

# Mildura's Trail of Lights & Wentworth's Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)

## Wed 12 to Tue 18 November - 7 days / 6 nights

#### **Tour Inclusions**

- Home Pick Up & Return (t&c's apply)
- Luxury Coach Travel
- 6 nights Quality Motel Accommodation
- Tour Escort
- Most Meals as per the itinerary
- All touring and Entrance Fees as per itinerary

## **Tour Highlights**

- Trail of Lights Installation
- Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)
- Woop Woop Aussie Sculpture Garden
- Bendigo (1 night)
- Sea Lake
- Ouyen
- Mildura (4 nights)
- PS Melbourne Lock 11 River Cruise
- Pioneer Museum
- Old Wentworth Gaol
- Buronga Australian Inland Botanic Gardens
- Gol Gol Historic Hotel
- Tooleybuc
- Port of Echuca
- Shepparton (1 Night)
- and much, much more





This tour has been designed to be leisurely, excluding long bus travel times. There will be some walking particularly when visiting the Trail of Lights and Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra Installations. Track length for Trail of Lights ranges between 0.9 & 2.2 km with some of the shorter paths being accessible. Track length details for the Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra are yet to be released.

Bruce Munroe's **Trail of Lights** in Mildura - As night falls, make your way to the Murray River and check out the amazing lights in this magical installation. Along with the glowing 'fireflies,' you'll find 502 'pods,' projectors, and 126 solar units lighting up the area. Take a leisurely stroll along the reflective walking track and watch as art and nature come to life.

It's just a quick trip across the border into New South Wales to see another cool installation by Munro. You'll find 80 Hills Hoist clotheslines that look like an orchestra pit, all synced up to an original orchestral score. Each clothesline will have fibre optic lights showing different musical instruments. The **Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO)** installation is set up just four kilometres from Wentworth, with the stunning backdrop of Perry Sandhills and Thegoa Lagoon.

#### DAY 1: (L/D) HOME to BENDIGO

Wed 12 Nov

After picking you up from home, we'll meet up with Kevin and the Delightful **Daytripper Coach** and set off towards the lovely town of **Bendigo**. Along the way, we'll take a delightful break for **Morning Tea**. As we journey on, we'll arrive at the enchanting town of Harcourt, where the **Woop Woop Aussie Sculpture Garden** awaits us! Here, a guided tour will lead us through a stunning array of unique sculptures that will surely captivate your imagination. Afterwards, we'll indulge in a **delicious country-style lunch**, filled with local flavours. Then, it's off to Bendigo, our home for the night! To top off our fantastic day, we'll enjoy a delightful dinner at the lovely **Lakeside Restaurant**, where the views are as great as the food.

Overnight – Quality Hotel Lakeside, Bendigo ☆☆☆☆: (1 night)

### Day 2 (B/L/D): BENDIGO to MILDURA

**Thur 13 Nov** 

After a delicious, cooked breakfast we say goodbye to Bendigo and head on our way to Mildura! We enjoy a delightful morning tea stop, where we can stretch our legs and soak in the sights of the charming **Sea Lake**. Our next highlight will be a scrumptious lunch at the **Ouyen Country Club**, fuelling us for the final stretch of our trip. Once we arrive in **Mildura**, you'll have plenty of time to unpack and relax before we indulge in a fabulous **two-course dinner** at the renowned **Chaffey Restaurant**, where the culinary experience awaits to thrill your taste buds!

**Overnight – Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn** ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ : (4 nights)





#### Day 3 (B/D): MILDURA – TRAIL OF LIGHTS

Fri 14 Nov

After enjoying a hearty breakfast, we'll have a little **free time** before departing the hotel and making our way to the River, where we'll board the **PS Melbourne** for an **exciting 2-hour Lock River Cruise.** PS Melbourne, the last paddle steamer of Mildura, promises to transport us back in time, allowing us to bask in the timeless charm of this iconic vessel. One of the highlights we can look forward to is **traversing Lock 11**, an incredible feat of engineering. We'll have the chance to witness the lock's operation as the steamer is gently lowered to the downstream level and raised again on our return journey. This unique experience will offer us a rare glimpse into the fascinating river water management system. After our cruise, we'll have the opportunity to **indulge in a late lunch** at one of the charming **riverfront cafes** (own expense). Heading back to the hotel, we can unwind for a couple of hours before our evening adventures begin. Dinner will be at the **Mildura RSL**, where we can savour some local flavours, and then it's off to Rio Vista Park. As night falls, we'll be treated to the magical experience **of Bruce Munroe's Trail of Lights at Lock Island**. It's bound to be a delightful evening filled with wonder before we head back to our hotel for a restful night's sleep, recharged for more adventures ahead!

**Overnight – Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn** ☆☆☆: (4 nights)

Trail of Lights Accessibility

Whilst all efforts have been made to make Lock Island as accessible as possible without changing the natural landscape, some trails are not recommended for patrons with mobility aids, prams or have trouble walking on uneven and soft terrain.

Trail 1 - 2.2km - Off the beaten track (not accessibility friendly)

Trail 2 - 1.4km - Off the beaten track (not accessibility friendly)

Trail 3 - 1.3km - Off the beaten track (not accessibility friendly)

Trail 4 - 1.1km - Assisted access

Trail 5 - 950m - Assisted access







Day 4 (B/D): WENTWORTH & FIBRE OPTIC SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA (FOSO)

After a great breakfast, you have a couple of choices for the morning. If you're up for it, come along to the Sunraysia Farmers & Makers Market. If you'd rather have a chill morning, feel free to hang back at the hotel. Around Lunch time we head to Wentworth for an afternoon packed with history. We'll check out the Old Wentworth Gaol, the Pioneer Museum, and the Military Collection. We'll enjoy dinner at one of the local spots before experiencing the awesome Fibre Optic Symphonic Orchestra (FOSO) installation with the Perry Sandhills as a backdrop. The setup features 80 Hills Hoist clotheslines that look like an orchestra pit, complete with a dazzling display of colours and sounds. Each clothesline is lit up with fibre optic lights that represent different musical instruments, turning it into a symphonic visual and audio feast you won't want to miss.

After a fun-filled evening, we'll head back to the hotel for another good night's sleep.

**Overnight – Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn ☆☆☆:** (4 nights)

Note – final details for FOSO have not yet been released

#### Day 5 (B/L/D): MILDURA – OVER THE RIVER

Sun 16 Nov

This morning, we have a later start, departing around 10 AM. Our first stop is **Orange World**, a working 50-acre citrus property. Here we will enjoy a **Tractor Train tour** with guided commentary through the orchard and avocado canopy. The tour includes a visit to a lookout tower, a nursery talk, orange tastings, and a complimentary cup of freshly squeezed juice. Next, we will head to the **Buronga Australian Inland Botanic Gardens**, the first community-created and operated semi-arid botanic garden in the Southern Hemisphere. After taking a stroll around the gardens we will board the bus and head to the **historic Gol Gol Hotel**, **established in 1877**. Here, we will savour a delicious lunch while enjoying lovely views of the beautiful Murray River. Following our relaxing lunch, we will make our way back across the river to our hotel. You'll have some time to relax and prepare for tomorrow's departure before we gather for dinner together at the hotel restaurant.

**Overnight – Best Western Chaffey Motor Inn** ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆: (4 nights)



#### Day 6 (B/D): MILDURA to SHEPPARTON

Mon 17 Nov

After a delightful breakfast, we board our coach and bid farewell to our hotel hosts as we embark on our leisurely journey home. Our first stop is **Tooleybuc**, where we enjoy a lovely morning tea by the river. The next leg of our trip takes us to **Echuca** and the **Beechworth Bakery**, where we can purchase lunch and take some time for a stroll in the **Historic Port Precinct**. Following this, we head to **Shepparton**, our destination for the night. We arrive with plenty of time to relax before dinner at our hotel's restaurant.

**Overnight – Quality Hotel Parklake Shepparton:** ☆ ☆ ☆ ☆ (1 night)

#### Day 7 (B/L): SHEPPARTON to HOME

Tue 18 Nov

As we embark on the final leg of our wonderful holiday, we head home filled with remarkable memories. We take a refreshing break in **Kinglake** for morning tea before continuing our journey. Today's lunch is a **buffet** at the **Manhattan Hotel** in Ringwood. Afterward, we will meet our **chauffeurs** for a safe and comfortable drive **back to your home**, bringing our extraordinary adventure with Daytripper Tours to a close.

## Tour Cost from: \$2459-pp (\$575- single supplement)

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