

Australian Wilderness Tours 2017/18



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Alice Springs to Sydney The Real Outback Experience

Duration: 10 days, 9 nights

Travel in the comfort of a luxurious fully equipped Air-conditioned 4WD vehicle with a maximum of just 6 passengers

Day 1

You guide will pick you up at 3.00pm from your Alice Springs accommodation to take you on an afternoon tour of the sights visiting local landmarks and places of interest before taking you to view the sunset with a drink and nibbles before returning you to your accommodation at the All Seasons Motel.

Overnight: All Seasons Motel, ALICE SPRINGS (DB)

Day 2

After an early start from Alice Springs, we head south along the Old Ghan Railway Trail towards Maryvale Station and Chambers Pillar. As we further venture south along this old trail along the western outskirts of the Simpson Desert we finally come to the historic Finke. Leaving Finke, we travel to the outskirts of New Crown Station and Charlotte Waters where we cross the border into South Australia to reach our overnight destination of Mount Dare Homestead, situated in the Witjira National Park in the outback desert of South Australia.

Overnight: Mount Dare Homestead, MOUNT DARE (DBBL)

Day 3

Today we venture further into the Simpson Desert and visit the unique and beautiful location of Dalhousie Springs, an oasis in this magnificent dune surroundings. After enjoying this tranquil location we head past the Pedirka Ruins to Hamilton Station and onwards through the outback to the Oodnadatta Track to arrive at Oodnadatta later in the afternoon for our overnight stay.

Overnight: Transcontinental Hotel, OODNADATTA (DBBL)

Day 4

We travel today along the Oodnadatta Track where we view many desert landscapes crossing one of the largest western tributary to Lake Eyre, Arckaringa Creek as we head to one of Australia's most isolated hotels, William Creek Hotel for lunch. After lunch we head further south to Mound Springs and Coward Springs, thermal springs coming out of the desert before arriving at the historic Curdimurka Railway Station. This once was an important part of the Old Ghan Railway and still has a high historic value. From here we travel a short distance to view over Lake Eyre south where we are 15m below sea level. During later that afternoon we travel the remaining distance along the Oodnadatta Track to Marree where we enjoy the evening at the Marree Hotel with Marree being on the junction of the Birdsville and Oodnadatta Tracks.

Overnight: Marree Hotel, MARREE (DBB)

Day 5

First stop this morning we visit the historic ruins of Farina, this was a major settlement on the Ghan heydays with stock and many other items were loaded and unloaded at this centre. From here we travel to view the magnificent Ochre Cliffs before arriving at Lindhurst, our last civilization before we head northeast on the famous Strzelecki Track. As we explore this great outback trail, we can view the far northern Flinders Ranges to the east and then we travel through the Strzelecki Desert and head northwards along the full length of the Strzelecki Track to Cooper Creek and the outpost of Innamincka.

Overnight: Innamincka Hotel, INNAMINCKA (DBBL)

Day 6

Today we have a relaxing day to enjoy the Cooper Creek, which flows through this area, providing the migrating bird life with a welcome resting spot and taking time to visit the famous "Dig Tree" and the Burke and Wills monument commemorating these great explorers of our past. We cross into Queensland and return to South Australia to view many other historic sights of the Burke and Wills journey before returning to Innamincka for the night.

Overnight: Innamincka Hotel, INNAMINCKA (DBB)

Day 7

This morning we drive through the giant red dunes which give the area another worldly feeling, stopping to take a break under some coolabah trees growing in an old watercourse. From here we head to Cameron's Corner, the point where New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland meet to enjoy some home-made pies at "The Corner Store" before continuing through the Sturt National Park and onto our overnight stop at Tibooburra. We pause briefly at the "School of the Air" where the children of this isolated area are taught via radio.

Overnight: Tibooburra Hotel, TIBOOBURRA (DBB)

Day 8

Leaving the hospitality of Tibooburra, we travel east to Clifton Bore, a natural thermal bore where hot water is pushed towards the surface, making it extremely important to the regions early settlers. We then head towards Wanaaring for our lunch stop, an isolated village which was the last place in Australia where a manual telephone exchange kept the various stations in contact. After lunch we journey further into the Darling area en route to our overnight accommodation at Bourke.

Overnight: Major Mitchell Motel, BOURKE (DBB)

Day 9

Leaving Bourke after breakfast this morning, we have time to visit an aboriginal settlement, where we see one of the residents at work, making boomerangs and other articles out of the native timbers of Mulga and Gidgee, which are available for purchase if you wish. We then travel on through the Macquarie Marshes, a wonderful area in New South Wales where an abundance of birdlife can be found before heading east to Coonamble and onwards to the spectacular Warrumbungle Ranges National Park, where we have the opportunity to see some of the wildlife which abounds in this unique area and explore some of the hidden corners, before arriving in Coonabarabran for our overnight stay.

Overnight: Country Gardens, COONABARABRAN (DBB)

Day 10

Today is the last day of this wonderful experience, and as we leave Coonabarabran this morning we head for Sydney via Dunedoo and historic Gulgong, to Mudgee and then over the Blue Mountains, where we take time for some more sightseeing, taking in the famous Three Sisters, the Megalong Valley and Govetts Leap before we arrive in Sydney, Central Coast or Hunter home-base late in the afternoon.

Departs Alice Springs 1st and 3rd Sunday March to October**INCLUSIONS**

- 4WD A/C Deluxe Transport
- All twin share accommodation private facilities
(Except in Innaminka & Tibooburra, where there are shared facilities)
- All National Park entries
- All breakfasts, dinners and morning teas
- Lunches on days 2, 3 & 5
- Experienced driver guide

TOUR COST: AUD

\$3,950.00 Adult (twin share)

\$950.00 Single Supplement

\$2,950.00 Child (5-12 years – share with adult)

Minimum 4**TOUR CODE: ASS10**

Note: Accommodations are subject to availability and may be changed without notice.