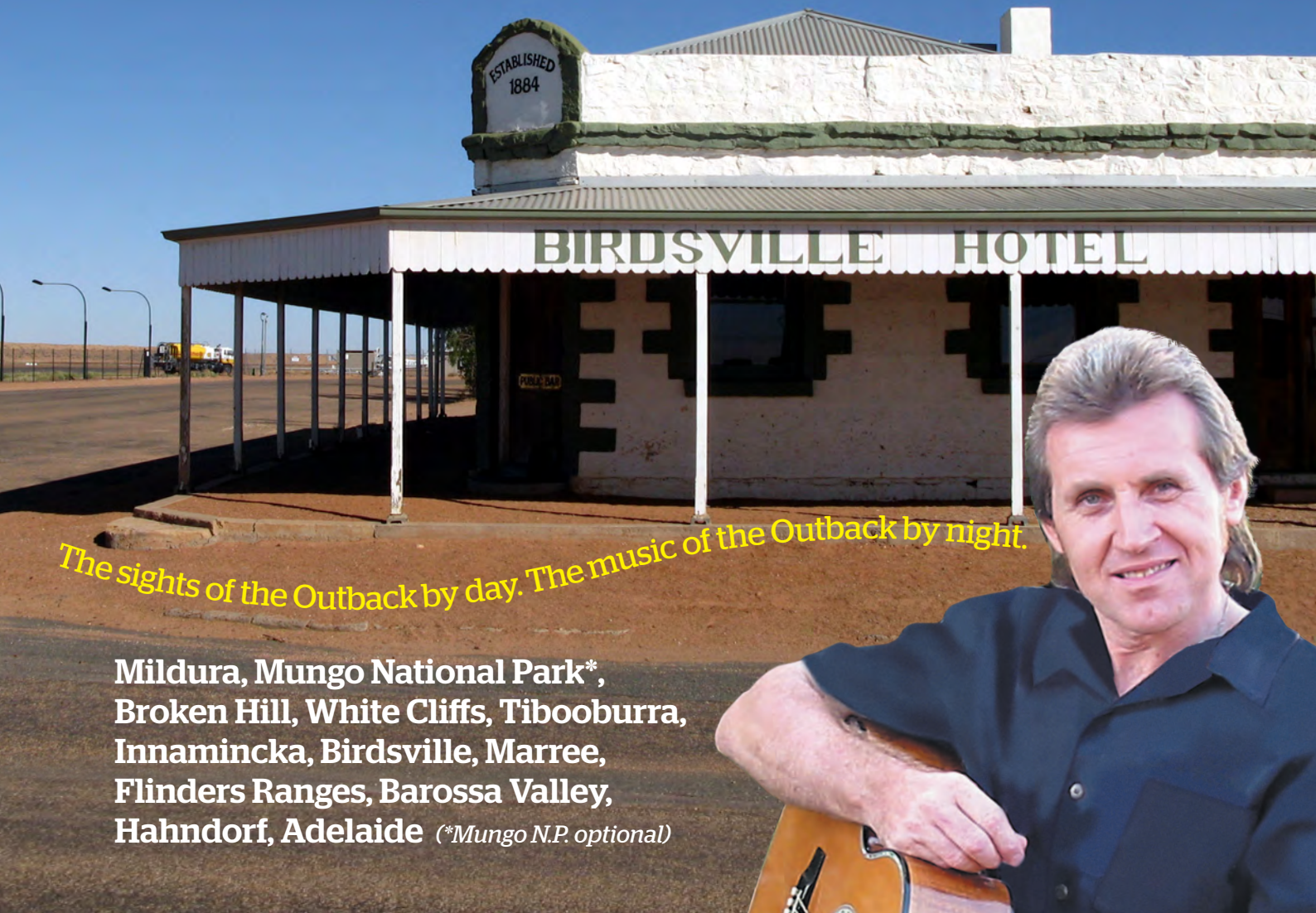


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AUSTRALIAN **Outback** *Music Tour*

with **Craig Giles**

12 to 26 May 2026



The sights of the Outback by day. The music of the Outback by night.

Mildura, Mungo National Park*,
Broken Hill, White Cliffs, Tibooburra,
Innamincka, Birdsville, Marree,
Flinders Ranges, Barossa Valley,
Hahndorf, Adelaide *(*Mungo N.P. optional)*

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DAY 1 Tuesday May 12, 2026 Mildura

Depart Melbourne and travel by coach to Mildura, stopping in Bendigo for morning tea. On arrival in Mildura, short panoramic tour. *Evening:* Dine at your leisure. Lots of excellent restaurants right next to our hotel. *Overnight:* Quality Hotel Mildura Grand.

DAY 2 Wednesday May 13, 2026 Mildura

Today you have a choice of (1) visiting the World Heritage listed Mungo National Park, famous for its lunar-like landscapes and aboriginal heritage, or (2) spending the day in Mildura. The Mungo N. P. day trip and the activities for those who stay in Mildura, are optional (more information, back page). *Evening:* Dine at your leisure. After dinner you are invited to an informal 'music session' with local acoustic/folk musicians. (B)

DAY 3 Thursday May 14, 2026 Broken Hill

Travel north, to Wentworth, NSW, where the Murray and Darling rivers meet. Sightseeing coach tour of Wentworth, including the river junction, Perry Sand Hills (ancient sand dunes), and Possum's Statue (Possum was a famous hermit who lived along the banks of the Murray). After morning tea in Wentworth, head north to Broken Hill, stopping for lunch along the way. *Afternoon:* On arrival in Broken Hill, sightseeing tour of this fascinating outback mining town, with local guide. Visit The Big Picture (excellent art gallery/retail establishment), and the Living Desert Sculpture Symposium (12 giant sandstone sculptures) on the outskirts of the town. *Evening:* Enjoy dinner at one of Broken Hill's best restaurants, then attend an outback concert, featuring the Broken Hill Civic Orchestra. After the concert enjoy supper with the performers. *Overnight:* Comfort Inn Crystal Motel, Broken Hill. (B,L,D,Supper)

Old buildings at mining site in Broken Hill



DAY 4 Friday May 15, 2026 Silverton/ Broken Hill

Morning: After breakfast visit White's Mineral Art & Mining Museum, where you will learn about Broken Hill's mining heritage. Then visit Broken Hill's famous Royal Flying Doctor Service base. Morning tea at Bells Milk Bar and Museum (1950s milk bar, famous for its milkshakes, sodas, spiders, etc.). *Afternoon:* Travel to the fascinating old



mining town of Silverton, now virtually a ghost town. Visit the famous Silverton Hotel, which has featured in various movies and TV commercials. Return to Broken Hill, where we visit the Pro Hart Gallery and the Broken Hill Miners Memorial. *Evening:* Enjoy a special concert... Craig Giles Live in Broken Hill! (B)

DAY 5 Saturday May 16, 2026 Wilcannia/ White Cliffs

Depart Broken Hill and head north-east to the opal-mining settlement of White Cliffs, where the thousands of shafts dug since the 1880s have created an eerie, pockmarked landscape. On the way visit the historic Darling River town of Wilcannia, where we will go on a short tour with local guide. Morning tea at the Wilcannia Club Hotel, where John Howie is planning to have a short music session with some of the local aboriginal musicians. On arrival in White Cliffs, lunch at our accommodation. *Afternoon:* Tour of White Cliffs with local guide, including visits to the opal fields, an underground home, and an opal shop. *Evening:* After dinner John Howie and Craig Giles will lead a fun-filled informal music session. We will invite local musicians to join us. *Overnight:* the famous White Cliffs Underground Motel. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 Sunday May 17, 2026 Tibooburra

Morning: Depart White Cliffs and head northwest to Tibooburra. On the way visit Milparinka... virtually a ghost town these days. After lunch we visit Depot Glen, a shaded waterhole on Preservation Creek – one of the most famous exploration sites in Australia. It was here that explorer Charles Sturt and his party were marooned for 6 months, in 1845, on their epic search for an inland sea. Second in command James Poole perished here; we visit his grave. Then proceed to Tibooburra, a true outback town in the 'corner country' of far western New South Wales. You will have time to explore the town. The interior walls of the Family Hotel boast a mural of artwork by famous Australian artists, including Clifton Pugh and

Russell Drysdale. *Evening:* John Howie and Craig Giles will lead a fun-filled singalong session, on the porch of the Family Hotel, with, hopefully, some of the locals and some tour group members joining in. Then enjoy an excellent dinner at T.J.'s Roadhouse or the Family Hotel. *Overnight:* 'The Granites' Motel. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 Monday May 18, 2026 Innamincka

Today we travel northwest to Innamincka. Visit Fort Grey, where Sturt established his last base camp in 1845 before pushing on to the Cooper (Cooper Creek). Then proceed to Cameron Corner, where the borders of NSW, Queensland and SA meet. See Australia's famous Dingo Fence. Have lunch at the Corner Store. Proceed to Innamincka, which is situated on Cooper Creek close to where the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition of 1860-61 came to its tragic end. *Evening:* After dinner spend a relaxing evening around our wonderful outback hotel. *Overnight:* The Innamincka Hotel. (B,D)

DAY 8 Tuesday May 19, 2026 Innamincka

Morning: Visit Burke's Grave and the beautiful Cullyamurra Waterhole, both a few kilometres east of our hotel. The scenery along Cooper Creek, in the vicinity of Innamincka, is stunning. Beautiful water holes, fabulous gum trees, and lots of colourful Australian birds. Then visit the famous Dig Tree, where on May 22, 1861, Burke, Wills and King probably realised they were doomed. *Afternoon:* You will have some free time. You may like to visit the former Australian Inland Mission Hospital building, now a National Parks office and museum, located right next to our hotel. *Late Afternoon:* Further exploration of Cooper Creek. Travel to the west of our hotel, including a visit to King's Marker (marks the spot where King was found alive by a search party following the Burke and Wills expedition). *Evening:* Enjoy a fun-filled Aussie Campfire Singalong, in the beer garden of our hotel. We will invite the locals to join us. (B)

Dingo Fence, outback South Australia





Dave Prior

Dave Prior is an outstanding Country singer, songwriter and comedian, from South Australia. For many years he worked in the commercial radio industry, as an announcer, program director and station manager. However, a mid-life career change saw him working as a singer/comedian, including touring with Adam Harvey, Doug Walters (cricketer), and Rodney Vincent. Dave has released many CDs, including an outstanding Merle Haggard tribute CD, *Silver Wings and Haggard Things*.



Graeme Hugo

Graeme Hugo (guitar/vocal) is one of Australia's most popular, hard working and successful country music artists. He started his music career in 1972, at the age of 18. He and his wife, Lynne, live in the Yorke Peninsula area of South Australia. For over 50 years Graeme has performed all over Australia, including the Sydney Opera House & various clubs in and around Sydney. Graeme is looking forward to entertaining us at our Farewell Dinner in Adelaide.



Broken Hill Civic Orchestra

The Broken Hill Civic Orchestra was established in 1975 and had 25 members for its first performance. The orchestra has continued with an annual program of concerts since that time. Like most community orchestras, BHCOC consists of a string section, woodwind section, brass section and percussion section. The orchestra plays a wide range of music including classical and well-known popular music. The current conductor of the orchestra is Mark Curtis.



Über Oompah

Über Oompah is an outstanding German Oktoberfest-style band, from the Adelaide area. Many of Adelaide's early settlers were from the German region, in Europe, and places like Hahndorf and the Barossa Valley reflect this German heritage, with beautiful Lutheran churches and bands that include accordions and brass instruments. Über Oompah will perform for us, as a 3-piece or 4-piece band, in Nuriootpa (Barossa Valley). They describe themselves as 'a bunch of fun German entertainers'



Cooper Creek

DAY 9 Wednesday May 20, 2026 Birdsville

Depart Innamincka and head northwest to Birdsville, in far western QLD. Picnic lunch along the way. On arrival check into our hotel, then free time for you to meet the 'locals' in the main bar of the iconic Birdsville pub. **Evening:** Dinner in our hotel. After dinner John Howie will host an Aussie Bush Poetry session. Please join in and recite your favourite bush poems. **Overnight:** Birdsville Hotel-Motel (the Birdsville Pub). (B,L,D)

DAY 10 Thursday May 21, 2026 Birdsville

Morning: Tour of Birdsville, with local guide. Visit the Birdsville Racecourse (venue for the legendary Birdsville Races). Travel a short distance west of Birdsville to see (and climb) Big Red, a huge sand dune at the edge of the Simpson Desert. Also travel a short distance north of Birdsville, to see a small stand of Australia's rarest tree – the Waddy Tree. **Afternoon:** Lunch at the excellent Birdsville Bakery (own expense), then free time. Birdsville's Wirrarri Visitor Information Centre is worth visiting – it has a library, gallery space, workplace facilities with Wi-Fi access, & a short Birdsville documentary in the theatre. **Evening:** Enjoy a special concert....Craig Giles Live in Birdsville! (B)

DAY 11 Friday May 22, 2026 Marree

Leave Birdsville and head south along the Birdsville Track, to the remote town of Marree, "where trains and camels used to be" Along the way we have lunch at Mungerannie Roadhouse. Next to the roadhouse there are some lovely wetlands, with lots of birdlife; you might like to go for a 'dip' in the therapeutic warm waters of their Artesian bush pool. Upon arrival in Marree enjoy a short panoramic tour. You will also have time to explore the town on foot. **Evening:** Dinner in our hotel. Also, enjoy a performance by outstanding South Australian singer/songwriter/comedy entertainer, Dave Prior. **Overnight:** Marree Hotel. (B,D) (*A quote from the song Out in the Outback, by John Howie.)

DAY 12 Saturday May 23, 2026 Flinders Ranges

Depart Marree and travel south to Wilpena Pound, in the spectacular southern Flinders Ranges. On the way visit the ruins of Farina township. Proceed to the town of Copley, where, for morning tea, you may wish to sample one of the famous quandong pies at the Copley Bush Bakery. Visit Leigh Creek township, then pass through scenic Parachilna Gorge. Lunch in the historic town of Blinman. Near Wilpena Pound, see the Cazneau Tree, subject of a famous photograph entitled *The Spirit of Endurance*, taken by Dick Smith's grandfather, Harold Cazneau, in 1937. Then proceed to Wilpena Pound... an extraordinary natural basin measuring approximately 14 x 7 kilometres. It's like a huge natural fortress, with only one entry point. **Afternoon:** You will have the opportunity of going on a sightseeing flight over Wilpena Pound (optional). Or, you might like to join John Howie for a walk into Wilpena Pound. Beautiful southern Flinders Ranges scenery. **Evening:** After dinner Craig Giles will sing a few songs for us... a short, informal after-dinner performance! **Overnight:** Wilpena Pound Resort. (B,D)



Cazneau Tree, Flinders Ranges

DAY 13 Sunday May 24, 2026 Barossa Valley

This morning we travel south, heading for the Barossa Valley. Along the way we visit historic Burra, once a booming copper mining town. After a tour of the town you may like to sample one of the delicious local Cornish pasties, for lunch. Continue on to the Barossa Valley, one of Australia's premium wine growing regions. After a panoramic tour of the district we will visit a well-known winery. Then check into our accommodation, in Nuriootpa, one of the Barossa's main towns. **Evening:** Enjoy a performance by excellent local 'German' band, Über Oompah. The Barossa Valley, with its German heritage,



Abandoned house near Burra

is famous for its outstanding brass bands and German-flavoured bands. **Overnight:** Vine Inn & Vine Court Hotel/Motel, Nuriootpa. (B)

DAY 14 Monday May 25, 2026 Hahndorf/ Adelaide

Morning: Take a beautiful 'back roads' route from the Barossa Valley to the Hahndorf region, in the Adelaide Hills. On the way, visit the excellent Birdwood Motor Museum. Free time, for shopping and lunch, in the historic 'German' village of Hahndorf. **Afternoon:** Sightseeing coach tour of central Adelaide. Drive past the Adelaide Cricket Ground. Visit the R.M. Williams Outback Heritage Museum, located on the site of the original R.M. Williams boot and leather goods factory. **Evening:** For our final night of the tour enjoy a special Farewell Dinner. Entertainment will be provided by well-known South Australian country music performer, Graeme Hugo. **Overnight:** Comfort Inn Regal Park, North Adelaide. (B,D)

DAY 15 Tuesday May 26, 2026 Melbourne

Return to Melbourne, arriving approximately 6.45pm and the tour concludes. (B)



Hahndorf main street shop

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The tour price \$ 6,850 per person, twin-share
Single supplement \$ 1,195

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); 8 dinners; 4 lunches (as indicated by B, L & D); 1 supper; approx. 12 roadside morning & afternoon teas 'from the coach'.
- 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 cost of entrance is not included).
- Entry to all music shows specifically mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Sightseeing tours, with local guides, in Broken Hill, Wilcannia, White Cliffs, & Birdsville.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.
- 2 Craig Giles concerts, in Broken Hill and Birdsville.'
- Lots of fun-filled, informal music/singalong sessions, with Craig Giles & John Howie.

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.
- Optional trip to Mungo National Park, Day 2.
- Meals unless specified in itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary. These will be quoted for separately.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Fantastic outback scenery.
- 2 night stay at the legendary Birdsville Pub.
- Stay overnight in the famous Underground Dugout Motel in White Cliffs.
- Spend a day & night in the Flinders Ranges, staying at the Wilpena Pound Resort.
- A feast of great Aussie music & bush poetry, including: informal jam session, with local acoustic/folk musicians (Mildura); Broken Hill Civic Orchestra concert; Craig Giles concert (Broken Hill); morning music session (Wilcannia); evening music session (White Cliffs); singalong session, on porch of Family Hotel (Tibooburra); campfire singalong (Innamincka); Craig Giles concert (Birdsville); bush poetry session (in Birdsville); Dave Prior performance (Marree); short after dinner performance by Craig Giles (Wilpena Pound); Über Oompah 'German' band (Barossa Valley); Graeme Hugo performance (Adelaide).

Optional visit to Mungo National Park, Day 2. This day trip is with a local company called Discover Mildura. Depart Mildura at 8am, return to Mildura at approx. 4pm. The trip includes morning tea & lunch. It's about a 1½ hour drive, from Mildura to Mungo N.P. After morning tea, enjoy tour with local guide, including the spectacular crescent shaped Walls of China dune, which flanks part of the ancient dried up Lake Mungo. Also, visit magnificent Mungo Woolshed (1869). Approx. cost of this day trip: \$110 - \$120 per person (depending on how many in our group). Please tick box on booking form, if you wish to visit Mungo N.P. Travelrite will add the cost to your invoice.

Those who stay in Mildura, Day 2. Those who choose to stay in Mildura, Day 2, will have a free day. You may like to visit the following: historic Rio Vista Mansion (including the Mildura Regional Art Gallery....admission is free); the Australian Inland Botanic Gardens; the Mildura Holden Motor Museum; the RAAF Memorial & Museum (at Mildura Airport); Orange World; Trentham Estate Winery.



The tour manager will be John Howie

John was a secondary school music teacher for 25 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 30 years.

The organisers reserve the right to change any details of the tour that they believe will enhance the safety, quality, success and smooth running of the tour. For instance, if any entertainment mentioned in the itinerary is unavailable, we need to replace that entertainment with similar alternative acts.

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It is important that all tour participants have a basic level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

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