

Linga Longa

Tours

MURRAY & HIGH COUNTRY TOUR ITINERARY

Captain Charles Sturt probably never suspected, as he trekked the dense bushland of our region in 1838, that this newly discovered area would become known as the heart of Sun Country on the Murray. Nor would he had believed that Yarrowonga – Mulwala’s climate, boasting more sunshine hours than our far north neighbor’s, would become a natural ‘magnet’ to holiday makers.



Day 1

Board our Luxury Coach from your specified location for the beginning of your Linga Longa holiday in Yarrowonga. We travel along the Freeway with regular stops along the way.

We then arrive late afternoon at Yarrowonga’s finest, award winning **Central Motor Inn** and settle in after your journey. You can relax at the motel and enjoy our lovely courtyard, private pool area, or just enjoy shopping and seeing what Yarrowonga has to offer. For those shopping enthusiasts, the motel is situated right on the doorstep of our local shops.



Prior to dinner, we invite all guests to an informal get together for a wine tasting and Cheese platter.

Tonight, we head next door to the Tame Restaurant for a delicious Aussie BBQ themed dinner. This venue is perfect, with its’ private dining, and ideally located just next door to the motel. This is one of Yarrowonga’s newest restaurants and is open exclusively for our guests and is an ideal venue to get to socialise with everyone.

Day 2

After breakfast we will be delighted to remind you of our beautiful twin townships of Yarrowonga and Mulwala, which are spilt by the border and the Murray River. This region is famous for its wonderful climate and diversity of attractions for visitors. The tour will also help you get your bearings for when you explore our town at your own leisure. We will have a ‘local’ guide to enlighten us of the town’s history and attractions, including our picturesque Lake Mulwala, which is part of the longest irrigation system in the southern hemisphere.

We then board The P. S. Cumberoona. A traditional Steam driven paddle boat, red gum fired with the smells and sounds of years gone by...Sit back and relax on the tranquil waters and beautiful surrounds of Lake Mulwala whilst enjoying a delicious morning tea.



We then head along the road to the historic township of Glenrowan. On arrival, we will take you on a short tour to the famous Kelly Gang's Siege Site.



Next, we enjoy a semi live theatre production of Ned Kelly's Last Stand. Here the siege of the Kelly Gang comes to life using animatronics and computerized robots. You will be transported back in time to witness the events of the final siege at Glenrowan, starting as hostages, surviving the gunfights, and burning buildings. There will be free time to have lunch and shop in Glenrowan and enjoy the "Ned Kelly" experience.



We journey through the Winton Wetlands on our way home and view the Winton Wetlands CFA water tank. This artwork was created by street artist Guido Van Helten. Before beginning, the artist met with three local firefighters from the Winton Brigade, to gain inspiration. He then decided to incorporate the portraits of these three local volunteers into his mural.



An unexpected but fitting compliment to the contribution of CFA volunteers to the area's history, landscape and community, this artwork has received national and international acclaim for the striking expression it casts against the backdrop of lifeless river red gums. The tank can be found in the middle of the wetlands and is part of a separate art trail within the area.

We also view other art projects nearby, such as 'Martins Barge' and the 'Fish Trees'. We then make our way back to Yarrawonga and you can relax at the motel and enjoy our lovely courtyard or private pool area or enjoy shopping and seeing what Yarrawonga has to offer. For those shopping enthusiasts, the motel is situated right on the doorstep of our local shops.



Meander through the eclectic mix of shops and galleries, old wares, and local handicraft. Discover a range of galleries, bric-a-brac and specialty stores. Take home that special souvenir, art piece, jewellery, fashionable item, accessory, or hand-crafted product. Take home a special piece of Yarrowonga. We have secured discounts for you from a number of local operators which provide you with great savings. Do not forget to take your badge and map showing where these shops are located. As part of our Linga Longa Tour, you are entitled to enjoy these discounts.

Dinner tonight is at Yarrowonga's most popular hotel, ideally located across the road from the motel, where you will enjoy a delicious two course meal.

Day 3

After a leisurely country style breakfast, experience a fabulous day in the highlands and travel through the previous tobacco growing area, hop gardens, the chestnut, walnut, and almond groves of Myrtleford, situated right on the banks of the beautiful Ovens River, with Mount Buffalo providing a dramatic backdrop. We then continue to Eurobin for a delicious morning tea at the Red Stag Deer and Emu Farm, set in the most beautiful panoramic views in the Ovens Valley.



The farm is situated on a 375-acre property, bordering the Mt Buffalo National Park in Victoria's High Country. Your host provides an informative insight into this unique Tourist Farm and offers a grand opportunity to feed, touch and learn about these majestic animals with their unique characters and instinctive behaviour.

After morning tea, we journey onto Bright and enjoy a town tour of Bright and Wandiligong, where you will learn some of the town's interesting secrets and history. We then have free time for lunch and time to wander through the shops and parks of this picturesque town.



Before we leave this district, we visit the *FIRST and ONLY Australian grown pumpkin seeds* at the Pumpkin Seed Company. Taste test pumpkin seeds, pumpkin seed oil and more. See the factory through a viewing window: where packets are filled and made, the oil press and chocolate panning room. Learn all about how wonderful pumpkin seeds are to eat... you can experience the delicious nutty flavour for yourself.

Dinner tonight is at the Oriental Pearl Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious dinner located at Club Mulwala.

Day 4

Today we travel to the paddle steamer capital of Australia, located on the banks of the mighty Murray River to the twin towns of Echuca Moama. Echuca Moama represents not only a bygone era with horse-drawn carriages and woodturners, but it also showcases all the conveniences of the modern era. The historic Port Precinct is recognized as one of Australia's finest heritage icons and is home to the largest riverboat fleet in the world.

The Port of Echuca and its paddle steamers present a panorama of living history unequalled in Australia and the world.

The international TV hit series "All the Rivers Run" created an upsurge within the tourist industry, but the 'piece de resistance' is arguably the massive redgum wharf at the Port of Echuca. Murray River Paddle steamers, located in the historic Port of Echuca precinct, operate a fleet of lovingly maintained paddleboats from Echuca - Moama on the banks of the mighty Murray River.



Meandering between the redgum lined banks, we settle back on board a paddle steamer for a Murray River cruise and see the diversity of modern-day houseboats, to the vessels from yesteryear and learn how important this inland port was to the economy of the region. Whilst cruising we will enjoy a delicious morning tea.

Time for lunch. Take your pick from numerous cafes, bars and restaurants within the port precinct and have free time to discover the historical Port of Echuca. Before we leave this historic town, we will conduct a town tour and explain some of the history of Echuca and Moama, which was founded by two ex-convicts from Lancashire.



On our way home we drive through the Barmah Forest. We have a quick stop in Picola to admire the painting of the metal silo in Picola which features the local Barmah Forest. In by-gone days Picola was known as 'the hook' because it was on the end of the line, meaning the railway line. The artist has a challenge for you and included a hook hidden in the painting. See if you can find it!

We then depart for “Byramine” Homestead, which is one of the oldest buildings in Victoria, steeped in history, as it was part of the original Yarrowonga Station. The host will welcome you and provide a fascinating insight into the area’s colonial times and take you on a tour of the homestead and the grounds with their majestic Elm trees.



This is an enchanting memorial to those hard pioneer days of so long ago... imagining another style of life in a bygone era.

We then make our way back to Yarrowonga and have time to freshen up before dinner.

Tonight, we head next door to the Tame Restaurant for a delicious à la carte dinner. The Linga Longa Team will join you for an evening of fun and games throughout the evening.

Day 5

Travel back into time to Beechworth, which is a town of many treasures.

We start with an entertaining tour of the town where you will learn about Beechworth’s golden history and local legends like Ned Kelly. Whilst Beechworth has an interesting history, much of it is magical and a wonderful reflection on the early colonial days of Victoria, however, there was a darker side.

The Beechworth Lunatic Asylum as it was known, or Mayday Hills to locals, has a very unpleasant side to it, that operated right through until it closed in 1995, after having operated for 128 years. Today however the buildings are magnificent, the gardens abundant which make Mayday Hills the perfect place to include in our town tour of Beechworth.

Our first stop is at the. Beechworth Freemason’s Lodge of St John No. 14, which in 2017 celebrated its 160th anniversary of it building, which is the oldest continuously used lodge in Victoria.



Be entertained by Lazy Harry, a local identity, with songs, local stories, and poetry. We then enjoy a delicious morning tea in this historic building.



We now have free time to shop, fossick around the shops and have lunch, at the famous Beechworth Bakery. After lunch we meet at the old courthouse, “Home to Heroes and Villains” for a guided tour and see where Ned Kelly was tried, convicted, and sentenced to hang. This courthouse has been the setting, for more than 130 years, of some of Victoria’s most fascinating court cases and still with its original furniture and fittings and its novel “air conditioning” of the day.



We leave Beechworth and travel to Yarrawonga via the lovely little towns of Chiltern and Rutherglen. There will then be free time to shop and relax before dinner on your return.

Our Farewell Dinner tonight is another delicious meal at Tame Restaurant. This venue is ideal, with its' private dining, for our farewell night and its location next door is perfect. Enjoy a fun-filled night with the Linga Longa Team with lots of prizes and give-aways.

Day 6

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and after a wonderful holiday of new adventures and meeting new friends, we sadly say goodbye as you depart for your journey home.

We hope your memories of our beautiful area stay in your hearts and minds for a long time.

Note:

- 1. All venue bookings and days are subject to weather conditions, availability and may change without notice.*
- 2. Our Murray & High-country Tour Pricings are inclusive of Breakfast, Morning tea & Dinners.*