

INNAMINCKA

BIRDSVILLE – ROXBY DOWNS

13 DAYS DEPARTING THURSDAY 15TH TO TUESDAY 27TH APRIL 2010

MOTEL/HOTEL ACCOMMODATION SAFARI STYLE & RESTAURANT MEALS

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DAY 1: THUR 15TH APRIL HOME TO MILDURA

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After pick up from your home town or enroute, travel north via Horsham and Warracknabeal, moving into the Mallee passing through Hopetoun and Ouyen to Mildura for our first overnight stop.

DAY 2: FRI 16TH APRIL MILDURA TO TIBOOBURRA

B.L.D.

Early start this morning as we travel to Wentworth and join the Silver City Highway for our trek north to Broken Hill which is the home of the richest silver-lead-zinc deposit yet discovered. Leaving Broken Hill behind we continue north along the Silver City Highway to Milparinka before continuing the short distance on to Tibooburra for our overnight stop.

DAY 3: SAT 17TH APRIL CAMERONS CORNER – INNAMINCKA

B.L.D.

Tibooburra is an Aboriginal word meaning a heap of rocks but it was known as "The Granites" by miners. As the gold rush at Tibooburra waned, the town became a service centre for surrounding pastoral properties. Depart Tibooburra for our next stop at Camerons Corner on the border of New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia. The final leg of our journey today finds us in Innamincka, a small outback township 54km from the South Australian border and our home for the next two nights.

HIGHLIGHTS

OLD MILPARINKA MINING TOWN
AND CEMETERY
EARLY EXPLORERS CAMP-FORT GREY
CAMERONS CORNER –
"WHERE THE THREE STATES MEET"
STRZELECKI TRACK
VIEWS OF MOOMBA GAS & OIL FIELDS
INNAMINCKA
COOPER CREEK
BURKE & WILLS DIG TREE
BIRDSVILLE
BIRDSVILLE TRACK
ROXBY DOWNS
ANDAMOOKA
FLINDERS RANGES
WILPENA POUND
PARACHILNA GORGE
PETERBOROUGH

DAY 4: SAT 18TH APRIL INNAMINCKA AND SURROUNDS

B.L.D.

We spend today visiting sites such as The Dig Tree, the base from which Burke and Wills made their dash to the Gulf of Carpentaria. We see Burke's Memorial where Burke's body was found and buried at this spot also Wills' Marker, where Wills is believed to have died, near a big red gum tree, found slightly upstream and toward the northern bank of the Cooper Creek.

DAY 5: MON 19TH APRIL INNAMINCKA TO BIRDSVILLE

B.L.D.

Farewell Innamincka and continue our trek north through the Innamincka Regional Reserve and the Strzelecki Desert. Further north we join the Birdsville Developmental Road and travel west to Birdsville, home for the next two nights.

DAY 6: TUE 20TH APRIL**BIRDSVILLE SIGHTSEEING****B.L.D.**

This morning we travel a short distance out of Birdsville to view "Big Red", the biggest sand hill in the desert. Visit the Birdsville cemetery, the famous Birdsville race track and the Birdsville Information Centre where you may purchase some souvenirs. After lunch we visit the Birdsville Working Museum for a personalised guided tour into yesteryear.

DAY 7: WED 21ST APRIL**BIRDSVILLE TO MARREE****B.L.D.**

Today we commence our journey along the notorious Birdsville Track. The track links Marree (South Australia) and Birdsville (Queensland). It skirts some of the driest areas of Australia passing between the Simpson, Sturt's Stony, the Strzelecki and Tirari Deserts. We pass Lake Harry ruins, Killalpaninna Lutheran Mission Memorial en route to Marree.

DAY 8: THUR 22ND APRIL**MARREE TO ROXBY DOWNS****B.L.D.**

Today we begin our travels on another one of Australia's famous Outback Tracks, the Oodnadatta Track. We pass through Australia's longest man made barrier, The Dog Fence. Mid morning we will join the Borefield road and head west towards Roxby Downs. Roxby Downs is a modern desert oasis situated beside the Olympic Dam Mine.

DAY 9: FRI 23RD APRIL**ROXBY DOWNS & ANDAMOOKA****B.L.D**

This morning we enjoy a two hour tour of the Olympic Dam Mine site, originally nothing more than a waterhole on the Roxby Downs station and now one of the biggest mining operations in Australia. After lunch travel the short distance to Andamooka. Enjoy a town tour and visit an opal showroom and Dukes Bottle House, a home built from discarded beer bottles before returning to Roxby Downs for dinner.

DAY 10: SAT 24TH APRIL**ROXBY DOWNS TO WILPENA POUND****B.L.D**

Today we farewell Roxby Downs and head south through Woomera to Port Augusta which is situated at the top point of the Spencer Gulf. From Port Augusta we make our way towards the Flinders Ranges passing through Quorn and Hawker. Later this afternoon we arrive at the Flinders Ranges National Park. Our accommodation tonight is at the Wilpena Pound Resort which is known as the heart of the Flinders Ranges.

DAY 11: SUN 25TH APRIL**FLINDERS RANGES – WILPENA POUND****B.L.D.**

Enjoy exploring one of the oldest landscapes on earth today, Wilpena Pound, the centrepiece of the Flinders Ranges National Park. We also explore the magnificent Parachilna Gorge noting the rugged structure of the Flinders Ranges on our way to Blinman, another old copper mining town with several historic buildings. Time is available for optional scenic flights over Wilpena Pound (passengers own expense) should you wish.

DAY 12: MON 26TH APRIL**WILPENA POUND TO RENMARK****B.L.D**

Leaving the Flinders Ranges behind, we make our way south through Hawker, Orroroo, and Peterborough where we stop to visit Steamtown. Formed in 1977 Steamtown is a museum set up to preserve Peterborough's narrow gauge railway heritage. Our next stop is at one of Australia's oldest copper mining towns, Burra. This afternoon we continue onto Renmark for our last night away.

DAY 13: TUE 27TH APRIL**RENMARK TO HOME****B.**

Departing Renmark this morning we make our way via Ouyen, Warracknabeal and Horsham for the final leg of our journey home after a memorable thirteen days touring.

PRICE:**\$.00 pp twin share****SINGLE SUPP:****\$.00 (if available)****Prices include GST**