

# Linga Longa

I N Y A R R A W O N G A



*Wander in our Winter Wonderland. It's beginning to look a lot like winter in Yarrowonga! Enjoy a winter experience like no other...open fires, roasting chestnuts, beautiful snow backdrops, exciting new venues, including a unique Riverlight's Cruise on the Murray and a delicious Christmas in July lunch complete with traditional carols and much, much more!!!*

## DAY 1

Arrive 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 or private pool area or 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 nibbles in the private heated BBQ area. This is a perfect time to meet your fellow holidaymakers, the staff and the family in a relaxed and private setting

*Dinner tonight is at the Oriental Pearl Restaurant. Enjoy a delicious Seafood & Chinese smorgasbord located at Club Mulwala.*

## DAY 2

We enjoy a well-deserved sleep in after our journey to Yarrowonga, followed by a leisurely country style cooked breakfast.

We will then be delighted to show you of our beautiful twin townships of Yarrowonga and Mulwala which are also split by the border and the Murray River. This region is famous for its wonderful climate and diversity of attractions for visitors. This tour will also help you get your bearings for when you explore our town at your own leisure.

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Rich Glen Olives where we enjoy a delicious morning tea, including an informative talk and extensive tastings of their products in the Farmgate store.



The Farmgate store is your home away from home. It's where you can totally relax whilst indulging in their beautiful cafe cuisine, browse and taste the gorgeous selection of products from a vast array of award winning Olive Oils, Dressings and Olives, Dukkahs, Jams, Beauty and Household products. There's so much to see at Rich Glen Olive Oil's Store where they make everything, right on the farm.

Visit then Barmah Forest Heritage & Education Centre in Nathalia.



Learn about the fascinating and diverse history of this iconic region. From pre-history to the present day, learn of the struggles and be amazed at the achievements of our forefathers. Stories are told in an easy going style that educates and enlightens. Learn about local indigenous history, the timber industry, woodcutters, riverboats, leech and feather collectors, cattlemen and more.

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enjoy a light brunch in their dining room.



We then make our way towards the outskirts of Shepparton to a unique little town called Bunbartha and visit the Cheeky Grog Company.

With a rich history of winemakers in the family from Germany to Cosgrove and Beechworth and being passionate fruit growers, this passion continues into their range of ciders through the Cheeky Grog Co.

Proudly owned and operated by Mark and Jenny Morey, the family manage and control 100 hectares of orchard in the prime river flats of the Murray and Goulburn Valley regions.

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Their cider is made using apples and pears freshly harvested from their Nathalia and Bunbartha orchards in the rich river flats of the Goulburn and Murray regions of Victoria with the whole process taking place at their Bunbartha Cidery, where they have perfected the art of cider making using a unique blend of Pink Lady, Granny Smith and Sundowner Apples in their main range. Their ciders consist of 100% home grown fruit with no added sugars.



We enjoy an informative tour and talk here followed by a tasting of their award winning delicious ciders in the Cidery Cafe. Here we also enjoy delicious cheese platters from the nearby Locheilan Farmhouse Cheese Company. Their multi award winning cheeses are always a favorite. Nothing could be better than tasting cheese straight from the farm where it's made and from the man who made it! Bruce will explain how the various cheeses on our platters are made.

We then travel to the paddlesteamer 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.

On our arrival in 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.

Murray River Paddlesteamers, located in the historic Port of Echuca precinct, operate a fleet of lovingly maintained paddleboats from Echuca on the banks of the mighty Murray River.

We board the Pride of the Murray for the Riverlight's Dinner Cruise, a unique experience and delicious dinner.

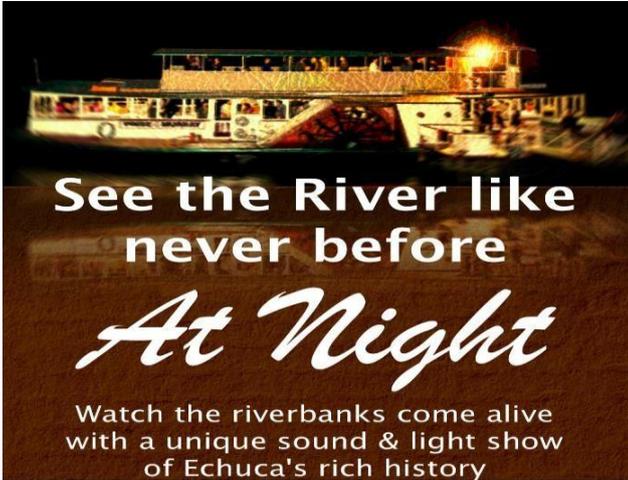
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Under the cover of darkness experience the unique Echuca story lit up.

After dinner, as the lights are dimmed, you will experience the story of Echuca with a fascinating sound & light show.

This cruise is a 2 hour, 2 Course Buffet cruise during winter that includes a unique Sound & Light show onboard the Pride of the Murray about the Echuca story.

The show lights up boats and the riverbanks and is very special.

After meandering between the redgum lined banks of the Murray River we settle back on board the coach and make our way back home to the motel.

## DAY 3

Following our later than usual night we have a sleep in followed by a delicious hot breakfast. We then have some free time to 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 Yarrawonga. Central Motor Inn has secured discounts just for you from several local operators which provide you with great savings. We have listed them in a map so that you can easily find your way around. As part of our Linga Longa Tour you are entitled to enjoy the discounts offered.

Later in the morning we depart for Wangaratta and visit the historic Holy Trinity Cathedral and see the fabulous stained glass windows.

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The Cathedral was built in stages with most of the granite coming from the nearby Warby Ranges. In 1855 discussions took place about the building of a church on the hill. 1908 saw the foundation stone of the Cathedral laid by the Bishop of Ballarat, with the Cathedral being dedicated on August 24th 1909.

The bells are the oldest ring of eight in Australia, cast in 1806, following the battle of Trafalgar.

Here we enjoy morning tea followed by a guided tour of this fascinating and historic building.

Our next stop is at The Historic Vine Hotel. The Vine's history goes back to 1865 when the original licence was granted for the existing site. The present-day building dates from around the 1880s and the bricks for the hotel were made on site from clay on the property.

Walking into the pub is like taking a step back in time and gives you the feeling of old world charm with chandeliers, side boards and memorabilia dating back to the turn of last century. The vast cellar is unusually large, bearing in mind it would have been dug out by hand using picks, shovels and ploughs. Legend has it that Ned Kelly used to hide here, using the tunnel as his escape route.

The Vine is considered to be a unique hotel and has long been a local landmark. It is the owner's intention to preserve and not destroy its individual character. The future of the hotel lies in its past with all the legends and stories that have persisted over the years.

We then enjoy a delicious Roast lunch with all the trimmings by the open fires in this historic building. We then enjoy a lazy afternoon here and be entertained by Lazy Harry, a local identity, with all your favourite songs and local stories and poetry.

We then make our way back to Yarrawonga and have free time to relax or go shopping before dinner.

*Tonight, we head next door to the Tame Cafe for a delicious dinner. This venue is ideal, with its' private dining, BYO and located just next door to the motel. This is one of Yarrawonga's newest restaurants and is open exclusively for our guests.*

### DAY 4

Today we travel to Yackandandah which is a former gold mining town located in the north-east of Victoria, between Beechworth and Wodonga. Yackandandah's entire commercial centre has been classified by the National Trust and features many well-preserved buildings which date back to the mid and late 1800s during the height of the town's gold mining days.

Here we enjoy the Yackandandah Guided Historic Walking Tour which is a lot of fun. Come for an entertaining and educational stroll down the main street of Yackandandah. Hear fascinating stories from the 1800's gold days. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

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Highlights include the Athenaeum (built in 1878), the court house (1863) which is now used as a community hall, the Bank of Victoria building (1860) which now houses a museum, and the old post office (first built as a timber structure in 1856) where the local visitor information centre is located.

We then have free time for exploring and shopping in this historic town. We then enjoy a delicious morning tea at the delightful Yackandandah Bakery.

We then head to historic town of Chiltern and enjoy a light lunch at The Vine Restaurant located in the historic Star Hotel. We will have time there to see the oldest grapevine in the Southern Hemisphere and the beautiful Star Theatre.

We then make our way to the historic Rutherglen and visit The Rutherglen Wine Experience (Information Centre) which has a great collection of local wines, regional delicacies, unique gifts and see the displays on Rutherglen's rich history, how their wines are made and by whom. Sample a taste of their famous Ports and Muscats. Here we enjoy an informative talk and tasting before having free time to explore the shops in Rutherglen.

We then make our way back to Yarrawonga and have time to relax before dinner.

*Tonight, we head to our local church hall and experience country hospitality at its best. With its welcoming atmosphere, it is the perfect place for a group function to enjoy an array of delicious home cooked meals and bring back memories of yesteryear.*

### DAY 5

Following a leisurely breakfast, we journey to Wandiligong which is a small, semi-rural settlement of about 400 people. The beautiful hamlet of Wandiligong runs through the valley with a stunning mountain backdrop from every direction and the pretty Moses Creek winds through the town. Wandiligong once bustled as a gold mining town in the 1800s and is now registered with the National Trust as a classified landscape. The town's history is shared throughout and many historical buildings stand to tell the stories of the times, including the Chinese Swing bridge celebrating the lives & times of Chinese miners in the area.

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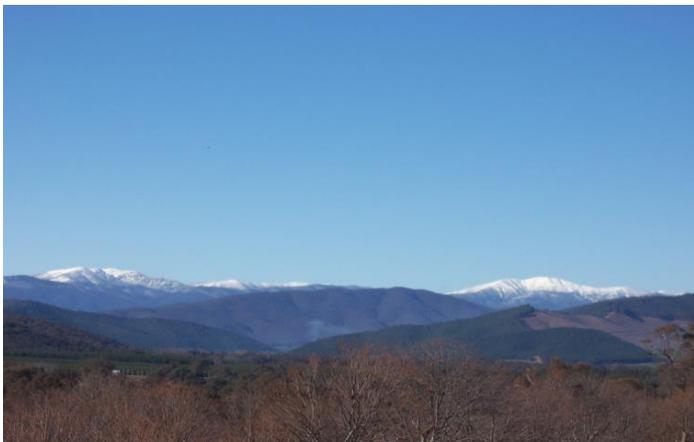
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Here we visit Nightingale Brothers orchards. Their orchard business has been operating for over 60 years and now spans three generations. They take great pride in growing top quality fruit and nuts with minimal chemical inputs. Here our hosts will give an informative talk and demonstration on cooking chestnuts followed by a delicious tasting. The Australian season for fresh chestnuts begins early March and runs through to the end of July so this is the perfect time to enjoy sampling them. Here we enjoy a hot cuppa whilst spending some time in their farm store. They have a range of excellent, locally made products. From the internationally renowned Beechworth Honey, to the lesser known jams and oils — they are all locally sourced and made by artisans who are passionate about their products and about quality.



We then make our way to Eurobin for a delicious lunch by the open fire at the Red Stag Deer and Emu Farm set in arguably 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.

To visit here in winter is certainly a unique experience with the breathtaking snow views of the surrounding mountains, Mt Feathertop, Mt Buffalo and Mt Bogong.

Our final stop for the day is Myrtleford. With a proud Italian heritage, Myrtleford is beautifully positioned in the northern foothills of the Mt Buffalo range. Stunning scenery, tranquility, rivers and mountain views will enchant visitors. Myrtleford is a pretty town in Victoria's alpine High Country. Originally called Myrtle Creek Run in the early 1800s.

On our arrival we have a meander around this historic town, one of the oldest in the North-East of Victoria, pointing out some highlights. As we drive around this lovely town, lovers of architecture should snap a shot of some of their more interesting buildings such as the Old School Museum, the Myrtleford Library, St. Pauls Anglican Church, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Micheline Wines and the old Butter Factory. Just to name a few.

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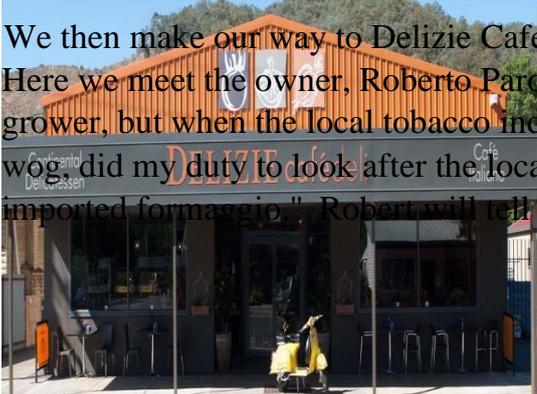


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We then make our way to Delizie Café Deli and enjoy a delicious hot chocolate and afternoon tea. Here we meet the owner, Roberto Parolin. He was born to Italian parents and became a tobacco grower, but when the local tobacco industry closed, the old Italian grocer shut shop. "So I, as a true wog, did my duty to look after the local heritage and opened a deli selling good local salami and imported formaggio." Robert will tell us more about his history and may even burst into song.



...en journey home to... relax... fore enjoying our very special... well Winter themed dinner.

*Our Farewell Dinner tonight is a delicious meal in the private function room at Tame. This venue is ideal, with its' private dining, for our farewell night. Enjoy a fun-filled night with lots of prizes and give-aways.*



## DAY 6

After a wonderful holiday of new adventures and meeting new friends, we sadly say goodbye as you depart today for your coach journey home.

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

**Note: - All venue bookings and days are subject to weather conditions and availability and may change without notice.**

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