

Linga Longa

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MURRAY & HIGH COUNTRY TOUR

2021 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 neighbours, 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.

Travel down the Hume Highway past Goulburn, Yass, Gundagai (Dog on the Tucker Box fame), Holbrook and the twin cities of Albury / Wodonga which are split by the border and the Murray River. We turn off the highway after Wodonga and travel through the famous wine district of Rutherglen to Yarrowonga. Rutherglen’s motto is “Sydney has its harbour but we have the port”.

Arrive at Yarrowonga’s finest Four Star **Central Motor Inn** and settle in after your coach journey.



Prior to dinner, we invite all guests to an informal get together for a wine tasting and nibbles in the private Courtyard. 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 Yarrowonga’s most popular hotel ideally located across the road from the motel. Here we enjoy a delicious 2 course meal.

DAY 2

After breakfast we will be delighted to remind 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.

We will have a ‘local’ guide to enlighten us of the towns’ 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.



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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 through the use of 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.

We will then have free time for lunch and shopping in Glenrowan and to enjoy our "Ned Kelly" experience.

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 Yarrawonga. We have secured discounts for you from a number of local operators which provide you with great savings. Don't 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.

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 Yarrawonga's newest restaurants and is open exclusively for our guests and is an ideal venue to get to socialise with everyone.

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 on to Eurobin for a delicious morning tea 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.



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



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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.

Our final stop is also situated on the Great Alpine Road in Myrtleford, the Michelini Wines Cellar Door, built in the style of a traditional Italian villa in 1998 and is the final step in the evolution of Michelini Wines. Constructed using recycled regional materials including hand-made bricks from old hop kilns in the Buckland Valley and timber beams salvaged from an old railway bridge, the building exudes an old world charm, complemented by the manicured garden and sculpture features.



Enjoy sampling their wines from their product range which includes their trophy & award winning cool climate Italian varietals – Pinot Grigio, Barbera, Sangiovese, Marzemino, Teroldego and Fragolino. We then make our way back to Yarrowonga and have time to freshen up before dinner.

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

DAY 4

Today we 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 recognised 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 paddlesteamers 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 Paddlesteamers, 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 on the river we will enjoy a delicious morning tea with cakes provided by the local bakery.

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!



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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.

Our first 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.



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



We then make our way into Beechworth and a local expert guide will join you for 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, there was the 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.

We now have free time to shop, fossick around the shops and have lunch, maybe 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 Yarrowonga 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

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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