



4 Day Soft Adventure tour from Sydney to Melbourne including Canberra and the Snowy River

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WILDERNESS 4 DAY TOUR - SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE

▼ Sample Itinerary

DAY 1: NATIONAL CAPITAL - CANBERRA

Today you start a truly magnificent soft adventure journey that visits both the stunning Capital of Australia - Canberra and the largest National Park system in Australia featuring some of the most spectacular and remote regions this country offers. All in the hands of your friendly MudMaps guide. Departing Sydney we make our way down the Hume Highway to Canberra spending the afternoon on a flexible itinerary exploring the capital possibly including Mt Ainslie, Parliament House, Aust. War Memorial, Embassy district, Regatta Point Planning Exhibition and the Carillon. Finishing the day on a working farm. Your hosts tonight - Frank & Faye Biddle. **OVERNIGHT "AVALANCHE HOMESTEAD" FARMSTAY (Private Facilities). L/D**

DAY 2: SNOWY MOUNTAINS & SNOWY RIVER

After leaving Avalanche we make our way to Jindabyne in the Snowy Mountains and then head off the beaten-track into Kosciuszko National Park. Travelling down through beautiful tall sub-alpine eucalypt forests we wind our way to the intersections of the famous Snowy and Pinch Rivers where we enjoy a BBQ lunch (weather dependent) cooked over an open camp fire. Stopping often you'll discover places like Jacobs Ladder, Willis, the Pilot Wilderness and village of Suggan Buggan before making our way onto another farmstay "Springs" and our high country hosts Rob & Esme Boys. **OVERNIGHT "SPRINGS" FARMSTAY (Private room with Shared Facilities). B/L/D**

DAY 3: SNOWY RIVER NATIONAL PARK & MCKILLOPS BRIDGE

Following a hearty breakfast today we make our way down towards McKillops Bridge, one of the few bridges crossing the remote Snowy River. Admiring the Snowy River National Park scenery along the way we'll also stop to explore the Little River Gorge and/or stroll to the waterfalls cascading off the Gelatipy Plateau. A visit to McKillops Bridge really does enforce the power that once flowed in the famous Snowy River. From here we travel through the Alpine N.P. in the shadow of the famous Cobberas twin-mountains and onto the little towns of Benambra and Omeo. **OVERNIGHT DINNER PLAIN-BRIGHT AREA. B/L/D**

DAY 4: BOGONG HIGH PLAINS & ONTO MELBOURNE

On our last day we spend the morning exploring other parts of the Dinner Plain - Bogong High Plains area. Perhaps including a morning horseback trek (own cost) with campfire breakfast, native forest bush walk, little towns of Mt Hotham, Harrierville, Bright, and their farming communities. Making our way out of the mountains and onto Melbourne in the afternoon.

FINISH MELBOURNE APPROX 6:30PM B/L

CONTENT

HIGHLIGHTS

Duration: 4 days
 Travel: Approx. 4-5 hrs/day
 Departs: **Daily**
 Pickup: 8:00am Sydney
 Arrives: Approx 6:30pm Melbourne
 Includes: 4 lunches, 3 bkfst, 3 dinners. Farmstay and B&B/Motel accom. Expected entries & usual permits. Personalised tour, luxury 4WD transport, professional bushman-guide.
 Options: 1/2 day horse ride (own cost).
 Night wildlife spotting
 Canberra city accom. or historic Brindabella Station
 Clients: 2 adults minimum, 6 adults maximum

- Personalised, flexible tour with professional guide
- Stunning city of Canberra
- Magnificent scenery of the Snowy River, Snowy Mountains & Bogong High Plains
- Wild kangaroos, emus, brilliantly coloured parrots and other alpine wildlife.
- Warm & friendly local High Country people

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The term 'mud map' is an old Australian bush saying.

It dates back to the early years of European settlement when much of the continent was still unexplored and uncharted by white men. To outline

directions to each other, outback travellers used to draw maps in the dirt or in the mud after it had rained.

These in turn became known as 'mud maps'.



Often while sitting around a campfire fellow travellers would share stories, trade information and pass on the latest news. This news may have been the latest gold rush or possibly a recent flood and so the mud map became the focal point for describing the whole event.



The term mud map has remained in the Australian language particularly with people from the bush. These days however mud maps are usually hand drawn on

paper although you may occasionally see someone squat down and actually draw a map in the mud. While maps drawn in this way have largely been replaced by

printed maps, the local knowledge of the area which was so vital in days gone by must still be passed on by the experienced themselves.

