



GRIFFITH – SPRING FEST 2024

Wed 16th to Mon 21st October - 6 days/5 nights

Tour Inclusions:

- Door to door pick up and return
- Luxury Coach Travel
- 5 nights quality motel accommodation
- 5 cooked breakfasts
- 5 Dinners

Tour Highlights:

- The Big Strawberry
- Griffith Spring Festival
- Citrus Sculptures
- Guided Tour of Griffith
- Private Garden Visits
- Pioneer Park Museum
- Altina Wildlife "Zoo-fari"
- Griffith Art Gallery & War Museum
- Catania Fruit Salad Farm
- Griffith Central Market Day
- Wangaratta

And much more.....





Griffith Spring Fest

Griffith Spring Fest is a vibrant annual event held in October in Griffith, New South Wales.

The festival is celebrated during the two-week Citrus Sculpture display. This year, the festival will be celebrating its 27th year with a range of exciting events including the unique Real Juice Company Citrus Sculptures & the stunning Griffith Garden Festival with beautiful open gardens. The festival celebrates Griffith's rich food and wine culture and the contribution of migrants who settled in the region after the First and Second World Wars.

It's a great way to experience the cultural richness of the region.

DAY 01: HOME TO Griffith – Wednesday

(L/D)

This morning, we depart early to make our way towards **The Big Strawberry in Koonoomoo**. One of the "Big icons" in Australia, the giant strawberry is one of the most photographed pieces of fruit in Australia, housing a large fully licensed café, where we will enjoy a light lunch. Feel free to browse their selection of homemade jams, chutneys, wines, and ice-creams. After crossing the Mighty Murray River we head towards **Griffith**, situated in the NSW Riverina Region, the heart of **Australia's Food Bowl** (with comfort stops enroute). Arriving at the **Kidman Wayside Inn** we have time to relax a little before heading to the onsite restaurant for a lovely **2 course dinner**.

Accommodation – The Kidman Wayside Inn, Griffith (4 nights)

DAY 02: Thursday

(B/L/D)

Our tour of the region begins at the **Griffith Tourism Hub** providing a wonderful display area which captures some of the local history, the water story, and the agriculture. The stained-glass window with a colourful view from Hermit's Cave, located inside the Centre is also worth a look. Our **local guide** joins us here taking us on an informative **highlights tour** which includes stops at **Hermit's Cave Lookout** offering excellent views across vineyards, orange orchards and rice fields to **Cocoparra National Park** and the **Binya Hills** in the distance. After returning our guide, we head south to **Darlington Point** for a light lunch before arriving at **Altina Wildlife Park**. A visit to the Altina Wildlife Park and **Zoo-Fari** are like no other, meet the animals up close and personal with your guide whilst travelling in style on personalised **horse drawn or motorised carts**. Altina's guides take all visitors around the park to meet the animals during their daily feed times to see these magnificent animals closer than you ever thought possible. The guided tour around the park goes for 2.5 hours and is the only way to see Altina's animals. You'll be sure to enjoy this experience of a lifetime. We return to Griffith to enjoy another dinner at the motel restaurant.

Overnight – The Kidman Wayside Inn, Griffith (4 nights)



DAY 03: Friday

(B/D)

After another great breakfast we head out to visit the **private gardens** that are open for display as part of the Spring Fest and marvel at the work done by their owners – maybe even take home an idea or two for our own gardens. Purchase yourself something to eat at the open gardens. All have **Morning tea and Lunch available**. After our delightful morning we're we visit the **Catania Fruit Salad Farm** for our **Farm Safari** - All aboard the air-conditioned bus for a safari through the farm, taking in over 60 different types of fruits. Who knows, we may stop along the way to sample some fruits. Catania Farm is one of the oldest farms in the district. The original mud brick farmhouse was built in 1912 using soil ploughed from the farm, and still stands today. Following our interesting tour we make our way to the **Griffith Pioneer Park Museum**. Set amongst 11 hectares of picturesque bush land, Pioneer Park Museum is an open-air facility dedicated to preserving the history of Griffith and its surrounds. The Museum's Collection is full of original local buildings, horse drawn and motorised vehicles, old farm machinery and broad range of antiques specifically used in the local area. We make our way back to the motel in time to relax a little before meeting up again for dinner at the motel restaurant.

Overnight – The Kidman Wayside Inn, Griffith (4 nights)

DAY 04: Saturday

(B/L/D)

Today is Festival Day – This morning we visit **Griffith Central** for their **monthly market day!** Supporting **home-based businesses**, we're able to pick up some amazing produce, products, and everything in between. With some time to browse the stalls and grab your self some morning tea before we make our way to the **Griffith Art Gallery & War Museum**, here special attention is given to the Gallipoli/ Western Front, Palestine, Middle East campaigns in the form of slide shows, photo collections/stories, artefacts, weapons, nominal and honour rolls of local Servicemen. Next, we're off to enjoy **lunch at the Griffith Leagues Club**. This afternoon we visit **Banna Ave** with time to wander through the fantastic **Citrus sculptures** and **enjoy the Spring Festival** (festival program has yet to be released). After a lovely day we head back to our motel to freshen up before heading out to one of the **towns local restaurants to enjoy a lovely dinner together**.

Overnight – The Kidman Wayside Inn, Griffith (4 nights)



DAY 05: Sunday – Griffith to Wangaratta

(B/L/D)

After another gorgeous **brekky**, we bid farewell to Griffith and begin to slowly make our way South. Stopping for **morning tea and lunch** along the way we head to **Wangaratta** for an overnight stay at one of our **favourite hotels, the Quality Hotel Gateway Wangaratta**. Whilst here we enjoy dinner at the hotel’s restaurant – you’re in for a treat!

Accommodation – Wangaratta Gateway Hotel

DAY 06: Monday - Wangaratta TO HOME

(B/L)

After breakfast we make our way further south towards home. Stopping at **Euroa** for Morning Tea before making our way through Seymour and on to **Beveridge**. We stop to view the **Kelly Family Home** built by Red Kelly (Ned’s father) before our final lunch destination for this trip – **Club Mandalay**. Overlooking the golfing green, we relax in the comfort of the beautiful clubhouse whilst enjoying a lovely lunch created with an emphasis on local produce & ingredients. What a fabulous way to finish our trip. We enjoy a leisurely drive home where our **chauffeurs will be on hand to take us straight to our door** - all part of Daytripper Tours friendly service.

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\$2395-pp
(\$420- single supplement)**

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