



5 Day Lightning Ridge

Grafton, Inverell, Narrabri,
Lightning Ridge, Dirranbandi,
Goondiwindi, Stanthorpe

Date

10 to 14th October 2018

\$ 1395

per person
twin share

\$160

Single
Supplement

Inclusions

Pre agreed pick up. Usually door to door from Northern Rivers.
Negotiable other areas.

Comfortable Air Cond Coach

All meals and daily MTea

Entry to all listed Attractions.

Join your experienced and friendly driver on this exciting 5 Day Tour to Lightning Ridge.

Highlights to this tour include

- Find out about Lanbruk's Gonyah
- Yabbie Races and fish breeding at Narrabri Fish Farm
- The follies and characters of Lightning Ridge
- Amazing carvings at Chambers of the Black Hand
- Broad acre farming tour
- Disciplined guard dog show

Itinerary is subject to change without notice to ensure the safety of passengers or through non supply from vendors. To ensure a smooth running and if possible similar experience.

Price based on Double/Twin Share.

If you prefer not to share – single supplement is applicable.

Cancellation Fees may apply. See "Terms & Conditions" sheet

We recommend that you take out Private Travel Insurance

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Wednesday 10th October 2018 LD

Pick ups- Kyogle, Casino, Lismore, Ballina. Mtea at Woodburn. To Grafton and visit Lanbruk. This property was originally a beef farm. Carrs Peninsula Olives began in 1996 when Don diversified into Olives to supplement an income from the land. Sample the olive products & fig jams. In later years a growing interest in all things 'old' saw the creation of the 'flagship' attraction of the property – Lanbruk's Gunyah. Don and Dorothy's collection is quite amazing. Relics of a bygone era, will transport you back to a long-gone era before technology. Also to be admired are various authentic tools and machinery from the early 1900's including farm tractors, horse drawn implements, intriguing tools and labour 'slaving' equipment, and the pride of the shed (or so Don says) is the 1927 Chevy Truck – fully restored and still running. Tour then Lunch. Served will be a delicious stew & damper with tea & coffee. Boarding the bus we climb the Gibraltar Range to the Tablelands and Glen Innes. Our last leg is then to Inverell for overnight stay.

Thursday 11th October 2018 BLD Inverell to LR 438 km

7am breakfast. 8am departure.

Touring via Copeton Dam Road to Bingara and on to Narrabri for Mtea. We travel the short distance out to see Rick Cunningham at his Narrabri Fish and Yabby farm. Rick will provide a guided tour of the breeding grounds, feed sheds and storage ponds.

Including Feeding of the jumping Barramundi and a tour of the hatchery. Fish bred here include Golden Perch, Murray Cod, Eel-tailed Catfish and Silver Perch. Viewing and taking a picture with Wal the sculptured cod. Yabbies are also bred here. We may get a sample during the BBQ Lunch cooked here for us. Back on the bus we travel the last 235 km via Walgett to Lightning Ridge and our accommodation for next 2 nights.



Friday 12th October 2018 BLD

8.00 Our guide meets our coach at accommodation

Travel out to the opal fields

Enjoy exclusive access into **Fred Bodel's hut** – oldest miners' camp at Lightning Ridge

Historic Three Mile Flat – site of early opal miners' settlement

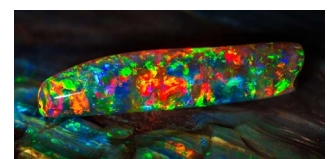
Lunatic Hill Open Cut – largest open cut opal mine in NSW;

overview of opal and historic mining techniques

VIEW largest opal agitator ever built and opal mining equipment.

Fossick for opal on our own site that's 'topped up' regularly for our visitors.

Morning Devonshire Tea fresh scones with jam and cream, tea or coffee View opal cutting demonstration and private collection of opal and opal jewellery. Informative talk on our famous Black Opal





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Visit **Simms Hill opal fields** and miners' camps. View **Amigo's Castle** (hand-built stone castle). The Bottle house - Mining museum (local relics) Bevan's Opal **Cactus Garden** (largest variety of cactus in Australia) **Lunch:** (included) Fresh mixed sandwiches, fresh fruit platters, tea, coffee and juice served in peaceful outdoor garden area. Not to be missed is **Chambers of the Black Hand**. A underground gallery with painted and sculpted mine walls (the apostils, TV characters, animals and much more.) The 100 year old mine is 19.6 metres underground, subterranean tunnels open into vast chambers. The walls have over 700 eclectic carvings and paintings created by our artist Ron Canlin. Finishing off with a swim in the soothing **Artesian baths** before dinner.



Saturday 13th October 2018 BLD.

Today we farewell Lightning Ridge and traverse north along the Castlereagh Highway. Just over the Qld border is the small outback town of Hebel once known as Kellys Point. It is believed that Ned Kelly's brother, Dan and fellow Kelly gang member Steve Hart, lived here under alias in the late 1800s. After morning tea, we meet Curley (yes he is bald). A local guide and character. He will take us on a tour of a local farm near Dirranbandi. Returning to the Dirranbandi Pub for lunch Our afternoon travels sees us up travelling along the Nsw Qld border. Touring via Mungindi to our overnight accommodation at Goondiwindi.

Sunday 14th October 2018 BL

Breakfast at 7am Departing at 8am we travel to The Summit to Australia's first working dog kennel. Open to the public for 1 hour sit down shows of law enforcement dog demonstrations and training. Visitors see training and demonstrations from protection, detection and agility dogs. There are often chances to be involved with puppy patting or helping hide training packages for the detection dogs to find. The show is behind a safety fence in a covered arena. Returning via Tenterfield, Casino Kyogle etc.

Price \$1395. Price includes Northern Rivers pickups

Single supp \$160

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