



LAKE MUNGO

..... *a window on our past!*

Centre One Tours Australia has a 6 day Easter Escape Tour departing Sydney on 13th April 2006 for Lake Mungo. Cost of the tour is \$1395 plus a special discount airfare.

Until recently, the name Lake Mungo had little meaning for most Australians.

It could have been the name of any lake in outback Australia, the name of a sheep station, or just another obscure place, somewhere in Australia, that was mentioned on the news.

In fact, it is all these and much, much more . . .

Lake Mungo is part of the Willandra Lakes World Heritage Area in south western New South Wales, and lies almost one thousand kilometres from Sydney. The Lake Mungo National Park which covers some 27847 hectares between Wentworth and Broken Hill, is a site of archaeological and geomorphological significance to Australia and the World.

It is a hard, harsh and desolate area of pastoral NSW that has unique moonscape landforms. The sand hill landscape has been creased, crinkled, pitted and fluted by eons of rushing water and wind into beautiful and majestic shapes that challenge the photographer.

Lake Mungo 30,000 years ago, was massive, covering over 100 square kilometres and supporting large aboriginal communities, before it dried up some 14,000 years ago. But trapped in the mud are significant artifacts, stone tools and spear heads, bones of long extinct animals such as the Tasmanian Tiger and the short faced kangaroo; shell middens, campfire sites and the most recent find of footprints made by some of the first Australians.

Lake Mungo National Park is the oldest known site of habitation in Australia. It is the site of the oldest recording of use of pigments such as ochre; and more importantly, it is the home of Mungo Woman who, 26,000 years ago was cremated and buried in a unique spiritual manner.

There is just so much to see and do in Lake Mungo National Park as you trace both aboriginal and white histories in a fascinating display at the Cultural Centre, or explore the beautiful crescent shaped sand hills called lunettes that surround the now extinct lake, or wander through the 45 metre historic woolshed built by Chinese workers in 1869.

Lake Mungo is a key to an understanding of the history of our great country and the newest tourist destination. Centre One Tours Australia is one of the first tour companies to run tours from Sydney to Lake Mungo.

There is no better way!!!!!!!

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