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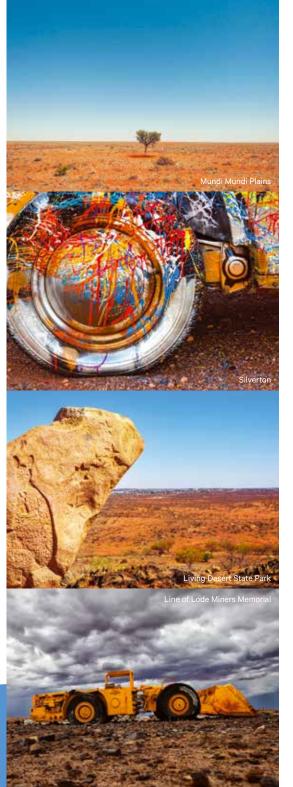
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Broken Hill is on Australian Central Standard Time so make sure you adjust your clocks to suit.

Have a safe and happy journey! Your feedback about this guide is encouraged.

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Looking out from the Line of Lode Miners Memorial **Broken Hill's unique** Welcome to blend of Aboriginal and **European history, mining** and architectural heritage, quirky culture and phenomenally spectacular outback beauty, offers visitors an unparalleled and exceptional experience. E OUTBACK GUIDE - 202

Declared Australia's first heritage-listed city in 2015, its physical and natural charm is compelling, but you'll soon discover what the locals have always known — that Broken Hill's greatest asset is its people.

Its isolation in a breathtakingly spectacular, rugged and harsh terrain means people who live here are resilient and have a robust sense of community – they embrace life, are self-sufficient and make things happen, but they've always got time for each other and if you're from out of town, it doesn't take long to be embraced in the city's characteristic old-world hospitality.

As one whose family connection with the area goes back before the town was even established put it: "It's got a genuine soul. People come here because we are Broken Hill."

Mining lies at the very heart of Broken Hill, and always has done – the town owes its very existence to Broken Hill Proprietary, which is now the world's largest mining company (BHP). But the soul of Broken Hill is it's thriving and progressive art scene; from stunning murals and unique galleries to incredible open air sculptures crafted and shaped from the rocky landscape.

You don't have to go far from town to feel like you're in the middle of nowhere, surrounded by a rugged, almost lunar landscape. It's that sense of isolation in an unforgiving landscape that has made it the perfect backdrop for iconic films such as The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert, Mad Max II and Mission Impossible II.

And as the sun sinks below the vast horizon offering the best sunsets you'll see in a lifetime, the awe of gazing into galaxies and nebulae millions of light years away is truly unforgettable.

The city is a thriving hub, and beyond it lie spectacular National Parks, lush rivers and lakes, abundant wildlife and a collection of fascinatingly unique towns in Outback New South Wales.

Expect the unexpected when you visit, and you'll take memories home with you of an amazing place, the likes of which you'll never see anywhere else on the planet.



BROKEN HILL HERITAGE WALK TOUR

Departing from Visitor Information Centre 5 Days a Week | From 10:00am Run by Volunteers | By Donation

Open daily (excluding Christmas Day)

The Broken Hill Visitor Information Centre provides a warm welcome to Australia's First National Heritage Listed City.

Our qualified and friendly staff are here to assist you with planning and booking your ultimate outback experience.





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Open 7 days a week | 24 hour Tourism Touchscreen available

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BARRIER DAILY TRUTH

First published in 1908, the Barrier Daily Truth has been serving Broken Hill for over 100 years. Published 6 days per week and covering stories from Broken Hill and the surrounding area, the BDT is the most trusted source of news in the region.

Broken Hill's only local newspaper.

179 Blende Street, Broken Hill (08) 8087 2354 | bdtruth.com.au



and around

Travel distances between outback townships can be long and the road rugged. Doing some homework on your route options (and making sure you're prepared) can make all the difference!

BY ROAD

From Sydney there are two main routes. The most direct one (1144km/13 hours) is via the Blue Mountains to Mudgee and Dubbo on to Nyngan, Cobar, Wilcannia and Broken Hill.

The road less traveled is via the Riverina. Head south along the Hume Highway from Sydney then take the Sturt Highway to Wagga Wagga and the Riverina, meeting the mighty Murray at Euston and then on to Mildura and Wentworth. From here, go north along the Silver City Highway to Broken Hill (1309km/14 hours).

From Melbourne take the Calder Highway to Mildura, then north through Wentworth and on to Broken Hill (837km/9 hours). If you have a little more time, you can divert through Pooncarie and Menindee, follow the course of the Darling River and take in two great local areas (915km/10 hours).

From Adelaide the two main routes are the Barrier Highway north through Gawler and Burra, then north-east to Broken Hill (515km/5 hours 45 minutes).

Alternatively, head through the Barossa Valley and pick up the Sturt Highway just north of Gawler, then east through Renmark on to Mildura, Wentworth and Broken Hill (674km/7.5 hours).

BY AIR

Flights into Broken Hill depart from Adelaide, Sydney, Melbourne, Dubbo and Mildura.

BY RAIL

The weekly Outback Explorer service runs from Sydney Central Station to Broken Hill. If you're starting in Adelaide or Sydney, you can get on board the Indian Pacific.

BY COACH

Daily service from Dubbo, plus a few services each week from Mildura and Adelaide (courtesy of TrainLink).

Please note: Daily XPT from Sydney to Dubbo.

ONCE YOU'RE HERE

A number of car hire options are available in Broken Hill. There is also a local city bus service and taxis.



Wi-Fi & Data Connectivity

You'll find FREE Wi-Fi in the heart of Broken Hill - look for 'Broken Hill Smart Wi-Fi' in the main town centre. You'll also find many accommodation options, cafés, restaurants and bars also have Wi-Fi available in Broken Hill and the surrounding townships. Between towns can be tough for connectivity, so be sure to download what you need before trips and have the 'Destination Broken Hill' App installed so that you can have important information offline.







THRIFTY CAR, BUS AND TRUCK HIRE

Exploring the historic town of Broken Hill can be made easy with Thrifty Car Hire. Whether you need a small car to visit friends in town, or a large 4WD to visit the vast array of National Parks, Thrifty have a large range of modern air-conditioned vehicles to suit your needs.

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Twenty-five kilometres
away from what is now
Broken Hill, Silverton was
'going off' following the
discovery of silver in 1875.
Eight years later when
Charles Rasp was mustering
sheep in the Barrier Ranges,
he discovered what he
thought was tin...

Twelve months later, Rasp and six others formed a syndicate and started the Broken Hill Mining Company. They pegged out mining leases but the going was tough initially, with only a sprinkling of low-grade lead ore and silver to show for their endeavours.

But not long after, things turned as lead, silver and a huge amount of zinc were extracted and in 1885, the syndicate of seven floated BHP, and the mining activity got serious.

As the Silverton deposits dwindled, Broken Hill boomed. Half a century later the city accounted for more than 10 per cent of the entire world's lead.

Today, more than 50 million tons of lead and zinc, and 20,000 tons of silver have been extracted from more than 200 million tons of ore.

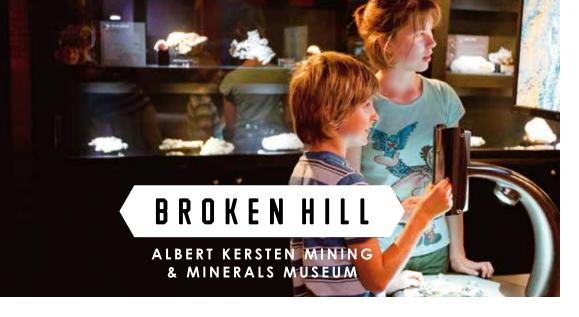
But the people who started mining in the area 150 years ago were far from the first inhabitants. For millennia prior, the Bulali and the Wilyakali people had called the region home for 50,000 years or more, and around here there is plenty of evidence of the oldest living culture on earth, such as the brilliant collection of Aboriginal rock art at Mutawintji to the north-east of the city.

Much of the city's enthralling history reflects the characteristic cycles of booms and busts that impact the mining industry, and fortunes have come and gone over nearly a century-and-a-half.

Organised labour and unionism has also been an important part of the social and economic fabric. Strikes were prevalent, notably in the early 1900s. The biggest industrial stoush, known as the "Great Strike", lasted 18 months between May 1919 and November 1920, involving thousands of mine workers. It secured proper recognition of the rights and conditions of working in the mining industry and was the foundation for many of the rights we take for granted today, including a 35-hour week, workplace safety and compensation.



Historic Junction Mine



Located in the beautifully restored former Bond Store, built in 1892, learn about the formation of the world's largest deposit of Silver, Lead and Zinc. See our fabulous 42 kg Silver Nugget, part of our world class collection of Broken Hill minerals.

The Museum is also home to the Silver Tree once owned by Charles Rasp, the boundary rider who pegged out the first Broken Hill mining lease with his partners. It is an exquisite example of the work of Henry Steiner.

Take the family along to experience the wonders of the Broken Hill GeoCentre today.

BROKEN HILL GEOCENTRE | CNR CRYSTAL & BROMIDE STS, BROKEN HILL

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Broken Hill is also the only site of an enemy attack on Australian soil. Two Turkish patriots raised a Turkish flag over their ice-cream cart and opened fire on passengers aboard the Silverton Tramway Company's train, which was heading to an annual picnic during WW1 in 1915. There is a replica of the cart at White Rocks.

Two years prior in 1913, a monument to the Titanic's musicians was erected in Sturt Park. Instigated by the bandsmen of Broken Hill, it stands nearly six metres high and carries the names of all the ship's musicians who drowned. Vast quantities of the nation's gold reserves were stored at Broken Hill during WWII as fear of a Japanese invasion prompted the government to move it there believing it would be safer kept inland. It was stored in a purpose-built strongroom at the Broken Hill gaol.

If history's your passion, a single visit might only allow a glimpse of this city's amazing past, and there will be plenty more to discover when you come back.



At the turn of the century around 27,000 people lived and worked in Broken Hill, and the town had 60 licenced hotels.



Broken Hill EXPLORE & DISCOVER



Over more than a century, visitors have flocked to Broken Hill and they keep coming... and it won't take you long to discover why!

Its earthy outback hues, clear, deep blue skies and an unforgiving yet strikingly beautiful landscape will leave you mesmerised.

Countless people from many and varied backgrounds contributed to this iconic outback town's uniquely captivating character, and you'll be gobsmacked by how much there is to see, do and learn. Go down a mine, experience an eclectic world of art, sculpture, drag queens, divas, dining and entertainment.

Don't leave yourself short of time – you'll need four or five days at least in town, and then more to see the wider region. There's plenty to discover and delight you around every corner.

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The Visitor Information Centre is the best place to find out what's going on

Open every day (except Christmas Day) from 8.30am CST.

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VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

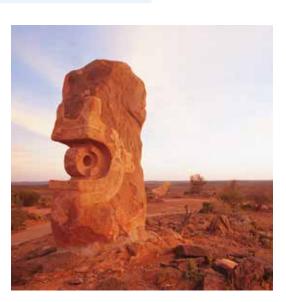
If it's your first visit, start here and allow the friendly staff to help you find out everything you need to know about the city and the wider region.

LINE OF LODE Miners' Memorial

This symbolic and spiritual icon stands on the edge of the city's huge mullock heap and pays tribute to more than 800 lives lost due to mining. It's a sombre reminder of those who paid the ultimate sacrifice since the late 1800s.

BROKEN HILL GEOLOGY

The Geo Centre is one of the city's internationally famous attractions where you can take in an extraordinary collection of locally mined minerals and gems, hands-on displays and the Time Line Room. You can't miss the Silver Tree, an 8.5kg solid silver creation made in 1880 and once owned by Charles Rasp. As you make your way around town, there are plenty more collections and minerals on display, and for purchase.



SILVER CITY TOURS

At Broken Hill you'll truly discover a lost world with its historic mines, captivating landscapes, grand old pubs and simple miner's cottages. Every sight has a tale to tell and few can tell them better than Silver City Tours. Enjoy all the comforts of a city accustomed to hosting mining magnates and movie stars.

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BROKEN HEEL FESTIVAL

10-14 September 2020

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The Palace Hotel is the festival home.

Life outback is never a drag!

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BROKEN HILL AVIATION

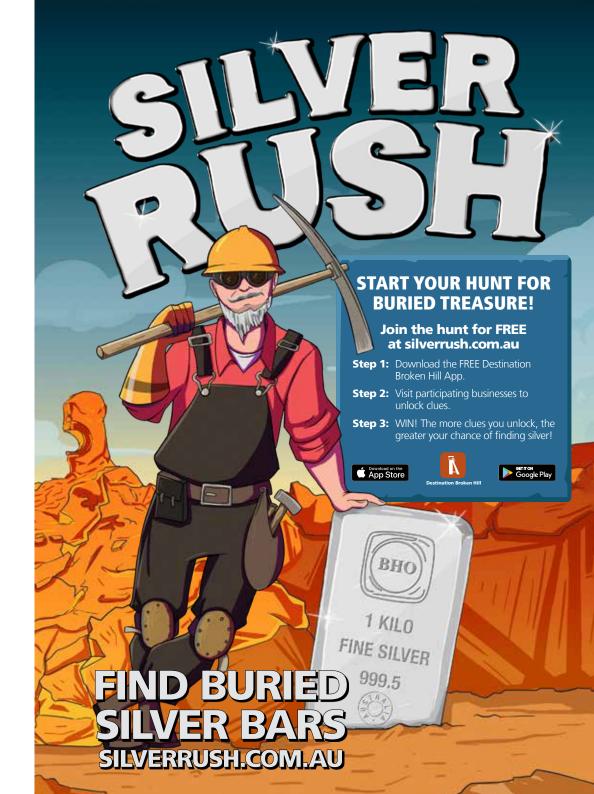
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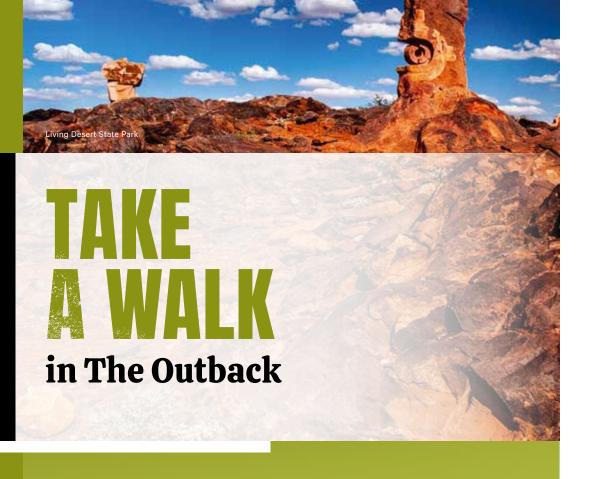
Seasonal tours to the Australian outback. Locations include Lake Eyre, Arkaroola, Mungo, and Northern Flinders ranges. Day trip and overnight options available.

Hangar 30, Broken Hill Airport, Broken Hill (08) 8088 4307 | brokenhillaviation.com.au









One of the best ways to absorb some of the must-sees in Broken Hill and surrounds is on foot, so grab a map or guide, pack the camera and some rations, don some good walking shoes and head off!

BROKEN HILL HERITAGE TRAIL

This presents an opportunity to experience a self-guided, two-hour signposted walk around the Silver City along streets named after metals, minerals, compounds and famous citizens. You can immerse yourself in an absorbing history documented by an unsurpassed collection of heritage buildings, including the Post Office, Trades Hall and the Town Hall.

SUNDOWN NATURE TRAIL

Take a 2.8km walk in the Sundown Hills where you'll be immersed in a world of native animals, wild flowers and grasses that have populated this area for millennia.

LIVING DESERT STATE PARK

This 180-hectare sanctuary 9km out of town contains a variety of plant and animal life and the 2.2km cultural trail is a must. Don't miss the arboretum and Sturt Desert Pea display.

Within the reserve is another 1.1km trail that leads you to a breathtaking display of 12 imposing sandstone sculptures on a hilltop. Superb panoramic views, particularly at sunset, will live with you forever.

SULPHIDE STREET RAILWAY AND HISTORICAL MUSEUM

As well as Silverton Tramway
Company locomotives and
memorabilia housed in the
original 1905 station building,
this must-see attraction also
features the Migrant Heritage
Museum, Hospital Museum, Ron
Carter Transport Pavilion and
Tess Alfonsi Mineral Collection.

BROKEN HILL HERITAGE WALKS

Join our dedicated, knowledgeable and passionate group of volunteers on a stroll around Australia's only heritage listed city. Explore the historic buildings dotting the CBD of Broken Hill and hear the extraordinary stories of the individuals and companies that have shaped the history of the Silver City and Australia as a whole.

The two hour walk departs from the Visitor Information Centre every weekday at 10am (except during the summer months) and takes in mining history, architecture, art, unionism and local tales. Take in a range of state heritage listed buildings including the Trades Hall, Titanic Memorial and the magnificent Broken Hill Post Office, each with their own story to tell.

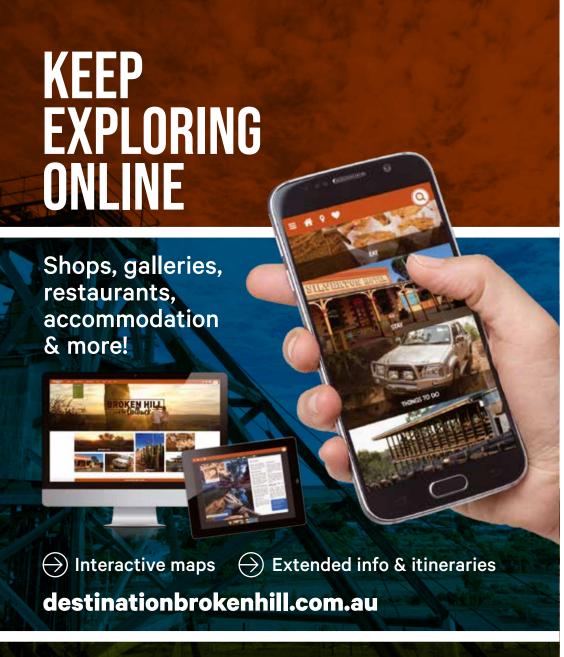
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Pick up a free map from the Visitor Information Centre, and you're away!

Open every day (except Christmas Day) from 8.30am CST.

Cnr Blende & Bromide Sts Ph: 08 8080 3560

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Keep everything on your phone or tablet, even when you're in the outback!







The Living Desert and Sculptures are a monument to art and environment. The panoramic topography, scenery and views in this unique 2400ha reserve are a must-see experience. By day, explore the sheer tranquillity of the John Simons Flora and Fauna Sanctuary, while discovering the region's Aboriginal heritage along its walking trail.

Be captivated by the breathtaking beauty of the Sculptures and 12 sandstone pieces created by world renowned artists. The sculptures' spectacular silhouettes at sunset are a sight to behold.

Enjoy a great family day out in the centrally located picnic area with shade and free barbeque use. By night, stay in the Starview Primitive Campsite and experience our outback night sky.

LIVING DESERT, SCULPTURES & STARVIEW PRIMITIVE CAMPSITE | NINE MILE ROAD, BROKEN HILL

Open 7 Days | Entry and camping fees/conditions apply | No pets allowed (excluding assistance animals) | Starview Primitive campsite maximum stay up to 5 nights

Enquiries and bookings at the Broken Hill Visitor Information Centre

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ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

Operating from Broken Hill since 1936, RFDS doctors and nurses provide emergency medical and primary health care services to people in this region across an area of 640,000km². At the Bruce Langford Visitor Centre you can experience an interactive museum that showcases the contribution of doctors, pilots and nurses who have worked from the Broken Hill RFDS base for more than eight decades.

Tour a working RFDS base and airport, visit the museum, view aircraft in the hangar, browse for souvenirs and watch a film while you're there.

All proceeds from admissions and merchandise sales help fund the purchase of new aircraft and vital medical equipment.

SCHOOL OF THE AIR

Ever wondered what school life is like for kids in remote outback locations? School of the Air is a distinctly Australian Distance Education Centre that serves isolated students living as far away as 300km from Broken Hill.

School of the Air started with 42 students in 1956 and radio communications were used to deliver lessons. In 2003, radio was phased out and replaced with satellite-based technology, allowing students to see their teachers for the first time.

For a fascinating insight into everyday education for children of The Outback, you're welcome to sit in on a live lesson or arrange to speak with a teacher.

Regular visitor sessions run at 8:15am CST each morning during the school term, and tickets can be purchased at the Visitor Information Centre at least a day before.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION...

Broken Hill has been dubbed the "Hollywood of The Outback" and it's easy to see why. A number of iconic films have used Broken Hill and surrounds as their set and you can visit a number of the locations.

Blockbusters filmed here include Wake in Fright (1971 & 2017), Mad Max 2 (1981), The Adventures of Priscilla Queen of the Desert (1994), Last Cab to Darwin (2015), Strangerland (2015) and Mission Impossible II (2000).

Some movie set locations are in the heart of the city, like the Palace Hotel and its 500 square metres of murals that proudly showcased retro kitsch a long time before it became trendy. Other movie set locations, like the Mundi Mundi Plains, require a road trip further afield.

Over the years many remarkable, talented, and unconventional characters – including writers, artists, raconteurs and gamblers to name a few-have all put their stamp on its rich and diverse character.





The charm of Broken Hill's stunningly rugged landscape and rich social fabric has inspired a multitude of famous, and not-so-famous creatives — past and present.

Arts and culture run deep in the city's veins – there are twice as many art galleries as pubs. It's not hard to gain a sense of just how richly profound Broken Hill's influence has been on a variety of artists, musicians, writers, filmmakers and more, and how significantly their presence is reflected in the life of the city.



Open Tuesday - Sunday | 10am-4pm Free Parking at Rear | Entry by donation

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ARCHITECTURE

Some of the city's central streets reveal an enchanting cross-section of Victorian and Federation architecture reflecting the divergent fortunes of the city's people - from opulence to Struggle Street, and anything in between.

MUSIC AND THEATRE

The Civic Centre at 60 Chloride Street, the Musicians Club at 276 Crystal Street and Theatre 44 at 189 Wills Street are three outstanding venues in town that stage a wide variety of music, theatre and other entertainment. Check venue websites or enquire at the Visitor Information Centre to see what's on while vou're here.

MUTAWINTJI ROCK ART

Forty-thousand years before the likes of Pro Hart, Jack Absalom, Hugh Schulz, John Pickup and Eric Minchin (the brushmen of the bush) came to prominence, First Nation Australians were leaving their artistic mark on this region. At Mutawintji, 140 kilometres north-east of Broken Hill, you can see some remarkable ancient rock art on a guided tour. Search online or enquire at the Visitor Information Centre about various tours available.

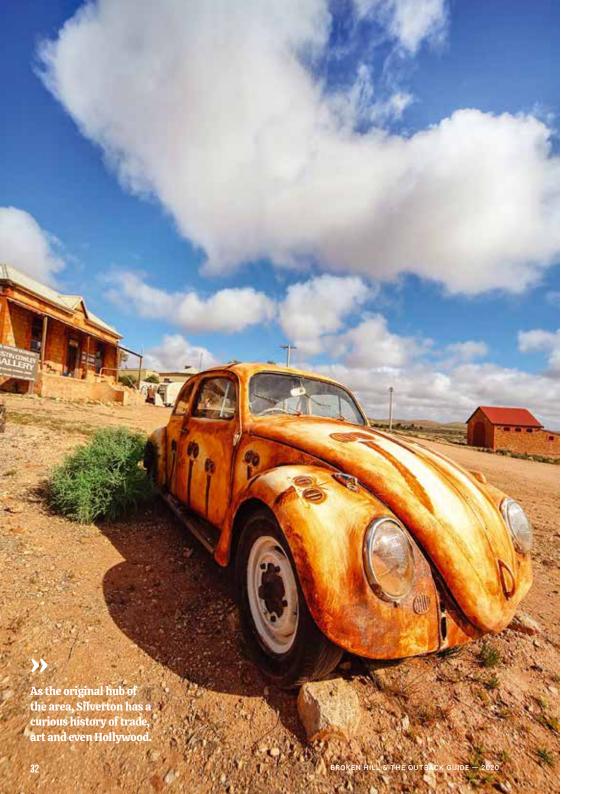
THE BIG PICTURE

Located at the Silver City

BROKEN HILL REGIONAL ART GALLERY

Established in 1904 and located in the historic Sully's Emporium building, this is the oldest regional gallery in NSW. It hosts locally curated and touring exhibitions every year highlighting a range of artists, including established and emerging Aboriginal artists from the far west region of the state. There's also a fabulous collection of permanently displayed works.

Art Centre and Mint, this is one of the city's most visited attractions. It's the world's largest acrylic painting on canvas by a single artist - Peter Anderson, or Ando. This has to be seen to be believed! At 12 metres high and nearly 100 metres long, it depicts the compellingly harsh desert scenery in the area.





BUSH'N' BEYOND GALLERY

Original artworks - various subjects and mediums

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- Prints Giftlines Souvenirs
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Open daily 10am - 4pm

A unique and comprehensive walk-in tour of a mining "stope" (excavation site) by a former miner. With samples of mine shafts, salvaged machinery and mineral specimens, scale models of mine structures and video footage dating back to 1936.

Features over 700 crushed mineral collage artworks. Family focused with a collection of over 1200 dolls and teddy bears on display. Group tours available by prior arrangement.

- Jewellerv
- Souvenirs
- Tea/Coffee/Soft Drinks
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- Nominal entry fee

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SULPHIDE STREET RAILWAY & HISTORICAL MUSEUM

The home of Silverton Tramway Company Ltd. An astounding collection of locomotives & memorabilia. Explore the Silver City Comet, Migrant Museum, Hospital Museum, Transport Pavilion, Triple Chance Mineral Collection & Johns Bros Joyland exhibition.

230 Blende Street, Broken Hill (08) 8088 4660 | sulphidestreetrailwaymuseum@gmail.com



THE PALACE HOTEL

View over 500sqm mural paintings by indigenous artist Gordan Waye & Italian Mario Celotto. Read about the unique history of this heritage icon built in 1889, enjoy a meal or drink in the bar & restaurant.

Free entry, photography by gold coin donation.

Public areas open Mon – Wed from 3pm & 12pm Thurs – Sun.

227 Argent St, Broken Hill (08) 8088 1699 | www.thepalacehotelbrokenhill.com.au



ABSALOM'S GALLERY

On your next visit to Broken Hill come and see over 40 years of art by Jack Absalom. There are original paintings by Jack, prints and books as well as some of his television programs on DVD. A unique display of opal jewellery as well as opal specimens rated by the Opal industry as the best in the Southern Hemisphere.

Come in and say hello.

Gallery hours:

Open 10am – 4pm weekdays Closed weekends Closed January and February Entry fees apply

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PRO HART GALLERY

No visit to Broken Hill is complete without seeing the self-designed gallery of the city's highest profile artist, the late Pro Hart. As an expression experimentalist, you'll find an outstanding display of his works that tell the story of an outback legend – including multiple Rolls Royce canvases!

BROKEN HEEL FESTIVAL

Mark you calendars, the 2020 Broken Heel Festival is set for the 10th - 14th of September. Now in its sixth year, the underlying theme is Priscilla Queen of the Desert and it's a flamboyant few days full of drag shows, divas and discos, luring people of all ages and persuasions from all around the country. There are free and ticketed events, and the street parade is always a major highlight, as an eclectic mix of visitors and locals celebrate acceptance and extravagance in the Australian Outback.





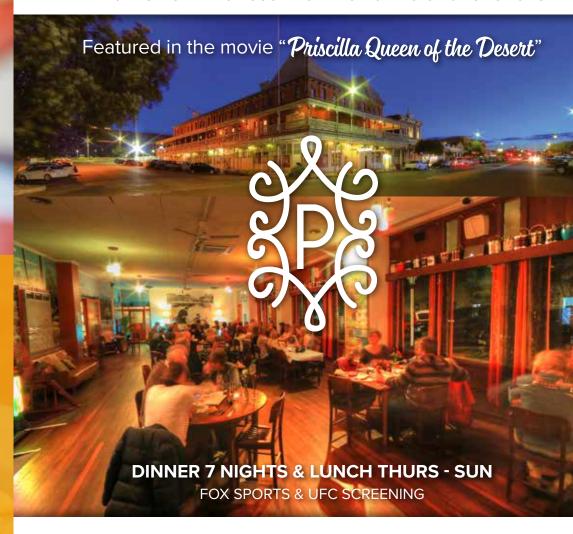
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Broken Hill EAT & DRINK

Snacks, meals, delicious Australian or international cuisine, locally grown fresh produce, cakes and desserts to die for, vegetarian or vegan, any number of takeaway alternatives... the city punches well above its weight when it comes to tantalising the taste buds.

THE PALACE HOTEL BROKEN HILL

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There is a huge spread of quality restaurants — from silver service to great coffee and cakes — cafes, clubs, wine bars, cocktail lounges, country pubs, grand hotels — all packed into one town.

Whether it's a succulent steak, lamb korma, a churro basket full of ice cream or just a juicy burger and chips, you'll find it within easy reach.

Many establishments serve Australian cuisine offering a wide range of local fare for snacks and meals. Other cuisines available include Indian, Chinese, Malaysian and other Asian influences, Italian, Cajun and Creole.

You'll be spoilt for choice, not only in terms of what to eat and drink, but where to do it – in grand and opulent Victorian surrounds, quirky cafes, historic hotels and clubs, venues with live music – and you'll find plenty of locals love to eat and drink around town as well.

Great food, drink and venues in an exceptional outback setting – you won't do it better than Broken Hill.

CHEESESLAW

Yes, it's a Broken Hill thing. If Broken Hill has a culinary claim to fame, this is it. What is Cheeseslaw? Well it varies from one family to another, but you will usually find carrot and (not surprisingly) cheese in the mix.

Cheeseslaw makes a particularly good addition to a sandwich or a toastie and quite a few of the Broken Hill cafes can satisfy your curiosity with a Cheeseslaw addition to your chosen dish.

It's a must-do if you truly want to boast that you've eaten local cuisine.



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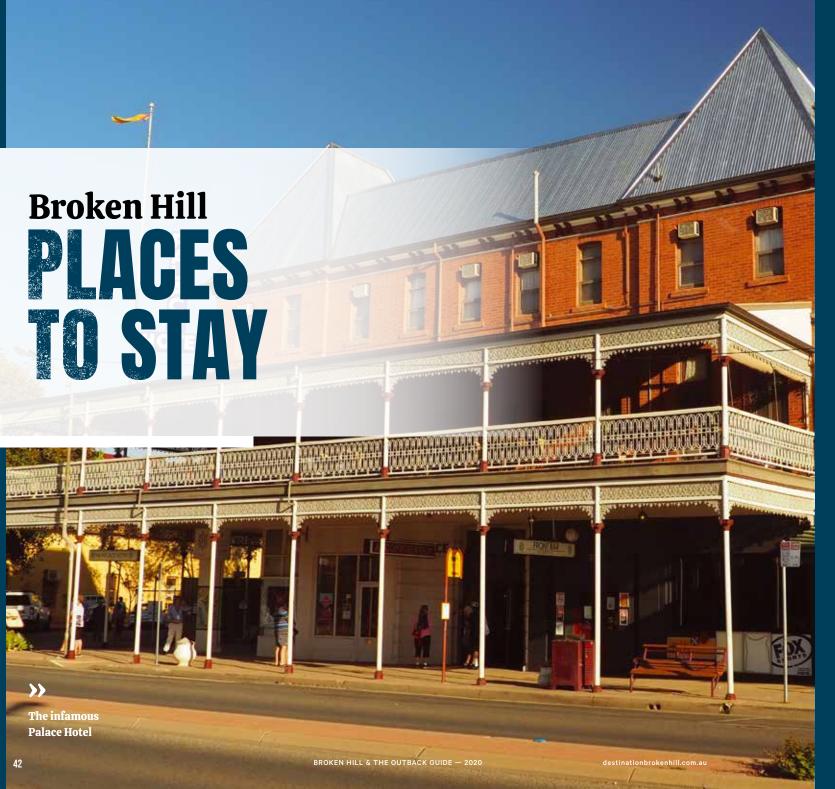






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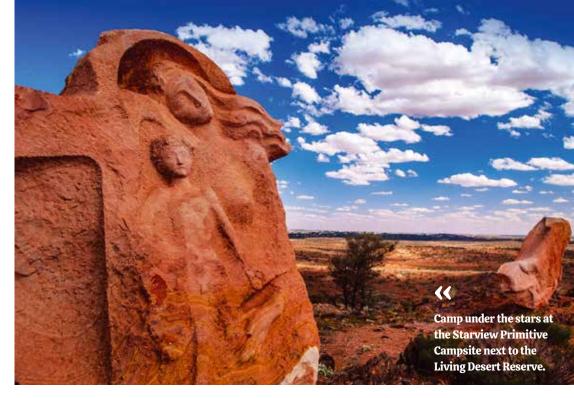
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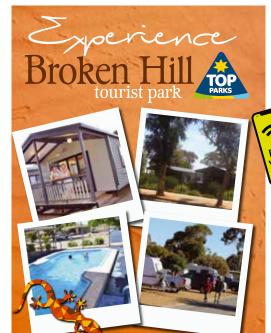
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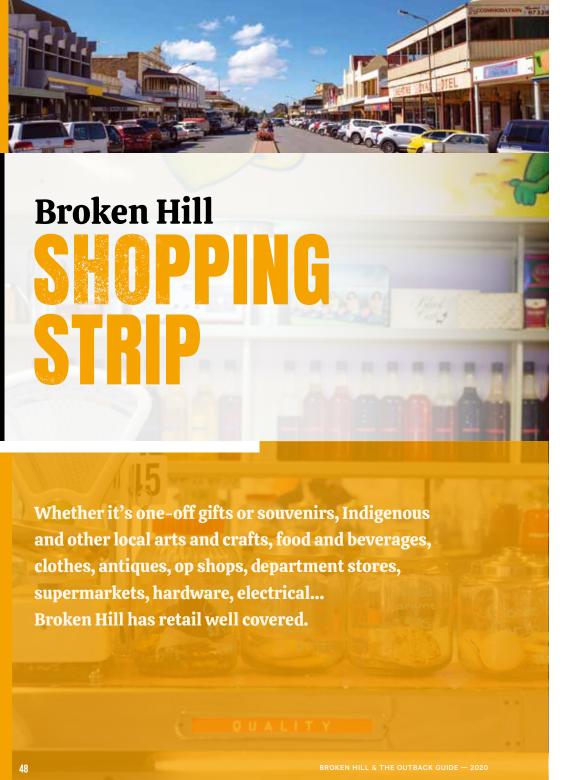
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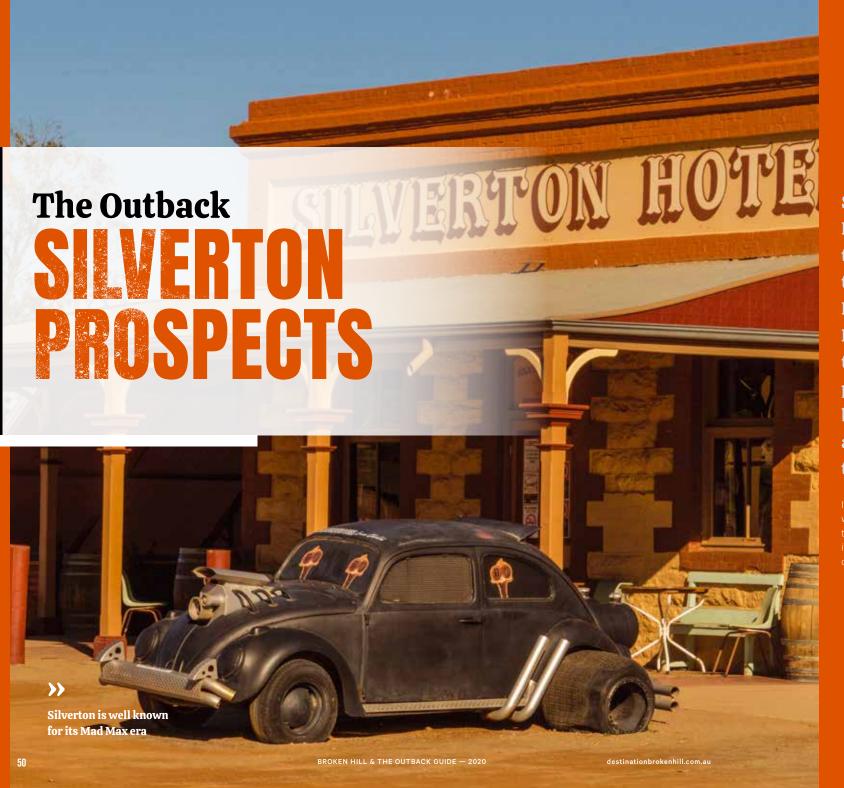


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Silverton, 25km from Broken Hill was, for a brief time, the thriving hub of this region. It was where BHP was founded, as Broken Hill wasn't on the map back then. Silverton's role was pivotal when Australia first began transitioning from an agriculture-based economy to an industrial powerhouse.

the population reached 3000 in the mid-1880s. With its own Municipal Council, businesses of various





It's a very different place now. The resident population is only a few dozen, but more than 120,000 tourists drop by every year. Silverton's rich and colourful history, raw beauty, stunning vistas and superb light have drawn many artists, photographers and cinematographers among others over more than a century. Don't underestimate how much there is to see and do when you visit. Silverton stands on its own as a go-to, step-back-in-time destination. If you're planning a day trip from Broken Hill, make it a whole day – or stay a night or more at the iconic hotel with its seven accommodation units, or Penrose Park on the outskirts of town.

The Common surrounding the town is a rich habitat for native wildlife, and dawn and dusk are the prime times to view the local fauna.

Silverton's unique heritage features some significant historic buildings, which are well preserved and still used. There are two museums in the gaol and the school, with a third museum dedicated to Mad Max 2.

Five studio/galleries contain a surprising range of art

and crafts, and one of them, Beyond 39 Dips, is the place to go for tourist information. Take the heritage walking trail through the hills, visit the disused Silverton tramway track, enjoy a meal, snack or drink at the Silverton Bakery or head to the pub for an ice-cold beer (or anything else you fancy) and chat with the locals.

In the surrounding area are the historic sheep and cattle stations of Belmont, Eldee, Peak Hill and Mundi Mundi. Eldee has mountain bike tracks and self-drive 4WD tracks to test your skills. Also on Eldee Station (10 minutes from town) you can witness unforgettable sunsets at the Mundi Mundi lookout. Half an hour away is the historic Day Dream Mine, which is also well worth a visit.

And if you're here at the right time of year, you can also catch the annual Sunsets Music Festival, or Arias in the Outback.

Don't come to Broken Hill without seeing Silverton – you'll discover why visitors return time and time again!



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The Outback

GORNER GOUNTRY



Corner Country refers to the region around Milparinka,
 Tibooburra, Cameron
Corner and Sturt National
Park. If you want to escape
 to The Outback, this is
 the place to be. In recent
 years it's become far more
 accessible, and if you want
 to really get to know the
place, spend time with some
 of the friendly locals.







One of the longest structures in the world, the 5,000km Dingo Fence was built in the 1880's. Vast, remote and arid, it is a truly awe-inspiring outback country. The population is small, but the history is incredibly rich. The traditional home of the Wongkumara, Wadigali and Malyangapa people for millennia, Charles Sturt's exploration party arrived in 1845, followed by pastoralists in the 1860s — and gold was discovered in the late 1870s.

Locals say you need at least four days and three nights to do this area justice, but you can spend longer and easily fill up your days. It's worth taking your time around here – you definitely won't be disappointed!

MII PARINKA

Milparinka was established after the discovery of gold in the region. Thanks to the foresight and hard work of locals, a collection of superb late 19th century buildings have been beautifully preserved in the Heritage Precinct.

Wander around to see some gems of yesteryear, including

the courthouse, police barracks and cells, school, baker's house, cemetery and underground water tank.

You can see some fascinating displays in the courthouse with rooms featuring photographic, video and audio displays, the area's Aboriginal heritage, Charles Sturt's search for the inland sea and local family history research.

Between March and October, volunteers from all over the country are rostered on for two weeks at a time at the Heritage Precinct to point out all the things to see and do.

TIBOOBURRA

You have to see Tibooburra to believe it! On the doorstep of the Sturt National Park and set amongst ancient granite tors, a number of significant Aboriginal sites are dotted throughout this area. The name Tibooburra translates to 'heaps of rocks' in the local Aboriginal language.

Like Milparinka, the town has a gold mining history but 40 years prior, Charles Sturt passed through famously dragging a boat to use when he reached the inland sea he was convinced he would find. A replica of the boat is displayed upside down on top of poles in Pioneer Park.

Tibooburra is a good spot to stop over with various accommodation options available and some great things to see and do, including walking trails, the historic courthouse and National Parks Museum, Sunset Hill, even a drive-in theatre. Don't leave without visiting the Family Hotel to see its unique walls, which have been decorated by some of Australia's most notable artists, including Russell Drysdale and Clifton Pugh.

CAMERON CORNER

Cameron Corner is where NSW, Queensland and South Australia meet and the only place in the country where you can play a round of golf across three states (through the Dingo Fence). You can also herald in the new year three times in the same night in different time zones.

While the resident population here is single-digit, thousands pass through every year. At Cameron Corner store, meals, fuel and accommodation are available.

STURT NATIONAL PARK

If getting away from it all is your cup of tea, a visit to Sturt National Park is a must, and it's worth staying a few nights to explore, with accommodation available at four campgrounds, the Shearers' Quarters or Mount Wood Homestead.

While you're in the area, take the Gorge Loop Road drive, Middle Road drive or Jump-Up Loop Road drive. There are some memorable walking trails as well, including the Jump-Up walking track, the Granites walking track, Mount Wood Summit walking track, Sturt's tree walk and Wells walk. The latter two are only possible when Lake Pinaroo is dry.

If you're here when there is water in the lake, you'll be treated to a special view of an internationally recognised (Ramsar) wetland area, teeming with water birds and waders, as well as mammals and reptiles.

Other highlights include the outdoor pastoral museum at the Mount Wood Homestead, the Sturt Visitor Centre and Courthouse Museum (both of which are in Tibooburra).

Also running along the Park's western and northern boundaries is the world's longest fence – the 5614km long historic Dingo Fence, built in the 1880s to protect sheep flocks from dingoes.



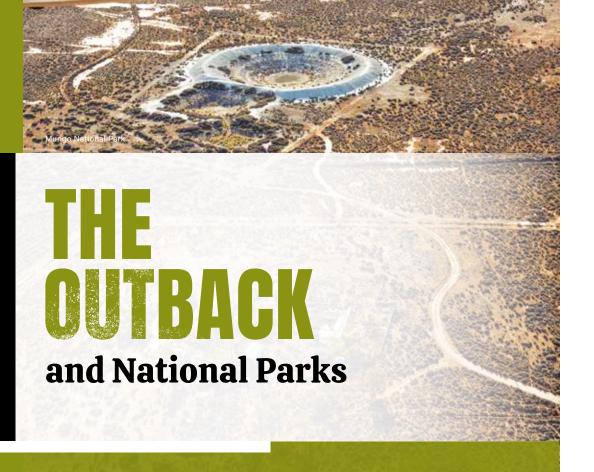
TIBOOBURRA HOTEL

The Tibooburra Hotel is an iconic two storey, century old sandstone building & finalist in AHA's Best Bush Pub. Locally owned & operated, Tracey, Craig & staff will welcome you to Tibooburra & give you information on the area.

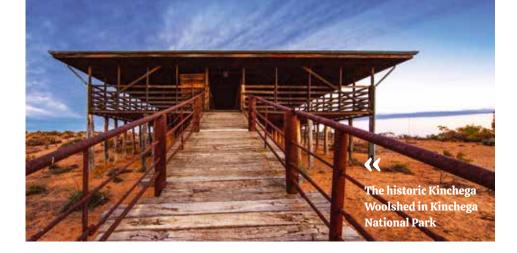
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If vast open spaces, a myriad of diverse landscapes, crystal-clear day and night-time skies, superb arid-region native flora and fauna and plenty to see and do in some of Australia's most pristine natural environments do it for you, you'll be right at home in Outback NSW.



MENINDEE

Just over an hour away to the south-east of Broken Hill is Menindee. It's easy day-tripping distance, but consider spending a night or more here to make the most of what the region has to offer.

While water levels around Menindee have declined in recent years, it is still one of the most picturesque spots in Outback NSW, and a photographer's paradise, with a backdrop of brilliant skies in changing light that bathe the landscape in a majestic glow. You'll also find some of the best camping spots around.

Whether there's a huge volume of water in the lakes or not much, you can find plenty to see and do when you're here, including a treasure trove of Aboriginal and early European settler history, and outstanding natural flora and fauna.

Menindee township is nestled between the lakes and the Darling River. Established in 1852 by Thomas Pain, it's the oldest European settlement in western NSW, and the first town to appear on the Darling. Turn the clock back 140 years and you'd see cargo-laden paddle steamers churning their way to and from South Australia.

Today, Menindee's horticultural industry is significant, including citrus, apple, grape, stone fruit and vegetable production.

You can acquaint yourself with the town's history by collecting a map from the Menindee Visitor Centre and exploring the Heritage Trail, which covers 19 different sites with informative signposts outlining their historic significance.

The Menindee Maidens Hotel is the second-oldest hotel in NSW, and was visited in 1860 by Burke and Wills before heading north on their ill-fated journey. You can also visit their campsite at Pamarmaroo Creek about 20km north of town.

The survey tree of 1882 and the Yartla Street tree showing the 1890 flood level, are another two natural attractions, and while you're in the area, check out the rail bridge and camel driver's grave.

About 20km out of town, the Main Weir on the Darling River elevates the water level above the river bed, forming Lake Wetherhell.

Another interesting spot about 20km from town is Sunset Strip by Lake Menindee, which has a small collection of holiday homes.

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Ivanhoe has a minimal population (fewer than 200 people), but essential services are available. It's a good stopping point on a road trip to pick up a few supplies, have a drink and a bite to eat, or stay a night.

For an insight to the town's interesting pastoral history, take the self-guided heritage tour.

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From Broken Hill, the

distance to Wilcannia

along the sealed Barrier

Highway (allow a little

straight to White Cliffs

from Wilcannia, drive north on the fully sealed

Opal Miners' Way for

around 1 hour (93km).

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If you're heading

is 198km to the east

translates to "a gap in the bank where the flood waters escape" in the local Aboriginal dialect. Look at it today and you'll hardly believe it was once Australia's third-largest inland port when paddle-steamers transported wool and wheat along the Darling. It hummed in the 1880s with a 3000-strong cosmopolitan population, 13

For 50,000 years this area was home to the Barkindji people and it has a richly unique Aboriginal and European history. Major Thomas Mitchell came through here in 1835, before European pastoralists settled in the 1850s.

You can appreciate more about the town's past by taking the heritage trail, visiting the Athenaeum Museum, admiring historic sandstone buildings or checking out Wilcannia Bridge, which is now classified by the National Trust - and you'll find plenty of locals will be up for a chat.

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WILCANNIA

The word Wilcannia loosely hotels and a busy river.

WHITE CLIFFS

White Cliffs is the most accessible operational opalmining town - and friendliest! At first glance you're in a small outback town, but look closely and you'll discover the diversity it has to offer.

The original Indigenous custodians of the area were the Barkindji people. Opals were discovered around 1884 and European settlers began to arrive. The population increased slowly and by the turn of the century nearly 5,000 people lived here. The opal industry has survived times of war, drought and disease and is still alive today. Today full- and part-time miners, driven by the thrill of the chase, still search for new pockets of opal as they meander through the lunar landscape comprised of old and new mines.

White Cliffs is the only location in the world where opal pineapples are found, along with opalized wood, shells, and fossils. You'll find them displayed throughout opal showrooms.

Most residents reside in underground homes (due to the heat) peppered along the three hills surrounding White Cliffs – eerie, beautiful, intriguing dugout homes, sculpturally graceful and each bearing the distinctive stamp of its creator.

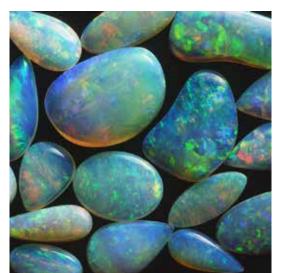
When planning a visit don't underestimate the time you might want to spend here - there's more to do than meets the eye. White Cliffs offers the unique experience of underground accommodation, a diversity of tours, a self-guided heritage trail, opal showrooms, services including a health clinic, a heritage solar power station, fossicking and much

Stop for a bit and say g'day, explore the sights, enjoy your stay. www.whitecliffsnsw.com.au.

TILPA AND LOUTH

Tilpa's population is miniscule but even on 'the shortest heritage walk in Australia' you'll pick up the late 19th century vibe when barges carried wheat to South Australia.

About 70km beyond is another tiny outback town, Louth, which dates back to 1859 when a pub was built to cater for passing river trade. Check out the 'shining headstone' while you're here, and if you visit around August, make sure you catch the annual Louth Races and experience the fun, colour and excitement of an outback horse racing event.



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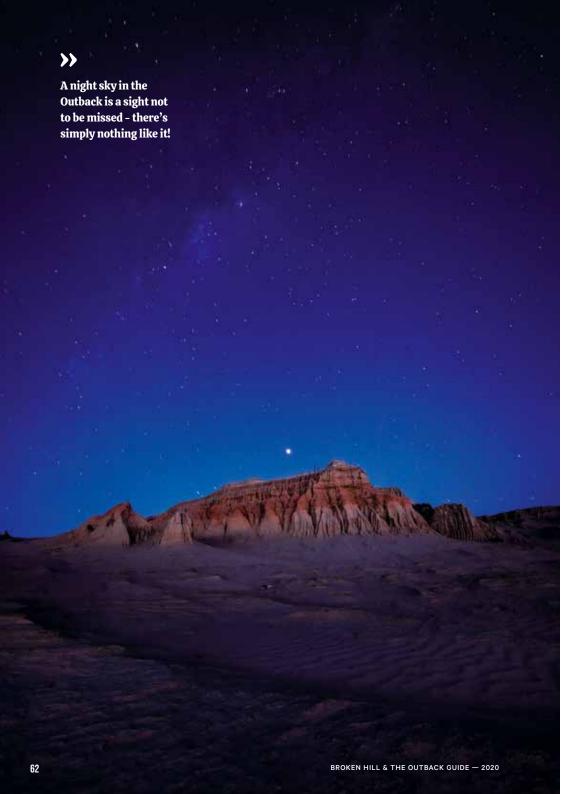
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KINCHEGA NATIONAL PARK

On Menindee's doorstep is the impressive Kinchega National Park where you can camp alongside the Darling River among old river red gums, enjoy the diverse birdlife and take in the colour and appeal of this historically rich and beautiful landscape.

This is one of several National Parks in Outback NSW where the country's rich pastoral history is on display. Visit the old homestead and woolshed where six million sheep were shorn over a century. The Shearers' Quarters are where the always-open but mostly unstaffed visitor centre is located. The quarters also offer a unique accommodation experience. Other accommodation options are the park's three camping grounds, all with toilets – Darling River, Emu Lake and Cawndilla.

This area is the traditional land of the Barkindji nation, and it is steeped in Aboriginal history and culture. Sites and artefacts date back 35,000 years and more, and the best way to learn about it is by taking a discovery tour with an Aboriginal guide.

MUTAWINTJI NATIONAL PARK

A highlight of Mutawintji National Park is the Bynguano Ranges where the changing light and colours capture the imagination. At night, the sky is nothing short of spectacular.

Indigenous Australians have lived here for tens of thousands of years and there is a phenomenal collection of Aboriginal art at the Mutawintji Historic Site. Discover rock art, ochre stencils and the ancient remains of Aboriginal communities.

Camping is possible at the Homestead Creek campground which has nearby access to Bynguano Range walking track, Homestead Gorge Trail, Rockholes Loop walking track and Thaaklatjika Mingkana walking track.

MUNGO NATIONAL PARK

You won't find a place richer in Aboriginal history than Mungo National Park. Mungo Lady and Mungo Man were found here resting on the shores of Lake Mungo – having been buried there 42,000 years ago.

Now you can camp, enjoy walking and picnicking near the lake, and take a stroll on the dry ancient lake bed.

Once you've seen it, you'll never forget the park's unique landscape – stunning desert scenery shaped by the elements over millennia, including the famous Walls of China.

Various points within the park are accessible by vehicle and you can enjoy some absorbing self-guided tours. Joining a guided walk to the Walls of China is another great option to appreciate some of what this park has to offer. The Grasslands Nature trail, Mallee Stop walking track, Zanci Homestead site, Zanci Pastoral Loop, Mungo Woolshed and Red Top lookout and boardwalk are also well worth visiting.

For accommodation, try the Shearers' Quarters or a couple of camping grounds.

PAROO-DARLING NATIONAL PARK

Traditionally home to the Barkindji and Ngiyeempaa People, this area features a number of hearths, quarries and other historically and culturally important sites.

Located within the National Park is the Paroo Overflow, which is the only unregulated river in the Murray-Darling Basin, and Peery Lake where 60,000 birds were recorded in a recent survey.

Keen campers, fishers and paddlers will find plenty of reasons to stay a night or few here. Camping is available, including spots for camper trailers and caravans.

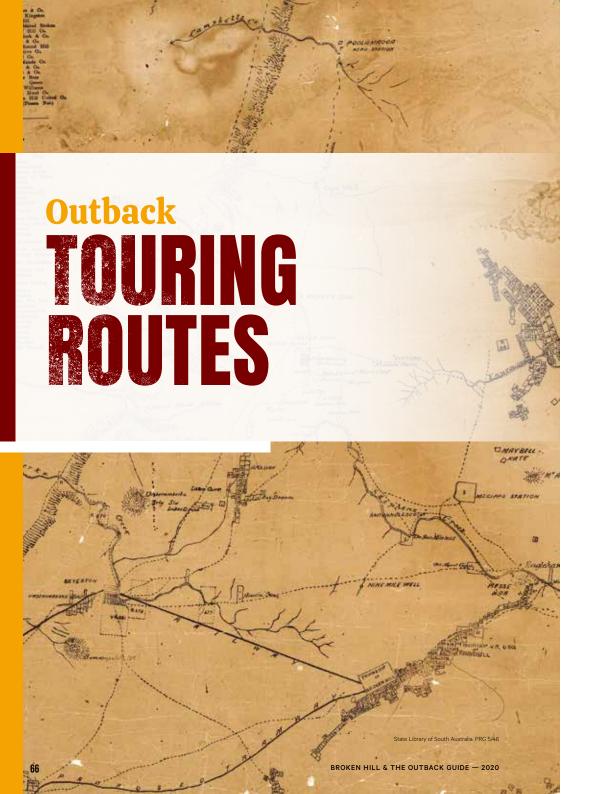


OUTBACK SUNSETS AND NIGHT SKIES:

There is no place more spectacular to view a sunset than the incredible landscapes of Outback Australia. Watch the sun dip below the horizon as it paints the sky with splashes of pink, orange and red before the night sky slowly reveals itself. The lack of big-city glow, arid climate and largely flat terrain provide the perfect conditions for night sky viewing. Whether you're a keen astronomer or a casual stargazer, you're bound to lose yourself in the beauty of the Milky Way out here.

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Always take the time to pull up and enjoy the outback sunset



The touring routes in this guide can be driven in 2WD or SUVs. Some of the roads are sealed, such as the Barrier and Silver City Highways, and Opal Miners Way. Many more are unsealed, but can be driven safely in good, dry weather.

One look at the expansive landscapes around Broken Hill and the Outback and you'll be begging to explore every square inch. Getting behind the wheel is an extremely popular way to see the region, giving you full control over your travels and the freedom to explore at your own pace.

From Wentworth in the south all the way to Cameron Corner, each town has its own unique story to tell. Adventures can be found all over the Far West, but these touring routes encapsulate some of the most incredible natural beauty, rich history and famous attractions the region has to offer.

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WARNING: The Outback is a hazardous place. Carry plenty of water and make sure your vehicle is suitably equipped. Beware of animals on the road at night (seriously, they are everywhere).

Let someone know where you are going. If you get stuck, stay with the vehicle. It will be easier to find you. Stay safe!

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Crossing the TARLING

Follow the course of the Darling, Australia's third longest river and a vital part of the nation's ecosystem. Discover the incredible history of the Darling, from the Barkindji people living on the river for tens of thousands of years to its use as a commercial and passenger transportation route in the late 19th century and beyond.

Begin this route by heading to Menindee, the oldest European settlement in western New South Wales and a famous spot on the Burke & Wills trail. Be sure to leave enough time to visit the Kinchega National Park, home to the historic Kinchega Woolshed, a wonderfully preserved piece of Australian agricultural history constructed in 1875.

From Kinchega, head down to Pooncarie and Mungo National Park, part of the World Heritage listed Willandra Lakes Region. These ancient dry lakes have hosted human life for over 45,000 years and has retained this cultural heritage, remaining an important meeting place for Muthi Muthi, Nyiampaar and Barkindji people to this day.

Continue following the Darling to its confluence with the Murray at Wentworth, an important river port in the late 1800's home to a fleet of paddle steamers. PS Ruby, a paddle

steamer built in 1907 is fully restored and on display at Wentworth Wharf.

Head east to Balranald and Yanga National Park on the banks of the Murrumbidgee. Yanga is a must-visit for birdwatchers, as various migratory birds use the park's wetlands as breeding grounds. Finish your route through Hay, the site of the notorious WWII internment camps that held the "Dunera Boys" and then Ivanhoe, a historic town that truly captures the optimism and resilience of early European settlers.

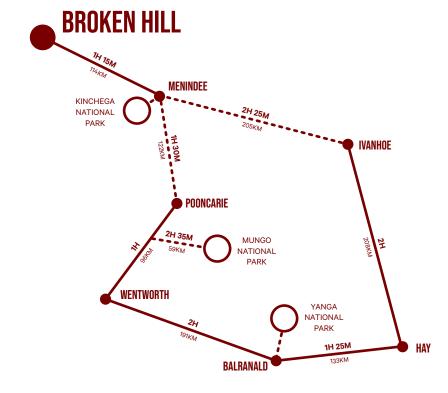
TOWNS:

- Broken Hill
- Menindee
- Pooncarie
- Wentworth
- Balranald
- Hay
- Ivanhoe

NATIONAL PARKS:

- Kinchega National Park
- Mungo National Park
- Yanga National Park





Menindee & Kinchega National Park

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel and motel accommodation (Menindee)
- Caravan parks/cabins
- Camping
- Historic homestead accommodation
- Shearer's Quarters (Kinchega NP)

FOOD:

- Hotels
- Take-away food
- Grocery store

BOXES TO TICK:

- ☐ Self-drive/walk historic tour
- Menindee's historic trees
- Rail Bridge
- River tours
- Menindee Lakes
- ☐ Fantastic Darling River scenery
- Outback sunsets and night skies
- ☐ Amazing birdlife with over 240 species
- □ Great fishing
- Aboriginal historical/cultural sites
- Pastoral history, homestead and woolshed
- Walking trails
- ☐ Guided and/or self-guided tours in Kinchega National Park

MORE INFORMATION:

Menindee Regional Tourist Association tel: (08) 8091 4274 Kinchega Visitor Centre tel: (08) 8080 3200 nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

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Pooncarie & Mungo National Park

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel and motel accommodation
- Farm stay
- Short-term cottage accommodation
- Historic homestead accommodation
- Caravan park
- Camping
- Shearers' Quarters (Mungo NP)

FOOD:

- Hotel/motel
- Café
- Takeaway food
- General store

BOXES TO TICK:

- ☐ The old wharf site
- ☐ Pooncarie Field Day (biennial)
- ☐ Pooncarie Cup
- (Outback horse race October)
- Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies
- ☐ Fantastic Darling River scenery
- The Great Walls of China
- Mungo Lookout
- Aboriginal historical/cultural sites
- ☐ Pastoral history, homestead and woolshed
- Walking trails
- ☐ Guided and/or self-guided tours in Mungo National Park

MORE INFORMATION:

Mungo Visitor Centre (NPWS office Buronga) tel: (03) 5021 8900 nationalparks.nsw.gov.au destinationbrokenhill.com.au

Wentworth

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel and motel accommodation
- Caravan parks
- Houseboats
- Farm stay
- Short-term cottage and other rental accommodation
- Camping

FOOD:

- Restaurants
- Cafés
- Pubs and clubs
- Takeaway food
- Supermarkets and other food stores

BOXES TO TICK:

- Wentworth Wharf
- Junction of Darling and Murray Rivers (viewing tower and interpretive centre)
- Junction Island Nature Reserve
- □ Canoe Tree
- Lock 10 and weir
- ☐ Guided walks and kayak tours
- ☐ Fantastic Darling River scenery
- Historic trails
- ☐ Old Wentworth Gaol
- Museums and Galleries
- Zanci Homestead site
- ☐ Ferguson Tractor Monument
- Lake Victoria

MORE INFORMATION:

Wentworth Visitor Information Centre tel: (03) 5027 5080

Balranald & Yanga National Park

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel and motel accommodation
- Caravan parks
- Camping
- Farm stay
- Short-term cottage and other rental accommodation

FOOD:

- Restaurants
- Cafés
- Pubs and clubs
- Takeaway food
- Supermarkets and other food stores

BOXES TO TICK:

- Discovery Centre
- ☐ Historic trails round town
- Arts and cultural activities
- Museums and galleries
- Low Level Weir
- Wetlands
- Amazing birdlife
- Great fishing
- Historic woolshed and homestead
- Yanga Lake viewing deck
- Walking trails

MORE INFORMATION:

Balranald Visitor Information Centre tel: 1800 444 043 nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

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Hay

Ivanhoe

TOURINGROUTE2

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel and motel accommodation
- Caravan parks
- Camping
- Farm stay
- Short-term cottage and other rental accommodation

FOOD:

- Restaurants
- Cafés
- Pubs and clubs
- Takeaway food
- Supermarkets and other food stores

BOXES TO TICK:

- Australian Shearers Hall of Fame
- Walking trails
- ☐ Free bicycle hire
- Museums and galleries
- Amazing birdlife
- Sunset Viewing Area
- ☐ Rodeo (May)
- Booligal Sheep Races (April)

MORE INFORMATION:

Hay Visitor Information Centre **tel:** (02) 6993 4045

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel and motel accommodation
- Caravan park and cabins

FOOD:

- Hotel/Motel
- Service Station and Shop
- RSL Club

BOXES TO TICK-

- ☐ Heritage trail
- Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies

National TREASURES

Outside Broken Hill lies a multitude of amazing experiences just waiting for you. Fossick for opals, learn about indigenous and European history and take in some truly stunning National parks on this journey east.

Begin your journey to the historic and operational opal mining community of White Cliffs. Learn more about Australia's opal mining history and try your hand at fossicking for our national gemstone yourself. Nearby Paroo-Darling National Park is a must-visit, showcasing the iconic red earth and arid climate The Outback is known for.

Continue on to Wilcannia and learn about the early European settlers of the region. This town was once a major inland port, its Paddle Steamers were vital in establishing trade routes from The Outback to the cities.

From Wilcannia, head on to Tilpa and Louth, two towns built to service the many travellers on the Darling during the Riverboat Era. While in Louth, be sure to visit the Shining Headstone, an Australian National Monument. Built by town founder Thomas A. Mathews to honour his late wife. This large headstone reflects the setting sun each night, acting as a beacon of light shining through the town.

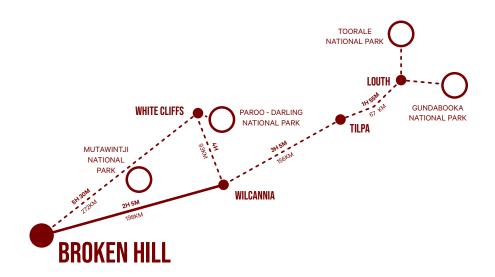
Toorale and Gundabooka National Parks lay just beyond Louth, both highlighting stunning natural beauty and rich indigenous heritage, with several petroglyph rock art and ceremonial areas having been discovered across the parks.

TOWNS:

- Wilcannia
- Tilpa
- Louth
- White Cliffs

NATIONAL PARKS:

- Toorale National Park
- Gundabooka National Park
- Paroo-Darling National Park





Wilcannia

WHERE TO STAY:

- Motels
- Caravan parks
- Cabins
- Camping

FOOD:

- Road House/Motel
- Café
- Golf club

BOXES TO TICK:

- ☐ Heritage trail around town
- ☐ Historic sandstone buildings
- Wilcannia Bridge
- Museum
- Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies

MORE INFORMATION:

Wilcannia Tourist Information (Post Office) tel: (08) 8091 5000 destinationbrokenhill.com.au

White Cliffs & Paroo-Darling National Park

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel and motel accommodation
- Underground motel
- Caravan park
- Camping

FOOD:

- Pub
- Cafés
- General store

BOXES TO TICK:

- ☐ Heritage trail around town
- ☐ Bill O'Reilly Oval
- Solar power station
- Opal Pioneer Federation Park
- Art gallery
- Museum
- Opal fossicking
- Opal shopping
- ☐ Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies
- Historic dugouts
- ☐ Paroo-Darling Visitor Centre (White Cliffs)
- ☐ Peery Lake (amazing birdlife when full)
- Aboriginal historical/cultural sites
- ☐ Self-guided driving/walking tours
- Walking trails

MORE INFORMATION:

White Cliffs General Store tel: (08) 8091 6611 destinationbrokenhill.com.au nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

Tilpa and Louth; Toorale & Gundabooka National Parks

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotel (Tilpa)
- Hotel cabins (Louth)
- Farm stays
- Shearers' Quarter (Gundabooka NP)
- Camping

FOOD:

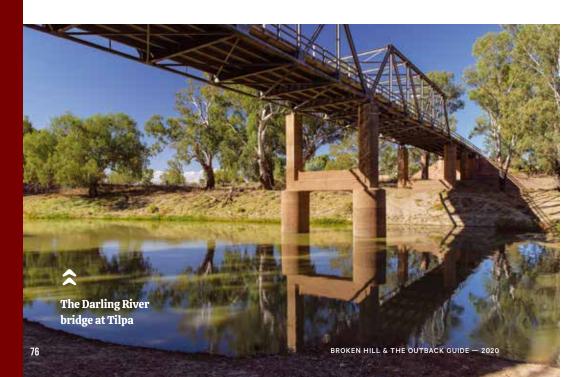
- Hotels

BOXES TO TICK:

- Shining headstone (Louth)
- ☐ Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies
- Aboriginal historical/cultural sites
- ☐ Self-guided driving/walking tours
- ☐ Toorale Homestead
- ☐ Mt Talowla lookout (Toorale NP)
- ☐ Fantastic Darling River scenery
- Walking trails
- Amazing birdlife

MORE INFORMATION:

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TOURINGROUTE3

Corner COUNTRY

When you think of The Outback, you no doubt think of vast, deep red plains, rocky gorges and mulga trees. Heading north from Broken Hill, you'll find yourself experiencing the landscapes that has made this region so famous among artistic minds and scientists alike. Follow this route up the border of New South Wales to truly find yourself in the great red centre.

Leaving Broken Hill to the north, it's impossible not to spend some time at Mutawintji National Park, home to ancient landscapes, beautiful rockpools and important indigenous historical spots showing cave paintings from the Malyankapa and Pandjikali people.

Continue north to Packsaddle, Milparinka and Tibooburra, three classic outback towns with a history dating back to their hey day in the gold rush era of the late 19th century. Explorer Charles Sturt travelled through here, as did Burke & Wills on their expedition north.

Finish this route at Cameron Corner in Sturt National Park at the border of 3 states; NSW, South Australia and Queensland. You're certain to be blown away by the scenery here. The flat, deep red terrain and wide open skies are a testament to why The Outback is truly unlike anywhere else and is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful places on the planet.

TOWNS:

- Packsaddle
- Milparinka
- Tibooburra

NATIONAL PARKS:

- Mutawintji National Park
- Sturt National Park



Packsaddle & Mutawintji National Park

WHERE TO STAY:

- Motel (Packsaddle)
- Caravan park (Packsaddle)
- Camping

FOOD:

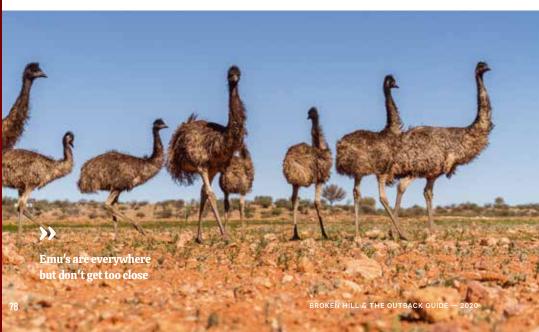
- Roadhouse (Packsaddle)

BOXES TO TICK:

- Aboriginal historical/cultural sites
- ☐ Self-guided driving/walking tours
- Walking trails
- Wildlife
- ☐ Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies

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Milparinka & Tibooburra

WHERE TO STAY:

- Hotels
- Caravan park (Tibooburra)
- Motel (Tibooburra)
- Cabins (Tibooburra)
- Hostel (Tibooburra)
- Camping

FOOD:

- Hotels
- Roadhouse (Tibooburra)
- Café (Tibooburra)

BOXES TO TICK:

- ☐ Heritage trail (Milparinka)
- ☐ Historic buildings
- ☐ Underground water tank (Milparinka)
- ☐ Harry Blore Memorial Park (Milparinka)
- ☐ Mining interpretive centre (Milparinka)
- ☐ Pastoral interpretive centre (Milparinka)
- Memorial wall (Milparinka)
- ☐ Pioneer Park (Tibooburra)
- ☐ Keeping Place (Tibooburra)
- ☐ School of the Air (Tibooburra)
- ☐ Tibooburra Lookout
- Aboriginal historical/cultural sites
- Walking trails
- ☐ Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies

MORE INFORMATION:

Milparinka Tourist Information tel: (08) 8091 3862

National Parks and Wildlife Service (Tibooburra) tel: (08) 8091 3308

Cameron Corner & Sturt National Park

WHERE TO STAY:

- Cameron Corner Store
- Caravan sites
- Mt Wood Homestead
- Mt Wood Shearers' Quarters
- Camping

FOOD:

- Cameron Corner Store

BOXES TO TICK:

- Meeting point of three states
- Dingo fence
- ☐ The Jump Ups
- ☐ Golden Gully mining site
- Aboriginal historical/cultural sites
- ☐ Self-guided driving/walking tours
- Walking trails
- Cracking Outback sunsets and night skies

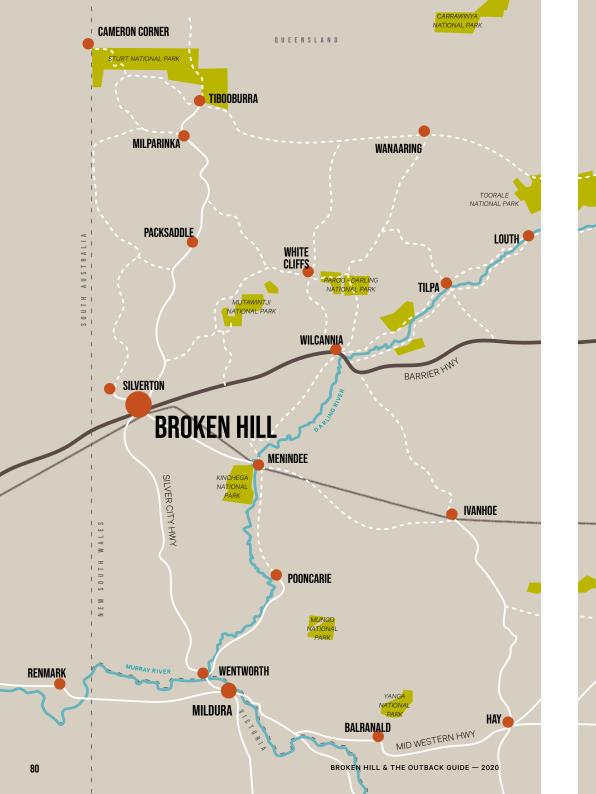
MORE INFORMATION:

Cameron Corner Store tel: (08) 8091 3872

National Parks and Wildlife Service (Tibooburra) tel: (08) 8091 3308

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Use this handy map of the Broken Hill region to help orientate yourself.

For a more detailed map, visit the Broken Hill Visitor Information Centre or download the Destination Broken Hill App on iOS or Android.

BOURKE

GUNDABOOKA

NATIONAL PARK

COBAR

MT GRENFELL HISTORIC SITE

WILLANDRA NATIONAL PARK

GRIFFITH

HILLSTON

STURT HWY



	Approx. Travel Time (hrs)	Approx. Distance (km)
ADELAIDE	5.5	515
BURRA	3.5	355
BRISBANE	16.5	1550
BOURKE	6.5	620
CANBERRA	12	1100
WAGGA WAGGA	9.5	850
MELBOURNE	9.5	850
MILDURA	3	300
ALBURY	9	850
SYDNEY	13	1150
DUBBO	8	750
COBAR	5	460





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