

NSW Wine & Wildlife Explorer



5 day Guided Journey

17- 21 May 2021

Discover some of the best parts of NSW on this short break journey. Take a scenic drive to Mudgee for local food, some of the countries great wineries. Enjoy the variety of cellar doors from local winemakers and indulge in some wine tasting. Stop in Dubbo and experience a slice of Africa with a visit to the Taronga Western Plains Zoo and a stay at the stunning Zoofari Lodge.

Then discover the beauty of Parkes with it's Elvis Presley Museum and The Kings Castle as well as the Parkes Observatory made famous by the movie The Dish. Lastly, discover the charming regional city of Orange.

5 days from
\$1,995[^]

INCLUSIONS

- Travel in air conditioned 14-17 seat tour vehicle with reclining leather seats
- Expert Driver Guide Escort
- 4 nights twin-share accommodation
- Meals as per itinerary (B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner)
- Tours as per Itinerary
- Sustainable water bottles on board.

** Maximum 10 Guests*



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Day 1: Mudgee

8.30am: Join your vehicle at our Oatley pickup location and commence our drive to Mudgee. On arrival into the region, we will enjoy lunch of local produce platters at Moothi Estate and Winery. There is a reason that Mudgee has become one of the most visited Wine Regions in NSW. It is one of the country's greatest wine towns, where wineries set on rolling hills serve award-winning drops and epicurean fare. This afternoon enjoy some wine tasting at Logan Wines before checking in to our accommodation. Dinner is at own expense.

Parklands Hotel

Day 2: Western Plains Zoo (BLD)

Depart Mudgee and enjoy a scenic country drive to our next destination, Western Plains Zoo. Enroute, we have a short visit to the Wellington Caves for a guided tour. On arrival into Dubbo we have time for a casual lunch at a local café.

Continue on to Western Plains Zoo, where you will experience a slice of Africa without leaving Australia! Zoofari Lodge is set right beside a stunning savannah, home to giraffes, rhinos, zebra and antelope and offers an unrivalled in-zoo safari experience with accommodation in unique lodges. This evening includes dinner and Wine Tasting at the Lodge followed by an evening Spotlight Tour with a Zoo Ranger.

Zoofari Lodge - Animal View

Day 3: Western Plains Zoo - Parkes (BL)

Set your alarm or just rely on the Zoo's wildlife alarm to wake you in the morning! We will set off early for a guide morning Tour at the Zoo, followed by breakfast. Checking out of the lodge, we will spend majority of the day exploring the Zoo and its range of exhibits.

The Zoo is home to hundreds of rare and endangered animals including giraffes, rhinos, elephants and big cats. Daily keeper activities (included in zoo entry) deliver magical experiences you will never forget. You will have time also to purchase lunch at leisure at the Zoo's Café.

Mid-afternoon, we depart from the Zoo and commence our drive to Parkes. This afternoon we have time to visit the Elvis Museum. The Kings Castle is a collection of Elvis' personal artefacts. The King's Castle's exhibition - "Walk A Mile In My Shoes - A Day in the life of Elvis Presley".

This interactive exhibit is designed to try and bring to you some of the highs and lows that Elvis Presley encountered throughout his life and career. As you experience the new audio-visual journey, you will see genuine artefacts from Elvis' homes and items he wore or used on stage. Check into our accommodation. Dinner is at own expense.

Station Motel Parkes

Day 4: Parkes - Orange (B)

This morning we visit the Dish Observatory in Parkes. Parkes Observatory, hosts the 64-metre Parkes radio telescope, one of the telescopes comprising CSIRO's Australia Telescope National Facility.

An icon of Australian science, the Parkes radio telescope has been in operation since 1961 and continues to be at the forefront of astronomical discovery thanks to regular upgrades.

Astronomers from across Australia and around the world utilise the Parkes radio telescope to undertake world-class astronomical science. Affectionately known as 'the Dish', the telescope operates 24 hours a day, every day of the year.

Time to visit the 3D theatre before we depart for Orange. We stop en route at the stunning Rowlee Estate for a wine tasting before arrival into Orange.

Byng St Boutique Hotel

Day 5: Orange - Sydney (B)

Morning at leisure then drive to the historic heritage listed village of Millthorpe where you have time to explore. Enjoy lunch (own expense) at the Old Mill Café. Depart Millthorpe and commence the journey back to Sydney.

^ Prices are per person twin share. Conditions apply. Image Credits: Destination NSW

