

4 DAY TOUR

ECHUCA & THE MIGHTY MURRAY

ITINERARY SUGGESTION

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver(s)
- ◆ Accommodation & Meals (as indicated)
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as selected)
- ◆ Activities at Camp (as selected)

From the Aboriginal word meaning "meeting of the waters", Echuca is found at the junction of the Murray, Campaspe & Goulburn Rivers. The Port of Echuca has been restored to the period of its heyday.

DAY 1:-

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We depart school at 7.30am this morning (time is approximate and dependent on location of school), to start our **4 Day Echuca & The Mighty Murray Tour**.

Travelling to Echuca via **Bendigo**, we visit the **Central Deborah Mine**. Students will be taken on a **Mine Experience Tour**. Donning a hard hat and miner's lamp, descend 61 metres beneath the surface of Bendigo and walk in the footsteps of past miners! Become enthralled by Bendigo's underworld as you are guided through the honeycomb of underground tunnels with a friendly and knowledgeable guide. With only the lamp on your cap to light the path you, will discover what conditions as a miner was really like during the harsh gold rush era.

Afterwards, explore the surface of the mine with its treasure trove of vintage mining machinery, gold panning and interpretive museum.

We have lunch at **Lake Weeroona** before boarding our coach once more, to continue our journey to Echuca but not before the kids get to play on the Lake Weeroona Adventure Playground.

On arrival in Echuca we settle into our rooms before having dinner at camp.

Overnight:- Billabong Ranch, Echuca

DAY 2:-

B/L/D

We will spend the day at **Billabong Ranch** today, enjoying camp activities. Choose from a number of staff guided activities, such as:-

- Equine Empowerment & Animal Handling
- Horse Grooming
- Horse Trail Ride
- Horse Riding Lessons
- Low Ropes (navigate 21 obstacles)
- Commando Course
- Archery
- Pedal Boats
- Initiative Games
- Aussie Frisbee Golf
- Bouldering
- Mini Golf
- Trivia Walk
- Roping
- Introduction to Orienteering & Orienteering Courses
- Bungee Trampolines
- Camel Rides

During the course of the day, students will get to watch a **Working Dog Demonstration**.

Students will have the complex rules of sheep dog trials explained followed by a brief DVD. Then head to the paddock & watch as the border collies demonstrate their ability to work sheep. Ask questions and discuss the basics in training and maintaining working dogs with the owner .

DAY 2:- continued

After dinner at camp, we go on a **Night Walk**.

The night walk is a great way to view the sights and sounds of the Ranch, surrounding farmland and bushland at night. There is also the possibility of viewing some nocturnal creatures in their natural habitats. The students also get the chance to take one or two of the Farmyard critters along for the walk. A clear night will also reveal stars that city students may not be able to view at home. The night walk is the perfect energy burning activity prior to bed time.

Overnight:- Billabong Ranch, Echuca

DAY 3:-

B/PL/D

After breakfast this morning we visit the **Port of Echuca**.

The **Port Of Echuca Discovery Centre** transports visitors back to the hustle and bustle of the 1860's, when Echuca was Australia's largest inland port. Students will have time to explore the story of Australia's pioneering spirit and learn how Australia's inland river system connected a fledgling colony to its growing cities and the outside world. Their education program and stories of the past will have your students enthralled. Explore the restored heritage listed Echuca Wharf and the magnificent red gum walkways. Discover Echuca Moama's unique Paddlesteamer history through the living, breathing vessels that still capture the imagination of visitors today.

Students and Teachers will be provided with Resource Packs, so they can get the most out of their visit.



We return to camp for an afternoon of activities (to be selected).

DAY 3:- continued

B/PL/D

Tonight we sit by the **campfire** and have a chat, a singalong, recall the events of the day or just relax! Students and Teachers who are musically talented, are encouraged to bring along their musical instruments for a campfire singalong. There is also a whip cracking or fire twirling display available and toasting marshmallows is always a favourite.

Overnight:- Billabong Ranch, Echuca

DAY 4:-

B/PL



After breakfast this morning, we load our luggage, as we prepare for our journey back to school.

Before departing Echuca, our last attraction for this tour will be **twistED Science**.

Here students will have a chance to get in touch with their inner scientist and have fun playing science!

They will test their reaction speed, discover the future of food, challenge their friends to build a virtual river, make fantastic flying machines and experience a new way to play.

Choose one or more of the curriculum based educational programs offered at twistED Science Echuca.

Arriving back at school at 3.30pm (time approximate and depends on location of school and activities chosen at twistED Science), to end our **4 Day Echuca & the Mighty Murray Tour**.

LEGEND:-

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch at Camp
PL	Packed Lunch
D	Dinner

Choose from the following Activities:-

◆ Echuca:-

- twistEd Science—Floating Classroom
- Kingfisher Eco Cruise, Barmah
- The National Holden Museum

◆ Bendigo:-

- Chinese Joss House
- The Great Stupa of Universal Compassion
- Bendigo Tramways Museum
- The Golden Dragon Museum
- Discovery Science & Technology Centre

Murray River Indigenous Language Map



Interesting facts about our Mighty Murray River:-

- ◆ The Murray River borders three States:- Victoria, New South Wales and South Australia.
- ◆ It is Australia's longer river (2508 kilometres long).
- ◆ It is the 3rd longest navigable river in the world, after the Amazon and the Nile.
- ◆ It starts high in the Snowy Mountains and flows mainly West until it gets to the sea near Goolwa in South Australia.

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