



Desert Sky Tours Personalised Tours 2012



9 Painted Desert and Oodnadatta Track

Day 1

Following home pickup, we travel via Gawler and mid north towns, stopping for a cup of coffee at Clare and lunch at Quorn. Our journey continues on to Hawker then through Leigh Creek to Copley, and our first night at the Leigh Creek Hotel in Copley.

Overnight: Leigh Creek Hotel

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Day 2



Great Northern Hotel Marree

After breakfast, we continue north to Lyndhurst stopping at Marree for lunch.

We explore this historic town at the start of the Oodnadatta and Birdsville Tracks. Passing through one of Australia's most fascinating and diverse regions, the Oodnadatta Track closely follows a major Aboriginal trade route, the original Overland Telegraph Line and the old Ghan railway line. We travel through the Mound Springs on the rim of the Great Artesian Basin and stop to visit Bubbler and Blanchecup springs.

Overnight: William Creek Campground cabins

Day 3

After an enjoyable breakfast at William Creek, we capture the atmosphere of South Australia's smallest town, which lies in the centre of the world's largest cattle station, Anna Creek.

A little north of William Creek, we leave the Oodnadatta Track and head to the opal capital of the world - Coober Pedy. There is opportunity for a look around the town, including a visit to The Big Winch, and underground church. For something different - our accommodation is underground!

Overnight: Coober Pedy - Look Out Cave Motel

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Day 4



The Breakaway Reserve provides a spectacular drive today. It consists of colourful low hills which have broken away from the Stuart Range and have been featured in many films - including "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome". A round trip follows the Dog Fence and "Moon Plain".

Overnight: Lookout Cave Motel - Coober Pedy

Day 5

The Painted Desert !

Leaving Coober Pedy we travel the Oodnadatta road to Mt Barry and the Arckaringa Hills - an area of spectacularly coloured land formations featuring mesas, buttes, tent hills and cliffs caused by erosion of an ancient land surface. The colours come from pyritic sediments deposited in the soil millions of years ago.

Overnight: Lookout Cave Motel - Coober Pedy



Day 6

We head down the Stuart Highway to Glendambo and past Lake Hart to Pimba, where a slight deviation takes us to Woomera - the base for the Nurrungar deep -space tracking station. We visit Breen Park and the Missile Park Woomera Heritage Centre.

Accommodation: Woomera Eldo Hotel

Day 7

The interest is far from over as we take a day trip to the purpose built town of Roxby Downs and a surface tour of the nearby Olympic Dam - one of the world's largest copper, uranium, gold and silver mining complexes. After lunch we head to Andamooka!



With a population of around 850 people, Andamooka hosts a rich assembly of nationalities that live and work together in an environment that outsiders may consider harsh and resembling a 'moonscape'. To Andamookans however, this is the ideal place to live, uncluttered and free of bureaucracy and hassles of city life.

Accommodation: Woomera Eldo Hotel

Day 8



We travel further down the Stuart Highway to Port Augusta for a look around the town, and visit the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens.

Accommodation: Pt Augusta - Acacia Ridge Motel

Day 9

A scenic drive through Horrocks Pass brings us to Wilmington, then on to Melrose - the oldest town in the Flinders Ranges, at the foot of Mt Remarkable. Leaving Melrose, we travel home to Adelaide through Orroroo, Terowie and Burra

We arrive in Adelaide at 6pm.

WHAT YOUR FARE INCLUDES:

- All meals from start to finish and hotel accommodation (twin share) plus meals where indicated. (Alcoholic drinks are not included)..
- Entry fees to all attractions specified.
- Complimentary home pick up in the metropolitan area.
- 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

Package Fare	:	\$3295 per person
Single Supplement	:	\$ 270
Departure Date 2012	:	Saturday 5 th May

