

BURKE & WILLS

8 DAY TOUR

OUTBACK DESERT AND WILDERNESS JOURNEY

Broken Hill, Tibooburra, Rabbit Proof Fence, Innamincka, Cameron Corner, Burke and Wills 'Dig Tree', Cooper Creek.

The Route Burke & Wills took



Views of the amazing Moomba Gas Fields in the desert Leigh Creek, Flinders Ranges.

Join a great NEW accommodated tour to rarely seen Australian historic places deep in the desert wilderness including the famous Burke and Wills Dig Tree!



Departing From Melbourne

Inclusive Touring
Return Flight from Melbourne
Entrance fees
Touring, Morning Teas
Breakfasts, Evening Meals
Most Lunches
Toilet Equipped Coach

\$2080.00 twin share

Departures 2011-
Sat 15 July, Wed 9 August,
Wed 6 October

Holiday Wonders of Australia
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DAY 1 - MELBOURNE - ADELAIDE

Depart from Melbourne Tullamarine Airport for the flight to Adelaide. On arrival passengers on the tour are met at Adelaide Airport before being transferred to the Adelaide accommodation.

Overnight: Anzac Highway Motel Glenelg

DAY 2- ADELAIDE-BROKEN HILL

(B, D)

This morning after breakfast we depart Adelaide and travel north to Broken Hill. Our tour takes us along the Barrier Highway stopping at outback Yunta for a lunch stop. We continue through the Barrier Ranges to Broken Hill, the city is known as the "Silver City" due to its fabulous silver deposits mined here during the last century. After checking into our accommodation we set off on a city sights tour of Broken Hill which is full of interest due to the unique history of this legendary Australian city.

Dinner & Overnight: Broken Hill

DAY 3- BROKEN HILL-MILPARINKA-TIBOOBURRA

(B, Picnic Lunch, D)

Breakfast this morning then we depart Broken Hill to begin a remarkable days touring that begins to take us into the remote outback and to the historic outback towns of Milparinka and Tibooburra.

Along the journey Kangaroos, Emus and other native animals can often be seen in the wild. We stop at the 'Packsaddle' for refreshments, before continuing following the early explorer's route to Milparinka. Here at this former goldmining settlement we see the original old outback courthouse and Police Station. We visit John Pooles lonely gravesite. John Poole was Captain Charles Sturts second in command, Poole died of scurvy here after being stranded during the first expedition.

We continue through the outback wilderness stopping for a picnic lunch along the way to Tibooburra. After a fascinating insight into the interesting highlights in the district we tour Dead Horse Gully and also the old 'Golden Gully' mine site.

Tonight is a great opportunity to enjoy and feel the atmosphere of a real Aussie Outback. A special highlight is the paintings by famous Australian artists Clifton Pugh, Drysdale and Minchin painted on the bar wall. Hotel dinner tonight.

Dinner & Overnight: Tibooburra.

DAY 4 - TIBOOBURRA-INNAMINCKA-CAMERON CORNER. INCLUDES LUNCH BESIDE 3 STATE BORDERS!

(B,D)

This morning we set off into the Sturt National Park which is classic Australian Outback terrain and is possibly the best example of real outback desert landscape. The stony desert has relics of ancient Aboriginal habitation. The area is mainly Mulga Bushland and arid shrub land although after rains the area often turns into a wonderland of wildflowers! The area is inhabited by Red Kangaroos, Euros, large lizards, emus and wedge tailed eagles. We arrive at Cameron Corner store a well known outback icon where you are able to stand in 3 states at once! Queensland, South Australia and the NSW borders' meet here. During our tour sections of the famous Rabbit Proof Fence will be seen. After our lunch stop at Cameron Corner we continue along the famous Strzelecki Track to the outback settlement of Innamincka where we stay for 2 nights.

Dinner & Overnight: Innamincka



DAY 5- EXPLORING INNAMINCKA DIG TREE AND AUSTRALIAN HISTORY "CONQUESTS AND TRAGEDY" (BREAKFAST, LUNCH, DINNER 'AUSTRALIAN STYLE')

After breakfast today we begin our journey which includes visiting the remote sites of Australia's most astonishing story of survival and tragedy! The final saga of explorers Burke and Wills story occurred here. We begin with a tour to the site of Australia's most famous Coolabah Tree, the famous 'Dig Tree' where provisions were left for the Burke and Wills team who were returning from the north. The party missed the tree by just 6 hours and resulted in the death of Burke and Wills as well as most of the party! We return to the pub for lunch. We also visit the burial site of both these men which are located close to the township! As well we visit famous Coopers Creek which was discovered by another famous explorer Charles Sturt. Tonight we enjoy a fabulous Aussie style dinner at the Innamincka Hotel.



The Dig Tree

Overnight: Innamincka

DAY 6- INNAMINCKA-LEIGH CREEK. 'ALONG THE STRZELECKI TRACK' (B, L, D)

Today it's quite a long day along one of the world's most gruelling outback roads-"The famous Strzelecki". To make the journey a more comfortable pace we depart early after a breakfast at sunrise. The road has been upgraded a little in recent times as it serves as an access to the huge Moomba Gas Field in the area. Natural gas from Moomba is piped all the way to Sydney and Adelaide. We stop to view this awesome complex which set in the middle of the desert and is reminiscent of a scene from a James Bond Movie! Some of the original Wells and waterholes are still visible along the route. We make refreshment stops during the trek for morning tea and a picnic lunch and to take in some of the unique landscape along the way. On arrival at Leigh Creek a modern township built to house electricity workers from the nearby ETSA works, we stop for our overnight stay. Dinner at the Leigh Creek Club.

Overnight: Leigh Creek Motel

DAY 7- LEIGH CREEK TO ADELAIDE (B, MT)

Today after breakfast we DEPART Leigh Creek for our journey back to Adelaide. Our tour takes us south through towns on the edge of the Flinders Ranges including Beltana, Angorichina and Parachilna. After a stop for morning tea we continue to Hawker for a lunch stop. We continue to Adelaide arriving at Central Bus Station later in the afternoon. Later we continue to Adelaide and check into our accommodation for overnight.

Overnight: Anzac Highway Motel Glenelg

DAY 8-ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE (B,)

Today passengers travelling to Melbourne will be transferred to Adelaide Airport to join the return flight to Tullamarine to complete the journey.

BOOKING CONDITONS:

Bookings:- A \$750 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.**

Single Supplement: \$550.00

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

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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