THE DUBBO EXPERIENCE

Welcome to Dubbo! Enjoy your ultimate three-day Dubbo Experience.

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When you travel with kids, you need to be prepared – right!?
Well, we've done the hard work for you.
The following is a suggested 3 day itinerary to ensure you make the most of your Dubbo Experience. Encounter the City's unique offerings; keep the kids smiling and your hip pockets happy!

Day 1

Taronga Western Plains Zoo

Obley Road | (02) 6881 1400

Get away from it all; launch your Dubbo experience with a visit to the iconic Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Find yourself surrounded by fascinating wildlife on vast open plains and allow your family to be immersed in the unique serenity of Taronga Western Plains Zoo. The 6km circuit is surrounded by magnificent bushland with animal exhibits and picnic grounds situated along the way. Whether you travel by car, bike, electric cart or trek on foot at your own leisurely pace, your experience will take you through some of the most distinctive global wildlife habitats in the world - from the savannah grasslands of Wild Africa where zebras, rhinos and cheetahs roam, to the Big Cat Encounter where the Sumatran tiger and African Lion call home.

The perfect remedy to close your day is an icy-treat from Bakhita's Cafe'. Tuck into some delicious Australian cuisine or simply grab a refreshment while you watch the Spider Monkeys and Lemurs frolic on the islands of the Savannah Lake.

We recommend:	• 1 full day or 2 half days (your ticket is for 2 consecutive days). • Make sure you don't miss out on your favourite animals, plan your visit by downloading a map in advance. • Take advantage of the child friendly areas such as the Safari Park playground • Bikes (with optional tows or cabooses), electric carts and strollers can all be hired on premises • You pack a picnic and enjoy refreshment or lunch under the shade of a eucalyptus tree in one of the many picnic areas scattered throughout the site.

Don't forget to pack comfy shoes!

Day 2

Taronga Western Plains Zoo

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Spend a few hours catching up on what you may have missed on Day 1. Remember, there are over 500 animals to see so don't waste a minute. If you're eager, start at dawn as the animals awaken; leisurely-guided early morning walking tours are a fantastic way to see the world's exotic and endangered species before the zoo opens.*

If you prefer to start a little later, keeper talks are a great way to learn more about the Zoo's animals. This is a time where you can marvel at the incredible beauty and abilities of some of the Zoo's most amazing animals – see a koala up close, feed a Giraffe, book a meerkat encounter or learn more about wildlife at one of the daily shows.

*Additional charges apply for Early Morning Walks, only available on weekends with additional tours conducted on Wednesdays and Fridays during the school holiday period, no booking required.

Western Plains Cultural Centre

76 Wingewarra Street / (02) 6801 4444

After a morning at the Zoo, head into the heart of Dubbo and visit the Western Plains Cultural Centre.

WPCC is Dubbo's creative soul providing a cool and welcoming atmosphere for families. Presenting a rich and varied program of high quality exhibitions, special events and educational activities, find out why the WPCC makes such a significant contribution to the cultural life of Dubbo and surrounding communities.

Uncover the City's history and view Australia's largest and best preserved wool wagon and recently installed carved tree, an object of great cultural significance to the local aboriginal population rarely displayed in Australia.

Time for some time out at the Outlook Cafe' offering alfresco dining with a fresh light menu including salads, gourmet sandwiches and kids meals plus a selection of wines by the glass, great quality coffee and sweets. Relax while the kids enjoy the vast array of special school holiday activities.*

Please note the Western Plains Cultural Centre is closed Tuesdays.

*Contact the WPCC on (02) 6801 4444 for more information on school holiday activities.

We recommend:	• A stroll within the museum and art gallery followed by a meal or refreshment at the fully licensed Outlook Cafe. • You book the kids into a class/activity

Don't forget your camera!

Elston Water Park

Corner Gipps and Cobra Steets

Now for an afternoon of wet and wild fun in the sun! Dubbo's free water park is a thoughtfully planned attraction that is an essential stop for families visiting Dubbo.
Bask in the stress free environment that will bring you laughs, thrills and good old Aussie fun. Watch your kids frolic under the water amusements specially designed for little hands and feet while you unwind amongst the gum trees.

Livies Playground | Dubbo Action Sport Precinct

Victoria Park, Talbragar Street

Also perfect for the littlies is Livvies Playground, a fully fenced interactive children's playground which can add to the atmosphere of fun and activity for all!

or

Take the "big kids" to the Dubbo Action Sport Precinct where they can show off their *grind*, *kickflip* or *ollie* at a world-class skate park designed to challenge and grow the skills of local and visiting skater enthusiasts. Skateboards, scooters and BMX are all catered for so why not attempt to master Australia's first and only, competition grade, full pipe!

If you're after something a little less risky, take it down a notch and finish your day with a friendly family game of basketball on the outdoor courts.

We recommend:	• Any activity that get's the kids outdoors and enjoying fun-filled activities that don't hurt the hip pocket! • You pack the skateboards and a basketball!

There are lot of options to cool off – don't forget your swimmers!

Day 3

Tracker Riley Cycleway

Start the morning of day three with a stroll along the Tracker Riley Cycleway. The 12.5km Cycleway is a fantastic way to immerse yourself in the country air, be serenaded by the abundant native bird life, smell the river red gums and feast your eyes on the stunning waterway while you cycle* or stroll along the majestic Macquarie River.

The path leads from the Dubbo Visitors Information Centre and spans as far as Taronga Western Plains Zoo.

Experience close up views of an old railway trestle viaduct and huge concrete and steel railway bridges.

We recommend:	If you didn't bring your bikes, that you hire bikes from the Dubbo Visitors Information Centre. Enquire at the Centre or call 6801 4450.

Dubbo Regional Botanical Gardens

Continue your families' nature experience with a breathtaking visit to the Dubbo Regional Botanic Gardens. The gardens sit on the side of 10 hectares of undulating land, providing a place for recreation, stimulation, science and learning.

Children of all ages, backgrounds, physical abilities and cultures can explore and discover the natural world. Unleash your inner green-thumb through a guided tour* and encourage your kids to engage with nature as they feed the fish and complete the many challenges in their activity kit.

Don't forget your picnic pack as the large trees provide a wonderful shade canvas and offer the perfect open-air dining setting.

*Guided tours conducted at **9:00am and 11:00am on Wednesday only.**

*The Garden is open between the hours of 9am and 4pm Monday to Friday and 9.30am to 4.30pm Saturday and Sunday.

We recommend:	• Visit the DRBG on a **Wednesday** and take advantage of the guided tours conducted at **9am** and **11am** only. • You bring along your picnic pack and refreshments and relax in the tranquil surroundings of the gardens whilst the kids play with their activity pack

Be sun safe – pack hats and sunscreen!

Old Dubbo Gaol

90 Macquarie Street / (02) 6801 4460

Is it time for the kids to *serve time*?

The Old Dubbo Gaol has opened the cell doors and invited you to experience the fascinating history of barbaric prison life in the 1800s. Learn about past prisoners and daring escapes with theatrical performances and guided tours.* Be berated by one of the strict wardens, or pick-pocketed by the cunning prisoners.

Brave individuals may choose to defy fear and plunge further into the Gaol experience with a Twilight Tour;* become a 19th century prisoner in the dead of night and explore the ominous atmosphere that offers chilling facts and frights with a theatrical twist.

*Theatrical Performances and Guided Tours – included in your Dubbo Experience Package *see below for times*.
*Night Tours – additional charges apply. Approximately 1.5 hours. Bookings essential.

We recommend:	• Adding to your Old Dubbo Gaol experience with a free theatrical performance and guided tour. *NSW School Holidays – 7 days;* Theatrical Performance - 10am & 2pm | Guided Tour - 11am & 3pm Please arrive 15 minutes prior to theatrical displays to ensure you don't miss out on the fun! Weather Permitting and subject to change at any time. No extra charge, No bookings required.

Be sure to keep a copy of the Dubbo City Guide close at hand.
There is so much to see and do in Dubbo – you may just have to stay an extra night!