

Silo Art Trail of NSW

6 day Escorted Group

04-09 June 2022

The 'Silo Art Trend' is infusing Australians with newfound energy and enthusiasm. It's encouraging people from all walks of life to journey along what is now considered Australia's ultimate road trip. There are currently seven painted silos in New South Wales and on our 6 day/ 5 night exploration of regional NSW we will visit 6 of these fascinating art works whilst exploring picturesque country towns and spend a night in an African Safari Retreat.

Image Credit: Destination NSW



6 days from

\$2,995

per person, twin share

Single Supplement from \$750

Tour Inclusions

- * Travel in bespoke 13 passenger Seat tour Vehicle with reclining leather coach seats & air conditioning
- * Expert Driver/Guide and all driver expenses including accommodation and meals
- * Sustainable Water bottles on board
- * Accommodation x5 Nights
- * Meals as indicated (B= Breakfast, L= Lunch, D=Dinner)
- * Admissions to Attractions included in Itinerary



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Day 1: 04 June 2022: Sydney – Blue Mountains – Portland – Bathurst (LD)

Join your vehicle at the Central Sydney Pickup location and commence our drive to the world-famous Blue Mountains National Park. Our morning is spent exploring a selection of lookouts and time to explore the picturesque village of Leura before we enjoy a 2course lunch at the Boilerhouse Café at the historic Hydro Majestic hotel. Departing the mountains, we make our way to Portland and the first of our Art Silo Visits. The Portland Silos which are now known as "The Foundations" were the 20th Silos to be included in the Australian Silo Art Trail and were completed in May 2018. The old Portland Cement Works were painted by Guido van Helten and depict five male and one female past Portland Cement workers. Late afternoon we arrive in Bathurst. Dinner tonight is included at the hotel.

Rydges Mount Panorama Bathurst x 1 Night

Day 2: 05 June 2022: Bathurst – Grenfell – Parkes (BD)

Our journey today takes us to the fascinating Gold Rush Town of Grenfell. The 1926 Grain Silos at Grenfell are proudly owned by Grenfell Commodities and it was the initiative of the founder, Peter Mawhinney, to commission the silos to be painted. Peter was inspired by the artwork on the Weethalle Silos and could envisage that the silos at Grenfell were the perfect canvas for Heesco Khosnaran to create another masterpiece. Here we will also have time at leisure to explore this fascinating gold rush town. Depart early afternoon to continue to Parkes and the Elvis Museum. The King's Castle is a collection of Elvis' personal artefacts and the 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 tonight is included.

Station Motel Parkes x 1 Night

Day 3: 06 June 2022: Parkes – Western Plains Zoo (BD)

Morning visit to the Parkes Observatory which hosts the 64-metre Parkes radio telescope, one of the telescopes comprising CSIRO's Australia Telescope National Facility. 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 Dubbo and the Western Plains Zoo. A few hours to explore the Zoo and it's range of exhibits. The Zoo is home to hundreds of rare and endangered animals.

Departing from the Zoo it's a short drive to our accommodation for the evening where you will experience a slice of Africa without leaving Australia! The Zoofari Lodge is positioned 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. On arrival time to relax and enjoy the views from your luxury tents. This evening includes dinner and Wine Tasting at the Lodge Dining Room followed by an evening Spotlight Tour with a Zoo Ranger.

Western Plains Zoo, Zoofari – Animal View Lodge x 1 night

Day 4: 07 June 2022: Western Plains Zoo – Dunedoo – Merriwa – Tamworth (BD)

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 guided morning Tour at the Zoo, followed by breakfast. Checking out of the lodge we commence our drive to Tamworth. The first stop of our morning is the picturesque town of Dunedoo by the Talbragar River. The Dunedoo Silo side one and two have been painted by Peter Mortimore over three months during July August and September of 2020. Depicted on the side silo is Winx, a retired champion Australian thoroughbred racehorse and her famous rider Hugh Bowman, who was born in Dunedoo. Also featured is Chris Waller, Winx's trainer, whom without this very famous horse may not have been the true champion that she was. Side two silo displays the local fauna and flora. Our next stop is in the small town of Merriwa. There are many fine examples of colonial architecture in its homesteads, courthouses, police stations and churches. Merriwa is also home to the first ever painted Graincorp Silo in NSW. The mural depicts an image of a sheep wearing red socks in a canola field. We spend time here to enjoy the art and perhaps find the answer as to why the sheep are wearing red socks! Stopping enroute for lunch (at own expense), our journey then takes us to the country town of Tamworth, our destination for the next two nights. Dinner this evening is included at the hotel.

Powerhouse Hotel Tamworth x 2 Nights

Day 5: 08 June 2022: Tamworth – Silo Art Exploration (BL)

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart Tamworth and drive to the town of Barraba which abounds with natural beauty. The Barraba Silos are privately owned by Simon and Amanda Koopman and are located at the southern entrance to town on Manila Road. 25 artists were approached from across Australia to seek their interest in painting the Barraba Silos. From those 25, 14 proposals were received. The Barraba Silo Art Committee, including the owners of the silos (Simon and Amanda Koopman), chose Fintan Magee as the winning artist. Time to enjoy the art and morning tea refreshments in town before continuing to the country town of Gunnedah where on arrival we have a lunch before viewing the Gunnedah Silo Art. Dorothea Mackellar and an extract from her famous poem "My Country" are immortalized on this 29metre high, privately owned maize mill in Gunnedah. Established silo artist Heesco completed the artwork via cherry picker at the mill site on Barber Street. There is a perfect viewing platform from the walkway on Gunnedah's new bridge that links the Oxley Highway and Warrabungle Street. Remainder of the evening is at leisure with dinner own expense tonight in Tamworth.

Day 6: 09 June 2022: Tamworth – Hunter Valley – Sydney (BL)

After breakfast at the hotel, it's time to depart Tamworth and commence the journey to Sydney. Our first stop this morning is at Wallabadah and a visit to The First Fleet Memorial Garden which is a memorial to the First Fleet immigrants. Carved on tablets along the garden pathways are 1,520 names of all those who came out to Australia on the eleven ships in 1788. After time exploring the gardens, we continue our drive south, arriving to the Hunter Valley in time for lunch. We will visit a boutique winery to enjoy lunch of local produce platters accompanied by wine flight of local wines before a visit to a local chocolate shop for any indulgent purchases. From here, it's a drive via the freeway to arrive in Sydney and the central drop off location at approximately 5:00pm.