day 2: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Junee ~ Jerilderie ~ Swan Hill

This morning you can have a sleep in before checking out and then enjoying your breakfast at the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory. With just a little bit of time to shop, as there are a few miles to travel today. Lunch stop today will be a Jerilderie, where bushranger Ned Kelly attempted to have his 8,000-word manifesto printed by the local newspaper editor in 1879. The historic town in the beautiful Riverina is the only NSW town raided by the Kelly Gang and has more surviving authentic Kelly sites than anywhere else along the Ned Kelly Touring Route. There is a wonderful bakery to get some lunch and close by are several Ned Kelly historical sites. But you can't linger long as Swan Hill is beckoning. After checking into your accommodation, the coach will take you to the Pioneer Settlement for dinner before you experience the Heartbeat of The Murray. Recent winner of the International Laser Design Association's prestigious award for multi-media shows, and set on the banks of the Little Murray River, the world-class 'Heartbeat of the Murray' is a 360-degree multi-media spectacular unlike anything ever seen in Australia. Using water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the story of the Murray, you'll be transported back 30 million years, before travelling forward through time to the Murray River as we know it today. This state-of-the-art show is the first of its kind in the world to use a natural river environment and setting as the background.

Day 3: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Swan Hill

Today after breakfast at your motel there will be time for a town tour, hopefully you will see The Big Cod and then the Pioneer Settlement is yours to enjoy. Visit a multitude of old-time shops

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and work rooms. Spend some money on something sweet at the lolly shop or enjoy a ride on the horse drawn cart, or in the lovingly-restored 1920s Dodge (rides included) after visiting the blacksmiths. Lunch is included today for the group and the icing on the cake will be a one hour cruise on the PS Pyap. The paddlesteamer Pyap was built at Mannum in South Australia in 1896. Despite her great size – she is almost 30 metres long and 4.8 metres wide – she has a very shallow draft which means she can float in less than a metre of water. In her early days she was used a floating general store. She travelled the lower Murray River, stopping at small towns and farm stations along the way. Inside, she had a serving counter, a store section and a separate drapery at the rear of her lower deck. The crew slept on the upper deck. The PS Pyap travelled 500 kilometres each week selling goods to settlers at over 60 settlements and landing places along the river.

There will be time to freshen up this afternoon before the coach delivers you back over the border to the Murray Downs Golf and Country Club for dinner tonight.

Day 4: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Swan Hill ~ Balranald ~ Mungo Lodge

This morning we leave Swan Hill behind and head to Balranald, with an interesting stop along the way. Located along the Murrumbidgee River, Yanga Woolshed was built in the late 1800s. Once the largest, most modern woolshed in the district, it housed 3,000 sheep and provided work for up to 40 shearers at a time. Today, the woolshed is in Yanga National Park and you can wander through it on a self-guided tour, exploring its runs and pens, getting a feel for an authentic 19th century woolshed and a taste of Australian history.

After stretching your legs at Yanga Woolshed it is only a short hop into Balranald, a town known for its frogs. You will have some time to explore the town, perhaps go looking for some "funky frogs"! Enjoy a walk over the Murrumbidgee River on the Swing Bridge for a wonderful view. Make sure to get some lunch as before the afternoon gets too late, we will be heading onwards to Mungo Lodge where we will base ourselves for the next two nights. This afternoon you can check in and relax. There are walks available if you want to stretch your legs or enjoy the ambience just relaxing on your cabin's veranda before dinner.





## TOUR PRICE

\$2950 Per Person Twin Share  
\$3450 Single Traveller

Deposit: \$200 per person required on booking  
Final Payment: Thursday 10th August 2023

### Day 5: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023 BLD Mungo National Park

Today is all about experiencing all that Mungo National Park has to offer. Mungo National Park is so unlike anywhere else in Australia you could be forgiven for thinking you've arrived on Mars. The must-see spots are located on the outskirts of the waterless and ancient Mungo Lake that sits within the national park and is part of the greater Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area. The lake has actually not contained water for around 18,000 years. Needless to say, leave the swimsuit and inflatable flamingos at home for this one. The park is home to Mungo Lady (also called Mungo Woman) and Mungo Man, which are likely to be the most significant human remains ever discovered in Australia. At 42,000 years old, these burials are some of the oldest remains of modern humans and are some of the oldest remains of modern humans found outside of Africa. You can't help but feel the Aboriginal culture and history as you wander the open expanses. Before lunch there will be an opportunity to do a tour that will include the Mungo Woolshed, Visitors Centre and also a closer look at the Walls of China. After lunch at the Lodge there will be some free time before the Sunset Tour out to the Mungo Walls of China.

They include; The Australian Shearers' Hall of Fame; the Shear Outback Exhibition and the historic Murray Downs Woolshed; which was relocated to its current site in 2001 from the Swan Hill region in Victoria. The Murray Downs shed is a real working woolshed, and the popular shearer conducts shearing demonstrations several times daily. You'll have the opportunity to learn more about shearers' equipment, sheep types, wool classing, microns, working dogs, and machine and blade shearing technique. You'll also be able to meet and talk with the shearer, who'll be able to answer (hopefully!), all those burning questions you have! After browsing the exhibition and enjoying the shearing display there will be time for lunch. A town tour is not complete without a stop at Hay's stunning Water Tower Art. This painted by Melbourne artist Matt Adnate and it is a magnificent tribute to the servicemen and women of Australia. Before checking into your night's accommodation there is time to visit the Bishop Lodge Historic House. Bishop's Lodge is an extraordinary 1888 iron house, designed by architect John Sulman with the first Anglican Bishop of Riverina, Sydney Linton. Their aim was to create a comfortable home to withstand Hay's summer heat and difficult soils. Even today the technology evident in this design is significant. The Bishop's Lodge is surrounded by a wonderfully cool historic garden that features a remarkable collection of heritage roses. Your accommodation is right next door at the Bishop's Lodge Motor Inn. Weather permitting you might get the chance to view the sunset over the plains from the viewing platform on the Cobb Highway with glorious uninterrupted 360° views.

### Day 6: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023 BD Mungo National Park ~ Mildura ~ Balranald

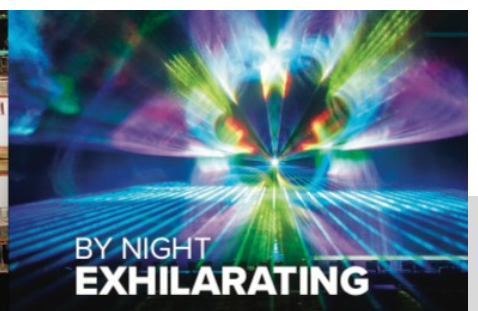
After an early continental breakfast, it's time to leave Mungo behind and we head towards Mildura. Morning tea will be at Orange World and for a change of pace it will be all aboard the tractor train. The train tour has guided commentary through the orchard and avocado canopy, a stop at the look out tower, a nursery talk, orange tastings, and free cup of freshly squeezed juice. But we need to keep moving so it's on to Balranald for your lunch stop. After lunch is the chance to explore the wonderful Yanga Homestead and return to a time when Yanga was one of the Riverina's most productive pastoral stations. Located in Yanga National Park, part of Murrumbidgee Valley National Park, the homestead was built around 1870, along with station outbuildings including stables, a gardener's shed and station store. There are also rose gardens, restored and maintained by volunteers. There will be some time to relax before enjoying dinner at your Balranald accommodation.

### Day 8: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 B Hay ~ Lake Cargelligo ~ Dubbo

Although it is the last day on the road there is still plenty to see while we make our way to Dubbo. Travelling across the Hay Plains there will be a chance for a cuppa while enjoying another amazing example of Heesco's skill at the Weethalle Silos. Then enjoy the scenery as we wind our way through farming country arriving at Lake Cargelligo for lunch. You can grab some lunch at the local café and head down to enjoy it on the shores of the lake. Lake Cargelligo is a wonderful oasis in Central NSW. The town of approx 1,500 serves as a centre for a farming region of sheep, cattle and wheat. Not far up the road we will make a stop just out of Condobolin to view the Utes in the Paddock. A unique and quirky display of art on the iconic Holden Ute. There are currently nearly 20 Utes on display painted by some of the best outback artists and they are always adding to the display so it has something new. Then it's time to wind our way home to Dubbo. Hopefully you will take home many happy memories from the last week.

### Day 7: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023 BD Balranald ~ Hay

Time for a hearty breakfast before we head off to Hay. A must do in Hay is a visit to Shear Outback. The Shear Outback facility is a multi-faceted award-winning tourist and educational attraction comprising several complementary experiences.



# INFORMATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS

The terms and conditions and limitation of liability under which all tours that are organised and/or operated by Langley's Coaches in conjunction with Orana Coaches Pty Ltd hereinafter called "the Company" are detailed hereunder and the payment of the tour deposit or tour price represents acceptance by the purchaser of the following:

## Your Coach

Experience the superb luxury and the safety of our Denning & Scania coaches which have the following features: rest room, air-conditioning, reclining fabric seats, large panoramic windows, DVD & CD, air Suspension

## Luggage Limits and Clothing

Only one medium suitcase 65cm (26 inch) long x 45cm (18 inch) wide x 25cm (10 inch) deep and 15 kgs (33 lbs) in weight per person with a small bag to take on the coach. Luggage limit for some tours is available on request, phone Langley's. **EXCESS LUGGAGE CANNOT BE CARRIED** Our coaches are fitted with overhead racks for your personal effects. Clothing should be casual, with lighter clothing necessary for the tropics and warmer clothes for the southern areas, especially for some nights. Bring swimmers, towel, hat, sunglasses, insect repellent, sensible walking shoes, warm jacket and an extra supply of all camera needs.

## Motels

Your comfort is important so we select the best motels available and all\*\* the rooms have private facilities. Most motels are licensed, centrally located with swimming pools and laundries. \*\*Facilities in remote areas may be less elaborate and may not have private facilities.

## Meals

Every morning we start with a full Australian breakfast of fruit juice, cereal or fruit, a cooked dish, toast and coffee and tea. Except for special occasions, lunch is not included as individual preferences vary so much. Dinner is two or three course, some evenings free for dinner of own choice.

## Smoking and Alcohol

Government regulations forbid smoking and alcohol consumption in and on tourist coaches, however frequent stops provide the opportunity for those who desire to smoke.

## Fares

All coach tour fares in this brochure are guaranteed and not subject to increase, other than any new Government Taxes, air, sea or rail services, over which we have no control! Fares can be found in the fare box for each tour and include accommodation on a twin/double share basis, breakfast and most dinners and all sightseeing, cruises and inspection fees as per itinerary. Overseas departure taxes are included unless stated otherwise but may be subject to change.

## Fares Do Not Include

Lunch, morning and afternoon teas and occasional dinners (except where indicated as included on itinerary) and all items of a personal nature such as laundry, telephone calls, drinks and items of an emergency nature.

## Single Supplement

A limited number of these are available on most tours.

## Travelling Alone

Where a single passenger is willing to share accommodation with a fellow single passenger the company will endeavor to find another of the same gender, however if no suitable companion can be arranged, single supplement must be paid. The Company otherwise accepts no responsibility of the rooming partner and it is a condition of travel that the single passengers willing to share accommodation, accept the rooming partners allocated by the Company. If a passenger at any time during the tour considers the rooming partner to be unsuitable the Company will, subject to availability and at additional cost to the passenger, arrange single accommodation.

## Booking Procedure

A deposit is required as indicated on booking. Final payment due one month prior to departure unless indicated on individual itineraries. Please contact us or your travel agent. Travel agents can forward deposits and other payments on your behalf, but are not the Company's agent purpose of receipt of monies. Receipt of deposit and/or payment by the travel agent does not constitute receipt by the Company and the Company is not liable in respect of monies paid to your travel agent, until monies are received by the Company. It is a condition of carriage that a passenger has paid all tour monies prior to the departure date. The Company will not be bound by any representation reported to have been made on their behalf, unless the representation is confirmed by the Company.

## Itinerary

The Company reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coaches at any time for any reason. It also has the right to cancel/alter the itinerary and/or tour without notice as may be found necessary for any reason whatsoever including, but not limited to road, weather or traffic conditions, non performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements. All additional expenses incurred as a result of any delays, cancellations or alterations will be the sole responsibility of the passenger. Whilst the Company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, the Company accepts no liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experience by the passengers.

## Minimum Numbers Policy

All tours are subject to minimum numbers for tour to operate.

## Coach Seat Rotation

For the enjoyment of all travelers the Company operates a daily seat rotation system which all travelers must participate in as a condition of booking. (On selected tours)

## Cancellation Policy

We strongly recommend you to take out travel insurance to protect your tour fare. Cancellation fees will be charged if you have to cancel your booking with us. The following fees below will apply, in addition to any monies already paid on your behalf to our suppliers.

## Domestic Tours

60 days and over \$100 administration fee  
44 to 31 days 15% of total fare  
30 to 15 days 25% of total fare  
14 to 1 day no refund  
If a tour has commenced, no refund of fare or unused portion of the tour will be refunded  
**Special Cancellation Fees\***

## International Tours

### European River Cruises. Evergreen Tours\*

91 days and over Loss of deposit plus any applicable airline cancellation fees  
90 or less 100% of tour price

### Norfolk Island\*

65 days and over Loss of Deposit  
65 days or less 100% of tour price.

### New Zealand\*

65 days and over Loss of deposit plus any applicable airline cancellation fees.  
65 days or less 100% of tour price.

## Passengers Requirements and Conditions

No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the Company, such as to render them incapable, objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The Company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

## COVID-19

If you test positive for Covid while on board or become a close contact while on board our tour, you will need to leave the tour and enter a 7-day isolation period. You are required to travel home in a private vehicle, and will be responsible for the payment of any additional expenses incurred outside of our planned itinerary. We will of course do everything in our power to help organise these arrangements for you, but Langley's Coaches will not be held responsible for any fees incurred outside of our planned itinerary. You may need to forfeit any money paid for the remainder of the coach tour.

**\*Travel Insurance is not included but is HIGHLY recommended.**



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