




COWRA
the great escape
FULL DAY TOUR

- 9.00 am** **POW Theatre at the Visitor's Centre**
 View the award winning hologram in the P.O.W. Theatre within the Visitor's Centre building. This is a free nine minute presentation that tells the story of the Cowra Breakout in 1944.
Cowra Visitors Centre 6342 4333
- 9.30 am** **Cowra Japanese Garden – Binni Creek Road**
 The 5ha Japanese Garden is designed to represent the landscapes of Japan. Special features of the garden include an authentic open air Tea House, Tatami Room and Bonsai House. The Cultural Centre adjoins the main entrance building and has three Galleries. Two galleries feature an extensive collection of Japanese art & artefacts and the third houses rotating art exhibitions. Group rates \$7 per person
For bookings contact: Japanese Garden 6341 2233
- 10.30 am** **Morning Tea – Japanese Garden Restaurant**
 The Restaurant offers inside or outside dining, but rest assured wherever you sit, you are guaranteed a magnificent view of the Japanese Garden.
For bookings contact: Japanese Garden 6342 5222
- 11.00 am** **Cherry Trees - Sakura Avenue**
 Sakura is the Japanese word for Cherry Blossom and Sakura Ave is lined with Japanese ornamental cherry trees. The avenue of cherry trees links the Japanese Garden to the Japanese & Australian War Cemeteries & upon completion will feature 2000 trees.
- 11.05am** **POW Camp site – Evans Street**
 Visit the site of the Cowra P.O.W. camp, where at 1.50am on the clear moonlit morning of August 5, 1944, the largest Prisoner of War breakout of modern military history occurred. 1104 Japanese

prisoners launched a "suicide attack" on their guards, Australian

soldiers of the 22nd Garrison. To the Japanese, the disgrace of capture could finally be overcome by dying in armed battle. Recently erected at the campsite is an 11 metre tall guard tower, a replica of one of the original towers which has an audio guide which details the breakout.

11.25 am Japanese & Australian War Cemeteries – Doncaster Drive

The only Japanese War Cemetery to be retained in Australia, it contains the remains of those Japanese soldiers killed in the Breakout, and all Japanese nationals who died on Australian soil in World War II. The Australian War Cemetery contains the remains of the four Australian soldiers killed during the Breakout in addition to other local soldiers who were killed during World War II.

11.45am Australia's World Peace Bell - Civic Square

The Australian World Peace Bell was awarded to Cowra for its longstanding contribution to world peace and international understanding. An audio presentation at the Peace Bell explains the history and significance of the World Peace Bell towards international understanding.

**12.00 pm Drive to Sunnyside for a Bungling Bushranger Hold-up of the
- 4 pm Coach and Lunch in Air-conditioned Comfort.**

After being held up by the bungling bushrangers make your way to Sunnyside, Scenic Road, Wirrimah, a half hour from Cowra. Sunnyside offers great family entertainment with bush poetry and also easy listening live music while you dine on a delicious buffet lunch, enjoy relaxing Clydesdale carriage rides around the beautiful gardens which include over 2000 landscaped roses.

Upon request, a tour of the amazing landra Castle can be arranged; it is only a short drive and an interesting and wondrous spectacle. Sunnyside lunch, hold-up and entertainment and landra Castle tour is

Bookings phone 6383 9255, \$45 per person

Free time and dinner at your selected venue

7:30 pm Drive to Darby Falls Observatory

At Darby's Falls Observatory you can explore the wide universe with one of the biggest telescopes available to the public.

Our astronomers will show you around the night sky, pointing out the splendors of the heavens- including the Moon, planets, galaxies, star clusters and nebulae.

Bookings phone 6345 1900