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Warrumbungles Tour

Dunedoo – Binnaway – Coonabarabran – Tooraweenah – Mendooran – Dunedoo

7 days/6 nights - Fully supported tour - Start/Finish – Dunedoo

Arrival Day: Dunedoo

Welcome to the start of your Warrumbungles cycling adventure!

Make your way to **Dunedoo**, where your accommodation has been pre-booked. Upon arrival, you'll be greeted by your tour leaders at the motel. In the evening, we'll gather for a relaxed **welcome dinner at the Dunedoo Hotel** — a great chance to meet your fellow riders and ask any last-minute questions.

Accommodation: Swan Motel – Dunedoo *(own expense, pre-booked)*
Please pay for accommodation directly at check-in.
Twin: $135 **or Single**: $115
Dinner: Dunedoo Hotel *(own expense)*

Day One: Dunedoo → Binnaway – 87 km

NB: Be sure to purchase meat today for BBQ in Binnaway

Today we begin our ride to Binnaway via the scenic **Digilah route**. For those who have ridden the Central West Cycle Trail (CWCT), this will be a new and interesting variation. Expect a mix of road surfaces and enjoy the peaceful countryside. Please be mindful of livestock as we ride through private properties. We'll roll into Binnaway in the afternoon and enjoy a cooling ale before checking into the historic **Binnaway Railway Barracks**.

Binnaway is known for being the filming location for ***The Shiralee***, birthplace of **Jack Renshaw**, NSW Premier (1964–1965) & home of **Frank Bourke's White Rose Orchestra**



Accommodation: Binnaway Railway Barracks *(own expense, pre-booked)*
Please pay for accommodation directly at check-in.
Double/Twin: $100; **Single**: $70 (Cash only)

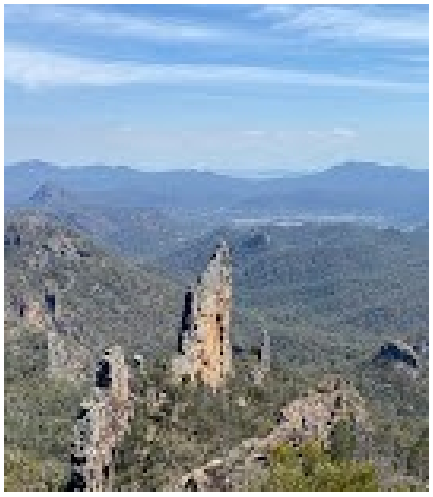
Included**:**
Morning Tea: Served en-route
Lunch: At Neilrex — a tiny locality alongside the railway line to Binnaway
Dinner: **DIY BBQ** at the Barracks *(meat not included)*. Salads will be provided.

Day Two: Binnaway → Coonabarabran – 62 km

Today's ride takes us through quiet country roads, skirting forested areas on the way to **Ulamambri** for a relaxing morning tea at the **Community Hall**.

After morning tea, we continue to **Coonabarabran** — the astronomy capital of Australia and gateway to the **Warrumbungle National Park**, home of Australia's first *Dark Sky Park*.

We'll have **lunch in Coonabarabran**, then head just out of town to our accommodation nestled near the edge of the National Park.



Accommodation: Mountain Motel, Coonabarabran
(own expense, pre-booked)
Please pay for accommodation directly at check-in.
Twin or Single: $130

Included:
Morning Tea: Ulamambri Community Hall
Lunch: In Coonabarabran
Dinner: Pizza delivered to motel

Day Three: Coonabarabran Loop – 35 km

Today we stay in **Coonabarabran** to explore the region further — but first, a climb! We ride to the **Siding Spring Observatory**, via **Blackburn Hill**. It's a short but challenging ascent, so take your time and enjoy the view.

At the summit, we'll enjoy **morning tea** at the Observatory Café and explore the **Exploratory Museum** and surrounding facilities.

The afternoon is yours to relax or continue exploring:



- Visit **Pilliga Pottery** for lunch and local art
- Or unwind at the **motel**, or take a ride back in to town

Accommodation: Mountain Motel, Coonabarabran *(own expense, pre-booked)*
Twin or Single: $130



Included:
Morning Tea: Observatory Café – Siding Springs

Not included:
Lunch: Optional (*Pilliga Pottery*)
Dinner: Local Chinese Restaurant

Day Four: Coonabarabran → Armatree

Leaving Coonabarabran, we ride through the stunning **Warrumbungle National Park** en-route to Armatree.



We'll stop at the **Visitors Centre** for a light morning tea and refreshments before continuing to **Emu Logic**, a family-run emu farm. At Emu Logic, enjoy a guided tour to see the emus up close, browse the farm shop and have lunch provided by Emu Logic.

Armatree was established during the late 1830s and the village grew around the railway construction. The **Armatree Hotel** was built in 1929 & remains the village's focal point.

Accommodation: Armatree Hotel
Please pay for accommodation directly at check-in.
Cost: $70–$100 *(own expense, pre-booked)*

Included:
Morning Tea: Warrumbungle Visitors Centre
Lunch: Emu Logic Emu Farm

Day Five: Armatree → Mendooran – 50 km (with transfer)

Today, after a short transfer to **Tooraweenah**, we cycle toward Mendooran. Enjoy a bush-style morning tea along the way.

In Mendooran, we'll stay at a comfortable B&B and have the opportunity to visit either the **Bee Farmer** or **Blue Sky Cheese** (subject to opening hours).



Accommodation: Mendooran B&B
Please pay for accommodation directly at check-in.
Twin: $100 *(own expense, pre-booked inc breakfast)*
Single: $50 *(own expense, pre-booked inc breakfast)*

Included:
Morning Tea: En route (bush style)
Bee Farmer Talk

Day Six: Mendooran → Dunedoo via Cobbora – 66 km

On our final day, we ride back to Dunedoo via **Cobbora**, where we'll stop at **Cobbora Station** for one of **Sally's famous morning teas**.

After morning tea, we continue through open countryside, aiming to arrive in **Dunedoo by early afternoon**. You'll have time to head home or choose to stay overnight in nearby towns like **Mudgee** or **Gulgong**.

Included:
Morning Tea: Cobbora Station

INCLUDED:

- ✓ Personal tour guide with over 40 years cycling experience & 15+ years of tour guiding around the Central West & Warrumbungles *(see information on us further along)*
- ✓ All accommodation pre-booked by us in motels with ensuites or pubs with shared facilities *(paid by you)*
- ✓ Some continental breakfasts
- ✓ Full mechanical support, daily, from start to finish (*on the spot mobile bike shop*)
- ✓ Luggage transfer from accommodation to accommodation
- ✓ Support van & custom bike trailer for rider/bike transport if required
- ✓ Navigation assistance with cue sheets/Ride with GPS files
- ✓ Route tips & advice for each day
- ✓ Car fridge on board with cold drinks
- ✓ Morning teas/some lunches en-route including Emu Farm, Cobbora farm stop *(subject to availability)*
- ✓ Black Gate Whiskey Distillery tasting or Bee Farmer talk (*subject to availability*)
- ✓ Signage & flashing light coverage on busy sections
- ✓ Snacks/energy bars/gels, trail mix, sweets, water, drinks, tea/coffee
- ✓ Bikes locked & secured each night
- ✓ Detailed attention always

Not Included:

- ✓ Accommodation costs – *ranges from $50-$150 per room approx.* NB: Accommodation around the route has been chosen by us as it meets a lot of our needs with regards to bike storage and a comfortable stay. ***Twin****: $700 approx;* ***Single****: $600 approx. (costs may increase without prior notice)*
- ✓ Breakfast – *ranges from $10-$20 approx*. where not included.
- ✓ Meals at night (*unless stated*) – *ranges from $15-$35 approx*.
- ✓ Lunch at Pilliga
- ✓ Personal items
- ✓ Pre & post accommodation
- ✓ Consumables ie: tubes, cables etc
- ✓ Travel to/from start

Please advise us if you have any dietary requirements.

Extras:

- Bike hire – quality new hardtail mountain bikes (Treks/Meridas) starting from **$50/day**
- Quality new e-bikes - **$90/day**

Group Size: Min: 5, Max: 8

WHAT TO BRING....OTHER INFORMATION

Listed are some considerations regarding bikes and equipment on one of our supported Central West Cycle Trail/Warrumbungle tours:

- A suitable bike including E-bikes that meet **ALL current** NSW legal requirements.
- If bringing a new or borrowed bike, make sure you have had some long rides on it to iron out any potential problems.
- If bringing an e-bike, with a removable battery, DON'T forget the key!
- Small power board for charging e-bike.
- As the trail is 50% gravel, a suitable bike that you are comfortable to ride on varied surfaces including rocks, sand, corrugations and water. If you are not confident on these surfaces we would recommend an MTB with wide tyres, otherwise a gravel bike would suffice.
- Mudguards are a good idea if wet to keep you and your bike a bit cleaner but make sure they have plenty of clearance for mud build up.
- Please keep luggage to a minimum. One medium sized soft bag (if possible) as they pack better. A rack and rack bag for carrying daily 'stuff' is recommended.
- Ear plugs are a good idea.
- **Cash** for those places that don't have EFT facilities. ie: Binnaway/Mendooran accommodation
- Wet weather gear in case it rains.
- Some good hi-visible clothing as country drivers on quiet roads are not expecting to come across us.
- Tools and spare tubes specific to your bike. No need to bring spare tyres as we have most sizes.
- Front and rear lights are a good idea in case of bad visibility.
- A cyclo computer (or similar) to compare distances with the supplied navigation cue sheets.
- Install the RideWithGPS app on your phone and familiarise yourself with it. This is the app we use for navigation and can send any modified routes to your phone in minutes.
- NB: Vodaphone and Optus have very limited, if at all, coverage around the trail. Some places do not have WIFI.
- Let us know if you have any dietary requirements ie: Gluten Free