



# Darling River Run

*Discover where the Baaka takes you!*



One of Australia's  
great driving adventures  
Discover the Baaka Darling River  
and experience outback NSW

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## Visit Menindee

Founded in the 1850s, Menindee was the first town to be established on the Darling River and is now a great base for exploring the attractions of far-west NSW.

### GETTING THERE

From Wilcannia, drive 145km along unsealed Wilcannia-Menindee Road East or 153km along unsealed West Wilcannia Road to Menindee. Although slightly longer, West Wilcannia Road is more popular, and you'll have lake views at around the 90km mark.

### THINGS TO DO

#### Menindee Visitor Information Centre

Menindee Visitor Centre is a great place to stop and plan your visit. Discover the town's fascinating history along the heritage trail and ask the staff about the day's tours before you head off to explore.

#### Kinchega National Park

Just over 30min from Menindee, Kinchega National Park boasts an incredible variety of birdlife, haunting river red gums and a landscape of ever-changing colours.

Explore historic Kinchega Woolshed, which saw 6 million sheep shorn during its 97 years of operation. Stop by the ruins of Old Kinchega Homestead to see what life was like for people living on this remote sheep station.

#### River Lady Cruise

Take a cruise on the celebrated River Lady and experience the beauty of Menindee's inland waterways from the unique perspective of the Darling River.

## Visit Pooncarie

Pooncarie is a town with an interesting history. It was first settled by Europeans in the 1840s when they took up illegal grazing runs on crown land. In 1860, Burke and Wills stopped here on their ill-fated expedition to the north west. By 1889, the town was a thriving river port.

### GETTING THERE

From Menindee, take Pooncarie Road for 123km. Around 85km of this journey is on unsealed road. Alternatively take the western route through Kinchega National Park. Unsealed road for 184kms (via Pooncarie Bridge).



### THINGS TO DO

#### Mungo National Park

Mungo National Park is part of the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area. Covering most of an ancient dry lakebed, it's filled with breathtaking landscapes and Aboriginal artefacts dating back over 40,000 years.

See the park's dramatic formations, explore its pastoral heritage and book a tour with an Aboriginal guide to walk the Mungo lunette, also known as the Walls of China.

## Visit Wentworth

Located where the Murray and Darling Rivers meet, Wentworth is the region's oldest European heritage settlement. It was here that Captain Charles Sturt named the Murray River after recognising the end of the Darling on 23 January 1830.

You can explore more of Wentworth's fascinating history by following the self-guided heritage trail from the Visitor Information Centre.

### GETTING THERE

From Pooncarie, drive 123km along unsealed High Darling Road/Low Darling Road. Alternatively, you can take the East route along sealed Pooncarie Road for 118km.

### THINGS TO DO

#### See the Murray-Darling River confluence

Visit Junction Park and climb the observation tower to see the impressive sight of the mighty Murray and Darling rivers converging.

#### Perry Sandhills

Formed by thousands of years of wind erosion, the continuously shifting red dunes of prehistoric Perry Sandhills are a sight to behold. In the dunes stands The God Tree, an ancient river red gum that has survived the centuries. Over time, sand has completely covered the trunk of the tree, so you can now stand within its grand canopy.



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