



**Departing Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**  
**All Inclusive price is \$ 2555.00pp & \$460.00ss**

**Day 1 (D): VICTOR HARBOR TO BROKEN HILL: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Welcome to **Victor Tours** 9 day tour featuring **Lightning Ridge** in the north west of New South Wales – just 70 kilometres south of the Queensland border. This will not be the only feature throughout our nine days though. Today we travel through to our overnight destination of **Broken Hill**, with several stops along the way. Arriving late this afternoon we check into our motel and freshen up for dinner. *(Dinner included)*

*Desert Sand Motor Inn, Broken Hill (08 8088 4122) subject to availability*

**Day 2 (BLD): BROKEN HILL TO TRILBY STATION: Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Following breakfast we continue travelling through some pretty remote countryside to reach Louth and our unique destination of **Trilby Station** – our base for the next two nights. This station is a 130,000 acre working sheep and cattle station. Tomorrow we experience genuine local touring. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

*Trilby Station, Bourke (subject to availability)*

**Day 3 (BLD): STATION LIFE: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

We have a fascinating day ahead of us. Just up the road, towards Louth, is **Dunlop Station**, the first shed in the world to complete a mechanical shearing, back in 1888 (shearing 188,000 sheep!!). Trilby was once a part of the million acre Dunlop Station and the history there is

amazing. We have arranged morning tea and a tour of the homestead and shearing shed. We return to **Trilby** for lunch and then enjoy an easy walking/talking tour with Liz Murray (owner) down to the river, past the homestead and up to the hangar. As Liz says "its more about story telling than walking - giving visitors a woman's perspective about life in the outback". There will also be time to take a swim or walk along the river. (*Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Trilby Station*)

*Trilby Station, Bourke (subject to availability)*



**Trilby Station**

#### **Day 4 (BLD): BOURKE TO LIGHTNING RIDGE: Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

This morning after breakfast we travel for a couple of hours before stopping to take a look at **Bourke** and what really is at the back of it! There are some wonderful historic buildings here including the Carriers Arms Inn, frequented by Henry Lawson in the early 1890s and mentioned in some of his stories. While we are here we visit the **Back of Bourke Exhibition Centre** that will bring to life the story of Outback New South Wales and of course the back o' Bourke. We continue in true country style by having lunch at the pub – **The Port of Bourke Hotel** to be exact. There is an interesting piece of aboriginal history at the **Brewarrina Fish Traps**. Estimated to be over 40,000 years old these are one of the oldest man-made structures on earth. This elaborate network of rock weirs and pools stretch for around half a kilometre along the riverbed and were built by ancient tribes, to catch fish as they swam upstream. **Lightning Ridge** is our destination and we aim to get there late afternoon. This is a three night stop so unpack and get comfortable. (*Breakfast, lunch and dinner included*)

*Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge (1800 247 376) subject to availability*

#### **Day 5 (BD): LIGHTNING RIDGE: Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019**



Lightning Ridge is the only place in Australia (and one of the few places in the world) where the precious and highly prized **Black Opal** is found. The black opal has carbon and iron oxide trace elements in it producing a very dark stone with hints of blue, green and red. To enhance our day we are joined by a **local guide** who will introduce us to this interesting town. After breakfast we head to the **Walk-In-Mine** to experience the atmosphere of an underground mine. We also have a **tour** including a video presentation and explanation about opal mining. We then visit the showroom to view the opals that came from the mines in this area. Next is a visit to the **John Murray Art Gallery**, well worth a visit. John has been kept busy adding to his mural on the outside wall of the Gallery, affectionately named "Billygoat Lane". We now have some free time for lunch before an afternoon visit to the **Chambers of the Black Hand**. At 11.2m underground,

this unique attraction by local artist Ron Canlin has created the most amazing paintings and sculptures. There is The Last Supper, Archangel Gabriel and the Chinese Terracotta Warriors. Ron is constantly carving new work, such as a samurai warrior so there are changes every day. The second level is a mine that has been worked for over 100 years, and all the old shafts and drives that were dug by the old timers are still there. On this level a geology tour will give us the different strata's opal formation - an experience not to be missed. Overall, it is a very unique visit. Our last stop for the day is to meet our local opal expert at the **Opal Cave**. He will show us how the opal is cut and polished. Completing our fascinating day, we return to our motel. *(Breakfast and club dinner included)*

*Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge (1800 247 376) subject to availability*

#### **Day 6 (BLD): THE GRAWIN AND SHEEPYARD OPAL FIELDS: Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2019**

No trip to Lightning Ridge would be complete without a trip to **The Grawin**. We'll see interesting places like **The Pub in the Scrub**, **The Glengarry Hilton** and **Sheepyard Flats**. Located about 70 kilometres west of Lightning Ridge, **The Grawin** was established in 1908 with the discovery of the opal at "Hammond Hill". Further discoveries in 1920 at "Richards Hill" put the unofficial village on the map. It was at Grawin that the largest opal 'Light of the World' was found in 1928. Since the first discovery of opal in the region, people have come and gone in tides with each new strike, seeking their fortune in search of the rainbow in the rock. It is believed that a field at Grawin was discovered in 1905, but it wasn't until the 1970s became a major field in its own right. The Mulga Rush, which began in 2000, is the biggest opal rush since the Coocoran was discovered in the early 1900s. The Sheepyard area was named after a fin of opal near the fence of the old Sheepyards. A **local guide** joins us on a day's touring including **lunch** at the **Glengarry Hilton**. After a great day we head back to Lightning Ridge with some time to freshen up and relax before dinner. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

*Wallangulla Motel, Lightning Ridge (1800 247 376) subject to availability*

#### **Day 7 (BLD): LIGHTNING RIDGE TO DUBBO: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019**

This morning we farewell **Lightning Ridge** and travel back through Walgett on our way to **Dubbo**. We pass through **Coonamble** and **Gulargambone** and onto **Gilgandra** - home of the Coo-ees and the Town of Windmills. In Bridge Street a plaque commemorates that starting point of the famous "Coo-ee" recruiting march of World War I. The beautiful St Ambrose Anglican Church is also in part a tribute to the march as well. After **lunch** at a local club we stop by the **Visitor Information Centre** for a look then continue on to **Dubbo**. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

*Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon, Dubbo subject to availability*

#### **Day 8 (BLD): DUBBO TO HAY: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

We have an interesting day once again as we travel south along the Newell Highway with our first stop at **Forbes**. Here we have arranged a **visit** and **lunch** at **McFeeters Motor Museum** - a purpose built facility to house a stunning collection of meticulously restored vehicles. These vehicles range from 1905 Veterans, Vintage, Classic and modern custom cars, some rare, some common and some just down right bizarre! The complex also houses Super Bee - a honey outlet offering free honey tasting and sale. After a light lunch we travel through to **West Wyalong** and then to **Hay** for our overnight stay. *(Breakfast, lunch and dinner included)*

*Bishops Lodge Motor Inn, Hay (02 6993 3003) subject to availability*

#### **Day 9 (BL): HAY TO VICTOR HARBOR: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

After breakfast we begin our travel day home. We tackle the Hay Plain with our morning stop at **Balranald** then cross the Murray River at **Tooleybuc**. We'll continue through Ouyen and Pinnaroo, arriving in Victor Harbor late afternoon to complete a sensational 9 day tour. *(Breakfast and lunch included)*

*All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to closures or inclement weather.*

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#### General Information and Booking Terms and Conditions

**1. Payment** - Non Refundable deposit of \$200 per person is required within 7 days of making initial booking with balance due 4 weeks prior to departure unless otherwise advised, or 8 weeks for tours that include cruise/rail/air components. There will be times that Victor Tours is obliged to vary this policy. Please ask about this possibility for your tour. **Single Supplements** - If travelling by yourself a suitable companion may be arranged however, in the event that no suitable companion is available the single supplement rate will apply.

**2. Cancellation Policy** -Less than **30 days** or whilst on tour - No refund, **31-60 days** prior to departure 50%, **> 61 days** - full refund less any costs already paid to suppliers and a Victor Tours administration fee of \$50.

Please note that suppliers used in conjunction with a Victor Tours product will have separate cancellation policies.

**3. Courtesy Pick Ups** - Are offered at the sole discretion of Victor Tours management and are dependent on the routing of the tour and also the location of all clients booked on the tour. At the time of booking, confirmation of a home pick up can be advised. If not included in your tour price, home pick-ups can be arranged on your behalf for an additional cost. Victor Tours will continue to offer a courtesy home pick up service to clients, however, will not incur any out of pocket expenses or inconvenience to other clients whom have booked on the tour.

**4. CERFUL TRAVEL Pty Ltd trading as Victor Tours** offers a duty of care to all of our customers, however, it is solely the customer's responsibility to get to and return from the agreed pick up point, at your own cost. Do not request the driver to drop you off at a different point than where you got on. A driver is able to make a phone call on your behalf for a minimal cost. If you wish to travel with a companion, it is important that you get on at the same pick up point.

**5. General Information** Victor Tours will make every reasonable effort to adhere to itineraries, however it reserves the right to cancel or alter the itinerary without notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

**6.** Whilst Victor Tours take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no responsibility for loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Victor Tours further accepts no liability for any loss beyond its reasonable control, and cannot accept responsibility for the services provided by other operators, which are not under the direct control of Victor Tours. Victor Tours takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators, but does not accept responsibility for those operators' conduct (including conduct of their representatives or employees) or for any ramifications of that conduct. Due to volatile economic conditions there may be instances where an additional fee is required to cover increased costs e.g. fuel. If this situation occurs the amount payable will be in writing to you 4 weeks prior to the tour departure.

**7. Goods and Services Tax** - Is included in the price of tours.

**8. Luggage Requirements** - Each passenger is entitled to **one medium size suitcase**, the sum of its length, width & depth not to exceed 160cm (63 inches) per person, **and** one piece of hand luggage. Maximum **combined** weight not to exceed 20KG for the duration of the tour. Your luggage may be weighed at the commencement or during the tour to ensure luggage restrictions are met, overweight bags **will not** be carried by the driver.

**9. Porterage** is NOT included in the tour price. *However assistance will be given when asked for, remember if you pack it you should be able to carry it!*

**10. Outback tours....** Please be aware that you are travelling in very remote places and there may be instances arise that can cause delays. It is strongly recommended that any person travelling on Outback tours are fit and healthy and able to manage outback accommodation and terrain. Comfortable clothing and sturdy footwear is essential, as is your camera and a good sense of fun. Passengers should be aware that if delays occur through weather or breakdown that they will be responsible for any extra accommodation or activities if required. Victor Tours will make every effort to run the tour as per the itinerary.

**11. Seat Rotation** - Victor Tours policy is to have daily seat rotation on all extended and short tours.

**12. Smoking Policy** - Government regulations forbid smoking on coaches. Requests for smoking or non-smoking rooms will certainly be passed on to accommodation venues but satisfaction cannot be guaranteed.

**13. Tour Conditions** - Tours are open to all people, however any person who is unable to travel independently or needs special assistance must be accompanied by a companion who will provide full assistance to this person.

**14. Tour Director Service** - Victor Tours provides a tour director or hostess. However Victor Tours reserves the right to withdraw any service if pre-determined minimum numbers are not met.

**15. Travel Insurance** is available and is strongly recommended to cover unforeseen circumstances.

**16. Health and Fitness** – Payment of deposit to Victor Tours acts as a warranty that the traveller/s is/are reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in the tour and the traveller/s indemnifies Victor Tours from all actions, claims and demands arising out of any want of health and fitness. Victor Tours reserves the right to remove a traveller from a tour if their health and/or fitness interferes with the tour or other traveller(s) tour experience in any way. Travelling with a wheel chair is subject to availability at the time of booking as each tour is subject to the availability of a wheel chair equipped coach.