

Your Itinerary 2012

Day 6

Today is spent exploring this historic Burke and Wills area, and we visit Camp LXV, the "Dig Tree", King's marker and Burke's memorial on the banks of the Mulkonbar Waterhole. There is opportunity to enjoy a walk along the banks of the Cooper Creek and view the abundant wildlife. The Elizabeth Symons Nursing Home (Built in 1929) has been restored as an interpretive centre for the area.

Accommodation: Cooper Creek Homestay Innamincka

Day 7

The interest is far from over as we head south along the Strzelecki Track to Merty Merty Junction. At this point we head east to Cameron Corner, which is the border of South Australia & New South Wales. A little further, we come upon Fort Grey in the Sturt National Park and here we take the Jump-up track through Olive Downs to Tibooburra.

Accommodation: The Granites Motel Tibooburra

Day 8

After exploring Milparinka - (a ghost town of the gold mining era,) we take a Road out to Depot Glen, where Capt. Charles Sturt was stranded for 6 months due to extreme temperatures, then travel the Silver City Highway through Packsaddle and Fowlers Gap to Broken Hill, arriving mid afternoon.

There is opportunity for sightseeing around the City of Broken Hill .

Accommodation: Old Wilyama Motor Inn Broken Hill

Day 9

Leaving Broken Hill, we travel approximately 100kms south along the Silver City Highway then take the "Eastern Road" through the Stations of Harriedale, Loch Lilly, Oakvale and Quandong to Burra and Adelaide .

The Tour Includes:

- Nine days fully escorted 4WD Outback touring
- All morning and afternoon teas
- All Lunches
- All evening meals
- Accommodation as described in the itinerary
- All park entry fees and permits
- Complimentary home pick up in Metropolitan area



DEPARTURE DATE 2012

Saturday July 14th

2012

Desert Sky Tours

Proudly Presents

The Birdsville & Strzelecki Tracks

9 days - \$3300 per person
Includes

Motel Accommodation and all Meals



Desert Sky Tours - General Information

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TRAVEL ROUTINE

The distance travelled in any day will depend on the general road conditions and sightseeing opportunities along the way. After morning departure at 7.30am, we take a break at around 10.30am and stop for lunch between 12.00-1.00pm, and an afternoon break approximately 3.00pm.

Other stops are taken for photos, exploring and recreation.

MEDICAL

We carry a comprehensive First Aid kit, and have an accredited Senior First Aid staff member on hand on all tours.

Due to the nature of outback travel, and the vast distances involved, anyone with health problems, should give proper consideration to undertaking this trip, and seek their doctor's advice if necessary.

WHAT YOUR FARE INCLUDES

- All meals from start to finish and hotel accommodation (twin share) plus meals where indicated. (Alcoholic drinks are not included).
- Tour costs do not include additional accommodation, meals and incidental expenses resulting from flooding, natural delays, unavailable connections or other unforeseen circumstances. Travel Insurance is recommended for these instances.

TOUR VEHICLES

Travel is in a Toyota Landcruiser 4WD vehicle

For your safety we carry an HF Radio with Royal Flying Doctor frequencies, and a satellite telephone.

WHAT YOU SHOULD BRING

Comfortable casual clothes, for warm to hot days, and cool to cold nights, stout comfortable shoes, and hat. (Most people bring more clothes than they ever use, so consider carefully, and keep your baggage to a minimum), a camera, with plenty of film and a torch.

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Day 1

We depart Adelaide travelling via the mid north towns of Tarlee, Rhynie and Auburn and enter the Clare Valley through Leasingham and Penwortham - (the home of explorer John Horrocks).

The Clare Valley extends to Stanley Flat, and as we continue north, we leave the vineyards and enter farming communities, passing wheat silos at Gulgare and Gladstone.

Crossing Goyder's Line near Melrose, our journey continues on to Quorn and Hawker then through Leigh Creek to Copley, and our first night at the Leigh Creek Hotel.

Accommodation: Leigh Creek Hotel - Copley.

Day 2

After breakfast, we continue north to Lyndhurst stopping at the abandoned town of Farina then onto Marree for lunch. We explore this historic town at the junction of the Birdsville and Oodnadatta Tracks.

The Birdsville Track was established in the 1860's and was the main stock route to bring cattle from central Queensland to the railway in Marree.

There are several stops to see the hot water bores and ruins in this gibber country before arriving at Mungerannie, and our stop-over for the night.

Accommodation: Mungerannie Hotel

Day 3

Back on the Birdsville Track, we head further north to Mirra Mitta Bore and an oasis of greenery and birdlife. We take the "outside" track around Goyder's Lagoon and cross over the famous Koonchera sand dune on the Diamantina floodplain before coming to the South Australian and Queensland border.

The first attraction is the legendary Birdsville race track, and a little further we cross the Diamantina River and into the town of Birdsville!

Accommodation: Birdsville Hotel

Day 4

An opportunity to relax and experience the atmosphere of Birdsville, including a visit to the unique Birdsville Working Museum and other local attractions.

We take a morning trip to the Waddi Trees and Dingo Caves, and after lunch there is an interesting trip to Nappaneric Sand-dune ("Big Red") in the Simpson Desert.

Accommodation: Birdsville Hotel

Day 5

We head east to Durrie then south to Cadelga and Cordillo Downs where our approach is through the Innamincka Regional Reserve, to the town of Innamincka.

Accommodation: Cooper Creek Homestay Innamincka