Desert Sky Tours
Personalised Tours 2027



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. We take a detour to Warren Gorge where me may be lucky enough to spot a Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby.
The historic Kanyaka Ruins and Woolshed are on the Willochra Plain, which we pass through on our way to Hawker

Overnight: Hawker Motel

Day 2



After breakfast, we continue north to Leigh Creek, Copley and the Farina Ruins before stopping in Marree for lunch.

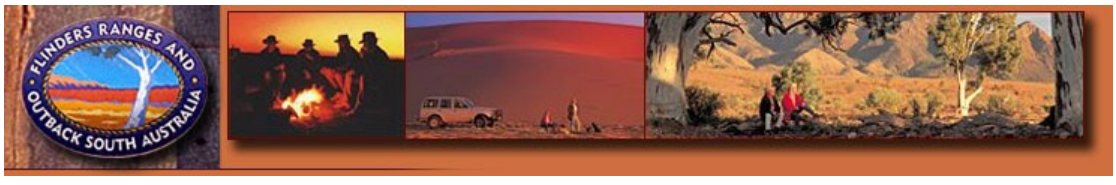
This historic town is at the start of the Oodnadatta and Birdsville Tracks. Passing through one of Australia's most fascinating and diverse regions, the Oodnadatta Track closely follows a major Aboriginal trade route, the original Overland Telegraph Line and the old Ghan railway line.

Overnight: Marree Ensuite Cabins

Day 3

On the Oodnadatta Track again and we stop at Lake Eyre South, then the Mound Springs on the rim of the Great Artesian Basin. We visit the Wamba Kadarbu National Park to see The Bubbler and Blanche- Cup before making our way to and Coward Springs. (and date farm).
A little further is William Creek!

Overnight: William Creek Ensuite Cabins



Day 4



Having had an enjoyable breakfast at William Creek, we continue along The Oodnadatta Track which runs parallel to the old Ghan railway line. Algebuckina Bridge was completed in 1892 and once was the longest bridge in South Australia. Continuing along the Track we pass Dutton Siding and North Creek before arriving in Oodnadatta.

Overnight: Pink Roadhouse Oodnadatta

Day 5



The Painted Desert !

Leaving Oodnadatta this morning we take the Kemp Road and approximately 40kms south pick up the road to 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.

After exploring this area (and picnic lunch) we continue to the Stuart Highway near Cadney Park and continue to Coober Pedy Opal capital of the world!

Overnight: Lookout Cave Motel - Coober Pedy

Day 6



Our Morning commences with a visit to Umoona Mine where we see a short video explaining the opal mining operation, a tour of an Underground home.
Local attractions include the impressive Croatian underground Church, the golf course and shops.

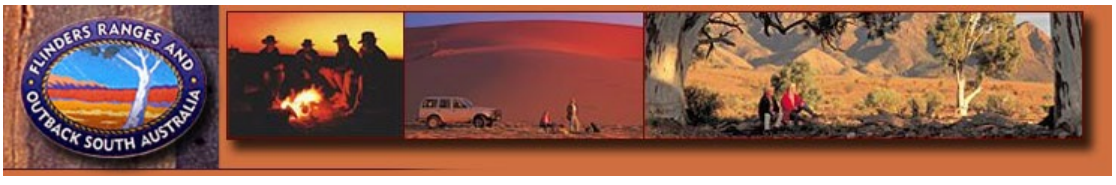
The Breakaway Reserve provides a spectacular drive today. It consists of colourful low hills which have broken away from the Stuart Range and have been featured in many films - including "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome". A round trip follows the Dog Fence and "Moon Plain".

Overnight: Lookout Cave Motel - Coober Pedy

Day 7

We leave Coober Pedy and 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 8



This morning we leave Woomera we travel further down the Stuart Highway arriving in Port Augusta for a look around the town, and a visit to the Arid Lands Botanic Gardens.

Accommodation: Pt Augusta – Pastoral 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 .
  (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	:	$4795 per person
Single Supplement	:	$ 550
Departure Date		Wednesday 31st March 2027

