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WELCOME TO LINGA LONGA TOURS

Back To Yarrawonga Tour

2021

6 Days/5 Nights

\$995ppts

Single Supplement \$175

These stay-put tours are based at the award winning Central Yarrawonga Motor Inn. Our dedicated and friendly staff are committed to providing the most professional and friendly service possible. This way you will receive a great experience from your first phone call all the way to the very end of the tour.

Highly skilled in providing easy paced itineraries, we leave no stone unturned! We believe in creating tours with balance – this means there is no rush to move on and you get to enjoy each attraction.

Linga Longa Tours would love the opportunity to host your next holiday. We take the hassle out of organising a holiday from the very beginning. Our tour fare is all inclusive, unless specified otherwise.



Highlights of the Tour include visits to:

- Visit the Bandiana Army Museum and The Bonegilla Migrant Centre in Wodonga
- Deniliquin on the beautiful Edwards River –visit the Historical Society Museum and The Peppin Heritage Centre for a unforgettable day unique only to our tours.
- Enjoy our slice of the Silo Art Trail, Australia's largest outdoor gallery, with visit to 5 country towns.
- Picturesque country towns such as Rutherglen, Swanpool, Tocumwal, Corowa and Benalla
- Indulgence Day includes Chicken & Champagne Cruise
- Delicious Lunches provided on ALL tour days
- Expert town tour guides on all tour days



Our affordable tours have all your needs covered and include:

- Luxury 4-5 Star Coach equipped with toilet, air conditioning & seatbelts
- Award winning country style accommodation located in the centre of Town
- A variety of queen, twin share & family rooms, including a Disabled Room
- Free Internet & Foxtel access
- Delicious morning teas, lunches & dinners, including our Farewell Dinner
- Country Style Cooked & Continental Breakfast
- Welcome Drinks on arrival
- Entry into all attractions in excess of \$150 in value
- Free group pick-up from your nominated point/s.



Terms & Conditions

We require a \$100 deposit per passenger, to confirm your booking, 3 months prior to your tour date. If, for genuine medical reasons you cannot join the tour, we will gladly credit a future tour or fully refund your deposit paid. Balance of Payment can be made at any time after arrival at the Motel:-

Day 1 Arrive Yarrowonga (Meet and Greet, D)

Board our Luxury Coach from your specified location for the beginning of your Linga Longa holiday in Yarrowonga. Arrive at Yarrowonga's finest, award winning Central Motor Inn and settle in after your coach journey. It is then time to meet up again in the private Courtyard for Meet & Greet, whilst enjoying some drinks and nibbles.

Dinner tonight is at Yarrowonga's most popular hotel ideally located across the road from the motel and enjoy a delicious 2 course meal.

Day 2 Yarrowonga, Swanpool, Benalla & Goorambat (B, M/T, L, D)

After breakfast we will be delighted to remind you of our beautiful twin townships of Yarrowonga and Mulwala which are also spilt 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.

Today we head to Swanpool, which is nestled on the Broken River where we visit the town's central landmark, the cinema. Built in 1957, the cinema was once the Memorial Hall and has a stage, dressing rooms and ticket box and is transformed into a living '50's style cinema museum. From the flashing lights to the red carpets, flip up seats to the candy bar, Swanpool Cinema oozes with the elegance and style of a bygone era.

Be transported back in time as we enjoy watching the advertisements and film from yesteryear. We will provide morning tea before making our way back to Yarrowonga.

We then make our way to the historical town of Benalla, Ned Kelly's hometown, the epicenter of Kelly's bushranging days and the headquarters for the Kelly gang manhunt. We visit the beautiful Botanical Gardens with its Rose Gardens and the Memorial Statue of Sir Edward Ernest (Weary) Dunlop and a lasting memorial of Captain Hector Waller which honours two of Benalla's, and Australia's, greatest war heroes. These memorials pay tribute to the courage and sacrifices made by all Australian soldiers and prisoners of war.

Also located in the gardens is the Benalla Art Gallery, housing a wide range of traditional and contemporary art works. The Benalla Art collection includes painting, prints, works on paper, textiles, ceramics and sculpture. On permanent display is a tapestry of Sidney Nolan's 'Glenrowan', from his Ned Kelly series.

We enjoy a light lunch here before embarking on the Benalla Street Art Tour. Fast becoming recognised as Australia's leading street art destination, Benalla hosts an incredible variety of street art murals created by street artists at the top of their game from around the world. We then have free time to explore Benalla and see your favorite artwork up close. On our journey home we visit Goorambat which is the beginning of our Silo Art Trail and view the silo complex where there are three painted silos, by renowned Australian artist Jimmy DVate. Also located here is the Goorambat Uniting Church which houses the amazing Sophia Mural.

Tonight, we head next door to the Tame Cafe for a delicious Aussie BBQ 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.

Day 3 , Devenish, St James , Tungamah & Yarrowonga(B, M/T, L, D)

Today we enjoy Country Art, Cake & Coffee, Chicken and Champagne. A purely relaxing day!!

Following a leisurely breakfast we continue journey on our slice of the Silo Art Trail, Australia's largest outdoor gallery. The trail recognises and celebrates the region's people through a series of large-scale mural portraits painted onto grain silos, many of which date back to the 1930s. The project saw a team of renowned artists from Australia and across the world visit the region, meet the locals and transform each grain silo into an epic work of art; each one telling a unique story about the host town. We visit three small country towns, Devenish, St James & Tungamah and view these iconic paintings.

Morning tea this morning is at the Tungamah Hotel, a most impressive double storied brick building in the town centre, it was built in 1891 after the original timber hotel burned down. All hotels have their own history and Tungamah is no exception. It is said to have its own resident ghost, survived a serious fire and many floods and has certainly been the topic of many unusual and amusing tales. To ensure Tungamah's history is not forgotten a walk has been developed which includes twenty four podium signs ensuring Tungamah's history is not forgotten. The walk covers most of the town and incorporates many of the significant sites and buildings some dating back to the early 1880s including the Tungamah Store, Peter Peters' Store, Tungamah Shire Offices, Victoria Hotel, Tungamah Hotel, Tungamah Garage, Tungamah Timber Yards, National Bank of Australasia, Pharmacy/Bakery, Post Office and Court House. We have allowed enough time to wander and imagine life from a bygone era. We then head back to Yarrowonga and board the P.S. Cumberoona and enjoy a delicious chicken and champagne lunch whilst relaxing on the tranquil waters and beautiful surrounds of Lake Mulwala. Tea and Coffee is also available, and the boat is licensed and the bar will be open for those wanting to purchase something different. P.S.Cumberoona- is a 25.2metre long, 6.5metre wide steam operated paddlesteamer, fired by two16hp Buffalo Pitt engines circa 1906. It is a replica of the paddle steamers which worked their way up and down the mighty Murray in the days when the river was the major link to the trading world. We then make our way back to the motel and enjoy a relaxing afternoon in our lovely courtyard or private pool area. For those shopping enthusiasts, the motel is situated right on the doorstep of our local shops. The town of Yarrowonga offers a good variety of shops for those seeking some retail therapy. 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. We provide you with a map showing where these shops are located, what they sell and what discounts they offer. As part of our Linga Longa Tour you are entitled to enjoy the discounts that these businesses offer.

Enjoy a delicious dinner tonight is at the Oriental Pearl Restaurant located at Clubmulwala..

Day 4**Wodonga, Bonegilla & Howlong****(B, M/T, L, A/T, D)**

With Australia's mighty Murray River running through the heart of Albury Wodonga, you would expect to find idyllic river walks and parks. What you might not expect is an army museum with a huge collection of military memorabilia and a former migrant reception centre which helped change the face of Australia.

We visit the Bonegilla Migrant Museum. Take a step back in history to post war Australia and learn more about what life was like then. This site visit gives you an opportunity not only to see the buildings, but also to consider how the location and natural surrounds framed arrival experiences. Block 19 Bonegilla is set out as part of a typical Second World War military war camp. It was used first, as army headquarters and then, as the migrant centre staff block. The army continued to use and maintain Block 19 into the 1990s, well after the migrant centre closed. Block 19's survival to the present day makes it a rare but representative example of post-war migrant accommodation camps. There are few buildings still existing at other post-war migrant accommodation places. The buildings of Block 19 are in their original state. Bonegilla's army beginnings meant that accommodation was severe. The buildings were mostly standard army-type huts, usually unlined timber-framed huts with corrugated iron cladding and low-pitched, gabled roofs. Like the other blocks, Block 19 was fairly self-contained with its own communal kitchen, eating place and ablutions. We enjoy morning tea, an informative talk here followed by a guided tour. We then make our way to the Blazing Stump Bistro enjoy a delicious lunch in their private newly named "Junction Room" after the original name of the hotel in 1929. Be entertained by Lazy Harry, a local identity, with songs and local stories whilst we enjoy lunch. Our next stop is at The Army Museum Bandiana. This is the largest and most diversified Military Museum in Australia. There are guns, tanks, vehicles, motor cycles, uniforms, medals and much more to see and do. We then head to Howlong's most amazing tourist attraction, including Australia's 3 biggest full size rocking horses made from one piece of wood. We enjoy a tour of Australia's largest known private collection of hand-made wood carving displays followed by afternoon tea.

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**Tocumwal & Deniliquin(B, M/T, L, D)**

After breakfast we depart for Tocumwal, a picturesque town situated on the Murray River in NSW. The town was used as a major air base by the US during the war effort, but then after the war ended, the area around the airfield became a massive aircraft graveyard and many hundreds of planes were chopped up, stripped and melted down. A truly sad end to some of the greatest aircraft of the time. So why did they choose Tocumwal, the back of beyond, for the then largest aerodrome in the Southern Hemisphere. To answer that question we have to go back to those fearful years to the beginning of 1942, when Japans military might was in full flight towards us.

Mr Bob Brown will deliver an entertaining talk explaining the history surrounding the Tocumwal Historic Aerodrome. This airfield played a significant part in the allies victory and up until recent times (1995) little was known about this fact due to censorship and poor communication systems at the time. The "Tocumwal Historic Aerodrome Museum" society was formed as part of the "Australia Remembers" 50 years anniversary of the Second World War so that todays and future generations can view and realise the contribution that this airfield made to the victory of the Allies. A visit here should not be missed. We then make our way to Deniliquin which is nestled along the banks of the Edward River. We will conduct a town tour highlighting the town's heritage.

We stop in town where you have free time to shop or opposite the shops you can explore the beautiful Waring Gardens. The park was established in 1881 and a bridge was built and a band rotunda added in 1887. Numerous Moreton Bay figs, palms, willows and other trees date from the 19th century.

Our next stop in Deniliquin to the newly painted Water Tower. Following on from our journey on the Silo Art Trail, we visit Scott's Park where the water tower stands at 22.8m in height and 12.8m in diameter. The tower's surroundings played a role in the concept for the other side of the mural which will showcase a country night sky. The artist wanted to capture the fun of life as kids in the country, being around the camp fire with friends. He wanted to bring the night sky into view emphasising how clear it is to see the stars out there. As the sky curves around the tower, the dark colours blend into lighter greens and yellows suggesting morning has come with a kookaburra in a gum tree perched ready for the day. He chose the kookaburra so he could express the spectacular detail in its feathers, the flecks of turquoise and white are beautiful.

Our next visit is at the Deniliquin Historical Society Museum which is located on the Edward River. The Old Police Inspector's Residence contains an extensive display and historical record of Deniliquin and its people. Built in 1880 the house has been completely restored and now has a comprehensive and informative display of life in early Deniliquin. Each room has a theme and the numerous well displayed items. Here we enjoy a light lunch before making our way to the Peppin Heritage Centre Museum & Displays. The Peppin Heritage Centre has been transformed into a museum on the history of Deniliquin and the Western Riverine Plains. Discover the story of hardship, tragedy and triumph in developing the Peppin Merino bloodline from the 1800,s. Be transported back in time to the original 1800's Schoolroom and enjoy a hilarious school re-enactment. We then journey home to Yarrawonga and relax before enjoying our very special farewell dinner.

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**Farewell to Yarrawonga****(B, M/T)**

After a wonderful holiday of new adventures and meeting new friends, we sadly say goodbye as you depart for your coach journey home. *We hope your memories of our beautiful area stay in your hearts and minds for a long time.*