



Running of the Sheep

8 DAYS
ESCORTED
TOUR

RUNNING OF THE SHEEP & BOOROWA IRISH WOOLFEST

PHYSICAL RATING



Dubbo Zoo lion family



Gooree Park Stud & Wine Tour



TOUR OVERVIEW & INCLUSIONS

- Luxury 'Gold Class' coach travel
- Abbey of the Roses ex convent guided tour and lunch
- 1 night Goondiwindi
- Siding Springs Observatory at Coonabarabran
- 1 night Dubbo and guided zoofari tour at Taronga Western Plains Zoo
- The Dish at Parkes
- 3 nights Cowra
- Locally guided town tour of Cowra retracing the POW Camp history
- Cowra Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre
- Boorowa Irish Woolfest and the Running of the Sheep
- Guided tour of Wellington Caves
- Gooree Park Stud & Wine Tour
- 1 night Mudgee
- DAG Sheep Station at Nundle
- 1 night Armidale
- Standing Stones at Glen Innes
- Specialty finale lunch at College of Wine & Tourism at Stanthorpe
- 21 meals

PRE & POST TOUR EXTENDER OPTION

2 additional days (TOTAL 10 DAY TOUR)

- Return economy class flights ex Sydney, Melbourne or Adelaide to Brisbane
- 2 additional nights bed & breakfast (1 night pre & 1 night post tour) at Sofitel Brisbane Central
- Return Airtrain tickets ex Brisbane Domestic Terminal to Central Station

Plus \$860pp Twin Share
Plus \$1025 Sole Use

Subject to availability - some block out dates apply. Prices are subject to change without notice



PLEASE NOTE: PHYSICAL RATING

This tour carries a strict fitness level. Please carefully read the Terms & Conditions on Page 3

DAY 1 Wednesday (L,D)

Board our luxury 'Gold Class' coach at **Brisbane Transit Centre** where we make our way via the rich fertile crop growing region of the **Lockyer Valley**. On arrival at **Warwick** we take a brief tour of this pretty country town before breaking at the historic **Abbey of the Roses ex convent**. Enjoy a **guided tour** followed by lunch, then we are back on the road where our afternoon travels take us to **Goondiwindi**.

1 Night Stay: Best Western Ascot Lodge, Goondiwindi ★★★★★

DAY 2 Thursday (B,MT,L,D)

This morning we venture though **Moree** and **Narrabri**, breaking for a cuppa along the way. We head to the township of **Coonabarabran** where we take time to visit Australia's premier optical and infrared observatory - **Siding Spring Observatory**, situated in the **Warrumbungle National Park**. Enjoy a **1 hour guided tour** and lunch before our afternoon takes us to **Dubbo**.

1 Night Stay: Quality Hotel, Dubbo ★★★★★

DAY 3 Friday (B,L,D)

First up, while it's cooler, spend the morning at **Taronga Western Plains Zoo** experiencing a **guided wildlife zoofari**. The zoo is an open-range design, with walls and fences replaced by concealed moats which divide the animals from the visitors. This creates the impression of actually being with the animals in the wild. This afternoon following lunch at the zoo, we make our way to **Cowra** via a short visit at **The Dish** at **Parkes**.

3 Night Stay: Cowra Services Club Motel ★★★★★

DAY 4 Saturday (B,L,D)

We explore Cowra's past today collecting our local guide from the **Cowra Visitors Centre** for an informative tour of the town made famous by the **POW Camp located here during WWII**. See the **hologram in the P.O.W. Theatre** that tells the story of the **Cowra Breakout in 1944**. We continue on visiting the **Australian World Peace Bell** and the **Australian & Japanese War Cemeteries**, containing the graves of the Japanese involved in the POW Breakout during World War II. From here we visit the spectacular **Cowra Japanese Gardens and Cultural Centre** for lunch followed by time to explore the magnificent gardens where this time of year its blooming beautiful - particularly the cherry trees.

DAY 5 Sunday (B,D)

Today we drive south to **Boorowa** for the **annual Irish Woolfest**. Everyone's heard of the Running of the Bulls in Pamplona, Spain, but much closer to home in Boorowa we witness the spectacle of the **"Running of the Sheep"**. There are no bulls or Spaniards (well real ones that is) in sight as 150 sheep barrel down the main street of town as part of an **annual sheep stampede**. There is no danger here. The sheep are cute and cuddly and visually exciting. You will love the sheepdog component watching the trusty Kelpies leaping on and off the sheep's backs as they race down the street. There is plenty of other action such as the **Blessing of the Fleece - an old tradition** where a sheep is shorn with old time shears on the shearing shack and the fleece is thrown on the stage to receive a spiritual thanksgiving.

Other key events include; **food and wool stores, colourful street parade, whip cracking championships, sheep shearing displays, growers & boutique markets, flyball - drag racing for dogs, Celtic pipe bands and Irish dancers**. This afternoon, after the main activities, we head back to **Cowra** for dinner.

***Lunch own expense today.*

DAY 6 Monday (B,MT,L,D)

This morning we hit the highway arriving at **Wellington Caves** in time for a quick cuppa before joining **local guides for a 1 hour tour of the Cathedral Cave**, famous for its huge stalagmite known as **Altar Rock** which stands at a height of 15 metres. Also discover **Thunder Cave, Headache Rock** and **The Well**. There are 150 steps in the **Cathedral Cave**, so comfortable footwear is recommended. Enjoy lunch at the Cave Café before we continue on, arriving at **Gooree Park Mudgee** for a **Stud & Wine Tour**.

1 Night Stay: Parklands Resort, Mudgee ★★★★★

DAY 7 Tuesday (B,MT,L,D)

Departing **Mudgee**, we make our way to **Scone**, breaking here for a cuppa. We continue on to **Nundle** where we visit the **DAG Sheep Station**. Set on 70 acres in the 'Hills of Gold', it is originally part of **Wombramurra Station**. The DAG still retains the station's **original historic wool shed** (no longer operational), shearers' quarters, and mess hall. We enjoy country style cooking and hospitality before travelling via **Tamworth** and **Uralla** to **Armidale**.

1 Night Stay: Cotswold Gardens, Armidale ★★★★★

DAY 8 Wednesday (B,MT,L)

Leaving **Armidale**, we travel north to **Glen Innes** and take a pause at the **Standing Stones**, a symbol of the Celtic heritage in this region. Then it's on through **Tenterfield** to cross the border to **Stanthorpe** and breaking here for lunch at the **College of Wine and Tourism**. Our afternoon takes us via **Warwick** returning back into **Brisbane** where our holiday concludes.



DAG Sheep Station