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Albury & Echuca Tour

North East – Central Victoria Art Silos

5 Days – 4 Nights *\$985 ppts

- *minimum 30 passengers*

Departing Monday March 4, 2024

Returning Friday March 8, 2024

This five day tour travels through Mansfield and the scenic North East Victoria – King Valley Region to Albury overnight. We then travel via Yarrawonga to Echuca – Australia’s Paddlesteamer Town located on the Murray River staying three nights. The tour also follows the painted Art Silo trail of both Central & North East Victoria. Our return journey travels through Colbinabbin – Rushworth – Murchison and Nagambie.

Day 1 Yea – Mansfield – North East Victoria – King Valley – Albury

We depart Bentleigh RSL @ 8.00am and travel via Yarra Glen to Yea for morning tea. We then travel via Yarck and Bonnie Doon to Mansfield for lunch. This afternoon we continue our journey into ***North East Victoria***. We travel along the Mansfield – Whitfield Road into the spectacular ***King Valley***. We travel through the towns of Whitfield (visit to Pizzini Winery for some wine tasting – please note wine tasting is an additional \$10 per person – optional only) – King Valley and Moyhu to Wangaratta. We then travel along the Hume Highway to ***Albury*** for our overnight stopover at the ***Albury Manor House Motel***. Tonight we enjoy 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

Day 2 Bonegilla Migrant Centre – Yarrawonga – Echuca

This morning we visit the ***Bonegilla Migrant Centre***. The Bonegilla story began in the years following World War 11, when millions of people seeking a new start and peace, departed for Australia. An army camp at Bonegilla was transformed into a migrant centre and training centre where new arrivals lived while they were processed. Bonegilla became the largest and longest reception centre in the post-war era. More than 300,000 migrants passed through the doors between 1947 and 1971, with most of those originating from non-English speaking European countries. We enjoy a guided tour through the centre. We then travel to Rutherglen for lunch. This afternoon we travel via Yarrawonga to ***Echuca*** – our destination for the next three nights. Our accommodation is at the ***Philadelphia Motor Inn – Echuca***. Tonight we enjoy 2-Course dinner served in the motel licensed restaurant.

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Day 3 Port of Echuca Tour – Murray River Cruise – Great Aussie Museum

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the historic ***Port of Echuca*** – once the world’s largest Paddlesteamer Port. This area was the centre of trade for inland Australia for much of the 1800’s. Originally built in the 1860’s for the bustling riverboat trade before falling into disrepair, the wharf has been completely restored in recent years. We then enjoy a ***Murray River Paddlesteamer Cruise*** aboard one of the original paddlesteamers. We then enjoy lunch and free time to explore the historic wharf precinct. This afternoon we visit the ***Great Aussie Beer Shed & Museum*** (this is an optional visit or perhaps have a free afternoon) – this fascinating and unique museum features over 16,000 beer cans from Australia and around the world. You will also see old petrol bowsers, washing machines, soda syphons, furphy farm carts, kitchen and laundry items, old butter churns and much more! Don’t be fooled by the name, it is much more than beer – a nostalgic trip down memory lane. We then return to our motel. Tonight we enjoy dinner at the Moama RSL Club.

Day 4 North East Victoria Art Silo Trail – Tatura Wartime Museum

Today we follow the North East Victoria Art Silo Trail – we visit four silos in the region:

Tungamah - painted Brolgas and a Kookaburra

St James – a large mural of Sir George Coles, the founder of Coles Supermarkets

Devenish- see artwork of a First World War nurse and a modern-day combat medic

Goorambat – features the endangered Barking Owl and also see the “Sophia Mural” in the Uniting Church

We then travel to ***Tatura*** for lunch. This afternoon we visit the ***Tatura Irrigation & Wartime Museum***. The museum houses a unique collection based on three main themes which are history of irrigation in the Goulburn Valley, the local and family history of Tatura and the history of the seven World War 11 Prisoners of War and Internment Camps “ including the Camp of the German Temple Community who had to leave Palestine and later resettled in the Bayswater and Bentleigh areas”. We then leisurely return to Echuca. Tonight we enjoy dinner at the Echuca Workers Club.

Day 5 Rochester & Colbinabbin Art Silos – Nagambie – Home

This morning we farewell Echuca and travel to ***Rochester*** – see the Art Silos ***Sugar Glider & Azure Kingfisher & Platypus***. We then travel to ***Colbinabbin*** to see the final painted art silo on the tour. The ***Colbinabbin Art Silo*** features across six silos and depicts five different scenes from varying times through the town from the early 1900s to the 1980s. We then travel to ***Nagambie*** for lunch. This afternoon we continue our homeward journey to Melbourne before arriving home at Bentleigh RSL approximately 4.00pm (depending on traffic & road conditions).

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North East & Central Victoria Art Silo Tour Includes:

- # **Seat – belt equipped coach travel – departs Bentleigh RSL**
 - # **Overnight motel accommodation @ Albury Manor House Motel – lift access to all rooms**
 - # **Three nights motel accommodation @ Philadelphia Motor Inn – Echuca. The motel has all downstairs rooms – www.philadelphiamotorinn.com Ph: 03 5482 5700**
 - # **2-Course dinner served @ Albury Manor House Motel restaurant**
 - # **2-Course dinner served Day 2 @ Philadelphia Motor Inn restaurant**
 - # **Dinner served Day 3 @ Moama RSL Club**
 - # **Dinner served Day 4 @ Echuca Workers Club**
 - # **Cooked buffet style breakfast served each morning at motel restaurants**
 - # **All admissions, cruise & morning teas as per itinerary**
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- # **The tour price quoted \$985 per person is based on twin share accommodation and requires a minimum of 30 passengers. The single supplement is an additional \$50 per night.**
 - # **The tour price for 25 – 29 passengers is \$1065 per person based on twin share accommodation.**
 - # **The tour price does not include lunches or travel insurance. Designer Tours recommends that all passengers have suitable travel insurance.**
 - # **Please note that should unsuitable or unsafe conditions not allow the tour to visit a particular attraction or place of interest or an attraction on the itinerary has now closed or is closed on the day of visit then a suitable alternative will be substituted. Designer Tours reserves the right to make a decision on unsuitable or unsafe conditions.**
 - # **Cancellation Policy: \$300 cancellation fee applies to any booking cancelled prior to five days before departure. There is no refund for any booking cancelled less than five days before tour departure.**