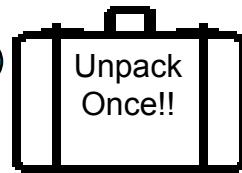


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6 Days

Day 1: Home—Wagga Wagga (LD)

Departing from Thornton & the Hunter, Tuggerah, Hornsby & Strathfield we commence our journey south, with lunch en route, and an afternoon stop 5 miles from Gundagai at the iconic **Dog on the Tuckerbox**. We check in to our motel, located just behind the main street before enjoying a three course dinner.

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Day 2: Sporting Hall of Fame, Museum, Botanical Garden, Uni Winery & Cheese Factory (BLD)

After a hearty cooked breakfast we are joined by a local guide onboard for a tour of the vibrant regional city of Wagga Wagga. Morning tea will be at **Town Beach on the side of the Murrumbidgee River**, (yes Wagga Wagga has a beach). From here we will visit the **Regional Museum** and the **Sporting Hall of Fame**, this city has more famous sportspersons per capita than any other area in Australia. We will enjoy a picnic lunch at the majestic **Botanic Gardens** with time to explore before visiting the award winning **Charles Sturt University Winery** for a wine tasting before popping next door to the **Charles Sturt University Cheese Factory!**



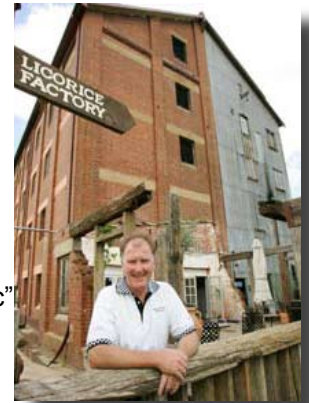
Day 3: Junee—Roundhouse & Monte Cristo (BLD)

Our first stop today is a guided tour of the **Junee Roundhouse**. When it was opened in September 1947, it was the "largest roundhouse in the southern hemisphere" and the last steam depot built in NSW. Centred around the roundhouse (a unique 33 metre turntable) are two sheds and 42 tracks including the high-roads and machine shop. Lunch will be in the "haunted" 1884 manison of **Monte**

Cristo Homestead, fully restored in High Victorian Style. We will be shown through the main house including antiques and collectables, and outbuildings of the wheelwright and carriage builder, all perched on top of the rise, commanding panoramic views of the valley.



A visit to Junee would not be complete without stopping for afternoon tea at the old Flour Mill which is now better know as the **Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory**. Here Green Grove Organics produce a natural licorice, as well as organic flours, cakes and biscuits, one of only a few certified in the world for being a true "organic". During our **Devonshire tea** be entertained with **licorice bowling demonstrations**.



Day 4: Snowy Mountains (BLD)

Crossing the Hume Highway we enter the small township of **Adelong**, once a very important part of the Gold Rushes in the high country. Although no longer now mined, the town still has a certain element of frontier charm. We have a tour of the **Visy Paper & Pulp Mill** on the outskirts of Tumut, initially fairly controversial, the mill is now over 10 years old and has a strong relationship with local communities. We visit the **Tumut Valley Violets** for a guided tour on these mystic plants, discovered in northeast Tanzania in 1892. Not only will we learn about these beautiful plants but also oportunity to purchase with over 1200 plants for sale. Continuing over the range we make our way down to Gundagai, with time to explore the town and visit the famous **Rusconi's Marble Monument Masterpiece**. It took Rusconi over 28 years to hand cut over 20,948 marble tiles and build this model cathedral. Our return journey this afternoon follows the Murrumbidgee River cross country to Wagga Wagga.

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Day 5: Collingullie Clydesdale Stud (BLD)

This morning we make our way to Collingullie to the **Aurora Clydesdale Stud and Pioneer Farm**, where we will have a demonstration of the Clydesdales doing their farm work as well as an old fashioned cart ride. **For 'smoko' we will have damper, cocky's joy & billy tea**. Lunch will be at Uranquinty before heading back to Wagga Wagga. This afternoon we will visit the **Art Glass Gallery**, an internationally recognised gallery with over 400 original glass artifacts, including changing exhibitions from locals and internationals. We will have some free time to explore the pretty CBD and shop fronts of Wagga Wagga.



Day 6: Wagga Wagga—Home (BL)

We commence our journey home today having had just a taste of what the Riverina area is all about.