



## Darling River – 5 -6 Day Tag-Along Adventure Tour

*PLEASE NOTE: This itinerary is just a guide. It is subject to change due to weather, road conditions, breakdowns and other conditions out of our control. Please allow flexibility on the tour.*

### **Day 1. Wentworth, NSW to Tolarno Station.**

Meet and greet in Wentworth NSW at the Murray Darling Junction ready to depart at 9:30am. Head North/East along the Pooncarie Road to the small town of Pooncarie. Here you will have an hour to have a look around riverside Pooncarie. Points of interest include: the old wharf where paddle steamers use to stop or have a cold drink at this iconic Pub.

From here we will make our way off the bitumen and along the beaten track to Marrara Station (not available for all tours). We have been given exclusive access to this property, following farm tracks along the Darling to see an old paddle steamer ruin (PS Rodney). After visiting the skeleton of the Rodney we will travel to Tolarno Station where it was burnt and sent downriver. This is our camp for the night, nestled on a beautiful bend in the river. Luke and Curl will get your dinner ready while the local Station manager will take you for a tour of the homestead, gaol, blacksmiths and shearers quarters and shed. After the tour you will make your way back to camp to enjoy an authentic bush meal cooked on the fire.

### **Day 2 Tolarno Station to Nelia Gaarie Station.**

After a lovely breakfast, we pack up and head to Menindee Weir. After having a look around the weir and hopefully seeing the water flow, we will head into town to see the local sites and get supplies/fuel, before checking out the Menindee lakes and having some lunch. If time permits we will take a quick visit out to the old homestead and woolshed at Kinchega National Park. Then we will continue down the dirt road to Nelia Gaarie Station. Nelia Gaarie is a 'farm stay station' on the Darling River owned by Greg and Lily. We will arrive mid-afternoon so that you can set up camp, have a look around the property or a hit of golf or just sit back and do some fishing if you wish.

### **Day 3 Nelia Gaarie to Dunlop Station.**

Wake up to the beautiful sunrise over the Darling. We will pack up and leave Nelia Gaarie to arrive at Wilcannia. A quick break here before heading to the one pub town of Tilpa. Very similar to Pooncarie, this town was home to a port for Paddle steamers. Now all that remains is the charming outback pub and friendly community. We will check out the Weir and have some lunch, before heading inside the pub to have a cold drink around the iconic bar. Don't forget to sign your name on the wall!

Continuing along the Darling we will arrive at Dunlop Station mid-afternoon to set up camp. Once set up you will be taken on a guided tour of Dunlop station, once the biggest working station in Australia. It is also home to the first woolshed in the Southern Hemisphere to have mechanical shears. You will get to tour the old homestead, woolshed and general store followed by some nice homemade afternoon tea.

#### **Day 4 Dunlop Station to Cobar, NSW.**

Today's drive takes us from Dunlop Station to the remote mining town of Cobar. On the way we will stop at Louth. Taking a look around Louth township, we will visit the striking 7.6m tall monument of Mary Matthew in the town cemetery. Leaving Louth on the way to Bourke we will see the Sturt Marker, before arriving with some time to look around the town. After some sightseeing including Fred Hollows Grave, the Bourke Weir and wharf, we will head out to the start of the Darling; the junction of the Barwon river, the Culgoa River and the Darling Rivers. Here we will enjoy a late lunch and head off to our last destination on the tour, Cobar.

Once arriving at Cobar and setting up camp, we will take a group picture at the iconic Cobar sign and up to the look out over one of the open-cut mines, before giving you time to explore the town or just relax.

We will finish off the tour with a final dinner at one of the local pubs.

#### **Day 5 Cobar, NSW.**

Up early for some breakfast, thank you's and goodbyes before going our separate ways and making your way home. This is our last official time together, if you wish to travel back home in the Mildura or Dubbo direction, we are more than happy for you to join us.

**Day 6** - will be used on some tours; we will either have a 2 night stay at one of our amazing stops or shorten up a couple of the middle days to allow for a night in Tilpa.

#### **Meal Options -**

##### **Breakfast menu**

Bacon & Eggs  
Pancakes or French Toast  
Toast/Toasties (Jaffles)  
Cereal (limited selections)  
Fruit (when available)  
Croissants

##### **Lunch menu**

Fresh Cooked Damper/Scones/Bacon and cheese loaf  
Hot dogs  
Chicken Schnitzel or Roast meat rolls  
Pies/Sausage rolls/sausage rolls/mini pizzas  
Various sandwich options (rolls, Salada's, wraps)  
Nachos

##### **Dinner menu**

BBQ meat and salads (snags/chops/chicken skewers/steak/ribs)  
Souvlaki/kebabs/Homemade hamburgers  
Camp Oven Meals – Roast/Stew  
Spaghetti/Pasta  
Savoury mince  
Stirfry meat and vegetables  
Tacos/Burritos  
Butter Chicken/Honey Mustard chicken and rice (or similar)  
Dinner provided at specified pubs/restaurants (\$35 per head limit)  
Desserts in camp oven, Damper, Cookies, Brownie