

Silo Art, Salt, Sunsets & River Ports - Ex Syd

With Trade Travel

9 Days / 8 Nights

Tour Departs: Friday 01 April - Saturday 09 April 2022



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Day 1. Fri 01 Apr: Homeport - Albury

Dinner

After boarding our coach we begin our drive down to Albury via various small, unique towns. We travel through Goulburn for our first comfort and refreshment stop (own cost) at **Trappers Bakery** which is just a short stroll across from the **Big Merino shop**. We continue down the Hume Highway and enjoy a stop at the **Dog on a Tucker Box** - a statue inspired by a bullock driver's poem, Bullocky Bill. The statue celebrates the life of a mythical driver's dog that loyally guarded the man's tuckerbox until death and was erected at a site nine miles from Gundagai in 1926. Late afternoon we arrive in **Albury** for check in at the **Quality Resort Siesta**. There will be time to rest up and settle into our rooms before meeting up for drinks (at own cost) and dinner in the **Cactus Cantina Bistro** and **Bullring Restaurant**.

Overnight Albury: Quality Resort Siesta

Day 2. Sat 02 Apr: Albury - North Vic Silo Art Trail - Shepparton

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

This morning we begin our drive down along the **Northern Victoria Silo Art Trail**. Our first stop is in the small township of **Tungamah** where Broome based artist Sabrane has created a celebration of Australian native birds on the three silos. Our next township is **St James** where artist Timothy Bowtell has decorated the GrainCorp silos with a mural of Sir George Coles, the founder of Coles supermarkets and local to the St James township. After enjoying our morning tea we move onto **Devenish** where the war-themed Silo Art depicts a World War I nurse, a modern-day army medic and a Light Horse Soldier and his horse, which was unveiled on ANZAC weekend 2019 before a packed Anzac Day commemorative service. Leaving Devenish we head across to **Tallis Wines** enjoy tastings at the Cellar Door. Tucked away in the scenic Dookie Hills, the Cellar Door offers panoramic views from every aspect of the relaxed and airy space. Our last silo stop for the day is in **Goorambat** where as part of the 2018 Wall to Wall festival, famed iconic Melbourne street artist Jimmy Dvate's silo mural depicts an endangered bird of prey from the area, 'Millibai' the Barking Owl. We then step inside the **Uniting Church** to view the beautiful mural of "**Sophia**" the female aspect of the Holy Spirit. Enjoy the surroundings of the historic church while the Goorambat folk serve us country style homemade lunch. We farewell our hosts and make our way down to **Benalla**, home to regional Victoria's stunning street art by various artists Guido van Helten, Adnate, Rone, DVate, Sirum, Kaffeine and many more. We are met by our **local guide who gives us an insight into the world of international street art** and the artists who created the artworks. The last leg of our journey takes us across to Shepparton and the **Quality Hotel Parklake** to check in and refresh before dinner in the **Parklake Restaurant**.

Overnight Shepparton: Quality Hotel Parklake



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Day 3. Sun 03 Apr: Shepparton - Tatura

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today is spent discovering the Greater Shepparton area and what better place to start than the **Greater Shepparton, Tourist Centre** where our **local guide** is waiting to join us. Our guided discovery tour of Shepparton includes some of the 100+ Mooving Art Cows, an ever changing public art exhibition of life-sized 3D cows that pays homage to the strength of the dairy industry in Greater Shepparton. The fibreglass bovines are scattered throughout Shepparton and surrounding towns in public gardens, playgrounds and businesses and are full of colour, spunk and personality. Our next stop is at the **Chocolate Apple Factory** which houses the famous chocolate and caramel coated apples plus fruit liqueur, fruit wine, natural fruit juices, jams and pastries. In the same complex is **The Museum of Vehicle Evolution**, an ever changing collection that includes anywhere up to 100 classic, heritage and muscle cars generously loaned or donated as well as motorcycles, vintage bicycles and car collectables. A very unique part of the museum is **The Furphy Museum** which is the only one of its kind in Australia. An authentic exhibition tracing the 150 year journey of Furphy engineering, the five generations of the Furphy family and the significance of the Furphy legend in our history. Leaving Shepparton we travel out to Tatura for a **light lunch at Tatura Hot Bread**, famous for their renowned vanilla slices. Following lunch we take a short stroll to **Stuart Mock Place** and view the impressive **mosaic Tatura Murals**, depicting the history and achievements of the local people from the time when Aborigines inhabited the area through to the modern town. No visit to Tatura would be complete without a tour of the **Tatura Irrigation and Wartime Camps Museum**, a three part exhibition covering the history of irrigation in Victoria's Goulburn Valley, the local family history of Tatura and District since white settlement and the history of the seven World War II Prisoner of War and Internment Camps which were established in the area. **The German War Cemetery** at Tatura is historically significant as the first foreign war cemetery to be established in Australia and as one of five war cemeteries established by the Australian War Graves Commission in Victoria after the end of World War II. On our way back through Tatura we stop by the **Victoria Cross Memorial Garden**, home to the **Robert Mactier statue**. It acknowledges the bravery for which Tatura born and raised, Private Mactier, made the ultimate sacrifice and was thus posthumously **awarded the Victoria Cross in 1918**. While travelling back to Shepparton be sure to keep a look out for more of those Cows on the Moove. We arrive back at our accommodation late afternoon for a rest before dinner in the Parklake Restaurant.

Overnight Shepparton: Quality Hotel Parklake

Day 4. Mon 04 Apr: Shepparton - Rochester - Rupanyup - Horsham

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we begin our journey across central Victoria to explore more of the unique Silo Art while taking in the history of the unique Wimmera Mallee townships. Across at the **Rochester Silos** we view the stunning work of Jimmy DVate featuring the **Azure King Fisher and Squirrel Glider**. Whenever Jimmy takes on a commission, where possible he will always try to feature local endemically threatened species and in this case he chose the Azure King Fisher and the Squirrel Glider. Half an hour south of Rochester in the small township of **Colbinabbin** we come across the **Colbinabbin Silo Art**, another painted by Tim Bowtell which depicts memorable community events from the town's history and the significance of the railway to the Colbinabbin district. We then travel across to **St Arnaud home to some amazing murals** including the magnificent silo mural. Our local guide will accompany us around the nine locations concluding at the crowning glory of the trail which is the **silo mural titled 'Hope'**. The mural spans two silos and **illustrates St Arnaud's gold mining history**, with a design chosen in collaboration with residents of the town. After a look through the **museum and lunch at Country Delights** we farewell St Arnaud and continue across to the **Rupanyup Silo**, created by Russian street artist Julia Volchkova and dedicated to local netball and football players. We also take a stroll through **Woods Farming and Heritage Museum** for a self guided tour of the amazing collection of Australian History. Half an hour away is Horsham which is where we check into our accommodation before dinner in the Rose Fountain Restaurant.

Overnight Horsham: Best Westlander Motor Inn

Day 5. Tue 05 Apr: Horsham - Wimmera Mallee Silo Art Trail - Sea Lake

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast we farewell Horsham and make our way up to **Murtoa**, home to the **Murtoa Stick Shed** and one of the most unusual and interesting buildings in Australia. The Stick Shed was built in 1941 and contains 560 poles within and has the capacity to hold around 100,000 tons of wheat. Next stop is the **Sheep Hills Silo Art** where artist Matt Adnate has created a monster 30m high x 40m wide piece of art dedicated to Aboriginal Wergaia Elder, Uncle Ron Marks, and Wotjobaluk Elder, Aunty Regina Hood, alongside two young children, Savannah Marks and Curtly McDonald. Our next stop is **Brim**, the small farming town that captured the world's attention in January 2016 after Brisbane street artist Guido van Helten (Coonalpyn Silo artist) painted a giant mural on the town's unused grain silos depicting an anonymous, multi-generational quartet of female and male farmers. In **Rosebery** we visit the artwork by Keff-eine which depicts themes which she says embody the region's past, present and future. The silo on the left captures the grit, tenacity and character of the region's young female farmers who regularly face drought, fires and other hardships living and working in the Mallee. The silo on the right portrays a quiet moment between dear friends, man and his horse. Both horse and hardship are synonymous with working on the land. After leaving Rosebery we travel across to **Yurunga Homestead** for a **light lunch and tour**. Part of prosperity was the establishment of Yurunga, a beautiful homestead built in 1909 to impress the people of **Rainbow** and all these years later, it still impresses. We wander the gardens and get a strong sense of what it was like for the early owners in those pioneering days. Next stop is at the **Patchewollock Silo Art** where in preparation for his mural, Brisbane artist Fintan Magee booked a room at the local pub to immerse himself in the community and get to know its people. When he met local sheep and grain farmer, Nick "Noodle" Hulland, Magee knew he had found his muse. According to Magee, the rugged, lanky local exemplified the no-nonsense, hardworking spirit of the region. Perhaps more importantly though, Noodle had just the right height and leanness to neatly fit onto the narrow, 35-metre-high canvas of the twin 1939-built GrainCorp silos. After leaving Patchewollock we make our way across to Sea Lake and check into **Lake Tyrrell Accommodation**. Late afternoon we are joined by our guide Julie, we head out to the **Lake Tyrrell viewing platform** and take in the **spectacular colours of a Lake Tyrrell sunset**. Those wishing to are able to hop into a pair of supplied "Gum Boots" and take a walk on the lake. After sunset it's back into Sea Lake for a look through the **Sky Mirror Gallery** while enjoying **drinks and nibbles**. We head to **The Juke for dinner** before making our way to our accommodation for the night.

Overnight Sea Lake: Lake Tyrrell Accommodation

Day 6. Wed 06 Apr: Sea Lake - Woomelang - Nullawil - Swan Hill

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast and checkout we are taken on a guided tour to view the **Sea Lake Street Art** and the **Sea Lake Silos**. This is where Brisbane based artists Travis Vinson (DRAPL) and Joel Fergie (The Zookeeper) have transformed the GrainCorp silos. The art depicts a young girl swinging from a Mallee eucalyptus tree looking over Lake Tyrrell and a big open sky which gradually fades from dusk to night. Leaving Sea Lake we travel across to **Lascelles**, where in order to capture the true essence of the town, Melbourne-based artist, Rone knew that he had to learn from those who were deeply connected to it. Here he depicts local farming couple Geoff and Marilyn Horman, part of a family that has lived and farmed in the area for four generations. At our next stop in **Woomelang** our local historian joins us for morning tea at the **Woomelang General Store** before viewing the **wall and mobile silo art murals** plus the history surrounded the **Kerosene Tin Shearing Shed**. From Woomelang we travel across to **Nullawil** to view the new Silo Art which features a working dog and his master. **Lunch and a guided tour** awaits at **Auchmore Homestead and Museum** which houses all the necessities used by the early pioneers of the district. Auchmore museum is an original farm homestead fitted out in period design as well as many out buildings from the era. An original drop log hut with an earthen floor used by the first white settlers has been relocated to the site as well as a school, church and other outbuildings. From Nullawil its around one hour drive up to Swan Hill to our accommodation for check in and our two night stay. After a rest and freshen up we gather in the on-site restaurant for dinner.

Overnight Swan Hill: Comfort Inn Campbell

Day 7. Thu 07 Apr: Lake Boga - Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast we take a short drive to the shores of Lake Boga home to the **Flying Boat Museum** which was once an integral part of allied defence during World War II with their facility that helped to keep Australia safe - the No.1 Flying Boat Repair and Service Depot. The Lions Club of Lake Boga restored the Catalina A24-30 and the original secret communication bunker as a commemoration to the service men and women who served at the depot from 1941 to 1947. Following our intriguing tour we travel back into town to join in the bustling lives of our pioneers at the **Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement**. We have the remainder of the day at leisure to purchase lunch, enjoy a cruise along the mighty Murray River on the historic PS Pyap and explore the many aspects of the settlement. Back at our accommodation we have time to refresh before enjoying an early **dinner at Spoons Waterside Restaurant** before witnessing the spectacular laser lights show **'Heartbeat of the Murray'**. Set on the banks of the Little Murray River, the world-class Heartbeat of the Murray is a 360-degree multi-media spectacular unlike anything ever seen in Australia. Using water, light, laser, sound and special effects to tell the story of the Murray, we'll be transported back 30 million years, before travelling forward through time to the Murray River as we know it today. This state-of-the-art show is the first of its kind in the world to use a natural river environment and setting as the background. Following the show we return to our accommodation.

Overnight Swan Hill: Comfort Inn Campbell

Day 8. Fri 08 Apr: Swan Hill - Boort - Strathmerton - Rutherglen - Albury

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today we farewell Swan Hill and begin travelling across to **Albury** via **Boort**, visiting **Simply Tomatoes**. Here we enjoy a guided tour of the farm and the progressive story of Simply Tomatoes, Aussie Wool Quilts and Woolly Warmers. This gives us a window into the life of a farming family and the journey of their national award-winning products. Nearby is the unique **"Spannerman Sculptures"**, the creation of retired farmers John and Sonia Piccoli. Here we enjoy a stroll through the two acre garden which is home to many large sculptures made from old and antique spanners placed amongst trees and garden beds. After lunch we continue across to **Strathmerton** to spend an afternoon in Mexico, or the Sahara, but actually right here in Australia! **Cactus Country's** huge 12-acre garden has thousands of varieties of incredible plants that will leave us astonished at how amazing mother nature can be. As we continue along the Murray Valley Highway we arrive at **Campbells Wines Rutherglen** who's story began in 1870 and is one of evolution, tenacity and determination, building on the experience of generations past with a dedication to innovation. We enjoy a wine tasting and guided tour of the property before boarding our coach and travelling over to Albury for check in and then dinner in Cactus Cantina Bistro and Bullring Restaurant.w

Overnight Albury: Quality Resort Siesta

Day 9. Sat 09 Apr: Albury - Holbrook - Bowning - Homeport

Breakfast & Lunch

Today we check out and begin our journey back home, our first stop today will include the **Submarine HMAS Otway at Holbrook** followed by our **lunch stop in Bowning** which will be at the **Rollonin Cafe**, a replica local building from the 1800's, with interior walls lined with newspapers dating back from the early 1900's and beautiful cottage gardens that surround the cafe. We enjoy one last comfort stop in **Goulburn** before arriving back home after a wonderful tour away with the **Trade Travel**.



The Great Victorian Silo Art Trail



Tour Highlights: The Big Merino; Dog On The Tucker Box; Nth Vic Silo Art Trail - Tungamah, St James, Devenish & Goorambat; Uniting Church Mural "Sophia"; Tallis Wines; The Moooving Cows of Greater Shepparton; Chocolate Apple Factory; Shepparton Motor Museum & Furphy Museum; Stuart Mock Place - Mosaic Tatura Murals; Tatura Irrigation & Wartime Camps Museum; The German War Cemetery; Victoria Cross Memorial Garden; Rochester & Colbinabbin & St Arnaud Silo Art; St Arnaud Wall Murals; Woods Farming & Heritage Mueum; Murtoa Stick Shed; Tour & Lunch Yurunga Homestead & Garden; Wimmera Mallee Silo Art Trail - Rupanyup, Sheep Hills, Brim, Rosebery, Lascelles, Sea Lake, Patchewolloc & Nullawil; Amazing Lake Tyrrell Sunset; Sky Mirror Gallery; Sea Lake Street Art; Woomelang Kerosene Tin Shearing Shed & Mobile Silo Art Trail; Lunch & Tour Nullawil Auchmore Homestead Museum; Flying Boat Museum; Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement; Heartbeat of the Murray; Spannerman Sculptures; Simply Tomatoes, Aussie Wool Quilts & Woolly Warmers; Cactus Country; Campbells Wines Rutherglen; Holbrook Submarine HMAS Otway; Rollonin Cafe & much more!

Tour Price Includes:

- Luxury coach travel
- 8 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (23 meals)
- All entry fees, cruise & guides as per itinerary

Tour Price Excludes:

- Flights from Homeport to Sydney available on application

\$2648.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$544.00)

Tour cost based on minimum 20 pax

Tour prices valid for travel in 2022. Please note that the itinerary is subject to change without notice.

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