Desert Sky Tours
Personalised Tours 2027



9 day Painted Desert and Oodnadatta Track.

Day 1

Leaving Adelaide, we travel along the Horrocks Highway through the mid north towns of Roseworthy and Tarlee to The Clare Valley.
A detour to view Seven Hill Winery, the first winery built in the Clare Valley and opportunity to visit the stately St Aloysius' Church.
A morning tea break, then we continue on the Horrocks Highway through Clare and Gladstone to Laura (the home of poet C.J. Dennis "The Sentimental Bloke" and Golden North Icecream!).

Our next major Town is Melrose – at the foot of Mt Remarkable, on the border of Goyder's Line!



Warren Gorge

From Quorn, we take the Arden Valley Road to Warren Gorge and may be lucky to see a Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby.
Heading to the Kanykaka Ruins, we pass the surveyed town of Simmonston "The Town That Never Was" and arrive in Hawker.

Overnight: Hawker Motel



Moralana Scenic Drive

Day 2

The 28km Moralana Scenic Drive commences a short distance from Hawker and takes us through Arkaba Station and Merna Mora Station country between the Elder Range and Wilpena Pound.
We meet the Main North Road near Parachilna and follow it through to Leigh Creek, Copley and Lyndhurst.

North of Lyndhurst we view the Ochre Cliffs before continuing to the abandoned railway town and ruins of Farina.
Marree is the gateway to the Kati Thanda - Lake Eyre Basin and is at the junction of the Birdsville and Oodnadatta tracks.

Overnight: Marree Motel

Day 3



Great Northern Hotel Marree

We explore the historic town Marree, 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 The Bubbler and Blanchecup springs.

Overnight: William Creek Campground cabins

Day 4

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: Lookout Cave Motel - Coober Pedy

Day 5

A visit to *Umoona Opal Mine* is a "must see" in Coober Pedy.
This underground museum tells the story of Coober Pedy's famous mining industry in an old opal mine. It includes an underground dug out home!



After lunch we visit The Breakaway Reserve, which 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 6

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 7

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 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 – 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 (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	:	$5445 per person
Single Supplement	:	$ 500
Departure Date		Friday 23rd April 2027

