

Lightning Ridge Explorer

With The Donald Simpson Centre

Hosted by Diane Gill

SUNDAY 13 JUNE - FRIDAY 18 JUNE 2027
6 Days / 5 Nights - Fully Escorted



The Lightning Ridge Explorer is a fully escorted outback journey combining history, opal mining heritage and quirky local character. From underground galleries and iconic landmarks to vineyard lunches and memorials, this tour delivers memorable landscapes, engaging stories and warm country hospitality.

Day 1. Sun 13 Jun: Warwick - Tenterfield - Glen Innes

Dinner

Departing early, we travel south into the picturesque Southern New England region. Our first stop is the fascinating Warwick Museum, where we enjoy a cuppa before exploring displays of pioneer history, vintage vehicles and local memorabilia. Continuing to Tenterfield, a local guide shares stories of the Tenterfield Saddler and Sir Henry Parkes. After lunch (own expense), we visit the Sir Henry Parkes Memorial School of Arts. Later in Glen Innes, we explore the Australian Standing Stones and the Land of the Beardies Museum before dinner

Overnight Glen Innes: New England Motor Lodge

Day 2. Mon 14 Jun: Inverell - Moree - Lightning Ridge

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we journey to Inverell, stopping at its excellent Visitor Information Centre. After a cuppa, we continue to Moree for lunch at the Services Club and a visit to the Regional Military Museum. Travelling west through Collarenebri, we cross classic outback landscapes before arriving in Lightning Ridge. After check-in at our resort, we gather for dinner and prepare for the opal country experiences ahead.

Overnight Lightning Ridge: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort

Day 3. Tue 15 Jun: Lightning Ridge

Breakfast & Dinner

Today we meet local guide Barb for a half-day orientation tour of Lightning Ridge. We explore sections of the Car Door Trails, visiting Fred Bodel's Hut, Three Mile Flat and the Lunatic Hill Open Cut Mine. Quirky stops include the Stone Labyrinth and Beer Can House. The afternoon is free to explore opal centres and galleries, before sunset drinks at Nettleton's First Shaft Lookout.

Overnight Lightning Ridge: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort

Day 4. Wed 16 Jun: Lightning Ridge

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast, we visit the Chambers of the Black Hand, a century-old underground mine featuring intricate sandstone carvings. Back in town, there is time for lunch before visiting the historical reserve. Later, we enjoy a visit to Amigo's Castle and hear its remarkable story. The afternoon offers time to relax in the Lightning Ridge Bore Baths before dinner.

Overnight Lightning Ridge: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort

Day 5. Thu 17 Jun: Lightning Ridge - St George

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

We travel from the Queensland border to St George, stopping in Dirranbandi for a relaxing break at the Railway Park. Enjoy time to purchase a cuppa from the local bakery or café (own expense), followed by a stroll along the Beersheba Memorial, commemorating those who served in the Great War and their horses. Continuing on to St George, we visit Riversands Wines for cellar door tastings, a vineyard talk and lunch at the Garden Café. Later, we meet a local cotton farmer and visit the Unique Egg before checking into our accommodation.

Overnight St George: Riverland Motor Inn

Day 6. Fri 18 Jun: St George - Dalby - Toowoomba - Brisbane

Breakfast & Lunch

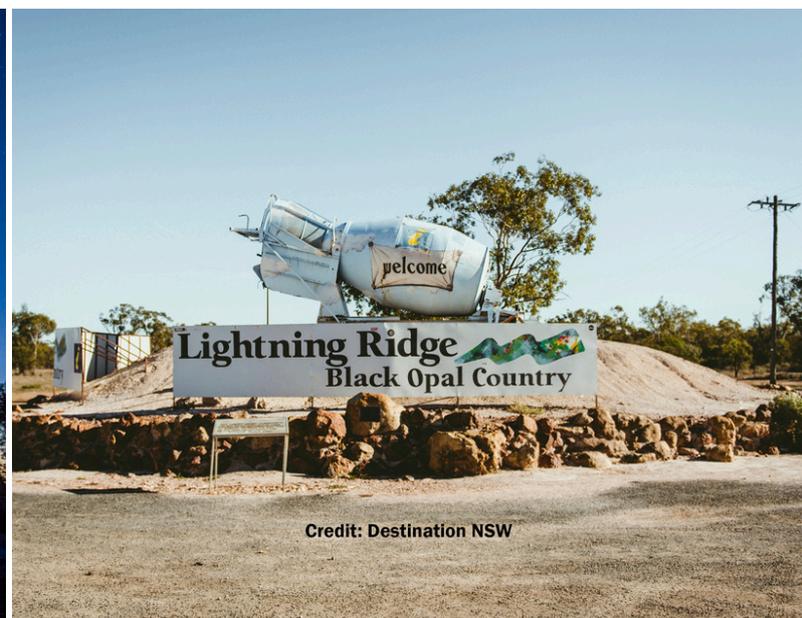
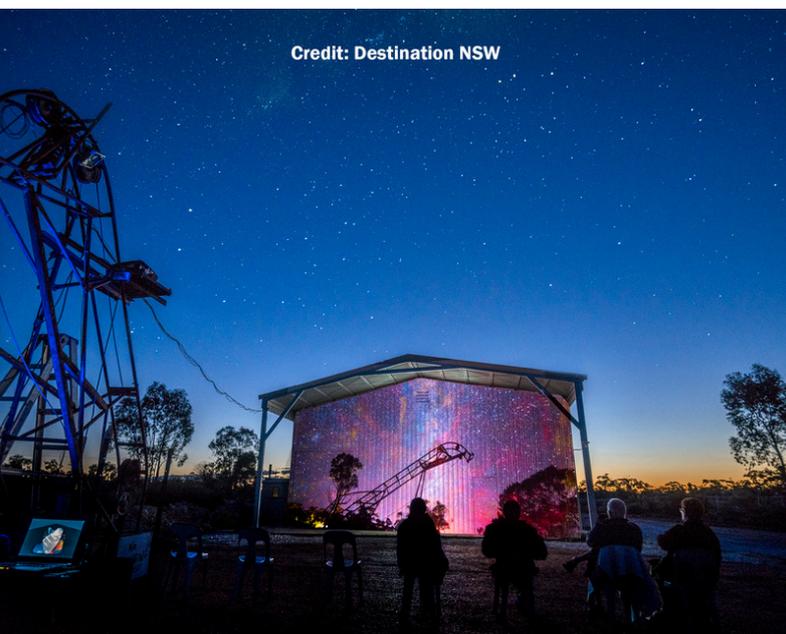
Our final day begins with breakfast before travelling east. We stop for morning tea at the Moonie Crossroads Hotel and continue to Dalby Pioneer Park Museum for a self-guided visit and lunch. A final stop is made in Toowoomba at Queens Park and Botanic Gardens before returning home late afternoon with wonderful memories.

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change and modification at any time without notice. There may be a requirement to make further changes to the Itinerary prior to or whilst you are on tour, due to unforeseen circumstances, either operational or weather related. You will be advised of these changes accordingly.

Tour Rating - Moderate - A good mix of leisure and physical activity, suitable for those with an average fitness level.



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Tour Highlights and Inclusions

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- Warwick Museum – Explore one of Queensland’s finest regional museums, featuring fascinating pioneer memorabilia, vintage vehicles, railway artefacts and agricultural displays that showcase the rich heritage of the district.
- Tenterfield Town Tour & Sir Henry Parkes Sites – Explore historic Tenterfield and key sites linked to Sir Henry Parkes, the Father of Federation.
- Australian Standing Stones & Land of the Beardies Museum – View the impressive Standing Stones monument and discover local history
- Lightning Ridge Car Door Trails & Lunatic Hill Open Cut – Experience Lightning Ridge’s quirky Car Door Tours and visit Lunatic Hill Open Cut for opal mining views.
- Chambers of the Black Hand – Go underground to see this remarkable sandstone gallery carved by a local opal miner.
- Amigo’s Castle & Bore Baths – Visit the unique Amigo’s Castle and enjoy a relaxing soak in the naturally heated Bore Baths.
- Riversands Wines Cellar Door Tasting – Enjoy a relaxed wine tasting at Riversands Wines in an outback setting.
- Dalby Pioneer Park Museum – Discover Queensland’s pioneering past through heritage buildings and historical displays.

Inclusions

- Hosted by Diane Gill
- Quality coach travel
- 5-nights accommodation
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner as per itinerary (13 meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

Pricing

Tour Cost ex Brisbane: \$2,698 per person, twin share
Single Supplement: \$559.00 per person

Conditions

- A minimum of 20 paying passengers is required for this tour to proceed
- Deposit: \$200.00 per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form.
- The tour price is valid for travel in 2027 only
- The itinerary is subject to change without notice
- Deposit is non-refundable after Friday 12 February 2027
- Final payment is due no later than Friday, 12 March 2027, all payments made after this date are subject to a 100% cancellation charge



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This Passenger Booking Form is to be completed by each individual passenger.
Please print your details clearly using **BLOCK LETTERS**.

RESERVATION FORM & BOOKING CONDITIONS

Date: _____ Tour Code: **DSC130627**

Club Name: **DONALD SIMPSON CENTRE**

Trade Travel Consultant: **EVE BRIERE**

Tour Departure Date: **SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2027**

Tour Name: **Lightning Ridge Explorer**

TOUR PASSENGER DETAILS:

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Frequent Flyer Program: _____

(e.g. Qantas, Velocity)

Frequent Flyer No.: _____

Rooming Type: Double Twin
 Single Supplement

Sharing With: _____

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Medical Allergies Only (e.g. Nut / Seafood): _____

Medical (e.g. Sleep Apnea): _____

Do you use a Walking Aid? If so, please advise what type. _____

Medical conditions that could affect your ability to participate in the tour must be advised.

Special Requests (not guaranteed): e.g. Ground Floor _____

Can you climb stairs? Yes / No

Can you get into and out of a boat, train or bus? Yes / No

Can you climb into a bath? Yes / No

EMERGENCY CONTACT (NOT TRAVELLING ON TOUR):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Contact Details: _____

NAME BADGES:

Do you already have a Trade Travel Name Badge? Yes / No

Preferred Name (For Badge): _____

Please Note: It is a requirement to wear your Trade Travel badge on tour.

Please sign below to acknowledge that you have read, understood, and accepted the Trade Travel terms and conditions

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____ First Name: _____

Middle Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Post Code: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

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Passenger 1 Full Name: _____

Passenger 2 Full Name: _____

Tour Details: Tour Code: **DSC130627** Consultant: **EVE BRIERE**

PAYMENT DETAILS:

Would you like your receipt emailed: Yes No

Payment Type

Deposit Full Payment

Payment Method to Trade Travel

Direct Deposit Credit Card

Date Deposited: _____ Amount \$ _____

DIRECT DEPOSIT BANKING DETAILS

NAB BSB No: 084917 Account No: 81 687 2928

Account Name: Trade Travel Pty Ltd

Please use your surname & tour code as the reference: SURNAME/DSC130627

CREDIT CARD OPTIONS & FEES

It's important that you utilise our customer payment link. Once we receive your Booking and Payment Form we will send you a link for Travel Pay to pay via credit card.

Accepted cards: VISA & MasterCard (1.3% surcharge), Amex (1.8% surcharge).

PASSENGER DECLARATION

By completion and return of this form, I hereby verify all the above details are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and forward my payment details for the arrangements of my tour.

Would you like us to provide you with an obligation free Insurance quote? Yes No

OUR COMMITMENT

For the well-being of our clients, we ask you to respect the above guidelines. We also advise any passenger who is unwell should not proceed on tour as a courtesy to other passengers. For more information visit the website www.health.gov.au or contact the Helpline on 1800 020 080.

I/We _____ agree to travel on the tour with Trade Travel on my own accord and understand the risks and implications in relation to health and wellbeing while traveling and will not hold the company or any of its suppliers liable.

Passenger 1

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Passenger 2

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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CHANGES/CANCELLATION OF YOUR BOOKING & INSURANCE

Any changes to your booking once the deposit has been received may incur amendment fees. Please check these details when requesting changes. The reservations we make on your behalf are subject to cancellation fees from all suppliers, making it necessary to enforce strict cancellation policies. If you cancel a reservation prior to the departure of your tour cancellation fees will apply.

Deposit is non-refundable as per the Terms and Conditions advised on your itinerary.

All funds are subject to 100% cancellation as per the Terms and Conditions on your itinerary.

REFUND PROCESSING FEE

Please note there will be a \$50.00 fee applicable for all refunds to cover costs of processing the payment. This fee is applicable on all cancellations received for all Tour/Holiday bookings.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

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TOUR PRICE

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A valid passport is required for each person traveling on this tour. Your passport must be valid for at least 6 months from your intended date of return back to Australia. Visa's may be required, you should contact the Consulate for further details.

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All payments made to Trade Travel are held in Trust and are protected by our Consumer Protection Insurance, this way we can give our clients the Peace of Mind that all funds are held safely.

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