

Holiday Wonders Of Australia



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Australian Outback Holiday 11 Days



A Legendary Outback Touring Experience

Departing: 18th June and 16th August 2012

Includes-

- All Luxury Coach Travel
- 10 nights motel accommodation throughout the tour
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Outback cruise on the Thompson River Longreach
- Bush Pub Barbeque
- Stockmans Hall of Fame
- Chauffeured transfer within metro Adelaide

Fare: \$2990 pp twin share

Day One: Adelaide – Broken Hill (D)

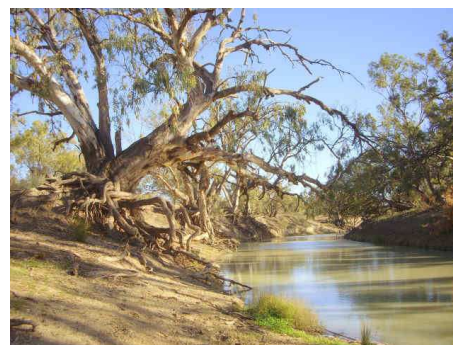
Your chauffeured car will pick you up from home and take you to the Central Bus Station in time to join your tour. Your luxury air-conditioned toilet equipped coach will take you along Main North Road through the suburbs to the mid north town of Burra in time for a morning tea stop. Continuing along the Barrier Highway to the outskirts of Peterborough and stopping for lunch (at own expense) at Yunta, you arrive in Broken Hill late afternoon with time to relax before a lovely evening meal in the motel restaurant.



Dinner and Overnight: Broken Hill

Day Two: Broken Hill – Tilpa – Bourke via the Darling River! (B,D)

Wake up to an outback sunrise and after a lovely country breakfast, you begin the outback sojourn travelling along the country roads which follow the Darling River inland. You pass through the Queen City of West – Wilcannia then take the red dirt road north to the town that was once a busy river port – Tilpa. You enjoy a special lunch stop at the 100 year old corrugated iron and timber put situated on the banks of the Darling River. You'll be able to tell the folks at home about your mouth water BBQ lunch at the place at the "Back O'Bourke" – Tilpa. After lunch you travel the outback roads to the "At the End of the Line"- Bourke.



Dinner and Overnight: Bourke

Day Three: Bourke – Charleville on the Warrego River (B,D)

This morning after breakfast we enjoy a short tour of Bourke a surprisingly pretty township in the middle of the outback. Later we travel to Cunnamulla for our lunch stop. After lunch our tour continues to Charleville arriving mid afternoon. The many heritage buildings here include the Queensland National Bank Building and the Coronas Hotel, a colourful hotel which was once graced by the world acclaimed entertainer Gracie Fields who performed here at the historic hotel in the town's glory days! Coronas Hotel for dinner. The First Qantas Airmail Flight departed from the township in 1922.

Dinner and Overnight: Charleville

Day Four: Charleville – Blackall – Barcaldine – Longreach (B,D)

After breakfast today we travel north to Blackall the town known as the site of the mythical "Black Stump". The Jack Howe memorial in the town is a tribute to the man who set a world record by shearing 321 sheep in 8 hours with hand shears! We continue to Barcaldine. Barcaldine has gained its place in Australian history as the birth place of the Australian Labor Party was originally formed after the big shearers strike in 1891. The party was created under the "Tree of Knowledge" which still stands in the Town. We continue to Longreach.

Overnight and Dinner: Longreach, Albert Park Motel

Day Five: Stockman's Hall of Fame – Thompson River Dinner Cruise

This morning after breakfast a tour of this prosperous well known outback township. Longreach was the original base for Qantas in the 1920's. The town's tourist office is a replica of the first Qantas Booking Office. We visit one of Australia's most famous and most visited attractions 'The Stockman's Hall of Fame'. The Hall of Fame provides an amazing insight into Australia's history. Time is allowed for you to enjoy an unhurried look at the special highlights and attractions. There are ample facilities for you to enjoy the snacks and refreshments which are available here. Later in the day we take a

wonderful sunset dinner cruise to enjoy an excellent country meal while cruising the Billabong on the Thompson River.

Overnight: Longreach, Albert Park Motel

Day Six: Longreach – Winton – Waltzing Matilda Cave (B,D)

This morning after breakfast we tour into an area known as the Matilda Country! The area is famous for its artesian bores from the Great Artesian Basin. Banjo Paterson is reputed as having written our iconic Waltzing Matilda here in 1895. Qantas was also formed in Winton during 1920! We arrive in Winton around midday where we check into our accommodation. Later we visit the unique Waltzing Matilda Centre. This is the only tourism attraction dedicated to a song and provides visitors with a fun experience including a spectacular display of early Australian outback history.

Overnight and Dinner: Winton



Day Seven: Winton – Boulia- Min Min Lights (B,D)

This morning after breakfast we travel along the Kennedy Highway crossing the famous Diamantina River through Middleton. We pass near the monument of the ruined Min Min Hotel. The grave site at the rear of the ruins of the hotel is of a servant girl who worked there at the time. The mysterious Min Min lights are said to hover above the grave in the reported sightings. We arrive at Boulia for lunch. After lunch we visit the Min Min Encounter Centre and also the amazing Stonehouse Museum. Time to enjoy the atmosphere at one of Australia's most iconic bush towns.

Overnight: Boulia Hotel



Day Eight: Boulia - Birdsville (B,L,D)

This morning after breakfast we travel south along the developmental road crossing the Georgina River to Bedourie. We continue past the Diamantina crossing. A picnic lunch is provided for the journey along the way. On arrival in Birdsville, one of Australia's best known and colourful towns, we check into the Birdsville Hotel. Later we visit the popular Shearer's and Drovers Museum which is recognised as possibly one of Australia's best.

Dinner at the famous Birdsville Pub tonight is a great experience!

Overnight: Birdsville Hotel/Motel

Day Nine: Birdsville – Birdsville Track - Marree (B,L,D)

Today after breakfast we begin our journey along the famous Birdsville Track and travel through the Sturt Stony Desert and later the Tirari Desert. At Mungerannie we stop at the hotel for lunch which is included for you. We continue through to outback Marree before arriving at Marree for our overnight stay.

Dinner and Overnight: Marree

Day Ten: Marree – Lake Eyre South – Roxby Downs – Woomera (B,D)

Today we tour to the most Southern part of the vast Lake Eyre Basin. Lake Eyre normally a vast salt lake however the Lake does fill with water from the Warburton River and Cooper Creek after floods several times each century in Queensland! After a stop for refreshments here we travel on the Borefield Road which was purpose built for the massive Roxby Downs Olympic Dam Mining Complex operated by BHP Billiton. On arrival into Roxby Downs we stop for lunch. We continue to the township of Woomera for our overnight stay.
Dinner and Overnight: Woomera



Day Eleven : Woomera – Adelaide (B)

Woomera Heritage Centre

This morning we visit the Woomera Heritage Information Centre. The interesting display contains extensive information on Woomera's rocket testing history. We travel south to Port Augusta where we enjoy a lunch break.

Later we continue to Adelaide arriving at approximately 4.30pm.

Please note accommodation in some remote areas may be split between several properties due to availability.

BOOKING CONDITONS:

Bookings:- A \$200 per person deposit is due within 7 days of confirmation in order to secure your booking. Full balance is due no later than 6 weeks prior to departure. For bookings made within 6 weeks of departure full payment is due within 48 hours.

Fares:- All fares are quoted in Australian Dollars. Fares include transport, entrance fees & cruise fares as per itinerary plus services of a driver/guide. **Holiday Wonders advise we can accept credit card payments for our tours, however a 1.5% credit card fee, (3% for American Express/Diners) applies.**

Accommodation:- Accommodation is based on twin share. Single rooms are available on request and a single supplement is payable at time of booking.

Cancellations:- Cancellation penalties apply and are as follows:

For cancellation within 8 weeks of departure - 50% of fare will be charged.

For cancellation within 4 weeks of departure - full fare will be charged

Single Supplement:- \$590.00

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that passengers purchase travel insurance.

All itineraries and costings are subject to change without notice.

Government regulations prohibit smoking on board coaches within Australia. Ample comfort stops are provided en route

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