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Booking Information

Acceptance of T & C's It is understood by East Coast Coaches that all T&C's are accepted by the passenger when a deposit is paid.

Bookings Cancellations and Refunds Bookings can be made by completing a booking form and returning it to East Coast Coaches with the required deposit. Reservations can only be held for 7days without deposit. Final Payment is due 30 Days prior to departure. East Coast Coaches retains the right to cancel a tour due to insufficient numbers or unforeseen circumstances. In this instance either a substitute date or full refund will be offered.

Cancellation Policy The following fees apply according to notice given— 30 days prior to departure of tour, forfeit of deposit only 21 days or less full forfeit. Where a non-refundable ticket has been purchased this will be in addition to cancellation fee.

Tour Costs Tour Prices are current at time of Printing but subject to change without notice for unforeseen circumstances such as, Higher motel costs, Venues closing and replacing them with more expensive venues. All tour costs include GST. Tour price excludes drinks, telephone calls, mini bars, insurance and personal items.

General Conditions Seats cannot be reserved on tours. However, It is East Coast Coaches policy to rotate seats daily to ensure all passengers will enjoy seating.

Dietary Requirements Special meal requests must be advised at time of booking. All efforts will be made to accommodate special requirements such as , Vegetarian, Coeliac Meals, Gluten Free & Lactose Intolerant Meals

Luggage Restrictions Due to weight restriction imposed on coaches for different roads, passengers are limited to one medium sized suitcase p/p Maximum weight not to exceed 20kgs. One piece of hand luggage will be permitted to be carried onboard the coach.

Single Supplement & Travelling Alone A limited number of single rooms are available on each trip. Addition cost occurs for the sole use of a room

Special needs It is essential that you advise of any mobility, Medical conditions, or special needs that you may have at time of booking so we can ensure those needs are met as best as possible. Passengers requiring special assistance are welcome aboard provided that they are accompanied by an able bodied companion capable of providing the necessary assistance when required.

Liability East Coast Coaches while on tour reserves the right to alter or change the itinerary in the best interest of passengers, accommodation or carriers at anytime for any reason. While traveling we shall not be liable for any person taking the tour for a loss, injury or damage to such persons or belongings or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services or resulting directly or indirectly for any occurrences beyond its control including breakdown of equipment, Theft, cancellation or changes in itinerary or schedules etc.

Travel insurance is advisable on all tours.

6 Day Lightning Ridge Opal Tour

10th June - 15th June



Tour Costs: From \$417/day

**\$2,500 Per Person Twin/Double Share
\$390 Single Supplement**

A \$50 Deposit is required at time of booking.

Final payment due 30days prior to scheduled departure.

Travel insurance not included however it is highly recommended all passenger take it out.

Bookings Close on the 9th May 2025

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Day 1—Tue 10th June — Home to Moree (L,D)

Welcome to our fantastic tour to **Lightning Ridge**. Meeting our friendly crew and fellow travellers, we begin our holiday. Spending the morning getting to know one another on the coach, we arrive at Goondiwindi, a laid-back town with natural beauty. Here we have lunch planned at the **Victoria Hotel**. You'll find this Hotel to be eye-catching with a picturesque mix of Victoriana and Jazz Age, with a dash of Early Colonial! Feeling contented after our meal, we continue our journey to **Moree**. Stopping at the **Visitor Centre**, we enjoy a **tasting** of the local produce followed by a **town tour**, where we uncover the town's rich culture, heritage and natural assets. Thanking our guide, we head to our hotel for the evening. *(Lunch Included, Dinner included)*

Day 2—Wed 11th June —Moree to Lightning Ridge (B,L,D)

This morning, we head to Lightning ridge, famous for its magnificent opals, including the exceptionally rare black opal. Upon arriving, we enjoy lunch before meeting our local guide, who will unearth the towns history and peculiar characteristics. During this tour visit an open cut mine and the Artesian Bore Baths, where many locals and visitors alike can enjoy a therapeutic soak in the naturally heated thermal baths. At Cooper's Cottage, one of the oldest houses in Lightning Ridge, we find that the historical setting embraces the living conditions of the mining pioneer. After a wonderful day, we arrive at our hotel.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)

Day 3—Thurs 12th June — Lightning Ridge (B,D)

Explore beneath your feet at **Opal Mine Adventure!** Venture into the easy access walk in mine and experience the atmosphere of being underground just like a miner. At the **John Murray Art Gallery**, it's clear John likes to make people smile, as his pieces are filled with light and humour! Enjoying free time to purchase lunch, we regroup for an intriguing visit to the **Chambers of the Black Hand** - an immersive art experience. Located 12m underground, you'll be astonished by the numerous sculptures, all hand carved into the sandstone walls by artist, Ron Canlin's. This is truly a one-of-a-kind experience, where you won't believe it until you see it! Back above ground, we finish the day at **Amigo's Castle**. It's not every day you see a castle, let alone one quite as unique as this! Uncovering the story behind these walls, we learn that in this dry and outback place, where men dig to find their futures, Amigo built his castle with real character.

(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)

Day 4—Fri 13th June — Glengarry, Grawin & Sheepyard (B,L,D)

Set off and explore further afield at **The Grawin***. Many are lured to the opal fields of Glengarry, Grawin and Sheepyard, for the rare glimpse into the life on an authentic mining settlement. While exploring the area we discover that unlike the native bush environment around Lightning Ridge, the landscape across this region is rugged, comparable to the surface of the moon; dusty and barren, just waiting to be unearthed. Our **local guide** will join us on our exploration today giving us an incredible insight into the area with lunch being enjoyed at the Glengarry Hilton. On our way back to our hotel we have one final treat planned at **Bevan's Cactus Nursery**, home to the world's only opal mining cactus farmers. Bevan's is another 'must see and do' whilst in Lightning Ridge and is wonderful example of the ingenuity and determination that went into making Lightning Ridge such an interesting and amazing place to visit. *(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

Day 5—Sat 14th June — Lightning Ridge to St George (B,L,D)

Farewell "The Ridge" with its amazing personalities and settle into a morning's travel before enjoying lunch at one of Queensland's oldest hotels, the Nindigully Pub, fondly known by the locals as "The Gully. Continuing our journey, we head to the banks of the Balonne and step aboard a **Sandytown River Cruise**. Be mesmerised by the colourful scenery, enriched commentary and wildlife along the beautiful Balonne River before returning to dry land. This afternoon, in an unassuming brick building in the main street of **St George**, we find the humble emu egg carved into a stunning, illuminated piece of art by local artisan Steve Margaritis. The **Unique Egg** is the world's only display of hand-carved, illuminated emu eggs, which have been gifted as far as the White House! Afterwards we settle into our hotel. *(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner included)*

Day 6—Sun 15th June — St George to Home (B,L)

What an amazing and colourful holiday we have had together exploring the unique - Lightning Ridge. Unfortunately, all good things come to an end, so today with our picnic lunches packed, sit back and relax on the journey home. *(Breakfast & Lunch included)*

