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OUTBACK NSW Music Tour

with **Brendan Scott**

Visit NSW's most iconic outback sites
and enjoy a host of great music

30 August - 13 September 2025



**Bathurst, Dubbo, Cobar, Bourke,
Lightning Ridge, Gunnedah, Tamworth,
Kempsey, Grafton, Tenterfield, Gold Coast**



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- Hotel and motel accommodation throughout

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Join me for an experience you will never forget. This is a fabulous tour visiting many of NSW's most iconic, remote, historic and beautiful places. Highlights include the CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope, the Taronga Western Plains Zoo, the Slim Dusty Museum, aboriginal rock art (near Cobar), & the opal fields at Lightning Ridge. Plus, outstanding Aussie entertainment, including Amos Morris (Slim Dusty Tribute performance), The Crosby Sisters, the Australian Outback Spectacular, and various Brendan Scott and John Howie performances. – *Brendan Scott*

DAY 1 Saturday 30 August 2025

Bathurst
Morning: Depart Sydney and travel to the spectacular Blue Mountains. From the viewing platform at Echo Point, Katoomba, enjoy views of the Grand Canyon-like Jamison Valley and the iconic Three Sisters. Morning tea in Katoomba. During morning tea we'll watch a DVD of excellent local bush poet, Gregory North, doing recitals of several bush poems (including at least a couple of very funny recitals of much-loved Banjo Paterson poems). Afternoon: Visit Lithgow (historic industrial/coal mining town), for lunch. On arrival in Bathurst, visit Miss Traill's House (beautiful historic home) & enjoy a coach tour of Bathurst, including visit to the Mount Panorama Motor Racing Circuit (if available). Evening: Commencement of Tour Dinner. Brendan Scott will sing a few songs for us. Overnight: Heritage Inn Bathurst. (MorningTea,D)

DAY 2 Sunday 31 August 2025

Dubbo
Travel to Dubbo, via Orange and Parkes. Morning: Orientation tour of Orange, a city/region known for its excellent produce & fine wines. On arrival in Parkes, visit the Henry Parkes Centre, which includes the King's Castle Elvis Exhibit and the Parkes Motor Museum. Afternoon: Visit the CSIRO Parkes Radio Telescope (star of the movie, 'The Dish'). It is one of Australia's most iconic landmarks – an impressive piece of scientific equipment, ironically in the middle of sheep paddocks! On arrival in Dubbo, enjoy an orientation tour including the Visitor Information Centre. Evening: Enjoy a special concert...Brendan Scott Live in Dubbo! Overnight: Orana Motel. (B)



DAY 3 Monday 1 September 2025

Dubbo
Morning: Visit the excellent Taronga Western Plains Zoo. See more than 4,000 exotic animals at this 300 hectare open range sanctuary. The zoo breeds rare & endangered species, such as the bison, Galapagos tortoise, & southern white rhinoceros. Afternoon: Free time. You may wish to visit the Old Dubbo Gaol, the Western Plains Cultural Centre (which houses the Dubbo museum), or the Dubbo Regional Art Gallery. Evening: After dinner at Dubbo RSL, enjoy a fun-filled singalong session with John Howie & Brendan Scott. (B,D)

DAY 4 Tuesday 2 September 2025

Cobar
Travel west, to the mining town of Cobar, located in the rugged and beautiful Western Plains region of central western NSW. Stop for morning tea in the town of Nyngan. On arrival in Cobar visit the Fort Bourke Hill Lookout. From the viewing platform there are wonderful views of an open-cut mining pit, the town, and the district landscape. After lunch visit the Cobar Miners Heritage Park and the Great Cobar Heritage Centre (the town's information centre and Heritage Museum).

Late afternoon: Visit Cobar's newest tourist attraction...The Sound Chapel – an incredible music/sound space made out of the town's former, abandoned water storage tank! We (the Outback NSW Water Tank Singers) will sing 2 songs, in the Sound Chapel, that we have rehearsed during the first few days of our tour. Evening: Enjoy a group dinner at the Cobar Memorial Services Club. Overnight: Cobar Town & Country Motor Inn. (B,D)

DAY 5 Wednesday 3 September 2025

Bourke
Morning: Visit the Mount Grenfell Historic Site (north-west of Cobar), to view amazing aboriginal rock art. Lunch, in Cobar, before heading north, to Bourke. Famous for the expression 'Back O' Bourke', this historic Darling River town has connections with Charles Bean (WW1 historian), Fred Hollows (eye surgeon), and Henry Lawson (poet). Lawson spent some time in Bourke and said, famously, 'You don't know Australia until you know Bourke.' On arrival in Bourke visit the Back O Bourke Exhibition Centre, where we have afternoon tea, and learn about the Inland Sea, Charles Bean, the wool industry, Riverboats, and marvellous stories of our women of the west. Evening: After dinner enjoy a fun-filled music quiz. Excellent prizes for the winning teams! Overnight: Darling River Motel, Bourke. (B,MorningTea,AfternoonTea)

DAY 6 Thursday 4 September 2025

Bourke
Morning: Enjoy a tour of Bourke (and local agricultural region) with excellent local guide, Stuart Johnson. Visit Fred Hollows' grave in the Bourke Historic Cemetery. Also, visit the Historic Wharf area, including the impressive Crossley Engine display. Afternoon: Visit the Back O' Bourke Gallery – gallery/studio of renowned outback landscape artist Jenny Greentree (if available). Evening: Enjoy a Bush Ballad music session, hosted by John Howie & Brendan Scott. An opportunity for you to sing your favourite Aussie bush ballad songs. (B)

DAY 7 Friday 5 September 2025

Lightning Ridge
Morning: Travel to the outback opal mining town of Lightning Ridge. Afternoon: Sightseeing coach tour of Lightning Ridge, with local guide, including the opal fields, an opal shop, and lots of quirky sights. Visit the Big Opal Underground Mine & the fabulous John Murray Art Gallery. John Murray's whimsical photo-realism art makes you smile. He paints parodies of birds & other animals, and human behaviour. Evening: Dinner at one of Lightning Ridge's excellent restaurants, followed by an after-dinner performance by Brendan Scott. Overnight: Lightning Ridge Outback Resort. (B,AfternoonTea,D)

DAY 8 Saturday 6 September 2025

Gunnedah
Today we travel to Gunnedah, situated in the Liverpool Plains – a very fertile agricultural region. Along the way, in Walgett, see impressive Water Tower Art (excellent image of aboriginal singer, Jimmy Little). Also, stop in Narrabri, where we will have lunch and inspect the cotton exhibition at the Visitor Information Centre. On arrival in Gunnedah visit The Mackellar Centre, which explores





Brendan Scott

Brendan Scott is an accomplished and experienced performer who has been part of the Australian entertainment industry ever since his stage debut at age 4. He has worked in all facets of the entertainment industry and continues to use his wealth of experience to entertain audiences in many parts of Australia. In his performances, Brendan showcases his many talents. Not only does he sing many well-known songs, he also plays piano, guitar, saxophone, banjo, and violin. If that's not enough, Brendan often surprises audiences by launching into a Tap Dance. Add to this Brendan's flare for audience interaction and participation as well as his ability to have people in stitches with his comedy, and you have a complete entertainment experience.



John Howie

John was a secondary school music teacher for 23 years (taught Kylie Minogue). He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers. John has been leading successful music tours & music cruises for 28 years.



The Crosby Sisters

The Crosby Sisters are an Australian country music duo consisting of Jodie and Kelly Crosby. In 2001 the sisters won the Vocal Group or Duo of the Year Golden Guitar at the Country Music Awards in Tamworth. The Crosby Sisters are known for their outstanding vocal harmonies.



Amos Morris - Slim Dusty Tribute Performance

One of our tour highlights will be a visit to the Slim Dusty Museum, in Kempsey. We will also see Slim's boyhood home, at Nulla Nulla Creek, and enjoy a Slim Dusty Tribute performance by Amos Morris. Amos is a dual Tamworth Golden Guitar award winner. When he won the Bush Ballad of the Year Golden Guitar, in 2008, he was the youngest ever winner in that category.



Australian Outback Spectacular

The Australian Outback Spectacular's current dinner and show, 'Heartland', is a heart-warming indoor arena show with a star-studded cast, inspiring animal performances, and incredible special effects. The story depicts the struggles of Australian farmers and life in the outback, as told through humour and quirky characters, set to the soundtrack of popular Australian country music.

the life and poetry of Dorothea Mackellar (famous for her poem, My Country). Also visit Anzac Park, to see excellent bronze statue of Dorothea Mackellar, which acknowledges her connection with the Gunnedah district. Evening: John Howie & Brendan Scott will host a fun-filled Bush Poetry session. Your chance to recite your favourite Aussie bush poems. Overnight: TBC. (B)

DAY 9 Sunday 7 September 2025

Tamworth

Travel to Tamworth, Australia's country music capital. Enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of the town. Visit the excellent Australian Country Music Hall of Fame, which includes fascinating items like the Panther motorcycle Geoff Mack (wrote the song I've Been Everywhere) and his wife, Tabbi, rode from London to Australia, in 1954. Also see the cheap guitar Kasey Chambers took to South Africa (on holidays with her mum, in 2001), with which she wrote several of her hit songs, including The Captain. We will also see Tamworth's iconic Big Golden Guitar and the Country Music Pioneers Parade (bronze busts) in Bicentennial Park. John Howie has been attending the Tamworth Country Music Festival for 45 years. He will make sure you see all of Tamworth's highlights! Evening: Dinner at one of Tamworth's excellent clubs, including country music entertainment by The Crosby Sisters. Overnight: Tamworth Motor Inn. (B)

DAY 10 Monday 8 September 2025

Kempsey

Today we travel to Kempsey, in the Mid North Coast region of NSW. Stop in the town of Walcha, where we visit Nat Buchanan's grave. Nat Buchanan was a great Australian pastoralist/explorer/drover/bushman, with many great feats from the 1860s to 1890s. We will also visit Walcha's The Big Black Building (big shed-type building with excellent antiques & gifts), including morning tea. Lunch in Wauchope. Afternoon: Near Kempsey, visit Crescent Head Lookout. Panoramic views of the ocean, Goolawah Beach, and the Kempsey hinterland. On arrival in Kempsey, short orientation tour, before checking into our accommodation. Overnight: City Centre Motel, Kempsey. (B, Morning Tea)



DAY 11 Tuesday 9 September 2025

Kempsey

A highlight of our tour...this morning we will visit the Slim Dusty Centre, including the outstanding Slim Dusty Museum. David Kirkpatrick (Slim Dusty) grew up in the Kempsey region. The museum includes a fabulous collection of Slim Dusty memorabilia, including the caravan and purple car ('Old Purple') that Slim and Joy (Joy McKean... Slim's wife) used to travel in, when touring Australia. Afternoon: See Slim's boyhood home, at Nulla Nulla Creek, near the village of Bellbrook (about 50 kms west of Kempsey). On arrival in the area, we will have lunch at the Bellbrook Hotel, prior to seeing Slim's boyhood home. Note: We are not able to go into the house. Evening: Dinner in Kempsey, including a Slim Dusty Tribute performance by Amos Morris. (B,L,D)



Echo Point and the Three Sisters

DAY 12 Wednesday 10 September 2025

Grafton

Morning: Travel to Southwest Rocks, where you will enjoy spectacular coastal scenery. See the beautiful Smoky Cape Lighthouse and explore the ruins of Trial Bay Gaol. Then travel to the town of Macksville, for morning tea. Late morning: Visit the Pub With No Beer, at Taylors Arm. Songwriter/recording artist Gordon Parsons wrote the song A Pub With No Beer in the mid-1950s, based on the poem A Pub Without Beer, written by Dan Sheahan, from Queensland, in 1943. Parsons maintained that the lyrics he wrote were about the pub at Taylors Arm (his local pub, at the time). Lots of Pub With No Beer/Slim Dusty memorabilia on the walls of the Pub With No Beer. Enjoy a barbecue lunch at the Pub With No Beer. Then travel to the coastal town of Nambucca Heads, where we visit the Captain Cook Lookout (superb views of the Nambucca River estuary and coastline). Continue on to Coffs Harbour, where we will stop for afternoon tea and visit the very interesting Carobana Confectionary shop/factory. On arrival in Grafton enjoy a short orientation tour before checking in to our accommodation. Overnight: TBC. (B,L)

DAY 13 Thursday 11 September 2025

Tenterfield

Morning: Visit Grafton's Schaeffer House Museum. Built by Grafton's first architect (c. 1900) this beautiful house is home to the Clarence River Historical Society's outstanding collection. We then travel to Tenterfield, which is located at the northern end of NSW's beautiful New England region. Afternoon: Visit the Tenterfield Saddlery, where Peter Allen's grandfather, George Woolnough, worked as a saddler for 50 years. We will sing Peter Allen's song, The Tenterfield Saddler, as well as his other great song, I Still Call Australia Home. Also visit the Sir Henry Parkes School of Arts Museum. This historic building features the Banquet Hall where Sir Henry Parkes delivered his famous 'Federation Speech' (1889). Evening: Enjoy a special concert, Brendan Scott Live in Tenterfield. Overnight: Settlers Motor Inn. (B)

DAY 14 Friday 12 September 2025

Gold Coast

Today we travel to the Gold Coast, via Lismore (morning tea) and Byron Bay (lunch). On arrival, sightseeing coach tour of the Surfers Paradise/Gold Coast area. Late afternoon: Free time in the Gold Coast/Surfers Paradise area. Evening: Attend the Gold Coast's outstanding Australian Outback Spectacular. This indoor arena show features Australian characters, amazing technology, and magnificent animals (including spectacular horse-riding). A fabulous 3-course meal and drinks (beer, wine & soft drinks) are included. Overnight: Mantra Sharks Southport Hotel. (B,D)

DAY 15 Saturday 13 September 2025

Departure

Morning: Commence flights home, from Coolangatta (Gold Coast) airport. Tour concludes.

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Tour Price

The price per person, twin-share \$ 5,995
Single supplement \$ 1,095

Included in the tour price:

- Accommodation in well-located hotels and motels, on a twin-share basis, with private facilities, throughout the tour. Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Daily breakfast (except for Day 1); 6 dinners; 2 lunches; 3 morning teas; 2 afternoon teas (as indicated by B, L, D, etc.).
- Lots of outstanding live entertainment, including: 3 Brendan Scott concerts (Dubbo, Lightning Ridge & Tenterfield); The Crosby Sisters (Tamworth); Amos Morris (Kempsey), and the Australian Outback Spectacular (Gold Coast). Also, lots of fun-filled informal music/singalong/bush poetry sessions, with John Howie and Brendan Scott.
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'. Just to clarify, cost of entry is included where we say 'visit' the attraction, as opposed to 'see' the attraction (where we don't go into the attraction, and cost of entry is not included).
- Entry to all music shows specifically mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Australian Outback Spectacular dinner & show (including drinks during the show), on the Gold Coast.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.

Not included in the price:

- **Airfares.** At the time of making your booking let Travelrite International's experts secure you the best available airfare.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals unless specified in itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary.

Commencement of Tour: As the tour will be departing central Sydney at approximately 8.30am on Saturday August 30th, many tour group members will need to travel to Sydney the day before (Friday Aug. 29th). When we did this tour in 2023, quite a few tour group members stayed, the night before commencement of tour, at the Great Southern Hotel Sydney, near Sydney's Central Station (rail station). Please note: the cost of this night's accommodation, and breakfast the next morning, is not included in our tour price. Our plan, at this stage, is for the tour to depart from the Great Southern Hotel Sydney, 717 George Street, Haymarket, Sydney, at 8.30am on Saturday 30th August 2025.

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