



Desert Sky Tours Personalised Tours 2012



5 day Mungo and Hattah/Kulkyne National Parks



Mungo National Park is a part of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area, a chain of dried-out lakes that were once strung between Willandra Creek and the main channel of the Lachlan River in Outback NSW.

Lake Mungo dried up around 14,000 years ago, and today a great crescent-shaped dune, called the Walls of China, stretches along the eastern shore of the lakebed.

In 1969 the remains of a cremated human skeleton, known as Mungo Woman, were found. Six years later, Mungo Man was discovered,

buried in a pit strewn with ochre. Both skeletons are believed to be around 40,000 years old.

Day 1

Your holiday commences with home pick up, following which we take an interesting drive through the Mallee District towns of Lameroo and Pinnaroo. We step back in time and explore the remains of the Kow Plains Station which was first leased in 1859. We cross the Victorian Border at Murrayville, and continue on to Underbool for a deviation to the Pink Lakes State Park. The Calder Highway takes us through Red Cliffs to Mildura and Wentworth.

[Overnight : Two Rivers Motel - Wentworth](#)

Day 2

After a cooked breakfast, we leave on an adventurous full day trip to explore Mungo National Park. The Park is part of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage area, Mungo National Park being at its centre.

It maintains a continuous record of human occupation stretching back well over 40,000 years. Rain and wind have uncovered ancient fireplaces and hearths, as well as calcified plant matter, artefacts, stone tools and animal bones. At the 33 kilometre long crescent of the Walls of China, erosion has sculptured the sand and clay into dramatic formations.

We take a tour through the Park to visit the Mungo woolshed, the Walls of China, the "Grand Canyon", and the ruins of Zanci Station.

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Day 3

Five kilometres from Wentworth are the Perry Sandhills - 10 acres of striking red sandhills which, like those near Lake Mungo, were once part of the huge Willandra Lakes System and date back to the ice age 40,000 years ago.

After visiting these dunes, we go directly to Gaol !!

Even though the Old Wentworth Gaol is 120 years old, it maintains an impression that it could be used again tomorrow.

If the stories of some of the inmates leave you a little unsettled, we detour to Stanley Winery on our way to the Mildura Wharf then board the PS Rothbury paddle steamer for a relaxing cruise on the River Murray, travelling through Lock 11.

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Day 4

We travel to Red Cliffs (home of "Big Lizzy"), along the Calder Highway to the Hattah Kulkyne National Park, where we will experience one of Victoria's most interesting eco-systems. Witness the vegetation change from the stunted growth of the mallee, to riverine flats inhabited by ancient red river gums. The waterbirds have come back to the Lakes of Hattah-Kulkyne after a decade. A new emergency watering regime has seen 6.9 gigalitres pumped into six internationally important wetlands in the Park, prompting the return of the birds in abundance. We visit the Kulkyne Forest and Chalka Creek, returning to Red Cliffs along a track running parallel to the River Murray, and return to Mildura and Wentworth via the Calder Highway.

Overnight : Two Rivers Motel - Wentworth

Day 5

Something different today as we head to Renmark, but this time we take a back road to Lake Victoria and the Rufus River, passing the State Border to Cal Lal, and Rotten Lake. From Renmark we travel the Sturt Highway to Berri, then detour through Loxton to Swan Reach, Walker Flat, Mt Pleasant and Gumeracha to Birdwood.

We arrive back in Adelaide approximately 6pm.

WHAT YOUR FARE INCLUDES:

- All meals from start to finish and hotel accommodation (twin share) plus meals where indicated. (Alcoholic drinks are not included).
- Tour costs do not include additional accommodation, meals and incidental expenses resulting from flooding, natural delays, unavailable connections or other unforeseen circumstances. Travel Insurance is recommended for these instances.
- Entry fees to attractions specified and cruise aboard the PS Rothbury paddle steamer.

Package Fare: \$1525 per person
Departure Date 2012: Saturday 19th May

