



  
**COWRA**  
*the great escape*  
COWRA QUICK STOP

9.30 - **Cowra Visitor Information Centre** – Olympic Park, Mid Western Highway. Wander the Rose Garden and the park.

**POW Theatre** – Situated in the Visitor Centre featuring the amazing hologram that tells the story of the Breakout and it's aftermath. This is an inspirational display that runs for nine minutes and seats 25 people.

10.00 - **Australia's World Peace Bell** – Darling Street  
 10.15am Cowra was honoured for its contribution to world peace and international understanding with the presentation of Australia's World Peace Bell in 1992. The original World Peace Bell stands in the forecourt of UN Headquarters in New York. There is an audio presentation at the World Peace Bell that runs for approximately 2 ½ minutes explaining the significance and history of the bell.

10.15 - **Australian and Japanese War Cemeteries** – Doncaster Drive  
 10.45am The only Japanese War Cemetery to be retained in Australia, it contains the remains of those Japanese soldiers who were killed in the Breakout and all the Japanese nationals who died on Australian soil during World War II.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission maintains the Cowra War Cemetery. The cemetery has become a showpiece for modern military cemeteries.

10.45 - **POW Campsite** – Evans Street  
 11.00am This is the haunting site of the largest mass breakout in modern military history. More than 1000 Japanese prisoners launched a mass suicide attack on their guards, Australian soldiers of the 22nd Garrison. More than 350 Japanese prisoners clawed their way to freedom. The site has a Memorial Cairn and ruins of the Prisoner of War Camp as well as a replica of one of the Guard Towers featuring an audio presentation.

11.00am - **Japanese Garden and Cultural Centre** – Binni Creek Road  
 12.45pm Five hectares of landscape gardens designed to represent the mountains, hills, rivers, streams, beaches and oceans of Japan. The Cultural Centre displays fine Japanese pottery, art, textiles, artefacts and a traditional Zen rock garden. Other features of the Japanese Garden include an open air Tatami room (a traditional Japanese living room), and a Bonsai display.