



Outback Safari

6 to 13 April 2019

Day 1 | 6 April

Our group will fly from Brisbane at 10.10am arriving in Adelaide at 1.30pm. If you live outside the Brisbane/Gold Coast/Sunshine Coast areas we will book your flights from your nearest regional airport.

First up, we'll explore Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia, and spend some free time in its central shopping area, Rundle Mall. Before dinner you'll have the chance to get to know your travelling companions and the EQI chaperones who will explain the Tour rules, schedule and what to expect on the trip.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 | 7 April

After an early wake-up we'll begin our long journey north, passing through Port Augusta and stopping for lunch at Woomera, a former rocket testing range. There will be a brief stop for photos at the spectacular Lake Hart, one of Australia's largest salt lakes. In

the early evening we'll arrive at Coober Pedy, one of the world's largest opal mining centres, where you'll sleep in accommodation carved out under the desert. Please note, the accommodation does not have laundry facilities.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 3 | 8 April

This morning we learn more about the town's opal industry before visiting an underground church and some local homes to see how residents live and stay cool in a place where temperatures can climb as high as 50 degrees Celsius. You'll enjoy memorable views as we continue on our route north through the country's red centre, passing the oasis of the Marla Bore before arriving at Kings Canyon. Tonight, we'll cook marshmallows around the campfire (subject to fire restrictions) and if the sky is clear, you will enjoy a breathtaking view of the night stars. Please note, our accommodation does not have laundry facilities.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 4 | 9 April

Another early start to pack up camp before we explore Kings Canyon. The Canyon's sheer walls rise to 270 metres, making it the deepest gorge in Central Australia. Bring plenty of water as it is very easy to become dehydrated in the heat. There is an opportunity to walk to the Canyon edge for spectacular views over the 'Lost City' and 'Garden of Eden'. Alternatively, you can walk the base of the Canyon to look up at its dramatic cliff faces. We'll head off after a late breakfast and stop at Erlunda for lunch. From there, it's just a short drive to Yulara; who will spot Uluru first?

When we arrive at camp our Safari Crew will show you how to set up and dismantle your tent – watch carefully as you will be responsible for doing this during your Outback adventure. Afterwards, we'll visit the sunset strip and



photograph the amazing colours of this magnificent monolith as the sun sets.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 5 | 10 April

Today we visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Uluru for a guided walk to learn about its history and local Aboriginal people. Please note, it is important to respect this sacred site and the cultural beliefs of its people, and it is forbidden to climb Uluru. At the Cultural Centre we'll discover more about the local tribes, the Dreamtime and sacred Aboriginal ceremonies. We return to camp for lunch before visiting the magnificent rock formations of Kata Tjuta. At the lookout you will view this amazing panorama before returning to camp to swim in the pool, catch up on your journal or relax with the group. Laundry facilities are available at the camp.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6 | 11 April

We farewell Uluru to head further north, stopping at Stuarts Well for lunch and a ride on a camel, or as they are sometimes called, a "Ship of the desert". In the afternoon it's onwards to Alice Springs and an early afternoon tour of this iconic Australian town. At Anzac Hill you'll take in views across the West Macdonnell Ranges. Later, we'll visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to learn

about the vital services they provide to people in remote areas.

In the evening, you'll meet some fascinating visitors from the Reptile Centre, including frill neck lizards, Thorny Devils and large pythons. It's hands-on fun as you learn about Australia's reptiles and you'll even have the opportunity to have your photo taken holding a snake!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 | 12 April

A Dreamtime & Bushtucker Tour introduces you to members of the Warlpiri tribe to learn about and taste bush tucker - including witchetty grubs. You'll also see indigenous weaponry and try your hand at boomerang throwing. There will be an opportunity to purchase genuine Aboriginal artworks but you will need to take cash as there are no EFTPOS facilities.

Afterwards, we'll head into town where you can buy lunch and enjoy some free time before we drive towards the West MacDonnell Ranges. At Simpsons Gap we'll take a short stroll along a walking track where you may see black footed rock wallabies.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 | 13 April

This morning it's time to say goodbye to your new friends and fly back to Brisbane, arriving at 5pm, with a lifetime of memories and a camera or phone full of photographs!

Meals included: Breakfast

Price for 2019

\$1,655 pp + flights (inc. GST)

Applications close 23 March 2019

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