

15 DAY DARWIN

INCLUDING CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST TO WEDNESDAY 25TH AUGUST 2010

MOTEL ACCOMMODATION – MOSTLY SAFARI STYLE MEALS

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HIGHLIGHTS

- # COOBER PEDY # ULURU # KATA TJUTA
- # ALICE SPRINGS # KINGS CANYON
- # ABORIGINAL DINNER & DANCE SHOW
- # STANDLEY CHASM # DARWIN
- # KATHERINE GORGE BREAKFAST CRUISE
- # TENNANT CREEK
- # KAKADU NATIONAL PARK
- # YELLOW WATERS CRUISE
- # LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK
- # CITY CENTRE ACCOMMODATION IN DARWIN

DAY 1: WED 11TH AUG HOME TO ADELAIDE

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Our first day is spent travelling via the Western Highway through Bordertown and Murray Bridge to Adelaide for our first overnight stop. Dinner tonight will be at a hotel.

DAY 2: THUR 12TH AUG ADELAIDE TO COOBER PEDY

B.L.D.

Early start this morning as we head north through Port Augusta known as the "Crossroads of Australia". Continue on to Woomera which was established in 1947 as a launch base for experimental rockets and space crafts. The final leg of today's journey finds us in Coober Pedy.

DAY 3: FRI 13TH AUG COOBER PEDY TO ERLDUNDA

B.L.D.

This morning we visit the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum. Enjoy a guided tour through an underground home and an opal mine before departing Coober Pedy. Travel north along the road to Oodnadatta until we come to the dog fence where we enter the Breakaways. Further on through the township of Marla, crossing the border into the Northern Territory. On through Kulgera to ERLDUNDA for our overnight stop.

DAY 4: SAT 14TH AUG ERLDUNDA TO ULURU

B.L.D.

Continuing across the vast cattle stations of Mt. Ebenezer and Curtain Springs with beautiful desert country to Uluru. Our first stop is the visitors centre before we begin our drive around the base of the rock. After lunch we travel west to visit Kata Tjuta, a cluster of rounded massive rocks which are dramatic and vividly coloured, before returning to Sunset Strip for photographs of the sunset at Uluru.

DAY 5: SUN 15TH AUG ULURU TO KINGS CANYON

B.L.D.

An early rise for those passengers who wish to climb the largest monolith in the world. Time for optional flights over Uluru and Kata Tjuta should you wish (own expense). After lunch we depart Uluru and travel north to take in the spectacular beauty of Kings Canyon.

DAY 6: MON 16TH AUG KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS

B.L.D.

This morning is spent exploring Kings Canyon with its spectacular red sandstone cliffs, natural rock pools and bush vegetation. See the "Lost City", the "Garden of Eden" and take a walk along the canyon floor as it follows "Kings Creek". Depart Kings Canyon and travel to Alice Springs and our home for the next three nights.

DAY 7: TUE 17TH AUG WESTERN MACDONNELL RANGES

B.L.D.

Today is spent taking in the magnificent scenery of the Western MacDonnell Ranges. Visit John Flynn's Grave, Twin Ghost Gums, Simpsons Gap and Standley Chasm, a 5 metre wide colourful cleft in the West MacDonnells. We spend the afternoon at the Alice Springs Desert Park to learn about the flora, fauna and animals found in Central Australia.

DAY 8: WED 18TH AUG ALICE SPRINGS SIGHTSEEING

B.L.D.

Visit the Old Telegraph Station Historical Reserve, which is a restoration of the original station, the School Of The Air where you are able to view the workings of this "education by radio". Our next stop is the Royal Flying Doctor Base where visitors are able to view the operations of a flying medical team.

DAY 9: THUR 19TH AUG

B.L.D.

ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK

Early start again today as we cross the Tropic of Capricorn and pause at Central Mount Stuart, the geographical centre of Australia. Visit Barrow Creek and the Devils Marbles. Further on to Tennant Creek, a modern outback mining town, whose minerals include copper, gold and tin.

PRICE:

\$.00 per person

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:

\$.00 (If Available)

All prices include GST

DAY 10: FRI 20TH AUG

B.L.D.

TENNANT CREEK TO KATHERINE

We continue further north along the Stuart Highway through Three Ways, Renner Springs and Elliott to Daly Waters where we visit the famous old pub. Take in the character of this pub before making our way to Mataranka, where you may like to take a swim in the thermal pool. Great for relaxation after a days travelling. Continue on to Katherine for our overnight stop.

DAY 11: SAT 21ST AUG

B.L.D.

KATHERINE TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Early rise this morning before making our way to Katherine Gorge for our cruise through this magnificent gorge. A cruise through the gorge allows you to experience the Aboriginal rock art, geology, wild life and plant life. Continuing our trek through the gold town of Pine Creek where we join the Kakadu Highway to the Kakadu National Park. Make our way to Cooina for our overnight stop.

DAY 12: SUN 22ND AUG

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KAKADU NATIONAL PARK TO DARWIN

This morning we view the park's prolific birdlife on an early morning boat cruise of the wetlands at Yellow Water. Visit Nouralgie Rock, known for its Aboriginal paintings. Explore the township of Jabiru, a moderately sized town blessed with a high standard of modern facilities. Join the Arnhem Highway to Darwin, our home for the next three nights. Tonight we visit the famous Mindil Beach Markets.

DAY 13: MON 23RD AUG

B.L.

LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

A highlight today as we visit Litchfield National Park to see the beauty of rain forests, rivers, waterfalls and great magnetic anthills. Visit Wangi Falls. On our return to Darwin we visit the Darwin River Dam and Berry Springs.

DAY 14: TUE 24TH AUG

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DARWIN

Morning tour of the city visiting Fannie Bay Gaol Museum. Next stop the Botanical Gardens and Christ Church Cathedral, constructed in 1977 to replace the original stone church destroyed by Cyclone Tracy in 1974. The remainder of the day is free for you to do your own exploring.

DAY 15: WED 25TH AUG

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DARWIN TO HOME

This morning you will be transferred to Darwin Airport for your flight back to Tullamarine where you will once again be met and transferred to your home town after a memorable fifteen days touring.