



**THE MINER'S ARMS**

If you're wanting a country weekend away without your car, Broken Hill makes a fine train journey. The Miner's Arms is a short walk from the station and has all the period charm you'd want from such a historic region. Local pubs, shops and restaurants are all within walking distance, too. There are four suites on site, each with ensuite bathrooms and high-speed broadband. Cooked breakfasts are served daily between 7.30 and 9.30am.

**SOMETHING SPECIAL:** The heritage-listed Miner's Arms began life as a hotel in 1888. Its original bar and lounge area is still a great place for an evening drink, with loads of local history and memorabilia to peruse.

**HOW MUCH?** \$150 per room per night. Special deals for longer stays.

**WHILE YOU'RE HERE:** See the outdoor art gallery, the Sculpture Symposium, at sunset (this came in at #97 on our "100 Thing to Do Before You Die" list last issue); visit White's Mineral Art Gallery and Mining Museum, the Geo Centre and also the Bruce Langford Visitor Centre, the home base of the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

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**OSSIAN HALL VALLEY RETREAT**

Designed especially for couples, each of the three cottages here has its own two-person spa and log fire (marshmallows provided for toasting). The accommodation is tucked away in a natural bush setting on the Colo River and there's really no reason to leave – you can have breakfast and a three-course dinner in your room if you like.

**SOMETHING SPECIAL:** Ossian Hall was the Gold Award Winner for Hosted Accommodation at the 2010 NSW Tourism Awards. Among many unique offerings, there's a horse and carriage available for weddings and romantic weekends away (package details below).

**HOW MUCH?** Basic overnight stays cost from \$215 per couple per night midweek. Romantic Interlude packages are available from \$559 per couple per night midweek, which includes a horse-and-carriage tour, cheese platter and champagne on arrival, a three-course meal or

seafood platter, breakfast hamper and use of all amenities including kayaks, mountain bikes and fishing equipment.

**WHILE YOU'RE HERE:** Hike through one of the many Hawkesbury Valley national parks; visit the Saturday morning food and bric-a-brac markets at Bilpin; drive the scenic Bell Line of Road, stopping to take in whatever catches your fancy; take a motor-trike tour.

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