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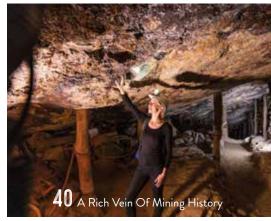
Explore the hidden gems of the outback

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WELCOME TO BROKEN HILL & THE OUTBACK

Welcome to a world like no other.

A world where past, present and future meet. Where creativity, expression and innovation are celebrated. Where a rich and fascinating history is cherished. And where new adventures lie around every bend in the road.

Silverton Outback Camels, Silverton.

Broken Hill is an oasis in the heart of the ruggedly beautiful Australian outback. It's a place where you can catch your breath after a long day of trekking through the desert, and then lose it again while watching yet another spectacular sunset. It's a place where art thrives, where creatives are captivated by the picturesque landscapes and quirky larrikins that surround them.

It's not often you can literally see the heart and soul of a city, but that's exactly the case here in Broken Hill. The beating heart of this place has always been mining, from the day that Broken Hill Proprietary (BHP) was founded here, and it's shaped almost every aspect of the city since. You'll find the soul of this city in its progressive art scene, producing stunning murals, unique galleries, open-air sculptures

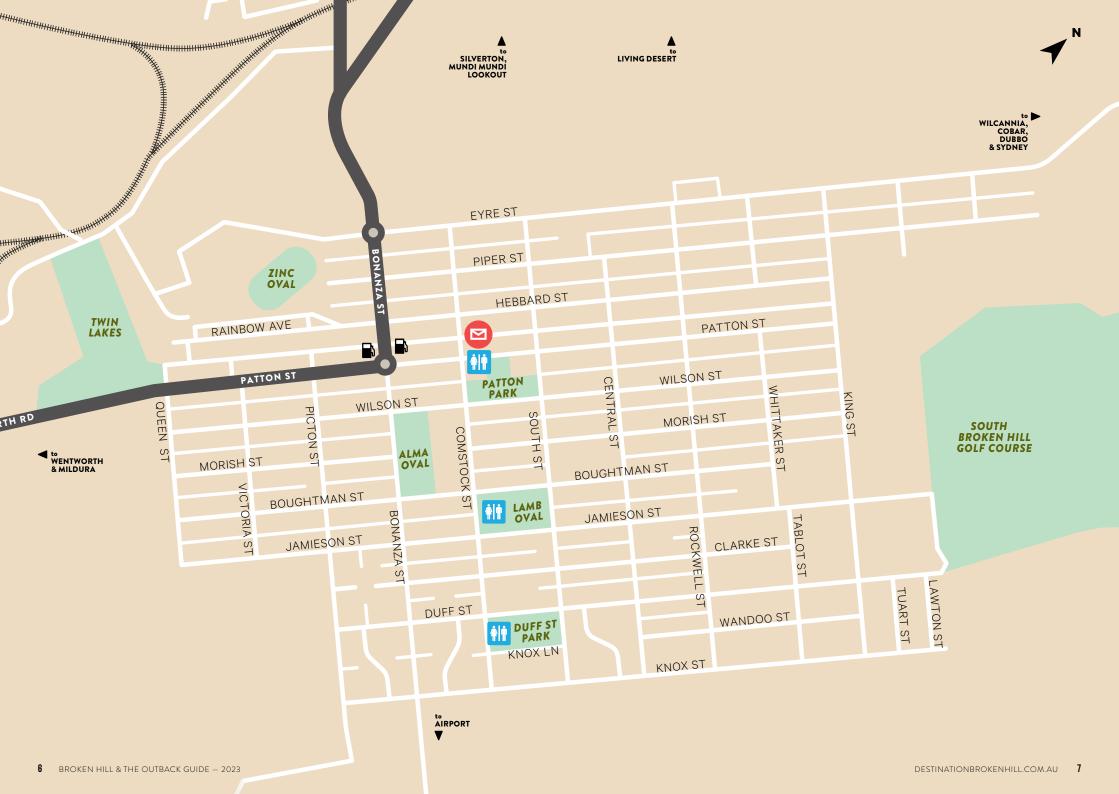
and so much more. Declared Australia's First Heritage Listed City in 2015, Broken Hill's physical and natural charm is compelling, but you'll soon discover what the locals have always known – that Broken Hill's greatest asset is its people.

Broken Hill's residents are resilient, with a strong sense of community. They embrace life, are determinedly self-sufficient and always have time to help one another out. It's a community that's welcoming, as you'll find out soon enough. It doesn't take long for a traveller to feel the embrace of the city's characteristic old-world hospitality.

We can't wait to see you in the main street, to say g'day and to share with you the true spirit of the outback!







GETTING HERE

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 travelled 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 via REX Airlines and Qantas Link (Sydney).

BY RAIL

The weekly Outback Explorer service runs from Sydney Central Station to Broken Hill.

BY COACH

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

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.







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.

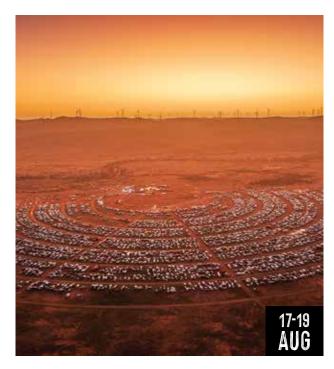


	Approx. Travel Time (hrs)	Approx. Distance (km)
ADELAIDE	5.5	515
BURRA	3.5	355
BRISBANE	16.5	1550
BOURKE	6.5	620
CANBERRA	12	1100
WAGGA WAGGA	9.5	850
MELBOURNE	9.5	850
MILDURA	3	300
ALBURY	9	850
SYDNEY	13	1150
DUBBO	8	750
COBAR	5	460



WHAT'S ON





THE BROKEN HILL MUNDI MUNDI MUNDI MUNDI BASH

The Mundi Mundi Bash is Australia's newest remote outback music festival set on the Mundi Mundi Plains 40 kilometres north west of Broken Hill, with the rugged Barrier Ranges as the backdrop. Grab your family and friends, there is something for young and old! Hook up the trailer or sling your swag on the roof, plan your epic outback adventure, and let them welcome you to Australia's newest outback music festival where you'll make memories that last a lifetime!

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OUTBACK SPIRITUAL FESTIVAL

A first-of-its-kind festival in the stunning outback city of Broken Hill. Come along to this 2 day gathering of spiritual teachers, healers, artists and performers to learn, heal and grow. All in a stunning ancient landscape. Markets, Practitioners, Workshops and Performances all available in one place.

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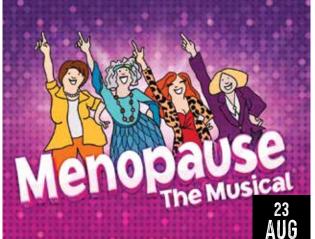


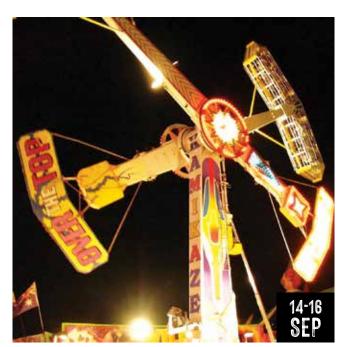
BROKEN HEEL FESTIVAL

Plan that road trip Darlings - 2023 is your year!

An iconic Aussie landscape with drag, divas, disco and an outfit to boot! Expect a handbag full of glittering entertainers from around the country, as we come together under the stars to celebrate, including a takeover of the Main Street! You'll live your own desert adventure in and around Priscilla's spiritual home, the Sparkling Silver City of Broken Hill and the famous Palace Hotel. Hold onto your boa babe and sparkle up, The Broken Heel Festival is one bucket list journey you don't want to miss.

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SILVER CITY SHOW

The annual Silver City Show is a true country affair, with something for everyone, bring the whole family for a day of rides, food, and events. Check out the arts and crafts, the museum of 'days gone by' and the animal nursery, before the show stopping fireworks complete the day.

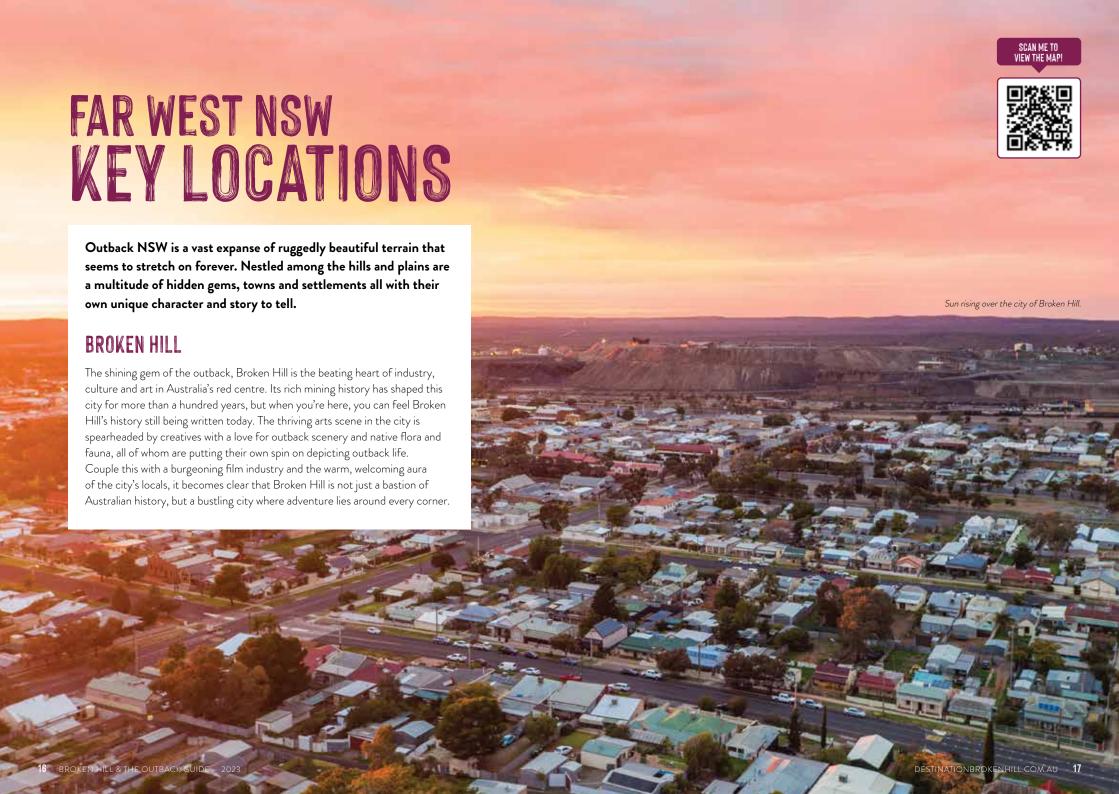




ST. PATS RACES

St Pat's is the premier race meeting in outback NSW, featuring first-class racing with a picturesque outback backdrop. On track you will also find a hotly contested Fashions on the Field competition, gourmet food options, as well as a variety of entertainment for the whole family!









Far above: Survey post, Cameron Corner, Sturt National Park. Above: The stunning beauty of outback wildflowers. Right: Car driving through Mutawintji National Park. Far right: Kangaroos in the outback in Sturt National Park, Tibooburra.



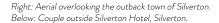


CORNER COUNTRY

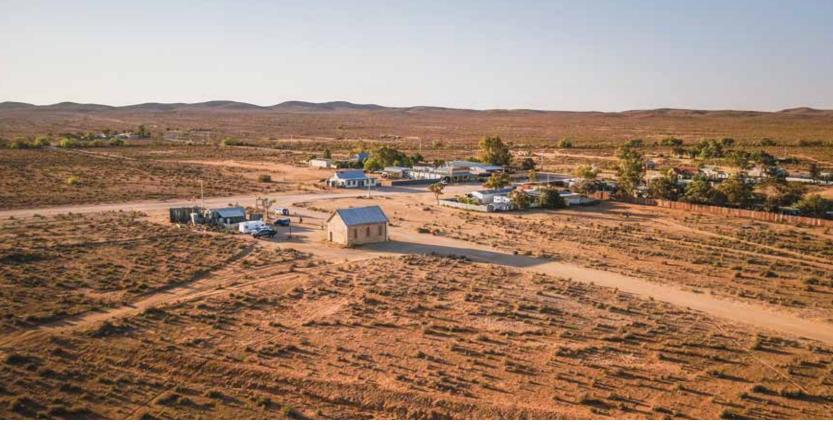
Heading north from Broken Hill will find you in "Corner Country" - the area of land surrounding Cameron Corner, the spot where the Queensland, South Australia and New South Wales borders meet. This area is as truly outback as it gets, with vast stretches of uninterrupted red earth and blue sky. A few small towns and settlements dot the map out here like Packsaddle, Milparinka and Tibooburra, all with their own story to tell. Here you can follow the paths of famous explorers like Charles Sturt and Burke & Wills, or simply enjoy the serenity that comes with being in one of the most remote places on the planet. A single sunset out here will be preserved in your mind forever, we guarantee it.

SILVERTON

The original mining settlement in the region, Silverton boasts some of the oldest colonial buildings in the region from its heyday in the late 1800s. A short drive from Broken Hill, a trip to Silverton will give you a true insight into early colonial living. Silverton today is also home to the quintessential quirkiness that can be found throughout the outback. A visit to one of Silverton's surprisingly many art galleries will reveal the friendly larrikinism, oddball creativity and offbeat humour that can only be experienced out here.









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MENINDEE

The first township to be established along the Darling River, Menindee's history spans back over 35,000 years with its traditional inhabitants, the Barkindji people. In colonial times, the township became an important inland port and a historic stopover for the Burke & Wills expedition. Be sure to stop in at Maidens Hotel, the second oldest hotel in Australia, whose patrons include the aforementioned explorers more than 150 years ago. Perhaps Menindee's most important feature however is its incredibly picturesque lake system. The Menindee Lakes, when full, provide some of the most spectacular scenery in the outback, a literal oasis in the desert. With the right conditions, a mirror-like surface will present you with some of the greatest photo opportunities you'll ever come across.

Right: Aerial overlooking the River Lady Tours vessel on the Darling River, Menindee. Below: Menindee Lakes at sunrise.







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WHITE CLIFFS

Allow yourself to be captivated by the otherworldly landscapes of White Cliffs' famous opal fields and underground dwellings. The land here is truly unique, shaped by more than a century of opal mining and fossicking. Take a guided tour of the area to learn more about White Cliffs and the history of opal mining, or try your hand at fossicking for Australia's national gemstone yourself in the opal fields. As your adventure comes to an end and the sun descends, you'll be treated to some of the best stargazing you'll ever witness as the night sky comes to life in true outback fashion.

Scenic aerial overlooking the town of White Cliffs in Outback NSW.

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CAMEL RIDES FARM TOURS Take in the outback scenery around Silverton with a variety Walk around the farm or get up close and of camel rides to choose from. We offer short rides, half personal to feed and pat a huge assortment of friendly animals. All ages welcome. hour rides and 1 hour rides. Such a unique way to check out the historic sights of Silverton on the back of a camel. **FARM STAY** Our most popular ride is the 1.5 hour SUNSET camel tour. This takes you through the historic township of Silverton Experience life on a camel farm whilst staying whilst watching the sun go down. in our air bnb cottage (Warrigal Country Cottage) We also offer camping on the farm. Nil age restrictions. We do have weight restrictions.

Experience the real Australian Outback!





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Murals painted by Indigenous artist Gordon Waye adorn the interior walls of the historic Palace Hotel.



One of the many delicious dishes at the Palace Hotel.

Take a wander down Argent St and you'll be presented with a myriad of enticing opportunities, from fine dining in opulent Victorian-era buildings to lovingly crafted street food and light snacks. Chefs here are exceedingly creative, no doubt inspired by the beating pulse of the artistic world in this city, so expect the unexpected.

If a fine dining experience is what you crave, there are a multitude of fantastic offerings all over town. Trinders in the Astra serves up fresh, locally-sourced Modern Australian cuisine in their elegant dining room that is sure to set your tastebuds tingling. A little further down Argent St, the iconic Palace Hotel provides another option for travellers seeking culinary excellence.

Sit surrounded by fascinating murals as you taste some of the best food Broken Hill has to offer. You absolutely have to try the Filet Mignon!

If simple, hearty, country meals are more your speed, Broken Hill's fantastic range of pubs and casual restaurants are sure to fill your belly after a long day of exploring. Head on over to the Mulga Hill Tavern on Oxide St for a delicious meal in a friendly pub setting, there's a good chance there'll be some live music playing here too! Also on Oxide St, the Tydvil Hotel is another great choice for a classic outback pub meal. Once you're finished, wander next door and sample the award-winning "Spirit of the Outback" at Broken Hill Distillery too!





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Dine al fresco and take in the bustle of the city at The Astra.



Sample traditional bush tucker at Mutawintji National Park.



Just one of the many gins on offer at Broken Hill Distillery.

Of course, the foodie experience isn't all about sit-down meals. The Silly Goat is Broken Hill's slice of big-city café culture here in the middle of the outback. Enjoy a masterfully crafted espresso from the café's immensely talented baristas, all in their modern and inviting indoor and outdoor spaces. Why not wander down to South Broken Hill too and experience the step back in time that is Bell's Milk Bar. This Broken Hill icon is an ode to yesteryear, serving up the same delicious malted milks, milkshakes and soda spiders as they did when Elvis topped the charts. Enjoy the red pleather and chrome of the original 1950s décor, bop along to the 'latest hits' on the jukebox and sample the wide range of drink flavours on offer, all made by hand in small batches on the premises.

A trip to Broken Hill is all about stepping outside of your comfort zone and discovering something new. Why not make that something new, something thousands of years old? Just north of Broken Hill lies Mutawintji

National Park. The land here has been in use by Indigenous people for thousands of years, whose deep connection to the area has given them unequalled knowledge of local 'bush tucker'. Jump aboard a 1-day Bush Tucker Tour with 100% Aboriginal owned & operated Mutawintji Heritage Tours to get a taste of this ancient cuisine for yourself. In addition to taking you through the incredible rock stencils and petroglyphs found in the park, your tour guide will introduce you to the world of bush tucker, finding sustenance (and flavour!) in places you may never have thought to look.



To find a list of all the delicious foodie experiences throughout Broken Hill & the Outback, scan this QR code!



THE PALACE HOTEL

BROKEN HILL

GRAB A BITE IN THE FRONT BAR OR DINE IN THE SIDEBAR RESTAURANT. LOCAL FLAVOUR FEATURES ACROSS DRINKS, COCKTAILS AND MEALS.

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THE ARTISTIC SOUL OF THE OUTBACK

For well over a century, artists have flocked to Broken Hill and the Outback. Standing at the Mundi Mundi lookout at the end of the Barrier Ranges, watching the last few hills roll out into a seemingly endless expanse of flat, red earth... it's easy to see why.

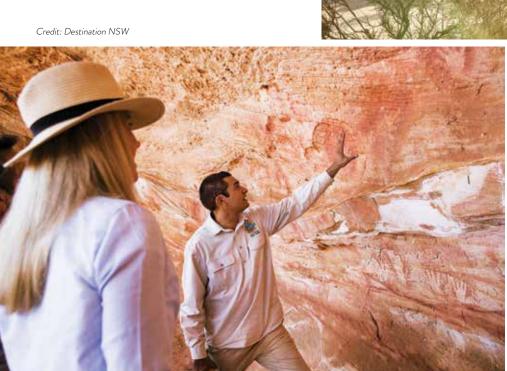


Pro Hart's studio and gallery.

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The incredible landscape of this area has consistently drawn creatives from all disciplines. Painters, sculptors, writers, musicians, photographers and filmmakers have all produced works inspired by the rugged beauty of the outback, attempting to capture the essence of this truly unique place. The city continues to be a haven for artists today, with the number of art galleries doubling the number of pubs in the area.

The earliest known examples of artistic expression in the area date back to ancient times. Indigenous rock art found in the Mutawintji National Park to the northeast of Broken Hill is estimated to be between 5000 and 8000 years old. These engravings, paintings and stencils tell the story of the ancient ceremonies and rituals of the Malyangapa and Pantyikali people.

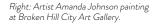






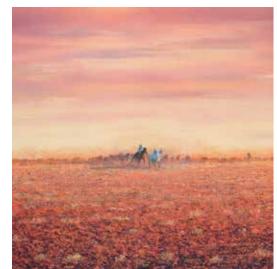
As the city began to form, so too did the art scene. The **Broken Hill City Art Gallery** was founded in 1904, the oldest regional gallery in NSW. A wander through the Gallery – housed at the historical Sully's Emporium building – reveals an incredible collection of colonial, modern and contemporary Australian artworks, including the internationally acclaimed "Brushmen of the Bush".

In 1973, five outback artists came together for a group exhibition, raising money for charity. The Brushmen of the Bush consisted of Pro Hart, Eric Minchin, Jack Absalom, John Pickup and Hugh Schulz. Each with a unique style, the Brushmen captured the outback in a way that resonated at home and abroad, with the group going on to exhibit their works in London, Rome, Paris, New York and Los Angeles.









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 collection of opal jewellery along with opal specimens rated by the Opal industry as the best in the Southern Hemisphere are on also on display.

Come in and say hello.

Gallery hours:

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

Entry fees apply

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'River is our heartbeat' mural in the outback town of Wilcannia

Raising over \$1.6m for various charities including the Royal Flying Doctor Service the Brushmen of the Bush are bona fide local heroes here in Broken Hill. Make sure you visit Pro Hart Gallery and Absalom's Gallery while you're here to get a better understanding of these trailblazers' work

The influence of the Brushmen has sparked a golden age of artistic expression in Broken Hill, discoverable around just about every corner. Galleries and studios dot the streets of this city, each showcasing their own vision of life

in the outback. Stepping into any one of them you'll find characters more colourful than the paintings themselves, with a yarn to spin or a joke to tell. Artistic expression is truly alive in this city. Even the shortest of stays will reveal it to you.



To find a list of all the amazing art galleries throughout Broken Hill & the Outback, scan this QR code!



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.

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LIVING DESERT, SCULPTURES & STARVIEW PRIMITIVE CAMPSITE

Enjoy a great family day out in the Living Desert State Park, only 12km from Broken Hill, and experience one of regional Australia's most spectacular, must-see attractions!

This wonderful 2400ha reserve includes something for everyone:

Spectacular sunsets over the Barrier Ranges.

The iconic Sculptures, created by a group of international artists.

Ancient Aboriginal etchings, camp ovens, and other artifacts.

A number of educational walking trails through the John Simons Flora & Fauna Sanctuary. Native animal encounters.

A centrally located picnic area with shade and free BBQs.

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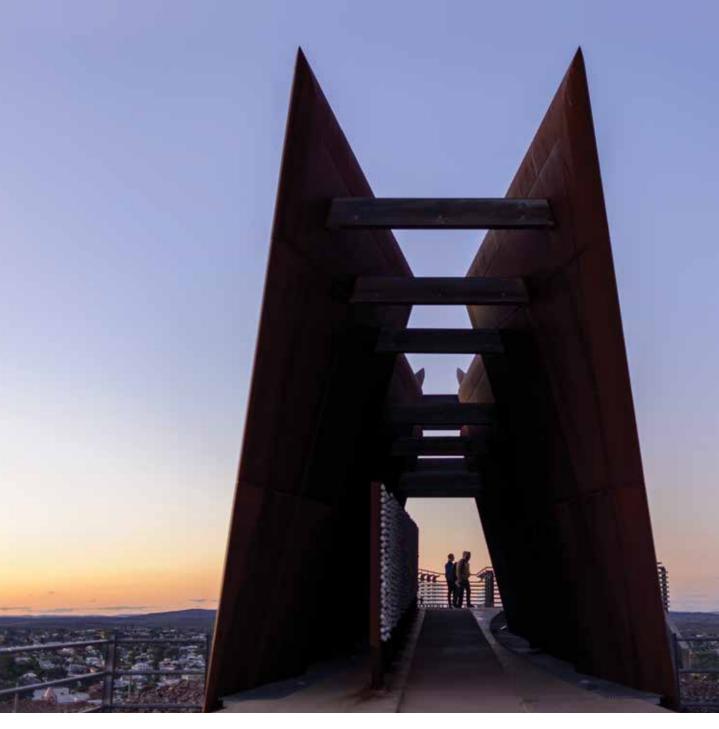






LINE OF LODE MINERS MEMORIAL

Overlooking the city from atop the Line of Lode, the Miners Memorial pays tribute to all the lives lost working in the mines at Broken Hill. Here you'll find various artefacts from the city's mining history along the walk to the memorial, and the names of the more than 800 lives lost etched along the structure's walls. It's the perfect spot to stop and reflect on the human toll that came with the city's (and the country's) growth.



HISTORIC DAY DREAM MINE

Located between Broken Hill and Silverton, the Historic Day Dream Mine offers tours of an 1880s Cornish mining settlement that once boasted a population of over 500. Descend deep underground through tunnels and caves and get a first-hand experience of what life was like for miners working down here by candlelight. Your tour guide will teach you about life out here during the Silver Rush and the mining techniques used by these pioneers of Australian mining.







Open 7 days a week

Come and visit us in the Tourist and Travellers Centre!

Our knowledgeable and friendly team will ensure that you're getting the most out of your Broken Hill experience.

BROKEN HILL VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

We offer:

- Daily Heritage Walking Tours from 10am (Mon-Fri) except summer months
- 24 hours access to visitor information
- Tour Booking Service
- Souvenirs and Gifts
- Public Toilets and Showers
- Potable water access
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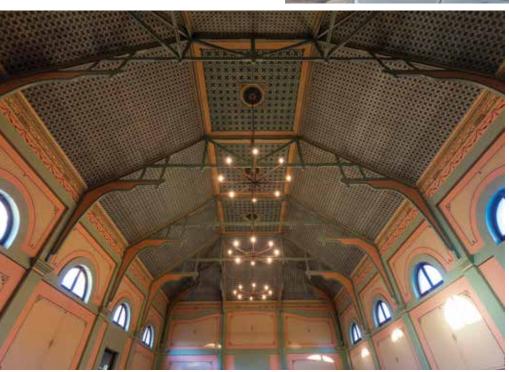
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BROKEN HILL TRADES HALL

The mines themselves contributed massively to the early Australian economy, but Broken Hill also played an important role in the early days of the Australian labour movement. The magnificent Trades Hall in Broken Hill was home to the fight for workers' rights, as unionists battled against ownership for improved working conditions. Strikes were organized here, workers gathered, and after a long and hard battle, the union won the right to a 35-hour work week for underground workers.







HISTORIC DAY DREAM MINE

Authentic surface and underground tours.

- Enjoy our walk-in silver mine tour, an exhilarating journey above and underground.
- Cash or card available. Group bookings available by prior arrangement.
- Tour times at 10am and 11:30am, two tours only. Covered and sturdy foot wear needed.
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- School holiday tours 10am to 2pm on the hour except summer holidays.
- 25 minutes dedicated to surface tour before venturing underground for 1 hour.
- · Cornish cream teas and cold drinks available.

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MCCARTHURS MINERAL SPECIMENS & CRYSTALS

You've learned about the history of the mines and its workers, now it's time to take a look at the goods themselves. McCarthurs Mineral Specimens & Crystals is one of the best spots in Broken Hill to find samples and specimens of a huge range of minerals, crystals and geological curiosities. Discover the beautiful intricacy of mineral and crystal formations and pick up the perfect souvenir to remember Broken Hill by!



o learn more about the mining history of



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Red Earth offers a number of apartment styles including 2 & 3 bedroom apartments, disabled access and spa apartments. Each of these rooms also has the option of king-sized bedding.

- Large BBQ area
- · Heated swimming pool
- Grassed play area
- Free on-site parking
- Guest laundry

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mineral formations and the history of mining in Broken Hill at the Albert Kersten Mining & Minerals Museum. The museum is home to an extensive collection of minerals found in the region, including multiple world-class mineral specimens of "extreme rarity". The dual centrepieces of the museum's collection are a massive 42kg silver nugget and the "Silver Tree", once owned by BHP founder Charles Rasp. Whether you're a die-hard geologist or completely new to the field, you're bound to leave here with a new appreciation for the beauty and complexity of the earth's rarest

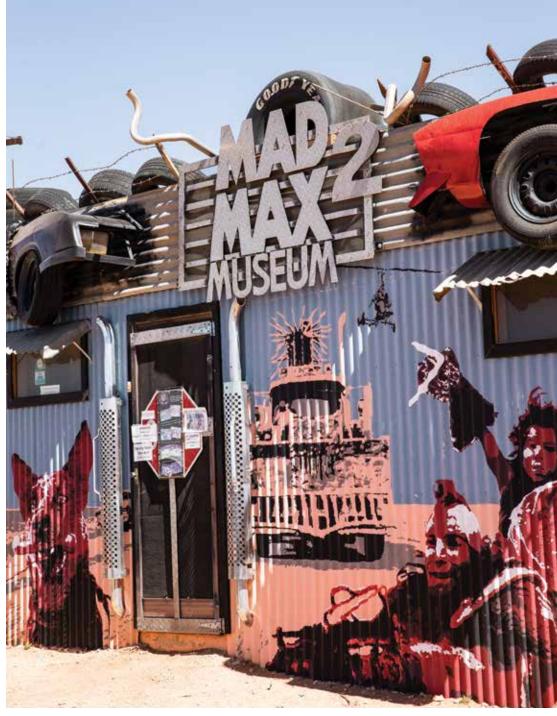
MAD MAX 2 MUSEUM

Visiting the Mad Max 2 Museum, tucked away in Silverton, is like stepping into a postapocalyptic world. Featuring a huge collection of photographs, original drawings, costumes, replicas and genuine movie props, the Mad Max 2 museum pays loving tribute to the film that brought Silverton to the silver screen. Learn more about how the film was made, including all the incredible practical effects and stunts. Explore the film industry's love for the vast, barren land surrounding Silverton, while checking out some of the most creative and awe-inspiring vehicles ever seen on screen.

Right: Memorabilia from the Mad Max film on display. Far right: Scenes from Mad Max film painted on the exterior of the Mad Max Museum.









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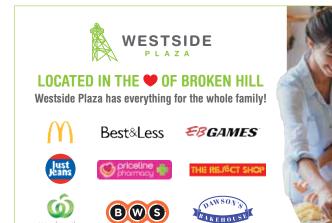
The Sulphide Street Railway and Historical Museum is dedicated to preserving the railway history of Broken Hill and the surrounding region, offering visitors an opportunity to experience the golden age of rail travel. The museum features a collection of restored steam and diesel locomotives, rail cars, and other railway artefacts that have been carefully curated and maintained to provide visitors with an authentic and interactive experience. Climb aboard the restored trains, explore the cabins, and even blow the whistle! The Museum also offers a deep dive into multiple fascinating areas of Broken Hill's history, with exhibits including the Broken Hill Migrant Museum, the Hospital Museum, the Ron Carter Transport Pavilion, the Tess Alfonsi Mineral Collection and the Johns Brothers Joyland Funfair!

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ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR OUTBACK HERITAGE EXPERIENCE

Ever wanted to experience a working Royal Flying Doctor Service base? Head out to the Royal Flying Doctor Outback Heritage Experience at Broken Hill Airport to learn about the fascinating history of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, now in its 95th year of operation. Learn about the dedicated doctors and nurses that have shaped the service, immerse yourself in interactive exhibits and get a glimpse at a real-life RFDS hangar in full operation! The experience features a collection of early communication systems, photographs of momentous events in the Service's history and a complete history of aircraft that have been used by the RFDS. Be sure to swing by the Flying Doctor store while you're there, with every purchase directly supporting the Royal Flying Doctor Service's invaluable work.



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Built in 1889, the Silverton Gaol is a testament to the bustling town of more than 3,000 that Silverton once was. Inside, you'll find an array of memorabilia that chronicles Silverton's evolution and the lifestyles of its residents over the course of more than 150 years. Explore the seven cells of the Silverton Gaol, including two solitary cells and one (formerly) padded cell, located adjacent to a lovingly restored hospital room, featuring various tools from the medical profession of old. The remaining rooms in the Gaol building are filled to the brim with fascinating objects, including war memorabilia, early household appliances, Aboriginal artefacts and a collection of Bibles dating back to 1862.



To find a list of all the fascinating museums throughout Broken Hill & the Outback, scan this QR code!



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STAY A LITTLE LONGER

The thing about accommodation in Broken Hill is that each experience is completely unique, yet all are equally memorable. You might be hammering your tent pegs into red dirt, preparing for a night under a spectacular wide-open sky. You might be ascending the stairs of a grand Victorian hotel, about to spend a night in complete outback luxury. Either way - it's bound to be an experience you'll always remember.

A number of historic hotels offer accommodation, including iconic boom-era buildings. Enjoy the view from a classically wide veranda outside your room, or strike up a conversation with the friendly locals in the bar before turning in for the night.

Modern local motels provide comfortable lodgings and there's a great selection of self-contained apartments, townhouses and executive-style homes also offered for short-term hire and overnight stays.

If you prefer BYO when it comes to accommodation, there are some excellent caravan and camping parks in Broken Hill, and a range of low-cost campgrounds dotted throughout the region. If you're more in the mood for the full outback experience, why not head out to Kinchega National Park? Rest your head beneath endless outback night skies and wake up to glorious sunrises, phenomenal outback views and wetlands teeming with birds and other wildlife.

In true outback spirit, there's also the opportunity to do things a bit differently. Spend a night in an underground motel, a church stay or in historic shearers' quarters.

Whether you're here for a night or two, or staying for a few, whether your budget's unlimited or carefully costed to the very last cent - you'll find accommodation that caters perfectly for your needs, providing you with a comfortable base from which to explore.



MUTAWINTJI NATIONAL PARK

North of Broken Hill, Mutawintji National Park is home to ancient landscapes, fascinating flora & fauna and a rich Aboriginal heritage spanning back tens of thousands of years. The gorges, rockpools and caves of this land served as important cultural sites for First Nations people, who used the area for large gatherings, ceremonies, trade and more. Evidence of the immense spiritual and cultural importance of this site can be found in the millennia-old hand stencils, petroglyphs and other rock art that can be found here.

There are plenty of fantastic walking trails that you can follow yourself, but for a truly unforgettable experience, book a guided tour with Mutawintji Heritage Tours. Wholly owned and operated by local Aboriginal people, a tour with Mutawintji Heritage Tours will introduce you Aboriginal Dreamtime stories, cultural values and history while exploring the picturesque scenery of the park. You can book a tour at mutawintjiheritagetours.com.au.

Right: Mutanwintji National Park tour guide Keanu Bates showing visitors Aboriginal rock art at Mutawintji Historic Site.







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AMANYA MITHA INDIGENOUS ARTS

Owned and operated by proud Dieri man Clinton Kemp, Amanya Mitha is home to countless art pieces and artefacts from a broad range of Aboriginal cultural groups. Be sure to stop by and learn more about each piece, all with their own fascinating story to tell.

You'll find the gallery at 76 Gypsum St, be sure to call Clinton on 0429 218 713 to arrange a visit.

MENINDEE LAKES & KINCHEGA NATIONAL PARK

Located to the southeast of Broken Hill, the Menindee Lakes have been an important resource for the Indigenous peoples of the area for thousands of years, providing a source of food, water, and materials for tools and weapons.

The area is traditionally the land of the Barkindji people, also known as Paakantyi, who have a deep spiritual and cultural connection to the land. They have a rich history and culture, including storytelling, art, and ceremonies, which are all closely tied to the lakes and the surrounding land. The Barkindji people have a deep knowledge of the natural resources in the area and have developed sophisticated hunting, fishing and gathering techniques over thousands of years.

The Menindee Lakes have been a significant source of food for the Barkindji people, particularly fish and yabbies. The lakes also provided an important source of water for drinking, cooking and washing, and were a central gathering place for ceremonies and other cultural events.

The majority of the Menindee Lakes area is now protected as part of the Kinchega National Park, which is open to visitors via either self-touring or booking a guided tour, where you'll learn more about the Aboriginal culture and traditions from the area.

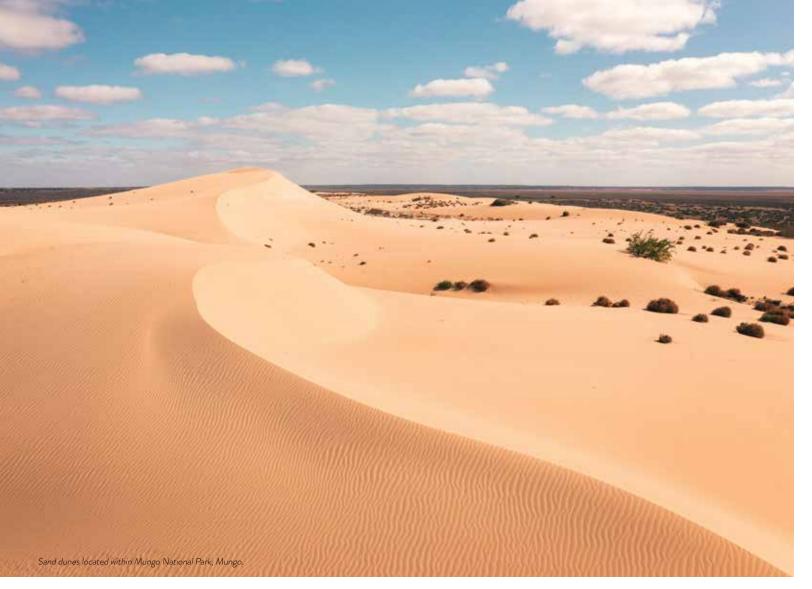


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MUNGO NATIONAL PARK

With its lunar-esque landscapes featuring rock formations sculpted by time, Mungo National Park is truly unlike anywhere else on Earth. Located to Broken Hill's southeast, the park is home to some of the most important archeological findings in human history.

The Park's lake, Lake Mungo, was the final resting place for Mungo Man and Mungo Lady – two humans that lived around 40,000 years ago. Mungo Man is the oldest human remains found on the Australian continent, and one of the oldest in the world. Mungo Lady was cremated, and is the oldest example of a ritual burial anywhere on the planet. Along with the discovery of human footprints dating back around 20,000 years, Mungo National Park tells a story of a civilization that has lived on and cared for this land for countless generations.

Take a walk to the fascinating Walls of China, one of the most awe-inspiring formations in the park, and try to imagine the land here sustaining human life some 35,000 years before the construction of the Great Pyramid of Giza. It truly has to be seen to be believed.

Head to the Mungo Visitor Centre to book a guided tour with local Aboriginal tour guides.



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OUT BUSH

While Broken Hill and its surrounding towns are packed with incredible food, entertainment and accommodation, there's one big reason for venturing beyond – the outback! The landscapes you'll find here are breathtaking, ranging from vast, open plains to deep gorges, mirror-like lakes to sandy deserts. If you're thinking of getting out of town and into the bush while you're here, check out our recommendations on getting the most out of your outback experience.

CAMPING

The only way to truly appreciate the solitary nature of the outback is to spend a night out there. There are several places to set up camp throughout the region, from free campgrounds to fully-serviced caravan parks. For the best outback camping experience, we recommend pitching your tent or rolling out your swag at one of the national parks in the

area. Mutawintji, Sturt, Kinchega, Mungo and Paroo-Darling National Parks all have campgrounds within them that are open to the public for a small fee. Out here, you're guaranteed to get the true feeling of being in one of the most remote parts of the world, surrounded by nothing but the beauty of nature.





STARGAZING

Whether it's a short trip out of town or camping somewhere overnight, stargazing in Broken Hill and the Outback will take your breath away. The skies out here are darker than you'll find anywhere among Australia's population centres, allowing for exceptional viewing of the stars, galaxies and nebulae that make up our universe. Sitting out here, in one of the most isolated places on earth, gazing

up at the infinite cosmos overhead, will be a moment you never forget. You can always go stargazing on your own, but if you'd like a little direction and expertise on what exactly you're looking at, make sure to book a Sky Show with Outback Astronomy. Based in Broken Hill, the team of keen stargazers at Outback Astronomy will guide you through the vast, outback sky with telescope, binocular and naked eye viewing.

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BUSHWALKING

Adventuring by foot is one of the best ways to fully grasp the scale of the outback, while also taking in the unique flora and fauna here on a much deeper level.

If you're looking for a day trip, there are several great bushwalking opportunities within close vicinity to Broken Hill, like the tracks at Living Desert State Park. The 900m trail from the Living Desert Picnic Area will take you up to the Living Desert Sculptures, a collection of stunning rock sculptures from various artists around the world. The 2.8km Sundown Trail loop is another track within the park that is a bit more challenging, with hilly and rocky terrain. This takes you to a stunning vantage point overlooking the wide, open lands of the park.

If you're feeling more adventurous, the various national parks in the region offer a fantastic range of bushwalking tracks. Mutawintji National Park is home to various gorges, cliffs, caves and rockpools that you can explore. A walk through Mungo National Park will take you through ancient rock formations like the Walls of China, carved out by millions of years of erosion. Kinchega National Park has a variety of walking trails, including tracks to



Mutawintji National Park, Mutawintji.

the famous Kinchega Woolshed, a stunning testament to the pastoral history of the region.

No matter where you decide to walk, Broken Hill and the Outback is guaranteed to offer something of interest around every bend and



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4WDING

For those who prefer to do their adventuring on four wheels, there are a number of fantastic spots for four-wheel-driving in the region.

A favourite for locals and travellers alike is Eldee Station, to the north of Broken Hill. Create your own adventure here along 100km of station tracks, or take part in a Tag Along Tour across the Mundi Mundi Plains and the Barrier Ranges.

Thrilling 4WD Tracks can be found in just about every direction of Broken Hill, across multiple stations and national parks. Another popular route is the track through Sturt National Park to Cameron Corner, the point at which the QLD, NSW and SA borders meet. The area out here is full-on outback, with its deep red, rocky terrain, sprinkling of mulga bushes and - if you're lucky - the occasional emu!



To learn more about exploring the outback by car or by foot, scan this QR code!



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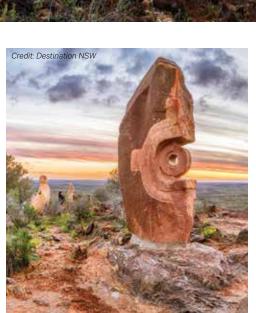
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Local advocates sharing their favourite spots

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The Living Desert State Park in Broken Hill.



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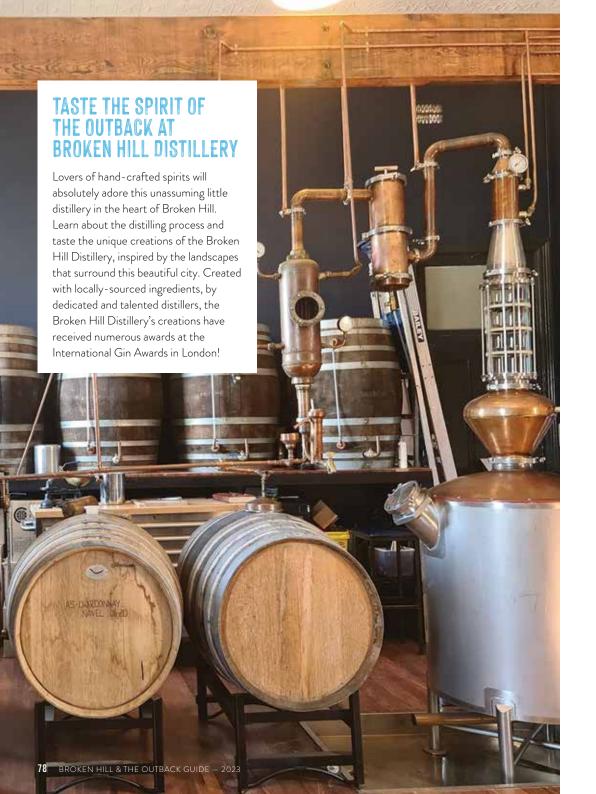
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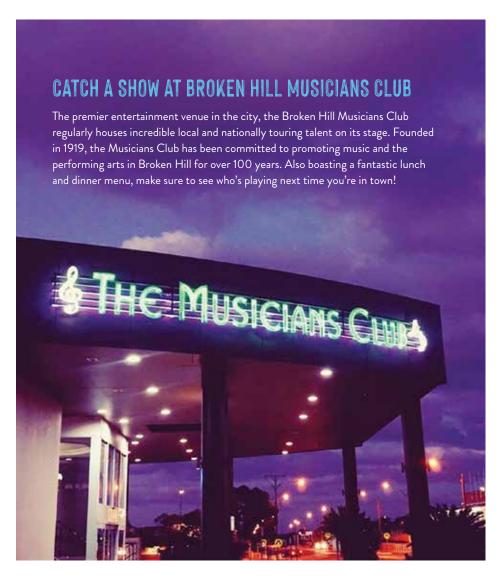
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To learn more about the local favourites in Broken Hill & the Outback, scan this QR code!



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TOURING ROUTES

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.

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. Let somebody know where you are going. If you get stuck, stay with your vehicle. Stay safe!

Aerial overlooking the Mungo Woolshed in Mungo National Park, Mungo.

NATIONAL TREASURES 3-DAY TOUR



Scenic outback landscapes at Mutanwintji Historical Site, Mutanwintji National Park.

DAY 1: BROKEN HILL TO MUTAWINTJI = 2 hours

A trip to Far West NSW wouldn't be complete without paying a visit to Mutawintji National Park.

Home to one of Australia's largest indigenous rock art collections and ancient landscapes, there is plenty to explore through the numerous bushwalks around the park. Though the best way to experience the park is through a **Mutawintji Heritage Tour**, where you will uncover the history and culture of the Malyankapa and Pandjikali people – it's also the only way to access the sacred **Mutawintji Historic Site**.

Stay

The only accommodation in the park is the Homestead Creek Campground, which has basic amenities including showers, toilets, and barbecue facilities (booking required).







DAY 2: MUTAWINTJI TO WHITE CLIFFS \rightleftharpoons 2 hours

Make your way northeast to the opal mining town of White Cliffs. It might look a bit empty but that's only because most of the town is underground to escape the heat! Check out the **Red Earth Opal Mine Tour** which offers seasonal tours through the working mine. You'll also be able to find plenty of jewellery and fossils at the various stores across town.

Stay

The White Cliffs Underground Motel is a fun novelty if you fancy spending a night like many of the locals underground.

DAY 3: WHITE CLIFFS TO BROKEN HILL VIA WILCANNIA A 3 hours

It's time to hit the road again and slowly complete a loop back to Broken Hill. Stop off at Wilcannia for lunch at the Wilcannia Golf Club and check out the original site of Resch's Brewery. Don't leave without visiting the Queens Head Hotel, a repurposed pub that now acts as an art gallery where locals can exhibit their work – if need be, you can also stay the night in one of the four Airbnb rooms here.

Optional: Extra Night

If you're visiting the area between May and November, it's worth extending your trip by a night to see Peery Lake in the **Paroo-Darling National Park**. Leave from White Cliffs and spend the day exploring the area that is home to a variety of flora and fauna before heading an hour down the road to stay in Wilcannia at the Queens Head Hotel.

Townscape, Wilcannia.

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DOWN THE DARLING 4-DAY TOUR

Be sure to pack your camera on this one! Surreal landscapes and an abundance of history awaits on this 4-day journey along the Darling River.





DAY 1: BROKEN HILL TO MENINDEE 🖨 1.5 hours

Start the day off nice and early, preferably with an energy-boosting breakfast and coffee before you start your adventure.

Head southeast towards the first stop, Menindee, the oldest European settlement in western New South Wales. There is plenty of exploring to do around the area, in particular, the **Menindee Lakes** (if you are a keen photographer, be sure to check out **Lake Pamamaroo** at sunset).

However, the real star of the show is the nearby **Kinchega National Park**. An area known for a multitude of **birdlife** especially when the lakes are full, as well as a rich pastoral history. There are plenty of **self-guided tours** around the park and lakes, but be sure not to miss the **Kinchega Woolshed** as you travel through.

Stay

There are plenty of **campsites** in and around Kinchega National Park equipped with basic amenities. Alternatively, you can take a step back in time and experience the pastoral history of Kinchega National Park firsthand by spending the night at **Kinchega Shearers Quarters**.

DAY 2: KINCHEGA TO MUNGO 👄 2.5 hours

A little more of a drive awaits today, but rest assured it's worth it. Continue following the Darling River south for 1.5 hours towards Pooncarie.

An hour away from Pooncarie is the **Mungo National Park**, a truly otherworldly landscape that is not to be missed. Before we continue on, be sure to drop into the **Old Wharf Café**, a quaint spot by the river's edge that serves up homemade delights.

It is highly recommended that you plan to arrive at the **Mungo Lodge** well before sunset. The Lodge runs **guided sunset tours** of the park with experienced locals to show you the best lookouts and help you unearth the history of Mungo Man and Mungo Lady.

Stay

The Mungo Lodge has several accommodation options and a restaurant serving hearty country meals open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Mungo can be done as a day trip, however staying overnight gives you the chance to see the sunset and sunrise – there's just something about that red glow! Make sure you book in advance as there is limited accommodation.

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DAY 3: MUNGO NATIONAL PARK TO WENTWORTH = 2 hours

The option is yours this morning. Take another guided tour from Mungo Lodge, or take a self-guided drive tour around the park - a hot tip is to catch the sunrise at Red Top lookout which is about 15km from the Lodge.

Once you've filled the camera with breathtaking sunrise photos, it's time to continue your journey down the Darling to its confluence with the Murray in Wentworth. This is the southernmost point of the route until heading back up north toward Broken Hill.

There is plenty of accommodation options in Wentworth from caravan parks to motels and resorts. The Darling Junction Motor Inn is a solid option that is only a short walking distance into town.

Mungo National Park, Mungo. **NINE MILE STATION**

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DAY 4: WENTWORTH TO BROKEN HILL A 3 hours

Before making the 3-hour trip back to Broken Hill, it's definitely worth checking out the Old Wentworth Gaol. Take one of their self-guided tours around the first Australian-designed gaol. On the way out of Wentworth, there is one last photo opportunity at the Perry Sandhills - a location so stunning it has even been featured in multiple movies and TV shows.

Perry Sandhills, Wentworth.



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