



Outback Safari

29 September to 7 October 2019

Day 1 | 29 September

Our group departs Brisbane in the morning to arrive in Alice Springs in the early afternoon. Please note, if you live outside the Brisbane/Gold Coast/Sunshine Coast areas we will book your flights from your nearest regional airport.

On arrival in Alice Springs we'll visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to learn about the vital services the organisation provides 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: Dinner

Day 2 | 30 September

This morning, 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 take a tour around the iconic town of Alice Springs and take in views of the West Macdonnell Ranges from the Anzac Hill Memorial. You can buy lunch in town and enjoy some free time before we head 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 before we return to camp in the late afternoon.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 3 | 1 October

Today we say farewell to Alice Springs and head south, stopping at Stuarts Well for a rest break and a ride on a camel, or as they are sometimes called, a "Ship of the desert". In the early afternoon we arrive at Kings Creek Station to set up camp.

During the evening, we'll cook marshmallows around the campfire (subject to fire restrictions) and if the sky is clear, place our sleeping bags on tarpaulin and sleep beneath a breathtaking view of the night stars. Please note, our accommodation does not have laundry facilities.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner



Day 4 | 2 October

It's an 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 the 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 Driver will show you how to set up and dismantle your tent – watch carefully as you will be responsible for doing this during your 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 | 3 October

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 breathtaking rock formations of Kata Tjuta. At the lookout you can experience 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 | 4 October

This morning our journey takes us south, across vast plains towards the town of Coober Pedy. We enjoy a tour of this world-famous opal mining town, including a visit to an underground church and local homes to see how residents live in temperatures that can reach over 50 degrees Celsius. The majority of the town sleeps underground, and tonight so do we!

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 | 5 October

It's an early start for us as we continue travelling south, stopping for photos at the spectacular Lake Hart, one of the largest salt lakes in Australia. We end our journey at Woomera, a former rocket testing range. After setting up our camp we'll go for a cool dip at the local swimming pool before dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8 | 6 October

On the final leg of our tour we stop at Port Augusta for an early lunch before heading to Adelaide, the capital city of South Australia. After touring the city you'll have some free time to explore or do some shopping before the group spends its last evening together.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 9 | 7 October

This morning we head to the airport for our return flight home to Brisbane.

Meals included: Breakfast

Price for 2019

\$1,695 pp + flights (inc. GST)

Applications close 15 September 2019

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