



Desert Sky Tours Personalised Tours 2024



5-day Mungo National Park and The Sunraysia



Mungo National Park is a part of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area, a chain of dried-out lakes that were once strung between Willandra Creek and the main channel of the Lachlan River in Outback NSW.

Lake Mungo dried up around 14,000 years ago, and today a great crescent-shaped dune, called the Walls of China, stretches along the eastern shore of the lakebed.

In 1969 the remains of a cremated human skeleton, known as Mungo Woman, were found. Six years later, Mungo Man was discovered, buried in a pit strewn with ochre. Both skeletons are believed to be around 40,000 years old.

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Day 1

Your holiday commences with home pick up, following which we take an interesting drive through the Mallee District towns of Lameroo and Pinnaroo. We step back in time and explore the remains of the Kow Plains Station which was first leased in 1859. We cross the Victorian Border at Murrayville, and continue on to Underbool for a deviation to the Pink Lakes State Park. The Calder Highway takes us through Red Cliffs to Mildura.

Overnight : Central Motel Mildura.

Day 2

After a cooked breakfast, we leave on an adventurous full day trip to explore Mungo National Park. The Park is part of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage area, Mungo National Park being at its centre.

It maintains a continuous record of human occupation stretching back well over 40,000 years. Rain and wind have uncovered ancient fireplaces and hearths, as well as calcified plant matter, artefacts, stone tools and animal bones. At the 33 kilometre long crescent of the Walls of China, erosion has sculptured the sand and clay into dramatic formations.

We take a tour through the Park to visit the Mungo woolshed, the Walls of China, the "Grand Canyon", and the ruins of Zanci Station.

Overnight : Mungo Lodge



Day 3

We leave Mungo National Park and travel along the Arumpo Road to Buronga and the Inland Botanic Gardens. Following lunch we arrive at the Mildura Wharf to board the PS Rothbury paddle steamer for a relaxing cruise on the River Murray, travelling through Lock 11.

Overnight: Central Motel Mildura

Day 4

A morning visit to Kings Billabong and the Psyche Pump Station which was built in 1891 by the Chaffey brothers to meet the needs of the irrigation settlement. This is the oldest pump configuration of its type in the world and is listed on the Victorian Heritage Register. The building was constructed using hand-made bricks with clay sourced from the site adjacent to the pumping station.

Continuing the Heritage Trail, we visit the magnificent Rio Vista which was first occupied by WB Chaffey and his family in 1892. The Spanish name Rio Vista, which means 'River View', reflects the Californian experiences of William Benjamin Chaffey, known to all as 'WB', and his brother George.

Orange World is a working 50-acre citrus property offering educational and informative citrus tours around the picturesque property of avocado trees, numerous citrus varieties and tree grafting areas. Our visit includes a train tour with guided commentary through the orchard and avocado canopy,

After lunch we drive to Wentworth to view the attractions which include the confluence of the Murray and Darling Rivers, the Perry Sandhills, and Old Wentworth Gaol.

Overnight : Central Motel Mildura

Day 5

Something different today as we head to Renmark, but this time we take a back road to Lake Victoria and the Rufus River, passing the State Border to Cal Lal, and Rotten Lake. From Renmark we travel the Sturt Highway to Berri, Barmera, Waikerie and Blanchetown.

We arrive back in Adelaide approximately 6pm.

WHAT YOUR FARE INCLUDES:

- All meals from start to finish and hotel accommodation (twin share) plus meals where indicated. (Alcoholic drinks are not included).
- Tour costs do not include additional accommodation, meals and incidental expenses resulting from flooding, natural delays, unavailable connections or other unforeseen circumstances. Travel Insurance is recommended for these instances.
- Entry fees to attractions specified and cruise aboard the PS Rothbury paddle steamer.

Package Fare : \$2295 per person
Mungo Lodge supp : \$ 450
Departure Date : Wednesday 6th March 2024

