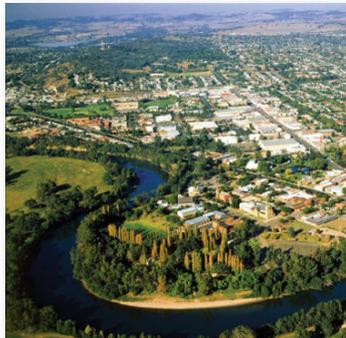




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WAGGA WAGGA RIVERINA DISTRICT

with Ezi Drive Coaches



5 Days / 4 Nights - with Mary and Brian

Tour Departs Sunday 1 September - Thursday 5 September 2013

Tour Inclusions:

- Pick up from your home, transport and return (Sydney Metropolitan Area)
- Luxury Coach Travel Seatbelts & Restroom
- 4 Nights Minimum Three Star Quality Motel Accommodation
- 4 Three Course Dinners with Choices & All Fully Cooked Breakfasts
- Lunches Days 1, 2, 4 & 5
- All Entry Fees and Guides as per Itinerary.
- Escorted tour

Tour Highlights:

Clearview Alpacas Farm Tour & Light Lunch; Wagga Wagga Tourist Information Centre; Highlights Tour of Wagga Wagga; Lockhart the 'Verandah Town' - Green's Gunyah Museum, Unique Portraits of the Doris Golder Gallery, The Rock Nature Reserve; Award Winning Quinty Cake & Bakehouse; Narrandera Inland Fisheries Centre; Tiger Moth Memorial; Parkside Cottage Museum, Coolamon Heritage & Advancement Society Heritage Tour; Historic Railway Station A/Tea; The Up-to-Date Store; RSL Museum; Tour & Morning Tea Koorungal Stud, Homestead & Garden; Roseleigh Manor Tour & Light Lunch; Wagga Wagga Winery Tastings & Cheese Platters & more.

Tour Fee including GST:	Members	\$1299.00 per person, twin share
	Non Members	\$1349.00 per person, twin share
	Single Supplement	\$280.00

Minimum loading 20 passengers booked and paid by Thursday 4 July 2013

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Please note that itinerary is subject to change without notice.

The Itinerary

Day 1 - Sunday 1 September: Hometown / Wagga Wagga

Lunch & Dinner

We pick you up this morning from home and begin our drive down to Wagga Wagga situated in the **delightful Riverina District** alongside the Murrumbidgee River. We enjoy a stop at Downing at the **Clearview Alpacas Farm** for a tour and light lunch. Argyle Park is a show-piece alpaca stud that welcomes visitors for a hands-on alpaca experience where we see the quiet and gentle alpacas, feel the fleece and view the many alpaca products always on display. There are displays of alpaca fleeces, knitting yarn and other alpaca products with a gift shop on site as well. This afternoon we continue down to **Wagga Wagga** arriving late afternoon for check in and dinner.

Overnight Wagga Wagga: Premier Motel Wagga 02 6921 6444

Day 2 - Monday 2 September: Wagga Wagga / Lockhart / The Rock

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we make our way to the **Tourist Information Centre** where we are joined by our **local guide** before embarking on a **highlights tour of Wagga** including the fine buildings, tree lined streets, beautiful parks and gardens, churches and cathedrals. After our **90 minute tour** we arrive back at the **Tourist Centre for a cuppa**. We then make our way down to **Lockhart** which is known as the '**Verandah Town**'. Listed by the National Trust, some of the attractions include beautiful walking tracks and the **Green's Gunyah Museum**, which has a sizeable collection of vintage machinery which we visit. After lunch we view the unique portraits in the **Doris Golder Gallery**, created from white and coloured washed wool. Plenty of patience was needed with each portrait taking about three months to complete. It's a demanding process – finding the right colour wool and putting wrinkles on the face of a portrait can take all day. Each fibre is added and trimmed separately – the wool comes off easily if it is not glued. Doris spent more than 14 years creating her rare art with more than 30 portraits completed. Requests to display the portraits have been numerous – some have been displayed at Parliament House in Canberra. Doris retired to Lockhart in 1996 and, eight years later, donated her portraits to the Lockhart community. There are **portraits of Paul Hogan, Greg Norman, John Newcombe, Rupert Murdoch, Fred Hollows, Bob Hawke, Sir William Gunn, Tim Fischer, Wal Fife and Slim Dusty**. We also have time to explore the community pavement where over 400 pavers depicting the life and times of Lockhart are laid in Lockhart's main street, Green St. After leaving Lockhart we travel across towards The Rock to explore **The Rock Nature Reserve**. The Rock is an impressive landmark, towering 250 metres over the surrounding countryside. We then continue up to the historic Uranquinty home to the famous and **award winning Quinty Cake and Bakehouse**. Be tempted by the delicious organic sourdough breads, homemade gelato and boutique pies and pasties. Read of the town's migrant history and view the four illustrated panels and engine commemorating Number 5 Service Flying Training School in the park opposite the Uranquinty Hotel. Later in the day we arrive back at our motel for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Wagga Wagga: Premier Motel Wagga 02 6921 6444

Day 3 - Tuesday 3 September: Narrandera / Coolamon

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we travel up to Narrandera the "Gateway to the M.I.A" (Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area), known for its tree lined streets and parks and gardens. We call at the **Narrandera Inland Fisheries Centre** which is a research and breeding facility that has as its focus the freshwater species of the Murray Darling River System. We learn about the facility's work, and species such as Murray Cod, Silver Perch, Golden Perch and Trout cod on a tour of the centre. We then make a short stop at the **Tiger Moth Memorial** which is the focal point of a memorial to those who trained at Narrandera's No 8 EFTS (Elementary Flight Training School) during the Second World War. The memorial is housed in a building adjacent to the **Visitor Information Centre** in the Narrandera Park. The display features the DH 82 Tiger Moth, a comprehensive collection of model airplanes and a range of photographic memorabilia relating to the training school at Narrandera. While in Narrandera we also make a stop at the 100 year old **Parkside Cottage Museum**. The museum collection includes the MacArthur Cloak (c1816), a worldwide shell collection, 1000 years of monarchy, snow shoe and wooden skis from Scott's expedition, a pictorial history of the Sydney Harbour Bridge, historic clothing and a Telstra display. After purchasing lunch in Narrandera we travel across towards Coolamon through the tiny townships of Grong Grong, Matong and Ganmain known as the "Haystack Town". When arriving in Coolamon we receive a warm country welcome from the Heritage and Advancement Society before enjoying a heritage guided tour and talk before a country style afternoon tea at the historic Railway Station. We then take a look through the The Up-to-Date Store which resonates with the memories of the community; The Store boasts its original fittings including the Lamson Cash Railway, which is the only known Ball-Style Cash Railway System in the world that is still in its original location. We also view the collection in the RSL Museum before departing our friends in Coolamon and making our way back to Wagga for dinner and overnight rest.

Overnight Wagga Wagga: Premier Motel Wagga 02 6921 6444

Day 4 - Wednesday 4 September: Koorungal Stud / Roseleigh Manor

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we travel up to Harefield where we visit **Koorungal Stud, Homestead and Garden**. The homestead is set within a 4.5 acre "practical" garden consisting of roses, crab apples, daisies, a wisteria walk, camellia, iris, agapanthus, several areas of lawn and a number of well established trees including an olive tree and wisteria planted in 1910. After arriving we enjoy a talk then tour of the stud farm before morning tea within the gardens. After leaving Koorungal we travel across to **Roseleigh Manor** which was once a working property of 30,000 acres and later on a convent and catholic retreat this magnificent collection of buildings and gardens has been converted to a fully functioning restaurant, B & B, function rooms and Day spa - the oldest part of the building dates to 1876. The elegantly landscaped, 1920's style gardens are surrounded by glorious views of the country side. After our tour we enjoy a light lunch in the idyllic surrounds of the retreat. This afternoon we travel back down to Wagga stopping at the **Wagga Wagga Winery** for tastings and cheese platters. The winery provides a rich history and diverse range of quality wines combining to give us an experience to savour. The winery is set on 17 acres and boasts a rustic ambience and wealth of local memorabilia. Later in the afternoon we arrive back at our motel for a rest before dinner.

Overnight Wagga Wagga: Premier Motel Wagga 02 6921 6444

Day 5 - Thursday 5 September: Wagga Wagga / Home Port

Breakfast & Lunch

This morning we depart Wagga and begin our drive back homeward. We will enjoy lunch and a tour in Yass at the **1835 colonial Cooma Cottage** built by Pioneering pastoralist Cornelius O'Brien and which between 1839 and 1873 was the home to Australia's great overland explorer Hamilton Hume. Then we continue our drive to say farewell at your doorstep after an enjoyable 5 days with Mary & Brian.