

Sample itinerary – Farming in the Riverina (one to three days – your choice)

Day 1						
930 am	Visit Yanco Agricultural Institute View research facilities and visit rice history monument	Established in 1908, Yanco Agricultural Institute has been instrumental in developing many of the plant varieties and farming techniques now used in the Riverina	800 hectares of which 50% is irrigated alluvial flats and the remainder dry cropping or conservation areas	Talks by researchers or extension officers or administrators with knowledge of current research and related activities at the Institute		
1130	Drive to Leeton Visitors Centre, via irrigation regulator on Regulator Road	The Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area is fed from the channel we cross 3200 farms covering 173,400 hectares (within an area of 660,000 hectares) used water equivalent to 1263 Olympic Swim Pools in 2012 to grow food and fibre	We will see the extent of the engineering works constituting the MIA when we visit Gogeldrie Weir tomorrow morning	Talk by Tour Leader		
1145	Arrive Leeton Visitors Centre	View videos on MIA and its various food and fibre industries Browse brochures and retail items	Taste Riverina allows you to sample some of the region's food products	Short talk and Q&A by Tour Leader		
1245	Lunch	Recommended options: Please enquire Varies from time to time				
145	Visit Rice Growers Association HQ	Talk and videos on Riverina Rice Industry by industry experts	By special arrangement	Rice Growers Association		

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				represents 99% of Australia's commercial rice farmers		
245	Travel to a commercial rice farm	Visit machinery shed and other activity centres, depending upon time of year of your visit		We visit the homestead farm with visits to nearby operations as weather and time permit Discuss all aspects of rice farm operations		
400	Travel to cotton gin at Darlington Point or to cotton farm, depending upon seasonal activity and daylight saving		Gin details: See www.southerncotton.com.au			
500	Visit irrigated vegetable farm	Talk by farm owner and/or manager See operations at time of the year you visit	Farm details: Specialising in potatoes under spray irrigation, with fat lambs Typically 100 ha of potatoes plus 800 ha rotated with wheat, barley, oats and fat lambs			
600	To Accommodation in Griffith, Leeton or Narrandera	Please enquire or arrange yourself Musical entertainment available at	Our recommendations rely on our previous experiences with visiting tour groups, and also our			

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		cost	local knowledge about room availability at the time of your intended visit			
Day 2						
900	Visit Gogeldrie Weir Reserve	Talk on history, extent and other details of Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area		Talk by Tour Leader		
1000	Travel to Griffith					
1030	Visit vineyard	See vineyard operations at the particular time of year you visit	Farm chosen according to availability of farmer Typical farm will include winegrapes and another crop (eg apricots) or contract harvesting/drying services, and involve roughly 50 ha of vine plantings	Discuss all aspects of vineyard operations including on-farm and off-farm aspects of the industry		
1130	Visit a large winery in the district	Guided tour of one of the wineries in the region		Wineries selected with your interests in mind		
1230	Visit almond orchard	See orchard operations and hear presentation by senior staff		Talk covers on-farm and off-farm aspects of the almond industry in the Riverina		
130	Lunch Griffith	Range of possibilities depending upon day of week				

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230	Visit a prune orchard	Tour orchard and hear presentation				
330	Visit olive grove and oil extraction			Grove selected with your interests in mind		
500	Return to accommodation in Griffith, Leeton or Narrandera	Dinner entertainment available at cost				
Day 3						
900	Visit citrus orchard					
1000	Visit Pacific Fresh packing sheds	Pacific Fresh sells citrus in domestic and international markets	See sorting and packing operations Hear local experts discuss on-orchard and off-orchard aspects of the citrus industry			
1100	Visit irrigated large scale maize, soybean, wheat, lucerne or similar farm OR Visit commercial organic-certified farm			Let us know your preferences		
1230	Visit irrigation equipment retailer	Discussion of changing nature of on-farm irrigation systems				
130	Lunch	Enquire for our recommendations				
230	Visit produce transport company	Discussion of road-based logistics				

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315	Visit rural engineering company	Discussion of projects and products supplied				
345	End tour					