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Mudgee & the Hunter Valley

Travelling with Goodall's Gadabouts

2nd - 9th September 2011

8 Days / 7 Nights

Mudgee reputedly derives its name from the Wiradjuri Aboriginal term 'Moothi' meaning 'nest in the hills'. This is a suitable title as Mudgee is a very attractive town of fine old buildings, located in the broad, picturesque and fertile Cudgegong River Valley. Surrounded by hills of green and blue, it is situated 265 km north-west of Sydney, 470 m above sea-level and has a population of around 10,000. The area is noted for its fine wool, beef, fat lambs, cereal crops, Lucerne, vegetables, vineyards and honey. Our touring includes historic Gulgong (with a performance at the Prince of Wales Opera House!!) and the Hunter Valley.

Day 1 Friday 2nd September

(D)

East Gippsland - Albury

Welcome aboard Goodall's luxury coach as we depart on our holiday. Today is a travel day, so sit back and relax as we make our way to Albury for our first night's accommodation.

Overnight: Quality Resort Siesta, Albury (02) 6025 4555

Day 2 Saturday 3rd September

(BLD)

Albury - Orange

We have an early start this morning as we travel via the Olympic Way through Cootamundra and Young to the small village of Wirramah. Enjoy a unique experience at **Sunnyside Rose Garden** boasting a garden of over 2000 landscaped roses. Wander through the gardens and enjoy lunch with live entertainment, bush poetry and yarns. This afternoon we continue to Orange for tonight's accommodation. *(Breakfast in the motel/Lunch at Sunnyside Rose Garden/Dinner in the motel)*

Overnight: Country Comfort , Orange (02) 6362 6033



Day 3 Sunday 4th September

(BLD)

Wollemi National Park, Rylestone & Kandos

After a hearty breakfast we depart on our day's sightseeing which includes some of the neighbouring towns and a visit to Wollemi National Park. This morning we travel to Rylestone then east to Dunns Swamp, which is located within Wollemi National Park. It was formed by the trapped water of Kandos Weir, established in the 1920s when the Cudgegong River was dammed to provide water for the Kandos cement works. It is an ideal spot for our morning tea stop. While we are here this morning **Wollemi Afloat** will take us on a sensational cruise. Then after a fascinating morning we return to Rylestone, which is situated on the banks of the Cudgegong River the town has many fine old stone buildings, especially in Louee St. A few buildings of note are the Bridge View Inn, the Globe Hotel, the post office, the police station, the courthouse and the shire hall. The old town granary was built in the early 1840s and Henry Lawson's father helped to build the fine timber railway station. We enjoy lunch at the **Bowling Club** then this afternoon travel to nearby Kandos. A short stop will be made at Rotary Lookout overlooking Kandos for terrific views towards the Capertee Valley. The history of Kandos goes back millions of years when the present sight was a freshwater lake. With time, nature produced vast quantities of coal and limestone, upon which Kandos was founded. The town itself came into existence about 1913 when a cement works was set up to take advantage of local supplies - limestone being conveyed from the quarries by means of an enormous aerial ropeway. In fact the original name - Candos - was an acronym based upon the names of the six directors of the first company. From Kandos we head to **Mudgee** and enjoy a wine tasting at **High Valley Wine & Cheese** before some time to relax at the motel before dinner. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/ Lunch included)*



Overnight: Quality Parklands Resort, Mudgee (02) 6372 4500



Day 4 Monday 5th September

(BD)

Mudgee

This morning we enjoy some of the Mudgee area. **Mudgee** is the oldest town west of the Blue Mountains. "Discovered" by Lawson and Blaxland in 1821, it was settled soon after by pasture hungry squatters and their flocks of sheep and cattle. It is said that Mudgee means 'nest in the hills'. The town was proclaimed in 1838 and architect Robert Hoddle later planned and designed the street grid, which proved to be so successful that Melbourne was designed in basically the same way. He designed Mudgee's wide streets to be broad enough to turn a team of oxen. Many of the fine old stately buildings from the last century thankfully remain and most are now classified by the National Trust. We drop into the **Mandurah at the Railway** which is a co-operative gallery displaying a wide range of quality art and craft. We also stop into visit to **Honey Haven** which offers both, honey tastings and sales as well as mead and wine tastings. We then have some free time in town to purchase lunch and perhaps purchase a souvenir of our holiday. We complete our day with another wine tasting at a local winery. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch own arrangement and expense)*

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Mudgee Honey Haven
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Day 5 Tuesday 6th September

(BLD)

Mudgee – The Hunter Valley



Following breakfast we make our way through **Gulgong** - an old gold town that was once described as, believe it or not, “the hub of the world”! Gulgong was also the boyhood home of the author Henry Lawson who grew up at nearby Eurunderee and attended the "Old Bark School". He was inspired by the Gulgong goldrush days to write his poem "the Roaring Days". And Gulgong has an Opera House!! The **Prince of Wales Opera House**, like many buildings in Gulgong, has a long history. It began as a music hall, built from bush timber and bark, in the early 1870s. The riches of the goldfields allowed an early

impresario to engage some of the most famous performers of the era, and to employ an experienced manager. Before long a large weatherboard theatre was built, and named the **Prince of Wales Opera House**. In fact Henry Lawson’s first visit to **any** theatre was to see “The Pirates of Penzance” at the Prince of Wales Opera House. Today too we will enjoy a short performance called “Tales of a Swag”. From here we travel to Denman for lunch at the **Denman Hotel** and then, this afternoon we are joined by our local guide as we tour through the **Woodlands Thoroughbred Stud** – one of the most magnificent operations anywhere in the world with animals and scenery like no other. We then head to Maitland, just north of the Hunter Valley, for our overnight stop. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch at the Denman Hotel)*



Overnight: Molly Morgan Inn, Maitland (02) 4933 5422

Day 6 Wednesday 7th September

(BLD)

The Hunter Valley

We explore the **Hunter Valley** today. Our first stop is at the fabulous **Hunter Valley Gardens**. Nestled at the foothills of the Brokenback Ranges, in the heart of the Hunter vineyards, we will find over 25 hectares of spectacular international display gardens that will amaze you with sensational sights, colours, fragrances and adventures. Exploring over 8 kilometres of walking paths, visitors are able to experience each of the superb feature gardens - all of a standard you won't see elsewhere in Australia. We have plenty of time to enjoy the gardens before a **light lunch**. This afternoon, we stop at the **Hunter Valley Cheese Factory** before we travel into Sydney. We'll have time to freshen up before our evening out. Tonight will be one to remember as we enjoy dinner cruising on the wonderful **Sydney Harbour**. Sydney’s most elegant way to dine afloat on the “MV Sydney 2000”, synonymous with luxurious a la carte dining and first class service. We will enjoy the entertainment and dancing, and sip a drink under the stars from the spacious upper deck. Our coach will be waiting at the end of the evening for our transfer back to the hotel. *(Breakfast in the motel/Little Gem Lunch at Hunter Valley Gardens, Dinner cruise)*

Overnight: Sebel Surry Hills, Sydney (02) 9213 3802



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Day 7 Thursday 8th September

(BD)

Sydney - Wangaratta

Leaving Sydney this morning, we head to the historic village of **Berrima** in the Southern Highlands for our morning break. Berrima is one of the best remaining examples of a small Australian town of the 1830's. There is the splendid courthouse, scene of Australia's first trial by jury, and Australia's oldest continually licensed pub, The Surveyor General Inn. Today we inspect **Berrima Courthouse** which is simply the finest building in Berrima. Completed in 1838, it had only a brief life as a place of justice. It's grim cells are a reminder of harsh colonial times. The Courthouse is now a museum and the ideal place to begin our visit to the historic village of Berrima. There is an audio visual story telling of Berrima's past. Take a tour through into the court room where we will see the depiction of the trial of Lucretia Dinkley. Hear her being sentenced to hang for her part in the axe murder of her husband. And examine the iron shackles and cat-o-nine-tails used on the convicts. After our visit enjoy morning tea from the coach with time to wander around this historic village with its lovely buildings and craft shops. We now continue south, stopping for our lunch break enroute, travelling over the border to Wangaratta for our final night on tour. *(Breakfast & dinner in the motel/Lunch own arrangements & cost)*

Overnight: Quality Gateway, Wangaratta (03) 5721 8399

Berrima Courthouse



Day 8 Friday 9th September

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Wangaratta - Home

Unfortunately, our holiday is coming to an end. We make our way back home, arriving late afternoon to complete a wonderful holiday! *(Breakfast in the motel/own arrangements for lunch)*

COST: GST inclusive
\$ 1730 per person twin share
\$ 500 per person single supplement
No forced singles
Minimum numbers apply

Final Payment due by 22nd July 2011

Deposit:

\$ 500 due within 7 days of booking.

A signed booking form is required for all passengers.

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 - o 42 days + - \$250 Administration Fee
2. The itinerary may be subject to change without notice. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the itinerary as provided, Goodall's reserves the right to alter the touring and attractions as dictated by circumstances and conditions outside the company's control. Alterations may be made to ensure the smooth running of the tour. This tour is being operated in conjunction with Expanding Horizons and Southern Circle. Every attempt will be made to ensure alterations do not adversely affect the operation of the tour. Goodall's will not be held responsible for weather based cancellations or those closures made at the venue's discretion. Further, no refund shall be made for any unused portion of any itinerary. Alterations to an itinerary, made by a passenger, shall be wholly at the expense of that passenger. **All optional tours are at passengers own expense.**
3. Some accommodation properties may require a room bond or credit card number to cover incidentals not otherwise covered in the cost of the tour. Please note that this will be the responsibility of individual passengers.
4. Forced Singles' are **not** accepted according to the policy of individual accommodation properties.
5. Minimum number for tour to go ahead is 30 passengers.

Travel Insurance

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