

Australian Outback Adventures

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2023





Five Rivers Lookout, Kimberley



Looking ahead with Outback Spirit

While the world looks a little different to this time two years ago, I realise now more than ever the importance of looking forward and making plans for a brighter future. It can be tempting to put things on hold and wait for the perfect timing, but in my experience, it's always better to make plans with a sense of optimism.

That's why at Outback Spirit, we're continuing with what we've done for the past 22 years, which is connecting you – our guests – to Australia's most remarkable landscapes, unique touring experiences and some very special communities. We've always made guest safety paramount – and we continue to do so with our experienced guides who are the best in the business and subtle changes to protect us in this new world of travel.

Our journeys incorporate the finest accommodation available, specialised vehicles, fine food and wine and something we could all do with a little more of – and that's perspective. When you realise you're one of a handful of people to see exquisite rock art that's thousands of years old, or you're overlooking a rugged outback landscape once covered by sea, you gain a sense of perspective that prevails over everything else. I guarantee you that the itineraries in the pages that follow will take you on a journey of discovery you need to experience to believe.

With more than 25 itineraries to some of Australia's most remote and remarkable landscapes, even the most seasoned traveller will find a new pocket of Australia to explore. So, I invite you to join us and look to the future with the knowledge that an Outback Spirit journey will lead you to somewhere genuinely extraordinary.

Luke Walker
Executive General Manager
Outback Spirit

JOURNEY BEYOND

Outback Spirit is a proud member of Australia's leading experiential tourism group.

Join us on an unforgettable journey... one that will take you beyond. To new places... to new experiences that will ignite your imagination.

At Journey Beyond we know this land and we bring the best of it to life. From voyages across oceans to expeditions into our very core.

We transform amazing into breathtaking. We unearth the unexpected.

To touch, to taste and to discover.

The best of life's experiences are shared... So, join us... and together

Let's Journey Beyond.

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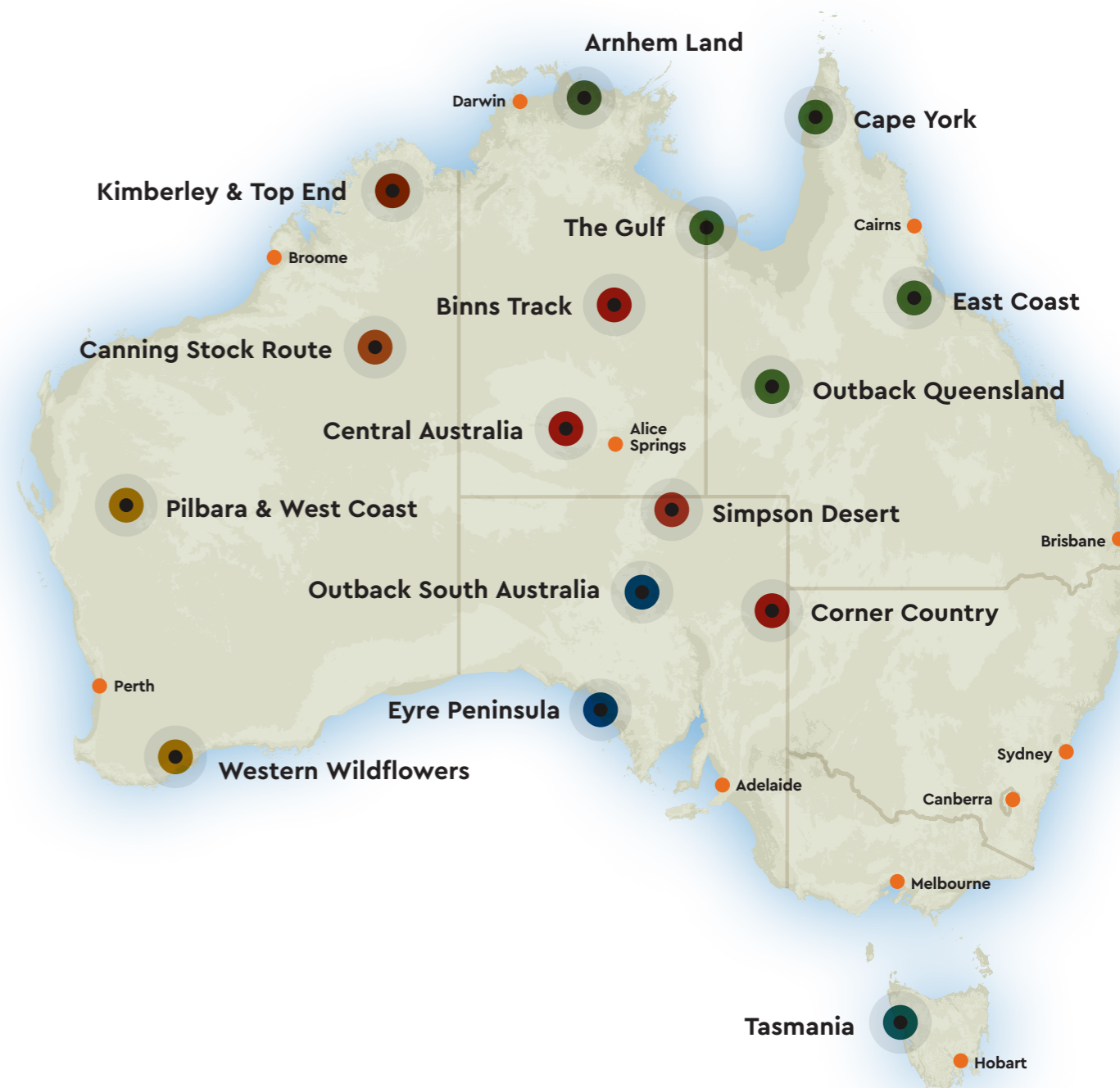
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Where will you explore in 2023?

Outback Spirit have Australia covered with adventures from Queensland's Cape York to Tasmania's South Cape; from East Coast Islands to Western Wildflowers plus the marvels and landscapes of Australia's stunning interior.

Join us and discover Australia.



“I commend you on the amazing tour that we recently did with your company. You showed us in such detail a very special part of Australia, and indeed, the world.”

Ken & Gerry QLD



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Australia's most diverse range of expeditions

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When an * appears next to a symbol, this indicates an optional activity

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- Bird Watching
- Boat Cruise
- Cultural Activity
- Fishing
- Flight
- Helicopter Flight
- Jet-boat
- Lookout
- National Park
- Open-back 4WD tour
- Scenic Flight
- Sea Plane
- Swim
- Train Ride
- Walk
- Whale Watching
- Wildflowers
- Winery
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Why Choose Outback Spirit

We have been in the outback adventure business for over twenty years and are wholly committed to providing our guests with the trip of a lifetime.



🏆 Award winning tour company

Outback Spirit has won numerous travel industry awards over the years. We're proud to have been acknowledged for consistently delivering professional and authentic adventures to remote destinations of Australia.

⭐ Highly recommended

We regularly receive outstanding Trip Advisor reviews, glowing recommendations and positive guest feedback. What makes us most proud is that around half of our guests each year have travelled with Outback Spirit before.



👥 Small Group Tours

With Outback Spirit you travel in a small group of like-minded travellers. Our groups range from 12 - 26 ensures a premium tour experience that is intimate, personalised, relaxed and uncrowded.

🍷 Fully inclusive tours

When you go on tour with us, you can truly relax about the price knowing that all accommodation, meals and attractions are fully included. The only things you'll need money for are nightly dinner drinks, or souvenirs!

“This is what Outback Spirit does so well. Small groups, close encounters with the natural environment and the local people, plus a good level of comfort. It definitely lives up to the promotional material.”

Marilyn & Jim, TAS



🏠 Exclusive Camps & Lodges

With six wilderness lodges and safari camps, a tour with Outback Spirit has you staying in the most spectacular locations, in the most luxurious way. Enjoy exceptional cuisine at our fully licensed restaurants before retiring to your Safari Suite or cabin with beautiful premium furnishings and a private ensuite.



📍 Unsurpassed access

Every Outback Spirit tour includes iconic and exclusive attractions and activities. Travel with us and you'll see the most spectacular parts of Australia with access to areas that many other operators simply can't get to.



🌿 Eco Certified

As we explore Australia's natural wonders we are devoted to using resources wisely, contributing to conserving the environment and helping to support local communities.



🎁 Explorer Pack

The Outback Spirit Explorer Pack is a complimentary collection of travel necessities provided to kick start your expedition. We have curated the Explorer Pack to provide guests with the essentials for small group touring. Items may vary from those pictured.



Drysdale River



“I really enjoyed travelling on the 4WD coach. It was very comfortable and being high up gave us a great view of the landscape.”

Jennie & Andrew, NSW



Limmen National Park



Mercedes-Benz fleet

You're guaranteed to travel in comfort and safety aboard our exclusive fleet of all-terrain Mercedes-Benz vehicles

We have invested over \$20 million in our fleet of 5-star all terrain Mercedes-Benz tour vehicles. The difference between these vehicles and what most other tour operators use is stark and adds up to a far superior experience for our guests.

More features and comfort

Roomier

One of the prime objectives of our fleet is to provide exceptional comfort, and this starts with ample room. Outback Spirit vehicles boast more legroom than just about any other all terrain commercial tour vehicle, something you are sure to appreciate after covering big distances in the outback.

Safer

Mercedes-Benz has long been known for exceptional safety in passenger cars, and with their commercial vehicles it's no different. The inherent safety features are too long to list, but include excellent handling and a degree of 'over engineering' that's in the DNA of any Mercedes-Benz vehicle.

Quieter

Without question, our vehicles are some of the quietest of their kind thanks to superior coach module design and exceptional sound deadening materials. On the inside, the use of carpet and velour also soak up sound and give that plush, luxurious feeling that is rare for outback tour vehicles.

Smoother

With many outback roads still on the bumpy side, the last thing you want is to be bouncing around in your seat all day. Not to worry, as our vehicles have one of the smoothest rides in the outback. Long parabolic springs soak up even the most severe corrugations and offer an incredible level of reliability.

At a Glance

- Generous legroom
- Comfortable reclining coach seating
- On-board restroom
- Satellite communication system
- Large panoramic windows
- Australia-wide vehicle monitoring system
- DVD player, television & road cam
- State-of-the-art P.A. system
- On-board refrigeration & hot water urn
- Comprehensive first aid kit

NOTE: Desert Safari expeditions are conducted using smaller 4WD and 6WD Mercedes-Benz G-Wagons. Some features will differ from those listed above. Please refer to page 187 for more details.



Mitchell Plateau Rock Art



Windjana Gorge Guided Tour



Passion, Knowledge and Experience

Outback Spirit guides are truly a cut above and bring every adventure to life

A tour can be a great success or dismal failure based purely on the performance and abilities of the guide. That's exactly why we employ, recruit & train the best in the industry.

Passion

Enthusiasm is infectious, and our guides have it in spades. Their passion for the outback is profound, as is their total dedication to your enjoyment and satisfaction. They'll be there when you need them to be, but discreet when you don't, taking care of all the behind the scenes details so you can relax and enjoy your trip. For our guides, this is their life and their chosen profession. It's also their passion.

Knowledge

An important part of any holiday is the enjoyment you get from learning about the area you're in. That's why it's important that your guides know what they're on about. In addition to any existing knowledge our guides have built up over the years, we supply a detailed commentary package to all our guides who are required to study, learn and rehearse the information. Regions are picked apart for their relevant topics so that you get accurate, concise and interesting information.

*Heavy vehicle driving experience applies to staff driving our large all-terrain coaches which require an MR license endorsement (or equivalent) or higher.

Driver Experience

Outback Spirit doesn't give tour driver positions to just anyone with the right qualifications. We know there's an enormous responsibility that comes with driving public passenger vehicles, and this responsibility needs to fall on the right shoulders. In addition to having the skills, you need to have experience. Outback Spirit drivers are all driving professionals with comprehensive multi-year, heavy vehicle* driving experience under their belts. This ensures that everywhere you travel with Outback Spirit you go with the ultimate safety and security.

“Our driver & tour director could not have been better, and in terms of their care, knowledge, professionalism and good nature they are an absolute credit to the organisation.”

Helen and Graeme, NSW



Tamar Wallaby © AWC



Newhaven feral predator-proof conservation fence © AWC

Australian Wildlife Conservancy Sanctuaries



29

total AWC sanctuaries

16.1

million acres managed

541

bird species protected

207

mammal species protected



Release of Brush-tailed Bettong © AWC

PROUDLY SUPPORTING



Australian Wildlife Conservancy

Outback Spirit makes a significant yearly donation to AWC

Australia is world renowned for its unique wildlife and the beautiful yet fragile habitats in which they live. What many people don't realise, however, is that Australia has the highest mammal extinction rate in the world.

Since European colonisation approximately 10% of Australia's mammals have become extinct. Globally, this figure makes up one-third of mammal extinctions over the past 200 years. This terrible track record is made worse by the fact that most Australian mammals aren't found anywhere else in the world.

As an outback tour operator, Outback Spirit relies on the natural environment. As such, we're big believers in supporting organisations such as AWC that actively protect Australia's threatened wildlife and ecosystems. Since 2008, we've donated over one million dollars to AWC in support of their incredible efforts to halt Australia's extinction rate. This significant figure is added to each and every year and makes a real difference to their operations.

AWC is a not-for-profit organisation funded by donations. This financial support enables vital programs aimed at protecting Australia's most endangered species. AWC programs combined with world-class science enables them to take action by:

1. Acquiring land to establish sanctuaries for the conservation of threatened species and ecosystems.
2. Implementing practical, on-ground conservation programs such as the eradication of feral animals and the reintroduction of endangered species.
3. Conducting scientific research into key issues affecting biodiversity in Australia.
4. Undertaking public education programs to promote awareness of the plight of Australia's wildlife.

AWC currently owns and manages 29 sanctuaries covering over 16 million acres across Australia, including iconic locations such as the Kimberley, Top End, Cape York and Lake Eyre. These sanctuaries protect a significant proportion of Australia's biodiversity, including 88% of all bird species and 72% of all mammal species. AWC protects more terrestrial animal species than any other non-government conservation organisation in Australia.



We invite anyone with a passion for wildlife to support AWC, with even the smallest donations welcome. You can do so by heading to AWC's website www.australianwildlife.org



Healing Ceremony, Arnhem Land



'Welcome to Country', Arnhem Land



'Welcome to Country', Arnhem Land

Supporting Indigenous Communities

Outback Spirit proudly supports remote Indigenous communities and Traditional Landowners

Indigenous Employment

In remote areas, Outback Spirit seeks to offer employment to local Aboriginal people where possible. Often employed as tour guides, there's simply no better way of learning about Aboriginal culture than first hand from Traditional Owners. Their intimate knowledge of the landscape and seasons and their Dreamtime stories make for a fascinating and enlightening cultural experience. We also offer other tourism and hospitality positions at our remote camps, along with the appropriate training. These employment opportunities benefit the local community and improve Outback Spirit's cultural tourism products.

Supporting Indigenous Businesses

Outback Spirit's tour operations provide valuable support for Indigenous owned and operated businesses. Whether it's a visit to an art centre or the support of an Indigenous owned accommodation facility or store, the revenue from our tours is significant in the overall viability of these businesses. During the construction and renovation stages of our new camps and lodges in Arnhem Land, many Indigenous Corporations provided staff, machinery and expertise on a contractual basis with ongoing business relationships being developed.

Sponsorships

Outback Spirit sponsors football clubs in remote Aboriginal communities in Arnhem Land, including Maningrida and Ramingining. This sponsorship is aimed at encouraging the youth from these communities to lead healthy lifestyles and to support those who work hard as volunteers in their vital roles in remote sporting competitions. In addition to sport, Outback Spirit also contributes to education and training. In the Kimberley, we help sponsor teachers for the Kandiwal Aboriginal Community on the Mitchell Plateau and provide accommodation and board free of charge at our safari camp.

“We could not fault the tour in any way at all. On the contrary, every little detail met our expectations, or frequently exceeded them. Your connection with the Traditional Owners was exceptional and really enhanced the experience.”

Larry, NSW



Crown Promenade, Perth



Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island



Sumptuous Cuisine

On every Outback Spirit adventure you'll enjoy plentiful and varied cuisine. Every single meal is included in your tour fare offering outstanding value for money. You'll start most days with a hearty cooked breakfast, followed by tasty lunches and if time permits, perhaps some afternoon (or morning) tea. In the evening the dinner service ranges from delicious 'a-la-carte' options to set menus in some remote locations. We can guarantee you won't go hungry!

Note: Dietary requirements can be accommodated for if pre-advised. Please contact our office for details.



Seven Spirit Bay



Finest Accommodation

Relax in comfort and enjoy delicious cuisine after a day of exploring

On every Outback Spirit adventure you'll experience a range of different accommodation types that capture the very essence of each location. Hand-picked for their unique attributes, the properties we use are generally the very best available in each location and are situated to maximise your enjoyment.

Luxurious hotels and resorts

Enjoy bedding down in the lap of luxury at outstanding hotels and resorts that offer a truly memorable experience. Most of our itineraries include this style of accommodation at some point along the way, depending on what neck of the woods you're in! A few examples include Kingfisher Bay Resort, Fraser Island, Sails in the Desert, Uluru and Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort.

Exclusive Wilderness camps and lodges

Outback Spirit tours feature overnight stays in outstanding wilderness camps or lodges, many of these exclusive to Outback Spirit guests. Often the highlight of your trip, these stays are situated in remote strategic locations that all boast something unique or special. We even have our own luxurious properties in the Kimberley and Arnhem Land; Seven Spirit Bay, Barramundi Lodge, Murwangi and Ngauwudu Safari Camps and enjoy highlight stays at Lotusbird Lodge in Cape York and the world renowned Cradle Mountain Lodge in Tasmania.

Centrally located motels

While some nights of your itinerary are in remote, isolated locations there are also nights spent in regional centres, like Kununurra, Cooktown and Albany to name just a few. In these locations we use the best accommodation on offer, which is generally a good quality motel in the centre of town. Ranging from 4 – 4.5 stars these venues offer comfort and convenience after a day spent traversing the outback.

Station stays & outback hotels

Known for their tremendous atmosphere and authentic feel, the outback cattle stations and hotels that we utilise on selected itineraries add real depth to your touring experience. Enjoy meeting some of the locals at the bar and experience wonderful hospitality in these remote outposts.

TRANSFORMING THE AMAZING INTO THE *Breathtaking*



JOURNEY BEYOND
TRAVEL CLUB



Unlock exclusive member only offers as you explore Australia's most unique and iconic places when you choose a Journey Beyond experience.



UNLOCK

Member only specials, priority access, benefits and last-minute upgrade offers.



REWARDS

Earn and save with program partners.



INSIGHTS

Be the first to hear about new products and travel insights.



WIN

Ongoing member only competitions.



COMMUNITY

Exclusive access to a community of likeminded travellers.

journeybeyond.com/travelclub



Book & Travel Smart

Outback Spirit have a range of smart ways to save in 2023. Select a fare type for the ultimate flexibility, save with one of our latest offers or take advantage of savings as a past passenger.

Book with confidence Fully Flexible Fares

To ensure peace of mind when booking your adventure, we have a range of fare types giving you added choice, greater confidence and more flexibility for the 2023 touring season.

Along with our standard 'Everyday' Fare, you can choose a Fully Flexible Fare. Our Fully Flexible Fare allows guests to postpone or cancel their trip for any reason up to one day ahead of departure without incurring any amendment or cancellation fees.

For full terms and conditions see page 232.

Great offers available Earlybird Savings

Take advantage of exceptional offers across our wide range of outback adventures in 2023. Contact our office on **Freecall 1800 688 222** or click visit our website for the latest offers available for 2023 adventures.



Please see our accompanying Earlybird Sale flyer for all the latest deals and promotions.

Past Passenger Loyalty Rewards

Guest satisfaction is at the heart of everything we do, something those who've travelled with us before know only too well. This is best revealed by the fact that around half our guests each year are returning Outback Spirit travellers.

As an Outback Spirit Past Passenger you are eligible for a tour discount after completing your first adventure with us. For subsequent journeys, you will also pay a reduced deposit to secure your booking.

PAST TOURS	DISCOUNT
1	Save up to \$350*pp
2 - 3	Save up to \$450*pp
4 or more	Save up to \$650*pp

*Maximum discount reflected for single supplement past passengers.

THE KIMBERLEY

Embrace the wild, experience the beauty

To be immersed in the Kimberley is like touching the spiritual heart of our extraordinary country. Those who've explored this region with Outback Spirit talk of a deep sense of fulfilment at having 'done the Kimberley'. With the rugged escarpments, magnificent gorges and pristine waterways, you'll be blown away at just how spectacular it is.

Outback Spirit is one of the largest tour operators in the Kimberley, with hand crafted itineraries borne from 20 years of experience. Our unique adventures include all the major highlights, such as the Mitchell Plateau, the Bungle Bungles, Horizontal Falls and Gibb River Road to name just a few.

Travelling through the Kimberley, it's hard not to be captivated by its history. From the early explorers to pastoral pioneers, to the defence of our shores during WWII; they're all fascinating feats of bravery, courage and endurance. The region is also rich in Indigenous culture, having been home to Aboriginal people for tens of thousands of years.

The Kimberley's calling you in 2023, make sure you see it with Outback Spirit.

“I have travelled extensively in Australia and in many parts of the world, and I can honestly say that the trip to the Kimberley region with Outback Spirit was one of the best experiences of my travels.”

Colleen, NZ



The Kimberley Specialists

Nobody knows the Kimberley like Outback Spirit

Outback Spirit have a long history of operating tours in the remote Kimberley region, beginning way back in the late 1990's. Early on, we ran air safaris and large coach tours before starting small group 4WD adventures in the year 2000. From a humble pair of 14-seat OKAs (Australian made 4WD bus) we've grown to become one of the largest tourism operators in the Kimberley. With the establishment of our safari camp in 2011, we own and operate the Kimberley's most luxurious tented accommodation facility up on the Mitchell Plateau.

Unsurpassed access

With Outback Spirit, you'll enjoy unsurpassed access to the remote Kimberley thanks to a network of unique wilderness lodges and local partnerships. Strategically located, these accommodation bases make it possible to explore the furthest corners of the Kimberley, including the stunning Mitchell Plateau. Here, guests enjoy two nights at our exquisite Ngauwudu Safari Camp, exclusive to Outback Spirit guests, which is also operated during the wet season.

Exclusive intimate lodges

With Outback Spirit you'll enjoy a more intimate wilderness experience thanks to well-designed 'boutique' safari camps. At Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary there can only ever be one tour group in-house at any one time, while our very own Ngauwudu Safari Camp on the Mitchell Plateau has undergone a multi-million dollar upgrade and is exclusive to Outback Spirit guests with each luxury safari suite positioned to offer seclusion and privacy.

Sightseeing assurance

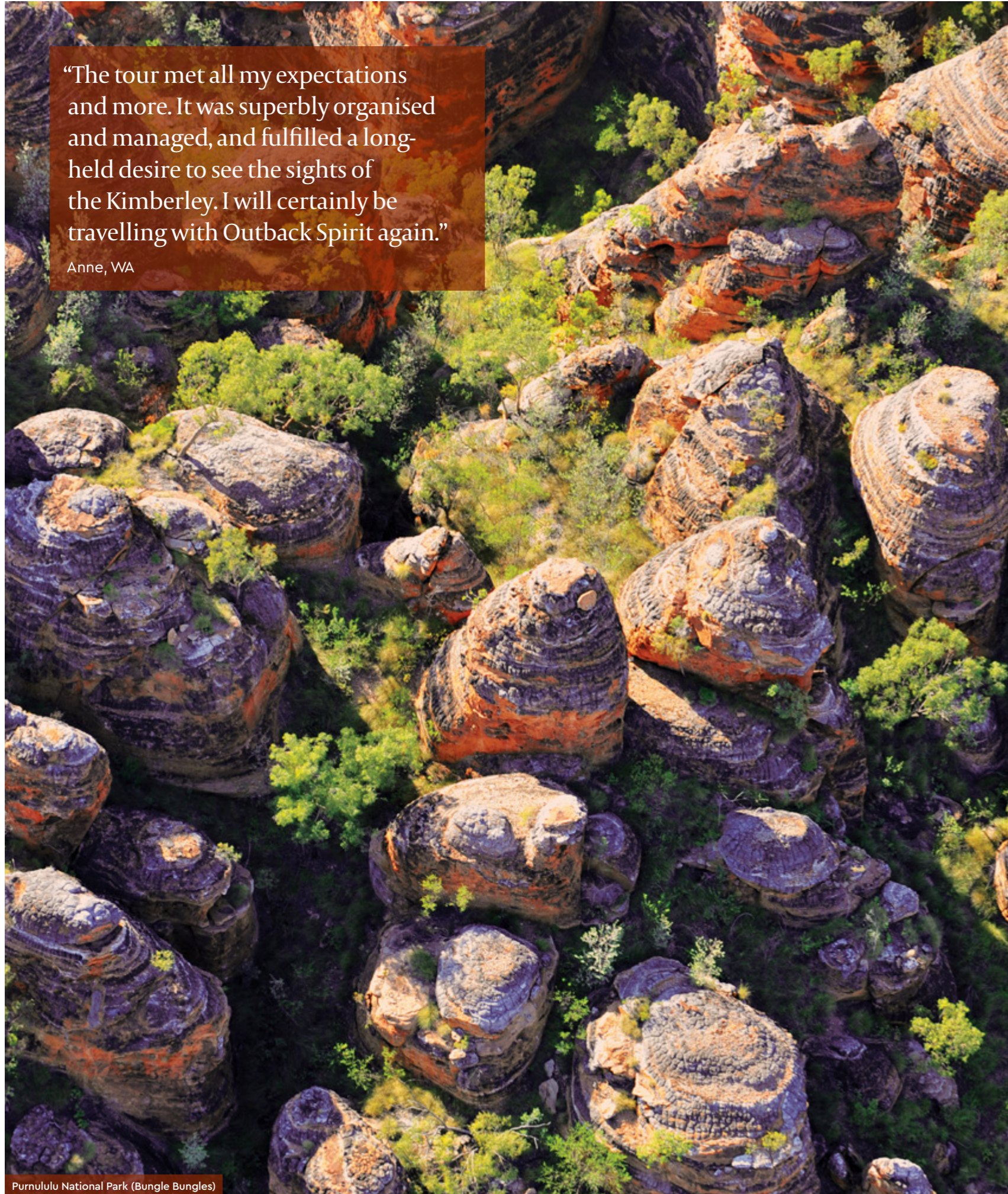
When an itinerary is disrupted due to bad weather, road closures or other developments beyond our control, you'll be pleased to know that we always go the extra mile. Outback Spirit has an impeccable record for ensuring passengers still get to see and do as much as possible, often at significant company expense. Whether it's chartering an aircraft or rearranging accommodation, we actively pursue the best possible outcome whilst others refer to their fine print.

Local operations base

The Kimberley can be a challenging environment to operate in, and professional back-up support is vital. For both mechanical and operational matters Outback Spirit has a dedicated team in Broome who are available 24 hours a day to provide immediate support, should it be required. It's all about guaranteeing a seamless touring experience.

“The tour met all my expectations and more. It was superbly organised and managed, and fulfilled a long-held desire to see the sights of the Kimberley. I will certainly be travelling with Outback Spirit again.”

Anne, WA



Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungles)



Kimberley Wonders

Comprehensive itineraries that feature the very best of the Kimberley

The Mitchell Plateau

A journey to the Kimberley would not be complete without venturing north to the stunning Mitchell Plateau. All of Outback Spirit's itineraries include a visit to this remote and spectacular corner of the Kimberley, home to the stunning Mitchell Falls. Enjoy a guided walk to the falls with expert guides, viewing rarely seen rock art galleries along the way. Every tour we operate to the region includes a scenic helicopter flight over the falls and back to the ranger station at the end of the walk.

Horizontal Falls

The Horizontal Falls have been described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world! Lying deep within the Buccaneer Archipelago at Talbot Bay, the 2nd largest tides in the world hurtle through two narrow coastal gorges to create a 'horizontal waterfall' effect. The half day tour with Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures (valued at \$995pp) begins with a flight aboard an amphibious Cessna Grand Caravan. Land on the calm waters of Talbot Bay and enjoy an exhilarating jet-boat ride through the falls!

Note: This attraction is included in our dry season expeditions to the Kimberley but can be removed. Please contact our office for details.

The Bungle Bungles

World Heritage listed in 2003, the Bungle Bungles are one of the highlights of any trip to the Kimberley. Characterised by orange and black beehive shaped domes, the park is simply breathtaking and a delight for avid photographers. It's also home to Cathedral Gorge, one of the most incredible in northern Australia and reached by a walking trail along Piccaninny Creek, as well as Echidna Chasm.

All Outback Spirit adventures that visit the Bungle Bungles include an 18-minute scenic helicopter flight valued at \$299pp

Ord River Cruise

This is without question the best river cruise you can do in Australia! Enjoy the incredible landscape between Kununurra and Lake Argyle as you cruise along in high powered boats with expert skippers and insightful commentary about the river's ecology and the massive Ord River Irrigation Scheme. There's even time for a quick afternoon tea break on the banks of the river.

Ancient Rock Art

The Kimberley is home to some exceptional rock art, including the Wandjina figures and the dramatic Gwion Gwion art. With Outback Spirit you'll see this art on all of our itineraries and enjoy expert interpretation from our knowledgeable guides. Located primarily in the north Kimberley, this art can be seen on the walk to Mitchell Falls and at King Edward River on the Mitchell Plateau track.



Ngauwudu Safari Camp

Built exclusively for Outback Spirit guests, Ngauwudu Safari Camp allows for an in-depth exploration of the stunning Mitchell Plateau

Built exclusively for Outback Spirit guests, Ngauwudu Safari Camp allows for an in-depth exploration of the stunning Mitchell Plateau. Ngauwudu (pronounced Nar-woo-doo) is the Aboriginal name for the Mitchell Plateau, a striking and untouched wilderness in the North Kimberley. Outback Spirit's safari camp is one of only two permanent camps on Ngauwudu and is by far the most luxurious and spacious.

Ngauwudu was expanded and renewed for the 2022 touring season with a multi-million dollar upgrade and the addition of 8 brand new 'Safari Suites'. The original 'Safari Suites' have all been beautifully re-furnished with brand new furniture, fittings and bedding. This, along with private ensuites, crisp laundered linen, full insect screening and a wide verandah with outdoor furniture makes for an even more luxurious experience. The Wawida Pavilion, home to Ngauwudu Safari Camps' restaurant and bar has also been transformed with updated dining facilities, cosy lounge and extended alfresco area, perfect for relaxing during the day or night.

At a glance

- Recently expanded and refurbished for the 2022 touring season
- 22 exceptional 'Safari Suites' beautifully furnished with ensuite bathrooms
- Architecturally designed restaurant and lounge
- Eco-friendly structures and 240 volt solar power supply
- Private palm-fringed waterhole for swimming
- Close to the mighty Mitchell Falls
- Relax around the campfire in the evenings
- The most luxurious tented camp facility in the Kimberley
- Exclusive to Outback Spirit guests



Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge

Immerse yourself in Purnululu with a two night stay at this ideally positioned safari lodge

Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge is the most established accommodation within the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles). Located in the south of the park on Bellburn Creek, the lodge features 28 architecturally designed cabins scattered in a bush setting. There's also a licensed restaurant and outdoor bar area overlooking the creek, an ideal spot for a cool drink at the end of the day. Come the evening, enjoy delicious home-style meals and relax around the campfire, sharing your adventures with new friends.

Interestingly enough, the Bungle Bungles were in fact a secret to the outside world until about 1983. Although recently upgraded, Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge was one of the original safari facilities in the park and is still the most ideal spot from which to explore this fascinating geological landmark. It's close to all of the park's highlights, including Cathedral Gorge and Piccaninny Creek, and is one of only a handful of accommodation facilities in the area.

As you would expect, being located in a World Heritage listed environment comes with stringent eco guidelines. The lodge features both solar power and a sensitive waste water treatment system to minimise its impact on this fragile and beautiful part of the Kimberley.

In 2017 Outback Spirit became a 50% owner of the Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, in partnership with Aviair in Kununurra.

At a glance

- Located within Purnululu National Park
- Raised decking area with open fire for evenings
- Close to all the attractions within the Bungle Bungles, including Cathedral Gorge, Echidna Chasm and Piccaninny Creek
- Delicious home-style meals
- Comfortable cabins with private ensuite bathrooms
- The only lodge in the Bungle Bungles with a swimming pool





4WD Sanctuary Safari



Gouldian Finch © AWC

Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary

A naturalist's paradise on the upper Fitzroy River

Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary is an 800,000 acre former cattle station turned wildlife sanctuary. Located right in the middle of the Kimberley in the upper Fitzroy River catchment, the Sanctuary is a vital refuge for wildlife and protects over 200 species of birds, including the Gouldian Finch and Purple-crowned Fairy-wren. It's owned and operated by AWC (Australian Wildlife Conservancy), a non-profit organisation dedicated to saving Australia's precious wildlife. Mornington also serves as an operational base for the AWC's broader conservation programs in the Kimberley, which includes other stations such as Marion Downs and Artesian Range.

The Wilderness Camp

The Sanctuary is also home to the unique Mornington Wilderness Camp. Ideally positioned along a pristine creek, guests are accommodated in deluxe safari tents with ensuite bathrooms. The camp features an open sided bar and restaurant, with a perfect spot for evenings around the campfire. All in all, it's the ideal place from which to explore a corner of the Kimberley that very few ever get to see.

4WD Sanctuary Safari

Explore Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary aboard custom made 4WD safari trucks. Built exclusively to explore the diverse landscape of Mornington, these vehicles will take you along station tracks and into the sanctuary's most pristine areas, including Cadjeput waterhole. The elevated safari module, coach style seating, open sides and gentle savannah breezes combine for an outback wilderness experience seldom found anywhere else in the Kimberley.

At a glance

- Located deep within the central Kimberley in the Upper Fitzroy Catchment
- A unique part of the Kimberley that few ever get to see
- Deluxe safari tent accommodation with private ensuite bathrooms
- Pristine camp location overlooking Annie Creek
- Charming restaurant and evenings around the campfire
- Learn about AWC's conservation programs to save unique Kimberley wildlife
- Guided ecology tour with AWC staff
- Open-back 4WD Sanctuary Adventure



Research at Mornington © AWC



Faraway Bay

An exclusive coastal camp in the Far North Kimberley

Situated at the very top of Western Australia, Faraway Bay is an award winning coastal retreat overlooking the turquoise waters of the Timor Sea. Accessed only by air, it offers a truly unique experience and a chance to explore some of the more out-of-reach spots in the Kimberley.

The hub of Faraway Bay is Eagle Lodge, a cliff-side perch that features a spectacular dining room, plunge pool and mesmerising views from every angle. Guest accommodation is simple yet elegant, with ensuite bathrooms and stunning vistas over the bay. The private outdoor showers with ocean views offer a truly magnificent way to prepare for the day's adventures.

The highlight of any trip to Faraway Bay is a full day marine adventure to King George Falls. Located just a short 30-minute boat cruise away, the falls are the highest in Western Australia and are truly one of the best sights in the Kimberley. You'll take your time meandering up-river to the twin waterfalls, with expert commentary and first-hand knowledge delivered by your experienced skipper.

In addition to the falls, there's an array of other adventures to indulge in. Secret swimming holes, ancient rock art and exceptional fishing are just some of the other activities available to guests during their stay.



“Faraway Bay was amazing. It is so remote you feel like you're on a deserted island, and the view across the Bay from the outdoor shower is etched in our minds forever.”

Pam & Aiden, VIC



Cicada Lodge



Cooinda Lodge



Emma Gorge Resort, El Questro Wilderness Park



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Modern rooms and a prized location on the Esplanade make this hotel one of Darwin's finest. Outback Spirit guests enjoy staying in premium harbour view rooms with private balconies.

Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa

Situated right on Cable Beach, this iconic resort is an integral part of any Broome or Kimberley experience. Oozing character and charm, the resort has an ambience like no other and features luxurious accommodation and stunning gardens.

Oaks Cable Beach Resort

Boasting a fresh new look, Oaks Cable Beach Resort is a premier holiday resort. Just metres from the beautiful waters and golden sands of Cable Beach, it's the perfect place for exploring Broome and the Kimberley.

Fitzroy River Lodge

Situated on the banks of the mighty Fitzroy River, the Fitzroy River Lodge is a welcome sight after a day out on the explorer trail. Quality motel rooms with all the creature comforts make this one of the Kimberley's best regional accommodation facilities.

Cicada Lodge, Katherine

This award winning lodge in Nitmiluk National Park brings a new level of luxury and sophistication to the Katherine area. The beautifully appointed lodge rooms feature a private balcony and views of the surrounding bush, making it the perfect place from which to explore Katherine River Gorge.

Spinifex Hotel, Derby

The Spinifex Hotel offers travellers comfortable, modern accommodation with a vibrant restaurant that serves delicious cuisine.

El Questro Wilderness Park

El Questro Wilderness Park is a highlight of selected tours to the Kimberley. Many of our dry season adventures spend either two or three nights at the beautiful Emma Gorge Resort, allowing our passengers the time to explore the stunning gorges and waterfalls that make El Questro so special.

Kununurra Country Club Resort

Located close to town in lush, tropical gardens is Kununurra's best resort, the Country Club. Featuring modern accommodation, a pool and several restaurants, it offers all the convenience and comfort that our guests need.

Cooinda Lodge, Kakadu

The Cooinda Lodge in Kakadu National Park is the perfect spot from which to explore all the natural highlights of the area. Located next to the pristine Yellow Water Billabong, the lodge features spacious guest rooms, a swimming pool and alfresco bistro-style dining.

Drysdale River Station

Drysdale River is a massive cattle station on the Kalumburu Road in the north Kimberley. Featuring modern accommodation with ensuite bathrooms, Drysdale boasts a warm and authentic station atmosphere and serves as a stopover point for travellers heading north to the Mitchell Plateau.



Windjana Gorge



Jandamarra

1873 - 1897

Jandamarra was a young Aboriginal man of the Bunuba tribe, who grew up in the late 1800's in the remote landscapes of the Kimberley. At the time, pastoralists were staking claim in Australia's north-west causing conflict with Aboriginal people living a traditional life on country.

Around age 10, Jandamarra went with his mother to live on Lennard Station, one of the earliest pastoral stations of the Kimberley. He learned skills in shooting, horse riding and shearing. Years later, Jandamarra developed a close friendship with settler Bill Richardson, whilst living at Lillimooloora Station. When Richardson joined the police force, Jandamarra followed and was recruited as a skilled tracker.

Whilst Richardson and Jandamarra made a formidable pair, their two worlds collided when they captured a group of Bunuba people, including members of Jandamarra's own family. Unable to betray his people, Jandamarra defected and shot Richardson dead. He then led a three-year armed resistance against European settlers and authorities across some of the Kimberley's most picturesque settings, including Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek.

Jandamarra eluded police by using his knowledge of country and earned himself a reputation as a warrior amongst his people. He was eventually tracked down and killed at Tunnel Creek in 1897. He was only in his mid-twenties but had created a legacy that has not been forgotten.

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01	Derby	Spinifex Hotel	09	El Questro Wilderness Park	Emma Gorge Resort
02	Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary	Mornington Wilderness Camp	10	Kununurra	Kununurra Country Club Resort
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04	Drysdale River Station	Drysdale River Station	12	The Bungle Bungles	Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge
05	Mitchell Plateau	Ngauwudu Safari Camp	13	Fitzroy Crossing	Fitzroy River Lodge
06	Mitchell Plateau	Ngauwudu Safari Camp	14	Broome	Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa*
07	El Questro Wilderness Park	Emma Gorge Resort	15	Broome	Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa*
08	El Questro Wilderness Park	Emma Gorge Resort	16	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 16 Days | Broome – Broome

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Your journey

Day 1 Your Adventure Begins in Broome

The adventure begins as we depart Broome for Derby, arriving late afternoon. Visit the Boab Prison Tree and Myalls Bore & Cattle Trough before checking in to the 4-star Spinifex Hotel. *Meals: L.D*

*Please arrive in Broome by midday.

Day 2 Gibb River Road – Bell Gorge – Mornington

Today we begin our journey along the infamous Gibb River Road. Passing through the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges, we arrive at spectacular Bell Gorge for a guided walk and swim. Then, it's on to Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary, deep in the heart of the Kimberley on the upper Fitzroy River.

Once a large cattle station, Mornington is owned and operated by Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC). It's one of the largest non-government protected areas in Australia and a vital refuge for wildlife protecting over 200 species of birds, 104 species of reptiles, 43 mammals and 22 amphibians. For the next two nights we stay in unique safari tents overlooking Annie Creek. Enjoy a few drinks around the campfire before dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 3 Exploring Mornington

This morning we explore the vast wilderness of Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary in open back safari vehicles. Enjoy an informative ecology tour with commentary on AWC's conservation programs to protect threatened Kimberley species. Enjoy a picnic lunch and cool dip at Cadjeput waterhole on the upper Fitzroy River.

This afternoon we return to the wilderness camp where the remainder of the day can be spent at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy an outdoor slide show from AWC ecologists. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 4 Galvans Gorge – Gibb River Rd – Drysdale

This morning we return to the Gibb River Road, stopping for a swim and to explore Galvans Gorge before continuing north on the Kalumburu Road. Later this afternoon we arrive at Drysdale River Station, which runs 9000 head of cattle across more than 1 million acres. We spend the night in top quality station cabins with private ensuite bathrooms. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Visit the Horizontal Falls by seaplane with an exhilarating boat ride
- Discover the Mitchell Plateau and spend 2 nights at our luxurious Ngauwudu Safari Camp
- Enjoy a guided walk to Mitchell Falls via rarely seen Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art galleries. Includes return scenic helicopter flight
- Spend 3 nights at the iconic El Questro Wilderness Park and discover Chamberlain Gorge, Emma Gorge and Zebedee Thermal Springs
- Discover the World Heritage Listed Bungle Bungles including Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm. 18-minute scenic helicopter flight included
- Cruise Geikie Gorge on the mighty Fitzroy River
- Visit spectacular Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek National Parks
- Enjoy an Ord River adventure cruise and learn about the Ord Irrigation Scheme
- Travel the infamous Gibb River Road and visit Bell Gorge and Galvans Gorge
- Enjoy an exclusive 2-night stay at Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary on the upper Fitzroy River, including 4WD sanctuary safari
- Discover Kununurra and Wyndham including Five Rivers Lookout
- Spend 2 nights in Broome at the 5-star Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa or Oaks Cable Beach

ALSO AVAILABLE

A longer 18-day tour including Cape Leveque is also available. See page 43 for details.

*Itinerary subject to change.

Day 5 King Edward River – Mitchell Plateau



Continue north this morning, destination - the Mitchell Plateau. After fording the King Edward River we'll visit a series of spectacular Wandjina rock art galleries, known as some of the best in the Kimberley.

After a picnic lunch we drive through an ancient Livistona Palm forest before arriving on the Mitchell Plateau mid-afternoon. We then check in to our very own Ngauwudu Safari Camp, which was freshly refurbished for the 2022 touring season. Built exclusively for Outback Spirit guests, it's truly a magical spot for the next two nights of our adventure and the ideal base from which to discover 'Ngauwudu' (Mitchell Plateau).

This afternoon, take a dip in the camp's private palm fringed waterhole or simply relax in your safari suite. Enjoy a drink around the campfire at sunset before retreating to the restaurant for dinner.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 6 Exploring Punamii-Unpuu (Mitchell Falls)



A big walk today, but a big highlight! After a short drive we'll set off on a guided 4km walking tour to the incredible 4-tiered Mitchell Falls (good level of fitness and mobility is required). Along the way we'll discover rarely seen Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art galleries, accompanied by a local expert guide from Kandiwal Community. The walk also takes us past Mertens Falls before arriving at the top of Mitchell Falls, one of the most awe-inspiring wonders of the Kimberley.

After a picnic lunch, we'll take to the skies for a spectacular helicopter flight (included). Viewing the falls and surrounding landscape from the air is an absolute highlight, and a great way to finish off the experience! Once we're on the ground, we return to the camp for a swim and well-earned rest. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: Guests can fly by helicopter with an Outback Spirit escort (cost approx. \$160). Passenger weight restrictions apply.

Day 7 Durack & Pentecost Rivers – El Questro



Today we follow the Kalumburu Road back to the Gibb. From here we head east and



Horizontal Falls Adventure

ford the Durack River before arriving at the foothills of the Cockburn Range and crossing the mighty Pentecost River. Our destination is Emma Gorge Resort, part of El Questro Wilderness Park where we spend the next three nights in tented safari cabins dotted through the bush.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 8 Chamberlain Gorge Cruise – Zebedee Thermal Springs



This morning we head deeper into El Questro Wilderness Park to Chamberlain Gorge, a beautiful fresh waterhole bound by towering escarpment. Enjoy a tranquil 90-minute cruise and feed some of the cheeky archerfish before heading to Zebedee Thermal Springs. Take a dip in the warm, crystal clear water surrounded by towering palms before lunch at the station township, the hub of El Questro. We then return to Emma Gorge Resort, where the rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 Wyndham – Five Rivers Lookout – Parry Lagoons – Emma Gorge Walk



After breakfast we head to Wyndham and the Five Rivers Lookout to take in views over Cambridge Gulf. En route we'll also visit Parry Lagoons Nature Reserve, an important breeding area for a vast array of birdlife. We then return to El Questro for lunch, followed by a guided walk to Emma Gorge or a free afternoon to relax in the surrounds of the resort. The walk requires a good level of fitness but is well worth the effort! Cool off in the serene waterhole beneath a droplet waterfall before returning to the resort late afternoon.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 10 Kununurra – Lake Argyle – Ord River



This morning we depart El Questro and head to Kununurra, a town originally established to service the Ord River Irrigation Scheme. After some free time in town we'll continue up towards Lake Argyle, with a visit to the Durack Homestead Museum en route to the dam wall. This afternoon, enjoy a sensational 3-hour Ord River cruise with expert commentary about the Ord Irrigation Scheme and local environment. We arrive back in Kununurra at sunset and make our way to the Kununurra Country Club Resort for our overnight stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11 Head to the Bungle Bungles

This morning we drive past farms benefiting from the massive Ord River Irrigation Scheme, where melons, mangoes, sandalwood and other crops are grown. After a visit to the award winning Sandalwood Factory we begin our trek south to the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park, arriving late afternoon. For the next two nights we'll be staying at the Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, owned by Outback Spirit in partnership with Aviair/HeliSpirit. The lodge features comfortable cabins with ensuite bathrooms and a swimming pool!
Meals: B.L.D

Day 12 Exploring Purnululu



Today we explore the wonders of Purnululu, including its unique orange and black beehive shaped domes. First up, enjoy a breathtaking 18-minute scenic



Zebedee Thermal Springs, El Questro

helicopter flight (included) over the park with a bird's eye view of its astounding natural features. Afterwards, we walk along Piccaninny Creek to the inspiring natural amphitheatre of Cathedral Gorge. Then, follow the 'dome trail' for a closer inspection of the Park's unique geological formations. This afternoon we'll head to the northern region of the Bungle Bungles to visit Echidna Chasm before returning to the lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Please Note: Passenger weight restrictions apply to the helicopter flight. If you'd prefer not to take the included scenic helicopter flight, you can remove it from your itinerary and receive a discount on your fare

Day 13 Geikie Gorge and the Fitzroy River



Departing the Bungle Bungles early, we pass through Halls Creek and onto Fitzroy Crossing. Nature and geology lovers will delight as we head into Geikie Gorge National Park for a 1-hour cruise on the Fitzroy River, winding through ancient limestone where fossils are embedded in the walls of the gorge. Retire for the night in Fitzroy Crossing at the Fitzroy River Lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14 Tunnel Creek and Windjana Gorge

This morning we visit Tunnel Creek National Park for a fascinating underground river walk, before moving on to Windjana Gorge. Enjoy a guided walk through the towering gorge, which rises more than 100 metres above the floodplain. We then depart for Broome, arriving late afternoon to check in to the iconic Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa (or similar) for our two-night stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 15 Horizontal Falls Seaplane and Boat Adventure



This morning, join a town tour of Broome or relax and spend your time at leisure at the Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa (or similar).

For the afternoon, we are ending our journey on a high with a sensational half day adventure to the Horizontal Falls. Described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world', the falls are created when the 2nd largest tides in the world hurtle through two narrow coastal gorges. First, enjoy a 50-minute seaplane flight and land on the calm waters of Talbot Bay in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Then, board the fastest boat in the Kimberley, 'Jet-Stream' for an exhilarating ride through the Horizontal Falls. You'll be awestruck at the power of the Kimberley tides as your expert skipper gives you an experience you'll never forget. We'll also cruise some of the surrounding bays and creeks and have a bite to eat on a commercial houseboat before returning to Broome.

Tonight, we gather for our final dinner together and celebrate our adventure through the Kimberley. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: Conditions including a passenger weight restriction of 120kg apply for Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventure.

Day 16 Ending Where It All Began

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning at Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa. We'll then transfer you to Broome airport for your flight home, or wherever you need to go in Broome. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

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04	The Bungle Bungles	Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge	12	Faraway Bay	Faraway Bay
05	The Bungle Bungles	Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge	13	Faraway Bay	Faraway Bay
06	Kununurra	Kununurra Country Club Resort	14	Darwin	DoubleTree by Hilton
07	El Questro Wilderness Park	Emma Gorge Resort	15	Tour Concludes	
08	El Questro Wilderness Park	Emma Gorge Resort			

Itinerary 15 Days | Broome – Darwin (and vice versa)

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Your journey

Day 1 Your Adventure Begins in Broome

Today you'll be met upon your arrival at Broome airport by your Outback Spirit tour driver. From here, we'll head to the iconic Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa (or similar) and check in to our luxurious garden view rooms, our home for the next two nights. Enjoy a free afternoon to settle in before a welcome dinner at the Sunset Bar and Grill. *Meals: D*

Day 2 Horizontal Falls Seaplane and Boat Adventure

This morning, join us for a town tour of Broome or relax and spend your time at leisure enjoying the luxuries of the Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa (or similar).

For the afternoon, we are starting our journey on a high with a sensational half day adventure to the Horizontal Falls. Described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world', the falls are created when the 2nd largest tides in the world hurtle through two narrow coastal gorges. First, enjoy a 50-minute seaplane flight and land on the calm waters of Talbot Bay in the Buccaneer Archipelago.

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before returning to Broome. Tonight, gather for dinner again at the Sunset Bar & Grill*. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: Conditions including a passenger weight restriction of 120kg apply for Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventure.

Day 3 Broome – Derby – Windjana Gorge – Fitzroy Crossing



Today we depart Broome and head for Derby. Enjoy a look around town and visit the Boab Prison Tree before joining the start of the Gibb River Road. From here we travel east before turning off the Gibb and heading into Windjana Gorge, one of the most spectacular gorges in the Kimberley. In places, the water-streaked walls of the gorge rise majestically to stand 100 metres above the floodplain. Your guide will take you on a walk through the Gorge and give you an insight into the history and geology of the area.

This afternoon we visit Tunnel Creek National Park, where you can take a fascinating underground river walk. We then continue to Fitzroy Crossing, arriving late-afternoon where we check in to the Fitzroy River Lodge.

Meals: B.L.D

ALSO AVAILABLE

A shorter 13-day tour excluding Faraway Bay is also available. See page 49 for details.

Tour highlights

- Enjoy a marine adventure to the spectacular King George Falls
- Spend 2 nights at the exclusive Faraway Bay on the North Kimberley Coast
- Visit the Horizontal Falls by seaplane with an exhilarating boat ride
- Discover the Mitchell Plateau and spend 2 nights at our luxurious Ngauwudu Safari Camp
- View ancient Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art galleries on a guided walk to the Mitchell Falls. Return scenic helicopter flight included
- Spend 2 nights at the iconic El Questro Wilderness Park and discover Chamberlain Gorge, Emma Gorge and Zebedee Thermal Springs
- Cruise the Ord River and learn about the Ord Irrigation Scheme
- Spend 2 nights in the Bungle Bungles and discover Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm. 18-minute scenic helicopter flight included!
- Geikie Gorge, Fitzroy River Cruise
- Visit spectacular Windjana Gorge and Tunnel Creek National Parks
- Spend 2 nights in Broome at the 5-star Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa or Oaks Cable Beach
- Explore Kununurra and Wyndham including a visit to Five Rivers Lookout
- Travel the infamous Gibb River Road

*Itinerary subject to change.

Day 4 Geikie Gorge – Halls Creek – Bungle Bungles



Nature and geology lovers will delight as we head into Geikie Gorge National Park for a 1-hour cruise on the Fitzroy River, winding through ancient limestone where fossils are embedded in the walls of the gorge. Then, return to Fitzroy Crossing before heading further east to Halls Creek. After lunch we continue along the Great Northern Highway before taking the turnoff in to the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles). Enjoy two nights at the Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, owned by Outback Spirit in partnership with Aviair/HeliSpirit. The lodge features comfortable cabins with ensuite bathrooms.

Meals: B.L.D

Day 5 Exploring Purnululu



Today we explore the wonders of Purnululu, including its unique orange and black beehive shaped domes. First up, enjoy a breathtaking 18-minute scenic helicopter flight (included) over the park with a bird's eye view of its astounding natural features. Afterwards, enjoy a walk along Piccaninny Creek to the mind boggling natural amphitheatre of Cathedral Gorge. Then, follow the 'dome trail' for a closer inspection of the Park's unique geological formations.

This afternoon we'll head to the northern region of the Bungle Bungles to visit Echidna Chasm before returning to the lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Please Note: Passenger weight restrictions apply to the helicopter flight. If you'd prefer not to take the included scenic helicopter flight, you can remove it from your itinerary and receive a discount on your fare.

Day 6 North to Wyndham & Kununurra

Today we farewell the Bungle Bungles and travel north to Wyndham. Enjoy a visit to the spectacular Five Rivers Lookout, with dramatic views over Cambridge Gulf. After a picnic lunch we make our way to Kununurra and check in to the centrally located Kununurra Country Club for our overnight stay. The rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7 Ord River Cruise – El Questro



This morning we head to the banks of Lake Kununurra to board our sensational 3-hour cruise up the Ord River. Enjoy the mesmerising scenery and diverse wildlife as your skipper takes you upstream to Lake Argyle, with expert commentary along the way. Once we reach the dam wall we board our coach and return to Kununurra by road, stopping off at the Durack Homestead Museum along the way.

Upon arriving back in Kununurra we enjoy lunch before taking a tour of the surrounding farming country. Drive through parts of the massive Ord River Irrigation Scheme before departing Kununurra for El Questro Wilderness Park. Located at the base of the Cockburn Range, our home for the next two nights is Emma Gorge Resort where we stay in unique tented cabins. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8 Exploring – El Questro

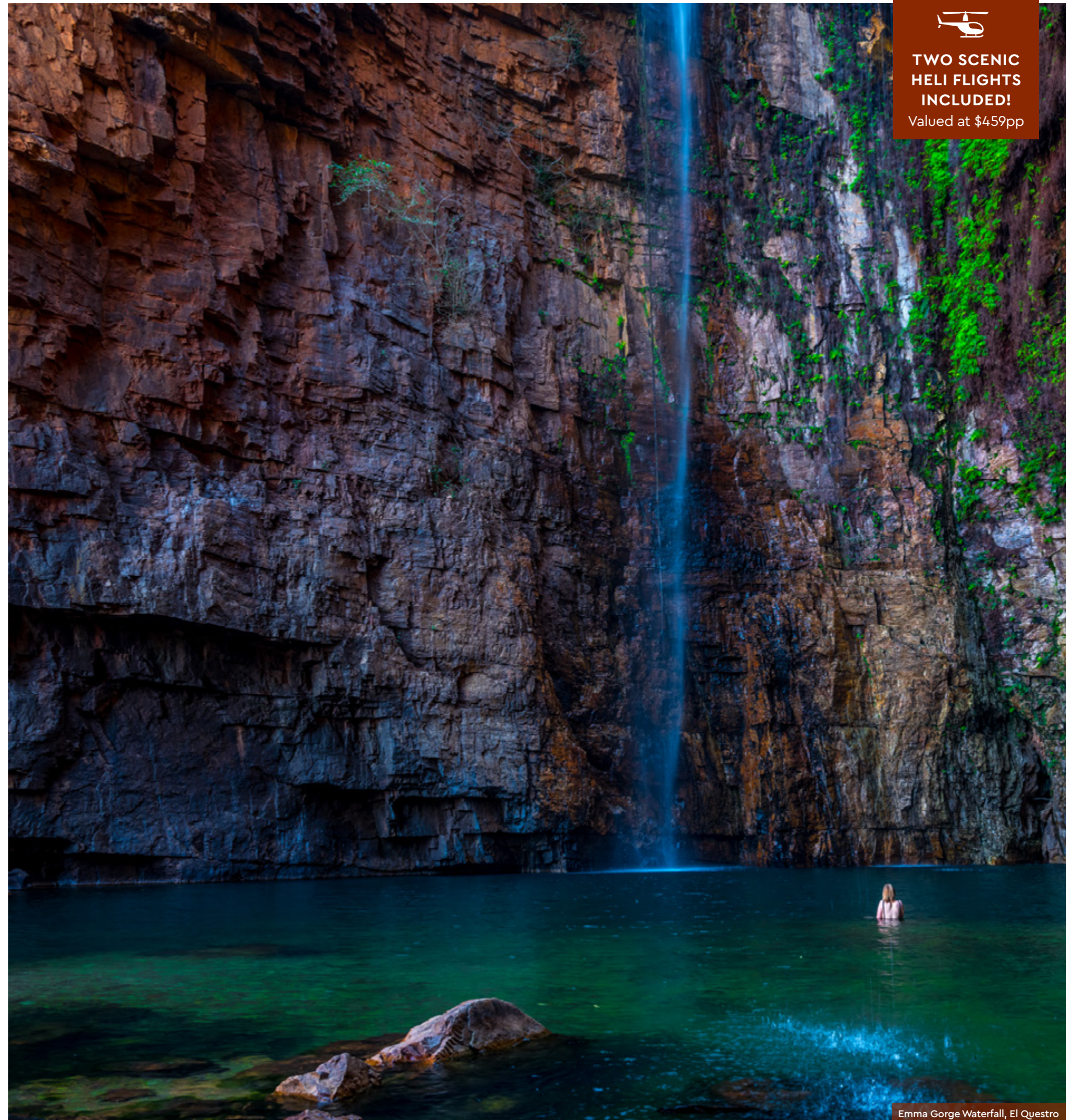


This morning we head deeper into this iconic Kimberley wilderness park to Chamberlain Gorge, a beautiful fresh waterhole bound by towering escarpment. Enjoy a 90-minute cruise and feed some of the cheeky archerfish before returning to Emma Gorge Resort via the Station township. After lunch, enjoy a guided walk up to the stunning Emma Gorge waterfall (2.5 hours return – a good level of fitness required, but well worth it!). Enjoy a swim in the large rock pool at the base of the falls before returning to the resort late this afternoon. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 Zebedee Springs – Gibb River Road – Drysdale



You'd be hard pressed to find a better way to start the day than a swim in the warm, crystal clear waters of Zebedee Thermal Springs. We'll spend a relaxing morning here before resuming our journey west along the Gibb River Road. Cross the mighty Pentecost and Durack Rivers and continue past Ellenbrae Station to the 'Y' junction. From here we follow the Kalumburu Road north to Drysdale River Station, which runs 9,000 head of cattle across more than 1 million acres. We spend the night here in top quality station cabins with private ensuite bathrooms. *Meals: B.L.D*



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Day 10
King Edward River – Mitchell Plateau

This morning we continue north along the Kalumburu Road before turning onto the Mitchell Plateau track. After fording the King Edward River we'll visit a series of spectacular Wandjina rock art galleries, known as some of the best in the Kimberley. After a picnic lunch we drive through an ancient Livistona Palm forest before arriving on the Mitchell Plateau mid-afternoon.

Newly refurbished in 2022, Outback Spirit's Ngauwudu Safari Camp is the most luxurious and spacious accommodation on the Mitchell Plateau. Featuring deluxe Safari Suites with ensuite bathrooms, quality furnishings and large balconies, Ngauwudu was built exclusively for Outback Spirit guests. This truly magical spot is home for the next two nights of our adventure and the ideal base from which to discover the Mitchell Plateau and Mitchell Falls.

This afternoon, take a dip in the camp's private palm fringed waterhole or simply relax in your safari suite. Enjoy a drink around the campfire at sunset before retreating to the restaurant for dinner.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 11
Exploring Punamii-Unpuu (Mitchell Falls)



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After a picnic lunch and time to admire the falls we'll take to the skies for a spectacular helicopter flight (included) back to where the walk started. Viewing the falls and surrounding landscape from the air is an absolute highlight, and a great way to finish off the experience! Once we're on the ground again, we return to the camp for a swim and well-earned rest.
Meals: B.L.D

Note: If you do not wish to tackle the walk to Mitchell Falls, there is the option to fly down by helicopter with an Outback Spirit escort (cost approx. \$160). Passenger weight restrictions apply to heli flights.

Day 12
Mitchell Plateau – Faraway Bay



Please Note: 13 Day Jewels of the Kimberley tour passengers depart Mitchell Plateau for Darwin late this morning. The itinerary is as per day 14 and 15 of this itinerary. Please enquire for more details.

This morning we head to the airstrip and board Outback Spirit's state-of-the-art Cessna Grand Caravan for the scenic flight to Faraway Bay. Viewing the Kimberley coast from the air is a highlight, and this morning's flight will take us over Admiralty Gulf and Vansittart Bay. We then land at Faraway Bay, the northernmost lodge in Western Australia. Spend the next two nights in rustic yet comfortable cabins featuring ensuite bathrooms and stunning views of the bay.

Faraway Bay is an award-winning coastal lodge nestled on a rocky hilltop overlooking the turquoise Timor Sea. Located 280 kilometres north-west of Kununurra, this far north area of Western Australia is a remote and spellbinding part of the Kimberley. With King George Falls just a short boat trip away, this unique wilderness retreat offers an experience you will never forget.



This afternoon we'll get out on the water for a spot of barramundi fishing and sightseeing in this sensational coastal environment. We then return to the lodge for sunset drinks and dinner in Eagle Lodge.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 13
King George Falls Marine Adventure



It's now time for one of the major highlights of your adventure: King George Falls. After waking up to birdsong and breakfast made with produce from the Ord River region, we'll head off with the lodge's expert skipper and guides for an unforgettable marine adventure. The King George River is one of WA's most magnificent treasures, famous for its enormous twin waterfalls that stand over 70m high and descend into the Timor Sea. From a cultural point of view, the river is highly significant to the Balangarra people. To them the Falls are the male and female Wunkurr (Rainbow Serpents).

Along the coast to the King George River we travel past Koolama Bay where the merchant vessel 'Koolama' was bombed by the Japanese during World War II. Hear about the amazing story of survival and mutiny, and the untimely and unfortunate end to the 'Koolama'.

When we get to the entrance of the King George River, you can't help but feel dwarfed by the towering red rocky cliffs rising high above us. From here, we'll meander up-river to the incredible Falls, and if conditions permit you'll be able to take an invigorating waterfall shower as



the boat edges to within metres of the rock face. After some time to soak up the spellbinding Falls, we'll start heading back to the lodge. Enjoy some fishing on the way and keep an eye out for other marine life including crocodiles, dolphins, dugong and manta rays to name just a few.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 14
Scenic Flight to Darwin



Today we farewell the Kimberley and board our aircraft for the scenic flight to Darwin. See King George Falls from the air before heading east to Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. From here we'll hug the coastline to Darwin, arriving early in the afternoon. We then check in to the DoubleTree by Hilton on the Esplanade, where the rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy our final dinner together at Char Restaurant, the perfect spot to celebrate our Kimberley Adventure.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 15
Tour concludes

Today your tour concludes. You may wish to join us for a town tour, including a visit to the Defence of Darwin Experience at East Point. Alternatively, you can spend the morning at your leisure. You will be transferred to the airport in time for your return flights, or to your accommodation if staying on in Darwin.
Meals: B

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DEPARTURE DATES	EVERYDAY FARE
SEP 5 [*] , 6, 9	\$12,875
APR 26, 30	\$13,585
AUG 24, 24 [*] , 31 [*]	
MAY 7, 8 [*] , 12 [*] , 15 [*] , 20 [*] , 21, 28	\$14,295
JUN 1, 9 [*] , 10, 15 [*] , 18 [*] , 22 [*] , 23	
JUL 1, 7, 9, 9 [*] , 14 ^A , 21 [*] , 25, 26 [*]	
AUG 2, 2 [*] , 7, 16, 20 [*]	

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Single Supplement: \$3,600 | Deposit: 25%

13 DAY OPTION

From **\$11,475*** per person twin share

Excludes 2 nights Faraway Bay
Please enquire for itinerary or view online

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SEP 2, 6, 7, 9	\$11,475
APR 26, 30	\$12,125
AUG 24, 26	
MAY 7, 10 [*] , 14 [*] , 17 [*] , 21, 22 [*] , 28	\$12,755
JUN 1, 10, 11 [*] , 17 [*] , 20 [*] , 23, 24 [*]	
JUL 1, 7, 9, 11 [*] , 16 [*] , 23 [*] , 25, 28 [*]	
AUG 2, 4, 7, 16, 22 ^A	

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Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

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01	Darwin	DoubleTree by Hilton	10	Mitchell Plateau	Ngauwudu Safari Camp
02	Kakadu National Park	Cooinda Lodge	11	Mitchell Plateau	Ngauwudu Safari Camp
03	Kakadu National Park	Cooinda Lodge	12	Drysdale River Station	Drysdale River Station
04	Nitmiluk National Park	Cicada Lodge	13	Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary	Mornington Wilderness Camp
05	Kununurra	Kununurra Country Club Resort	14	Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary	Mornington Wilderness Camp
06	The Bungle Bungles	Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge	15	Fitzroy Crossing	Fitzroy River Lodge
07	The Bungle Bungles	Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge	16	Broome	Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa*
08	El Questro Wilderness Park	Emma Gorge Resort	17	Broome	Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa*
09	El Questro Wilderness Park	Emma Gorge Resort	18	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 18 Days | Darwin – Broome (and vice versa)

Kimberley & Top End Expedition

Travel from Darwin to Broome (or vice versa) and see the very best of the region, including the Mitchell Plateau, Bungle Bungles and Horizontal Falls

Your journey

Day 1 Your Adventure Starts in Darwin

Upon your arrival at Darwin airport*, you'll be met by your friendly and professional touring crew. Your journey begins with a town tour visiting Cullen Bay, Stokes Hill Wharf and the Darwin Military Museum. Afterwards, settle into your harbour view room at the DoubleTree by Hilton, located on the Esplanade. This evening we enjoy our first dinner together aboard the *Charles Darwin* with a delicious sunset dinner cruise. *Meals: D*

*Alternative pickup locations available.

Day 2 Litchfield National Park – Kakadu

Departing Darwin, our first stop this morning is Litchfield National Park, where waterfalls cascade off the Tabletop Ranges into tranquil waterholes. Explore Florence & Wangi Falls and enjoy a picnic lunch before heading on to the iconic Kakadu National Park. Our base for the next two nights is Cooinda Lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 3 The Mystery of Arnhem Land

The day begins with breathtaking views over the Arnhem Land floodplains from Ubirr Rock, where you'll also explore ancient rock art sites. Then, ford the East Alligator River and venture into Arnhem Land for a visit to the Injalak Arts and Crafts Centre, Gunbalanya. Here, watch renowned artists create exquisite pieces right before your eyes. This afternoon we return to Cooinda and enjoy the renowned wildlife cruise on Yellow Water Billabong. You'll be amazed at the diversity of this extraordinary wetland ecosystem and associated wildlife. We then return to the lodge for our final night in Kakadu. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 4 Katherine River Gorge

Today we're heading south to Katherine and on to Nitmiluk National Park, home to Katherine River Gorge. Carved through ancient sandstone by the Katherine River, this deep gorge with towering sheer rock walls is one of the best in the Territory. Enjoy a two-hour cruise in a canopied cruise boat before checking in to the luxurious Cicada Lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Discover Kakadu National Park including Yellow Waters & Ubirr Rock
- Wonder at the waterfalls of Litchfield and cruise Katherine River Gorge
- Injalak Arts Centre in Arnhem Land
- Visit the Horizontal Falls by seaplane with an exhilarating boat ride
- Spend 2 nights at our luxurious Ngauwudu Safari Camp on the Mitchell Plateau
- View ancient Gwion Gwion and Wandjina rock art galleries on a Mitchell Falls guided walk. Scenic helicopter flight included
- Spend 2 nights at the iconic El Questro Wilderness Park and discover Emma Gorge, Zebedee Springs and the Station township
- Discover the Bungle Bungles including Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm. 18-minute Scenic helicopter flight included!
- Geikie Gorge cruise, Fitzroy River
- Cruise the Ord River and learn about the Ord Irrigation Scheme
- Travel the Gibb River Road and visit Bell Gorge & Windjana Gorge
- Exclusive 2-night stay at Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary with 4WD safari
- Discover Kununurra and Wyndham including Five Rivers Lookout
- Spend 2 nights in Broome at the 5-star Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa or Oaks Cable Beach

*Itinerary subject to change.

Day 5 WA Border – Ord River Cruise



Time to leave the Territory and cross into Western Australia. Pass through Victoria River and Timber Creek before heading in to Lake Argyle. We'll stop off at the historic Durack Homestead along the way before a picnic lunch at the dam wall.

This afternoon we enjoy another river cruise, this time down the spectacular Ord River. Learn about the Ord River Irrigation Scheme from your knowledgeable skipper on this extraordinary 3-hour adventure downstream to Kununurra, arriving just as the sun seeks the horizon. We then check in to the Kununurra Country Club Resort for our overnight stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6 Head to the Bungle Bungles

This morning we enjoy a tour of Kununurra's surrounding farming country. Drive through parts of the massive Ord River Irrigation Scheme on Ivanhoe Plains, where melons, mangoes, sandalwood and other crops are grown. You'll also have some time to visit the shops before departing for the World Heritage Listed Purnululu National Park (the Bungle Bungles). Arriving late afternoon, we spend two nights at the Bungle Bungle Savannah Lodge, owned by Outback Spirit in partnership with Aviair/HeliSpirit. The lodge features comfortable cabins with ensuite bathrooms. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7 Exploring Purnululu



Today we explore the wonders of Purnululu, including its unique orange and black beehive shaped domes. First up, enjoy a breathtaking 18-minute scenic helicopter flight (included) over the park with a bird's eye view of its astounding natural features. Afterwards, enjoy a walk along Piccaninny Creek to the mind boggling natural amphitheatre of Cathedral Gorge. Then, follow the 'dome trail' for a closer inspection of the Park's unique geological formations.

This afternoon we'll head to the north of the Bungle Bungles to visit Echidna Chasm before returning to the lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Please Note: Passenger weight restrictions apply to the helicopter flight. If you'd prefer not to take the included scenic helicopter flight, you can remove it from your itinerary and receive a discount on your fare.

Day 8 North to El Questro



Today we head back out to the Great Northern Highway and then north to Wyndham and the sensational Five Rivers Lookout. Enjoy a picnic lunch and admire the views over Cambridge Gulf before back-tracking to the start of the infamous Gibb River Road. A short drive along 'the Gibb' brings us to El Questro Wilderness Park, where we'll spend the next two nights at Emma Gorge Resort in unique tented cabins. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 Exploring El Questro

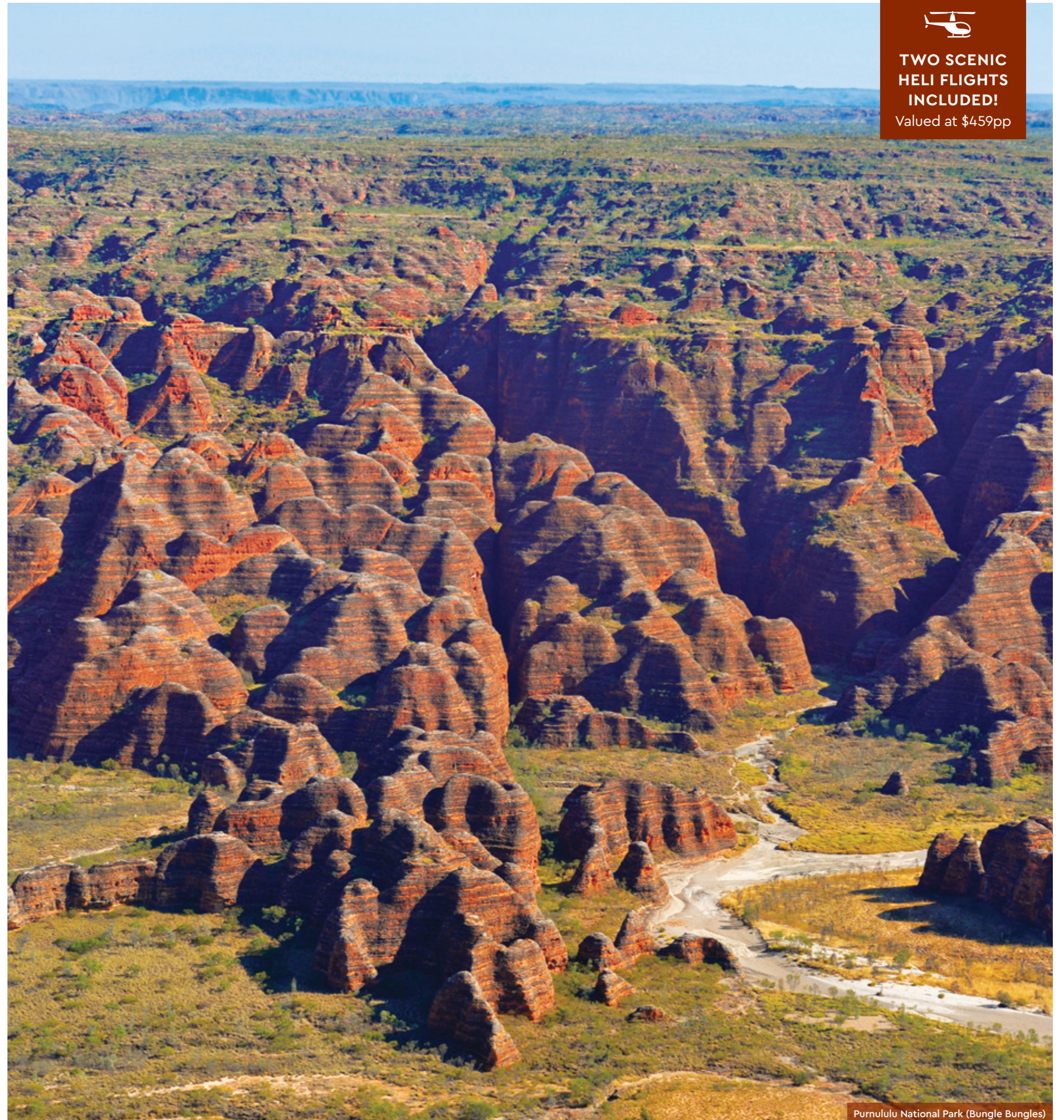


You'd be hard-pressed to find a better way to start a day than a swim in the warm crystal clear waters of Zebedee Thermal Springs! Spend a relaxing morning here before visiting the hub of El Questro – the station township. We then return to Emma Gorge for lunch, followed by an afternoon at your leisure. You can choose to relax in the surrounds of the resort, or take a guided walk up to the stunning Emma Gorge waterfall (3 hours return – a good level of fitness required, but well worth it). Either way, you are sure to appreciate some time to yourself in this magnificent Kimberley setting.

Meals: B.L.D

“What an amazing trip. Outback Spirit must be congratulated on planning and organising such a comprehensive adventure. And to the tour leaders, what an amazing and dedicated couple whose commitment to the company and especially us as guests was absolutely nothing short of incredible.”

David & Chris, WA



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Day 10 Gibb River Road – Mitchell Plateau

Today our journey along the Gibb gets a bit more serious. Cross the mighty Pentecost River and continue past Ellenbrae Station to the 'Y' junction. From here we follow the Kalumburu Road past Drysdale River Station before turning onto the Mitchell Plateau track. Ford the King Edward River and drive through ancient Livistona Palm forests before arriving at our exclusive Ngauwudu Safari Camp, the most luxurious tented camp in the Kimberley. Newly refurbished in 2022, our Ngauwudu deluxe safari suites feature ensuite bathrooms, quality furnishings and large balconies. The camp is a magical spot to spend the next two nights of our adventure and the ideal base from which to discover the Mitchell Plateau and Mitchell Falls. *Meals: B.L.D*



Bell Gorge, Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges

Day 11 Exploring Punamii-Unpuu (Mitchell Falls)



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Day 12 King Edward Art Sites – Drysdale River Station



This morning we depart the Mitchell Plateau and head back to the Kalumburu



Mornington Wildlife © Sanctuary AWC

Road. Along the way we'll visit several exceptional Wandjina rock art galleries near the King Edward River, and enjoy a picnic lunch. This afternoon we arrive at Drysdale River Station, a pastoral lease which runs 9000 head of cattle across more than a million acres. We spend the night in top quality station cabins with private ensuite bathrooms. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13 Bell Gorge – Mornington



After an early start we head back to the Gibb River Road and travel west past Mount Barnett to arrive at Bell Gorge, one of the most spectacular gorges in the Kimberley. Take a guided walk down to the falls (good level of fitness and

manoeuvrability required) and enjoy a swim in the rock pools at the top of the waterfall. Admire the view down this enormous canyon that eventually flows into Walcott Inlet.

After a picnic lunch we make our way back to the Gibb River Road before taking the Tablelands Track to Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary, located deep in the heart of the Kimberley on the upper Fitzroy River. Once a large cattle station, this 800,000 acre sanctuary is owned and operated by Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) and is one of the largest non-government protected areas in Australia. For the next two nights we stay in unique safari tents overlooking Annie Creek. Enjoy a few drinks around the campfire before dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14 Exploring Mornington



Today we explore Mornington Wildlife Sanctuary. Combined with six other Kimberley sanctuaries, AWC owns and/or manages a staggering 10.5 million acres in the region, giving threatened species like the iconic Northern Quoll and Gouldian Finch a fighting chance for survival.

This morning we enjoy an informative ecology tour and discover why AWC is at the forefront of protecting threatened species in the Kimberley. Then, head off and explore Mornington's vast wilderness in specially built open back safari vehicles for a true appreciation of its stunning natural landscapes. Your guides will provide commentary on AWC's conservation programs, all whilst travelling through some of the most spectacular scenery in the Kimberley! Enjoy a picnic lunch at Cadjeput waterhole on the upper Fitzroy River, where you'll also have the opportunity for a swim.

This afternoon we return to the wilderness camp where the remainder of the day can be spent at your leisure. Tonight, enjoy an outdoor slide show highlighting how AWC is tackling some of the most significant ecological challenges in the Kimberley. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 15 Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek



This morning we travel back to the Gibb River Road and head west through the Wunaamin Miliwundi Ranges en route to Windjana Gorge National Park. Teeming with wildlife, Windjana Gorge has been created by the Lennard River cutting its way through the limestone of the Napier Range. In some places the walls of the gorge stand up to 100m above the wide alluvial floodplain below. Enjoy a guided walk through the gorge with your tour leaders before a picnic lunch.

This afternoon we head further along the Windjana Way to Tunnel Creek. Once the hideout of Jandamarra, an Aboriginal man who led a resistance against white stockman in the late 1800's, Tunnel Creek features a 750m long underground river that runs through to the other side of the Napier Range. Enjoy a walk through this unique geological feature with your guides before continuing on to Fitzroy Crossing, arriving late afternoon. We spend the night at the Fitzroy River Lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 16 Geikie Gorge – Derby – Broome



Nature and geology lovers will delight as we head into Geikie Gorge National Park for a 1-hour cruise on the Fitzroy River, where fossils can be seen embedded in the walls of the gorge. Then, head to Derby for a quick town tour before continuing to Broome. We arrive late afternoon and check in to the luxurious Cable Beach Club Resort and Spa (or similar) for the final two nights of our adventure. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 17 Horizontal Falls Seaplane and Boat Adventure



This morning, join us for a town tour of Broome or relax and spend your time at leisure enjoying the luxuries of the Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa (or similar).

For the afternoon, we are ending our journey on a high with a sensational half day adventure to the Horizontal Falls. Described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world', the falls are created when the 2nd largest tides in the world hurtle through two narrow coastal gorges.

First, enjoy a 50-minute seaplane flight and land on the calm waters of Talbot Bay in the Buccaneer Archipelago. Then, board the fastest boat in the Kimberley, 'Jet-Stream' for an exhilarating ride through the Horizontal Falls. You'll be awestruck at the power of the Kimberley tides as your expert skipper gives you an experience you'll never forget. We'll also cruise some of the surrounding bays and creeks and have a bite to eat on a commercial houseboat before returning to Broome.

Tonight, we gather for our final dinner together and celebrate our adventure through the Kimberley. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: Conditions including a passenger weight restriction of 120kg apply for Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventure.

Day 18 Farewell

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning at Cable Beach Club. We'll then make sure you're transferred to wherever you need to go. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

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01	Darwin	DoubleTree by Hilton
02	Faraway Bay	Faraway Bay
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07	Darwin	DoubleTree by Hilton
08	Tour Concludes	

“Lying in our cabin at Faraway Bay in the wee small hours of the morning, watching the lightning approach and then crash overhead – it was a superb experience.”

Beverley & David, NSW

Itinerary 8 Days | Darwin – Darwin

Wet Season Spectacular

Tour the Kimberley during the dramatic wet season and witness the staggering Mitchell Falls and King George Falls in flood

Your journey

Day 1
Your Adventure Begins in Darwin

Upon your arrival in Darwin today you'll be greeted by your friendly Outback Spirit tour driver and transferred to the DoubleTree by Hilton hotel, positioned along the city's Esplanade. This evening, meet your fellow adventurers over dinner and receive a briefing on the adventure that lies ahead! *Meals: D*

Day 2
Darwin – Joseph Bonaparte Gulf – Faraway Bay

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This morning we head back to Darwin airport to board our Cessna Grand Caravan EX. Purchased new by Outback Spirit in 2018, this state-of-the-art aircraft features a high wing for excellent visibility, air-conditioning, leather seats and turbine reliability. Furthermore, its glass cockpit is equipped with the latest avionics and technology, a must-have during the wet season.

This morning's scenic flight will take us south west over the Joseph Bonaparte Gulf. From here we'll fly over some of the Kimberley's stunning coastline, culminating with the thunderous King George Falls – an incredible sight from the air.

We then land at the Faraway Bay airstrip, where we'll be greeted by their friendly team and transferred to the lodge, our home for the next two nights.

The rustic yet comfortable cabins feature ensuite bathrooms, air-conditioning and stunning views of the bay.

Faraway Bay is an award winning coastal lodge nestled on a rocky hilltop overlooking the turquoise Timor Sea. Located 280 kilometres north-west of Kununurra, this far north area of Western Australia is a remote and spellbinding part of the Kimberley. With King George Falls just a short boat trip away, this unique wilderness retreat offers an experience you will never forget.

This afternoon is free for you to relax and absorb this magical location. Perhaps enjoy a swim in the pool with views over the Timor Sea! Later in the afternoon savour some sunset drinks and experience the usual wet season lightning display before an appetising dinner in Eagle Lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Spend 2 nights at Faraway Bay on the North Kimberley coast
- Enjoy a full day marine adventure to the magnificent King George Falls
- Spend 3 nights on the Mitchell Plateau at our luxurious safari camp
- Experience the incredible Mitchell Falls in full flood
- Enjoy four sensational helicopter flights aboard an exclusively chartered Bell Long Ranger
- Informative Indigenous rock art tour to the lower Mitchell Falls (not seen on dry season tours)
- 4WD ground tour to Lawley Hill
- Three scenic flights aboard a modern, high wing Cessna Grand Caravan
- Fly over the stunning Kimberley coast
- Incredible afternoon lightning displays





King George Falls

Day 3
King George Falls Marine Adventure – Barramundi Fishing



Waking up at Faraway Bay is an experience itself. As birds sing their dawn chorus, the morning sun lights up the dramatic escarpment across the bay. And to really get the day off on the right foot, each cabin features a private outdoor shower with views over the stunning coastal landscape. There is simply no better way to start the day!

After breakfast in Eagle Lodge, it's time to head off on what can only be described as one of the best marine adventures in Western Australia. The King George River, located just 30 minutes away by boat, tumbles over the edge of 100m high sandstone cliffs to create WA's highest twin waterfalls. During the dry season, it's a spectacular sight. In the Wet, it's simply mind boggling! The sheer volume of water tumbling off the plateau has to be seen to be believed. As the falls plunge into the Timor Sea, it truly creates a once in a lifetime, awe-inspiring spectacle. From a cultural point of view, the river is highly significant to the Balangarra people. To them, the Falls are the male and female Wunkurr (Rainbow Serpents).

To get to the falls, your skipper will meander the boat up-river between the massive sandstone cliffs either side, all whilst giving detailed commentary. There's even a swimming hole to visit along the way! Enjoy lunch on the river and soak up this incredible part of the Kimberley before returning to Faraway Bay early in the afternoon. On the cruise back to the lodge, you'll also have the opportunity to throw a line in and try your luck for a Barramundi.

Upon returning to Faraway Bay the rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. Take a walk along the beach, go for a swim in the delightful swimming pool, or relax in Eagle Lodge. Gather for drinks later this afternoon for the lightning show, and look to the escarpment for the many little waterfalls which come to life in the Wet. *Meals: B.L.D*

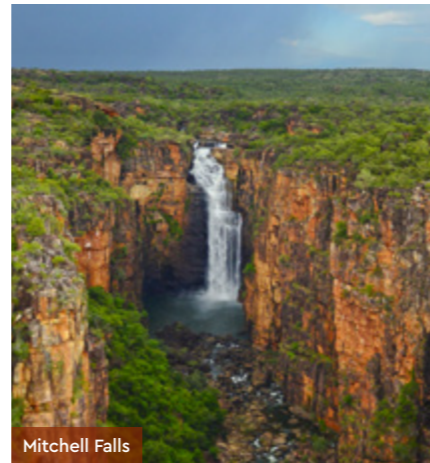
Day 4
Mitchell Plateau ('Ngauwudu') & Mitchell River National Park



This morning we head back to the airstrip for our 45-minute scenic flight to yet another iconic part of the Kimberley; the Mitchell Plateau. Home to the four-tiered Mitchell Falls and exquisite rock art



Oka, Mitchell Plateau



Mitchell Falls

galleries, the Mitchell Plateau is a truly unique part of the Kimberley. With all roads into the area closed at this time of year, the region is only accessible by aircraft.

Upon our arrival on the Mitchell Plateau we'll be transferred to our exclusive Ngauwudu Safari Camp, where we'll spend the next 3 nights. Check in and enjoy lunch before a familiarisation tour of the camp, including the private palm fringed swimming hole. This afternoon is free for you to relax before dinner in the restaurant. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 5
Hunter River – Donkin Falls – Indian Head – Mitchell Falls



Today is all about experiencing the Mitchell River National Park by air. With most tracks in the area impassable due to swollen rivers, our main mode of transport for the next couple of days will be by helicopter, an exclusively chartered Bell Long Ranger. However, some of the areas we visit are only ever accessible by helicopter, regardless of the time of year.

Our first scenic helicopter flight takes us to the south west of the Mitchell Plateau to the mouth of the Hunter River. The scenery



Lower Mitchell Falls Art Site

in this area is truly breathtaking! You'll fly over Donkin Falls, Indian Head and the upper reaches of the Hunter River before flying east towards the majestic Mitchell Falls. We'll fly over the Mitchell Falls themselves, and after a couple of passes we'll land and prepare for our ground tour.

There are four tiers to the Mitchell Falls and each one can generally be defined from the viewing area. However, during the wet season these 4 tiers turn into 1 or 2 tiers thanks to the sheer amount of water flowing down the Mitchell River. The view from both the air and the ground can only be described as sensational.

After the ground tour and some morning tea we'll board our helicopter again for a scenic flight back to the camp for lunch. This afternoon, head off on a 4WD ground tour to the impressive Lawley River lookout. Travel through the palm forests of the Mitchell Plateau and learn about the cultural significance of this special area. If available, we'll be accompanied by a local Indigenous guide from the Kandiwal Community.

We return to camp late afternoon and enjoy another lightning show before sitting down for dinner under the floodlit Bloodwood tree. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6
Lower Mitchell Falls Art Site – Coastal Scenic flight



This morning we embark on our third scenic helicopter flight, flying down to the lower Mitchell Falls. This area is home to a number of stunning art galleries, some of which are among the most graphic in the Kimberley.

Our expert guide will interpret the art work and give you a fascinating insight into its significance.

After visiting various art sites, we board the helicopter for our fourth scenic flight, this time taking in some of the magical Kimberley coastline. Following the Mitchell River, we'll fly over Crystal Creek and out over Port Warrender before returning to the safari camp. Once back in camp, the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. Enjoy a swim or simply relax in your safari suite before dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7
Mitchell Plateau – Darwin



After breakfast, we bid farewell to Ngauwudu and head to the airstrip for our 2-hour scenic flight back to Darwin. Upon arrival at the General Aviation terminal we'll be transferred to the DoubleTree by Hilton for the final night of our adventure.

Tonight, we board the Charles Darwin for a delicious Territory-style sunset dinner cruise and celebrate a truly unique wet season experience. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8
Farewell

This morning you'll be transferred to Darwin airport for your return flights home. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

Wet Season Spectacular

OUTSTANDING INCLUSIONS

- Small group size **12**
- All meals, including all breakfasts, lunches and dinners for the duration of the tour
- All flights as mentioned in the tour highlights
- 3 nights in Outback Spirit's luxurious & exclusive Ngauwudu Safari Camp, 2 nights at Faraway Bay on the Kimberley coast & 2 nights in Darwin
- Four scenic helicopter flights departing from the Mitchell Plateau

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ARNHEM LAND

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The wildest place you've never seen

Arnhem Land is Aboriginal Land, a vast and spectacular region that few people have ever stepped foot in. These sacred lands have been inhabited by Aboriginal people for over 60,000 years, making their culture the oldest surviving culture in human history.

Occupying the northeast corner of the Northern Territory, Arnhem Land extends from the Roper River in the Gulf, right around the east and north coasts of the Northern Territory to the border of Kakadu National Park. With an area of 97,000 square kilometres, it's 50% bigger than Tasmania but with a population of less than 20,000.

The landscapes of Arnhem Land are truly awe-inspiring. Enormous freshwater swamps, imposing rocky escarpments, untouched rivers and fluorescent blue waters lapping the coastline, make up what can only be described as a breath-taking natural environment. Then there's the unique wildlife that abounds in these stunning natural wonders, free from the pressures of mass tourism, agriculture and development.

It's very much a privilege to be able to showcase this extraordinary part of Australia to our guests. We hope you'll join us in 2023 and discover the mystery and spirit of Arnhem Land.

“My warmest congratulations. I have travelled extensively and believe this is the best trip I have experienced anywhere in the world.”

Cathie, NSW



Wonggu Mununggurr

1880 - 1959

Wonggu Mununggurr was an Elder of the Djapu clan from Caledon Bay, in the north-eastern region of Arnhem Land. He became a well-known Aboriginal leader, who led resistance to incursions into Arnhem Land before the establishment of the Methodist Yirrkala Mission.

In 1933, when a crew of Japanese and European fishing boats sailed into Caledon Bay to gather trepang, they were attacked by members of Wonggu's clan, leaving only one survivor. Once the occurrence was reported in Darwin, Wonggu's name caught the imagination of the press and he became a prominent figure in what became known as the Caledon Bay massacre. Three of Wonggu's sons were implicated in the assault and imprisoned for twenty years.

As a result, Donald Thomson, a young anthropologist, volunteered to go alone into Arnhem Land and live among the Aboriginal people to help resolve the conflict. He lived with the Yolngu people and developed a close relationship with Wonggu, who gave him a message stick to take back to the government. Wonggu agreed to keep the peace in return for the release of his sons and respect of Yolngu culture.

With the outbreak of World War II, Thomson again joined with Wonggu and his sons. Ironically, this time to form a special Aboriginal Reconnaissance Unit to protect Australia's north coast against invasion from the Japanese. Wonggu died on 7 June 1959 at Yirrkala.

Thomson described Wonggu as a 'gallant warrior' who drew attention to the issues of Aboriginal justice and rights to land.

Arnhem Land Adventures

Arnhem Land Wilderness Adventure

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Seven Spirit Bay Wilderness Lodge is available for luxury short stays during the dry season, plus special escapes for Easter and Christmas 2023.

Enjoy amazing fishing adventures, 4WD safaris, luxury habitat accommodation, superb cuisine and first-class hospitality.

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“Arnhem Land is a magical landscape that few from the outside world get to see. The history is overwhelming, and my wife and I felt a real sense of privilege to be able to do the trip. The entire Outback Spirit operation was faultless.”

Peter, ACT



Seven Spirit Bay 4WD Safari



An exclusive journey

Only Outback Spirit can take you through the heart of Arnhem Land

With special permission from Traditional Owners and the Northern Land Council, Outback Spirit is the only tour operator who can take you across the top of Arnhem Land. This sacred country is simply off limits to the general public, and heavy fines apply to those who break the rules. To access any part of Arnhem Land, every visitor still requires a written permit from the Northern Land Council, something that will be organised for you by Outback Spirit.

To enable this ground-breaking journey, Outback Spirit established a stunning network of luxurious safari camps and wilderness lodges. Exclusive to Outback Spirit, each lodge is perfectly positioned to allow for an in-depth touring experience and the chance to truly immerse yourself in the incredible environment and culture of Arnhem Land.

The journey through Arnhem Land starts in the east at Nhulunbuy. Then, over the next 13 days you'll trek west through an area where few travellers have ever been, discovering an ancient culture and an enthralling part of Australia.





Mount Borradaile Rock Art

Discover the world's oldest culture

The vast region of Arnhem Land is richly endowed with a culture that is more than 60,000 years old, making it the oldest surviving culture in human history. During that time, Aboriginal people developed a sophisticated belief system and a unique relationship to the environment in which they lived. Ancient ceremonies and traditions from the past are still widely practiced today and revolve around a complex system of kinship and deep connection to country.

An important aspect of our Arnhem Land Wilderness Adventure is gaining insight into the profound spiritual bond that Aboriginal people have to country. At various locations, you'll enjoy authentic cultural activities and learn first-hand from Aboriginal guides and Traditional Owners. You'll also hear stories from the Dreamtime and gain a fascinating insight into their laws and culture.

Arnhem Land is Aboriginal Land, and it's truly a privilege to be able to visit this sacred region.



“We will remember our Arnhem Land Wilderness tour as a great adventure and one which significantly enhanced our understanding of Australia's First Nations people, and their way of life.”

John, QLD



Exclusive to
Outback Spirit
guests



MURWANGI

SAFARI CAMP

Overlooking the vast Arafura Swamp, Murwangi is an area of immense cultural significance. It was the location for the 2006 film 'Ten Canoes' and is one of the most spectacular settings in Arnhem Land.

Outback Spirit's exclusive Murwangi Safari Camp was developed in consultation with Traditional Owners and the Northern Land Council. Featuring 12 deluxe 'Safari Suites', the camp is positioned in an arc that overlooks the stunning wetlands of the enormous Arafura Swamp. Each safari suite features an ensuite bathroom, luxurious furnishings, air-conditioning and a balcony from which to admire the view. A state-of-the-art kitchen and restaurant serves as the hub of the camp, where our in-house chef prepares outstanding cuisine.

During your stay at Murwangi, you'll explore the mystery, wonder and wildlife of the Arafura Swamp with Traditional Owners. Unique activities, including a 4WD safari and lagoon cruise, offer a true appreciation of this culturally significant wilderness.

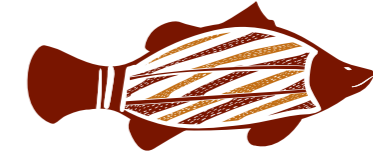
At a glance

- Sensational tented safari camp on the banks of the Arafura Swamp
- The only tourism accommodation in the area
- 12 luxurious 'Safari Suites' featuring ensuite bathrooms & air-conditioning
- Exclusive to Outback Spirit guests
- Fully licensed restaurant with in-house chef
- Enjoy exclusive cultural activities with Murwangi's Traditional Owners
- Open-back 4WD Safari

"The accommodation and meals were exceptional considering the remoteness of the areas visited. Who would have thought that tents could be so luxurious? The whole tour was a real eye opener."

Peter, NSW





Barramundi Lodge

ARNHEM LAND

With spectacular views over the Tomkinson River floodplains, the Arnhem Land Barramundi Lodge enjoys an enviable location just a short drive out of Maningrida.

With the consent of Traditional Owners and the Northern Land Council, Outback Spirit purchased the Arnhem Land Barramundi Lodge in 2015. A complete redevelopment then took place, with 12 new tented safari suites built for guest accommodation, each integrated seamlessly with the surrounding bushland. Features include luxury furnishings, a private balcony and ensuite bathroom. Our restaurant is also dedicated to your indulgence, providing delicious high-end cuisine, which could even include the catch of the day!

Arnhem Land Barramundi Lodge is the premium fishing destination in the Northern Territory, with unique recreational fishing licences allowing access to many pristine river systems and various other coastal locations. It also offers a window into a timeless culture and the ability to see some of Arnhem Land's spectacular coastal and estuarine environments.

At a glance

- ☆ The Northern Territory's pre-eminent barramundi fishing lodge
- 🏠 12 luxurious 'Safari Suites' featuring ensuite bathrooms & air-conditioning
- 🐟 Exclusive fishing licences for pristine rivers and coastal areas
- 🚤 State-of-the-art Ocean Master adventure boats, featuring shade canopies and restrooms
- 🍴 Exceptional cuisine prepared by experienced in-house chef
- 🍷 Fully licensed restaurant with magical views
- 👤 Expert fishing and marine guides





Where luxury meets adventure

Spend 3 nights at our flagship wilderness lodge and enjoy a range of exceptional adventures.

Established in 1990, Seven Spirit Bay is one of Australia's original luxury lodges and a pioneer of experiential tourism in the Northern Territory. Perfectly positioned, the lodge sits within the wilderness of Garig Gunak Barlu National Park, overlooking the turquoise waters of the Cobourg Marine Park Sanctuary.

Since acquiring Seven Spirit Bay, Outback Spirit has completed a comprehensive multi-million dollar redevelopment of the lodge. Now more than ever, Seven Spirit Bay effortlessly combines luxury and adventure to create one of the finest wilderness retreats in northern Australia.



“There were plenty of ‘oohs & aahs’ at each stop along the way, but the ‘oh my goodness’ when we got to Seven Spirit Bay must have been heard by the nearby birds! You’ve certainly got the accommodation game sewn up Outback Spirit.”

Barbara



Luxury Habitat Villas

Set amongst native tropical forest, our luxurious Habitat Villas offer absolute comfort and seclusion. Relax and enjoy the sights of Coral Bay and be enchanted by the sounds of the surrounding wilderness from your beautiful accommodation. Habitat Villas feature deluxe furnishings, air-conditioning, a covered verandah and spacious ensuite bathrooms.









Extraordinary Adventures

During your three-night stay you'll have the opportunity to take part in a range of unique adventures. Visit the historic ruins of Victoria Settlement in Port Essington, the third attempt by the British at a northern settlement in 1838. Fish the pristine waters of the Cobourg Marine Park Sanctuary, including barramundi fishing on Trepang Creek. There's also 4WD adventures to Rainbow Beach and Vashon Head to explore the wonders of Garig Gunak Barlu National Park.

Superb Cuisine

With two exceptional in-house Australian chefs, dining at Seven Spirit Bay has never been this good. Take in the delightful sea breezes and classic Northern Territory sunsets before indulging in innovative, high-quality cuisine in the fully refurbished main lodge. The expansive restaurant also includes a delightful lounge and bar, the perfect meeting place after a day of adventure.

At a glance

-  Iconic NT lodge acquired by Outback Spirit in 2015
-  Magnificent location overlooking the turquoise waters of Coral Bay
-  24 Luxurious Habitat Villas featuring ensuite bathrooms & air-conditioning
-  Talented Australian chefs delivering exceptional cuisine
-  Fully licensed restaurant, lounge and bar
-  State-of-the-art fleet of expedition and fishing boats
-  Expert fishing and marine guides
-  Enjoy a three-night stay to truly appreciate the area





Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris Mt Borradaile

Situated in the North West corner of Arnhem Land between Kakadu and the Cobourg Peninsula, Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris 'Mount Borradaile' is an exclusively leased and incredibly remote 700 square kilometre reserve nestled against the dramatic Arnhem Land escarpment.

This registered Aboriginal sacred site has been described as a national treasure trove depicting ancient human occupation. Valleys, overhangs and caves have been occupied for over 50,000 years and offer magnificent galleries of rock art as well as ancient occupation sites. It's a landscape of rugged ranges fringed by idyllic billabongs, flood plains, paper bark swamps and monsoonal rainforests.

During your two-night visit to Mount Borradaile you'll enjoy a host of activities including lagoon and river cruises, and rock art tours to some of the most significant rock art galleries in Australia. You'll be guided by resident local experts who'll take you on an in-depth cultural discovery like no other.

At a glance

- ☆ Exclusively leased reserve near the Arnhem Land escarpment
- 👉 See magnificent rock art galleries and learn about the different techniques used
- 🏠 Wander through the 'catacombs', an ancient occupation site
- 🚤 Cruise pristine rivers and floodplains
- 🏠 Stay in comfortable cabins with ensuite bathrooms
- 👤 Expert local guides





Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Nhulunbuy	Walkabout Lodge	08	Mount Borradaile	Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris
02	Nhulunbuy	Walkabout Lodge	09	Cobourg Peninsula	Seven Spirit Bay
03	Arafura Swamp	Murwangi Safari Camp	10	Cobourg Peninsula	Seven Spirit Bay
04	Arafura Swamp	Murwangi Safari Camp	11	Cobourg Peninsula	Seven Spirit Bay
05	Maningrida	Arnhem Land Barramundi Lodge	12	Darwin	DoubleTree by Hilton
06	Maningrida	Arnhem Land Barramundi Lodge	13	Tour Concludes	
07	Mount Borradaile	Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris			

Itinerary 13 Days | Nhulunbuy – Darwin

Arnhem Land Wilderness Adventure

Discover a sacred and mystical land that few people will ever see on this extraordinary journey

Your journey

Day 1 Welcome to Arnhem Land



Upon your arrival in Nhulunbuy today you'll be met by your professional Tour Director. This afternoon we'll explore this frontier village, created in the 1960's after the discovery of Bauxite on the Gove Peninsula. Visit the Roy (Malpi) Marika Lookout for incredible views towards the coast, Gayngaru Wetlands and Gove Harbour before settling in for a two-night stay at the Walkabout Lodge. *Meals: D*

Day 2 Exploring the Gove Peninsula



The Gove Peninsula has been home to Yolngu people for over 60,000 years and is one of the most culturally significant regions in Australia. You'll get a true sense of this with a special 'Welcome to Country' ceremony at Wirrawuy Beach, where we'll learn about Yolngu culture and kinship first hand.

We then visit the Buku-Larrnggay Mulka art centre in Yirrkala, which boasts many renowned Aboriginal artists whose work can be found in galleries all over the world. Yirrkala is also where the Aboriginal Land Rights movement started, when the 'bark petition' was sent to federal parliament in 1963.

From the art centre it's a short drive to Shady Beach for lunch and a special Bush Medicine and Women's Healing demonstration. Experience traditional healing ways and hear stories of how Yolngu live and heal on their land.

This afternoon we visit Macassan Beach for an interpretive walk and learn about the fascinating trade relations between the Yolngu and Macassans, who negotiated the right to fish for native trepang in Australian waters. This trade relationship dates as far back as the 1400's and lasted until the beginning of the 20th century. We return to Nhulunbuy and the Walkabout Lodge late this afternoon. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 3 Journey to Murwangi

Today our journey into the heart of Arnhem Land begins. Departing Nhulunbuy we follow the Central Arnhem road south west to the Goyder River, the main tributary flowing into the massive Arafura Swamp. Enjoy a picnic lunch before taking a track to the north, which follows an escarpment before descending on to the Arafura floodplains. Known as Murwangi, this area is home to our exclusive safari camp where we'll be staying for the next two nights. Check in to your deluxe safari suite before dinner in the lodge dining room. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Travel through the heart of Arnhem Land and immerse yourself in the world's oldest surviving culture
- Enjoy a 'Welcome to Country' performance in Nhulunbuy
- Visit award-winning art centres and enjoy a bush Medicine demonstration
- Discover the vast and sacred Arafura Swamp on a 4WD safari and boat cruise
- View ancient rock art sites, cruise incredible wetlands and visit the 'catacombs' at Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris, Mt Borradaile
- Enjoy authentic cultural activities with Indigenous guides
- Explore the rugged Cobourg Peninsula by 4WD safari, including Vashon Head and Nipa Palm gallery
- Exclusive Barramundi fishing adventure on the Liverpool River near Maningrida
- Tour historic Victoria Settlement, Port Essington circa 1838
- Explore the pristine waters of Cobourg Marine Park Sanctuary and enjoy exceptional marine adventures
- Spend 7 nights in our network of luxurious safari camps and wilderness lodges, including 3 nights at the iconic Seven Spirit Bay
- Visit Babbarra Women's Centre, the Djomi Museum and Maningrida Arts & Culture on an enriching half day tour

**Itinerary subject to change.*

Day 4 Arafura Swamp and Murwangi Discovery Tour



The Arafura Swamp is one of the largest wooded swamps in Australia and covers approximately 1,300 square kilometres. This incredibly diverse wetland can support up to 300,000 water birds at any one time, including Magpie Geese, Egrets, Black-necked Stork and Brolgas. The swamp is of great cultural significance to Yolngu People and was also the location for the 2006 film 'Ten Canoes'.

Today enjoy a tranquil cruise on the main lagoon, followed by a 4WD adventure around the edge of the swamp. For both activities, we'll be accompanied by Indigenous guides who'll explain why this spectacular area is so significant to them.

Later this afternoon we return to the safari camp, with a little free time before dinner.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 5 Ramingining – Barramundi Lodge



This morning we visit the Bula'bula Art Centre in Ramingining. Chat to local artists as they paint right in front of you. (Artwork can be purchased if desired).

After morning tea, we head further west towards Maningrida, crossing the Blyth and Cadell rivers before arriving at the Arnhem Land Barramundi Lodge. Recognised as one of Australia's premier fishing destinations, the lodge holds exclusive fishing licences for various waterways and coastal areas, including the Liverpool River.

Following lunch on the front deck we'll enjoy a talk from the lodge's marine manager. You're then free to settle in to your luxurious safari suite with the rest of the afternoon yours to relax, catch up on some washing or admire the stunning view of the floodplains. We spend the next two nights here to explore the local area. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6 Fishing Adventure & Cultural Tour



This morning we enjoy an exclusive barramundi fishing adventure on the pristine Liverpool and Tomkinson Rivers. Our expert fishing guides will take you to where the fish are biting aboard our sturdy Ocean Master vessels, the pinnacle for remote marine adventures featuring an onboard restroom and shade canopy. Today's fishing adventure is also a wilderness tour, so even if fishing isn't your thing you'll still enjoy the amazing scenery and commentary.

This afternoon we visit the Maningrida Arts and Cultural Centre, and Babbarra Women's Centre for an immersion in culture. It's places like these that really bring home the cultural and spiritual richness of the area. This afternoon we return to the lodge for sunset drinks on the deck before dinner. Don't forget to tell everyone about the one that got away! *Meals: B.L.D*

“Our Arnhem Land Adventure was an amazing experience and lived up to our expectations and more. Our guide looked after us with expertise and joy. They had excellent people skills, a great sense of humour and a superb knowledge of the region and indigenous culture. We highly recommend this unique experience.”

Margaret & Chris, QLD



Arafura Swamp Lagoon Cruise, Murwangi



Barramundi Lodge Fishing Adventure



Mount Borradaile

Day 7 Maningrida to Mount Borradaile



Today our travels take us through the stone country of west Arnhem Land. Cross the Liverpool and Goomadeer Rivers before arriving at the turnoff to Davidson's Arnhem Land Safaris, Mount Borradaile. From here we travel along a 40km bush track into the safari lodge, arriving in time for lunch. We'll then check in to our cabins, our home for the next two nights.

This afternoon the highly trained staff at Mount Borradaile will take you through 50,000 years of Aboriginal culture in a truly awe-inspiring landscape. The area contains some of the most stunning rock art galleries in the world, and in terms of artistic quality, quantity, colour and state of preservation it is virtually unrivalled. The walls of the many rock shelters are decorated with innumerable pictures documenting traditional Aboriginal life over many thousands of years. Subjects range from now extinct animals to twentieth century sailing ships and the iconic rainbow serpent.

Following this afternoon's activities we return to the lodge and prepare for dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8 Exploring Mount Borradaile



Today we jump into the open-back Toyotas and continue exploring the wonderland that is Mount Borradaile. Visit the ancient 'catacombs', where the sandstone has been eroded by wind and water over 600 million years resulting in a massive cave system that is full of incredible Aboriginal Art. Learn about the variety of techniques used in rock paintings as the styles changed over thousands of years of occupation and storytelling. We'll also view ancient occupation sites and a range of artefacts from when these areas were lived in.

After lunch, it's time to explore the incredible wetlands of the Cooper Creek. Admire the prolific birdlife and massive crocodiles sunning themselves on the banks as you discover lagoons that seem more from a story book than from real life. As the sun seeks the horizon and sets over the floodplain, enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles before returning to the lodge for dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 Cobourg Peninsula – Seven Spirit Bay



Departing Mount Borradaile early, we head north and venture into Garig Gunak Barlu National Park on the Cobourg Peninsula. Travel up the eastern side of Port Essington to Black Point, where we'll meet the marine crew from Seven Spirit Bay for the short transfer across Port Essington. Upon arriving at the lodge you'll be allocated your room for the next three nights, a unique and luxurious 'habitat' overlooking Coral Bay.

We meet again later this evening for dinner in the restaurant. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 10 Port Essington & The Historic Victoria Settlement



Today we enjoy a marine adventure down Port Essington aboard the lodge's specially designed vessel MV *Arafura*. Designed by NAIAD in New Zealand and built in Australia, these amazing vessels are the ultimate marine sightseeing craft.

Departing Seven Spirit Bay, we retrace the course of the early mariner's square riggers, passing landmarks like Gunners Quoin, Low Point, Turtle Rock, and Observation Cliff on our way to historic Victoria Settlement. Surveyed in 1838, Victoria Settlement was the third attempt by the British at a northern settlement after Fort Dundas on Melville Island, and Fort Wellington at Raffles Bay. Conceived to facilitate trade with Asia, the settlement consisted of 24 houses and a hospital. Disease was rampant and living conditions poor, leading to its abandonment in 1849.

Upon our arrival at Victoria Settlement we'll take an informative and fascinating tour of the old buildings and ruins, learning about life in the early British occupation. There's an optional extension to the walk which leads to lonely gravestones in the forest, almost forgotten by history. After a picnic lunch on the beach we'll get on the water again and enjoy a leisurely cruise back to Seven Spirit Bay. The waters of the Cobourg Marine Park are alive, so keep your eye out for dolphins, dugong, manta rays and crocodiles.

Once back at Seven Spirit Bay, the rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. Relax in your villa, take a dip in the palm fringed swimming pool, or alternatively head back out on the water for a fish with your marine guides. Tonight, enjoy sunset drinks from the verandah before dinner in the restaurant. *Meals: B.L.D*



Seven Spirit Bay 4WD Adventure

Day 11 Fishing & 4WD Adventure



The Cobourg Marine Park sanctuary is teeming with barramundi, Spanish mackerel, golden trevally and coral trout to name just a few. After breakfast, we board the lodge's state-of-the-art fishing vessels for an exclusive half-day fishing adventure around Port Essington. Each vessel features a restroom, shade canopy and comfortable seating. Best of all they only take 6 people, so everyone can enjoy having a fish.

Seven Spirit Bay's fishing guides are true professionals. They'll take you to the best fishing spots, and along the way share their marine sanctuary expertise while enjoying some of the most spectacular coastline to be found in northern Australia. You'll be given all the gear and advice required to reel in one of the many sought after fish species in these stunning waters. Once we've tested our luck, we'll make our way to a sheltered beach landing where we disembark and rendezvous with the lodge's sous chef for a delicious bush picnic.

After lunch we enjoy a 4WD safari to appreciate the wonders of Garig Gunak Barlu National Park. First up is a visit to the stunning Nipa Palm gallery (Nypa Fruticans), one of only three locations in Australia where they can be found (the others are Melville Island and the Wenlock River in far North QLD). Next, we'll explore the savannah lands of Vashon Head, spotting banteng and buffalo before a visit to Gunners Quoin. We return to the lodge late afternoon for our third and final evening at Seven Spirit Bay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Please note: The timings for the Port Essington fishing adventure are dependent on tidal movements. As such, lunch arrangements are subject to change to suit the itinerary set by the Seven Spirit Bay marine managers.

Day 12 Our Last Big Adventure



This morning you have the option of taking another fishing adventure or heading off on a 4WD safari to Rainbow Beach. After lunch we depart for the airstrip and board our Cessna Grand Caravan for the 45-minute scenic flight across Van Diemen Gulf to Darwin. This state-of-the-art 14 seat aircraft was purchased new by Outback Spirit in 2018 and is operated by our wholly owned subsidiary, Spirit Aviation. The aircraft features air-conditioning, leather seats, advanced avionics and trusted turbine reliability.

Once in Darwin we'll be transferred to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, perfectly positioned along the Esplanade. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure before boarding the *Charles Darwin* for a delicious Territory-style sunset dinner cruise and celebrate a truly amazing trip! *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13 Until next time

Enjoy a relaxing morning before your transfer to the airport, or to your accommodation if staying on in Darwin. Time to say goodbye, until we meet again for your next outback adventure. *Meals: B*

Arnhem Land Wilderness Adventure

OUTSTANDING INCLUSIONS

- Small group size **22**
- All meals, including all breakfasts, lunches and dinners whilst on tour
- Excellent hotel, lodge and safari camp accommodation
- All attraction fees & permit fees to enter Aboriginal land
- Professional Tour Driver/Guide
- Travel aboard a state-of-the-art 5 star 4WD Mercedes Benz vehicle

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MAY 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31	\$15,945
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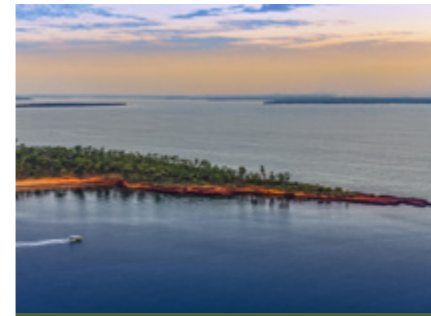
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- Return air transfers: Darwin – Seven Spirit Bay
- All fees & permits to enter Aboriginal land

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- Return air transfers: Darwin – Seven Spirit Bay
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The Pinnacles, Nambung National Park

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In the bottom half of Western Australia, the world's largest collection of wildflowers goes on display each spring. Amazingly, 60 percent of them are found nowhere else on Earth. The wineries of Margaret River, with a backdrop of ocean and forest, are also a highlight for visitors to the region. Throw in the tall forests of Pemberton, the cosmopolitan city of Fremantle plus a host of stunning national parks and it's easy to see why people flock to the South West.

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Karri Forest



Sir Norman Brearley

1890 - 1989

Norman Brearley was born in Geelong in 1890 and went on to become one of the most significant contributors to Australian aviation. He trained as an engineering apprentice in Perth before joining the Royal Flying Corps in Britain when war broke out in 1914.

During his time over the Western Front, Brearley was awarded the Military Cross for destroying a German observation balloon, and the Distinguished Service Order after being shot down and crawling back to Allied lines whilst seriously wounded.

He returned to Australia with two war-surplus Avro bi-planes with the intention of establishing an air-service in Western Australia. He won the Geraldton to Derby airmail service contract and founded Western Australian Airways Ltd (later becoming West Australian Airways).

In 1927 Brearley established the Perth Flying School at Mayland's Aerodrome, the birthplace of commercial aviation in Western Australia, and became the founding President of the Royal Aero Club of Western Australia.

In 1934, Brearley lost the north-west mail contract to MacRobertson-Miller Aviation Company. Two years later, he sold the airline to a group who would become Australian National Airways and down the track, Ansett Airways (then Ansett Australia).

During the Second World War, Brearley joined the RAAF and served as the Commanding Officer of several flight training schools. His contribution to the aviation industry was fundamental and he was knighted in 1971. His bust is displayed at Perth International Airport.

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Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Broome	Oaks Cable Beach Resort	08	Exmouth	Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort
02	Port Hedland	The Esplanade Hotel	09	Exmouth	Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort
03	Newman	Seasons Hotel	10	Monkey Mia	Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort
04	Karijini National Park	Karijini Eco Retreat	11	Monkey Mia	Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort
05	Karijini National Park	Karijini Eco Retreat	12	Geraldton	Ocean Centre Hotel
06	Karratha	Karratha International Hotel	13	Perth	Crown Promenade
07	Exmouth	Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort	14	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 14 Days | Broome – Perth (and vice versa)

Pilbara & West Coast Expedition

Travel from Broome to Perth (or vice versa) via the Pilbara and Coral Coast

Your journey

Day 1 Your Adventure Begins in Broome

Upon your arrival at Broome airport you'll be met by your friendly and professional touring crew. Enjoy a town tour before checking in to the luxurious Oaks Cable Beach Resort. Enjoy a spectacular Indian Ocean sunset on the beach before your welcome dinner.
Meals: D

Day 2 Broome – Port Hedland

This morning we depart Broome and head south along the Great Northern Highway. Pass between the Great Sandy Desert and Eighty Mile Beach, arriving in Port Hedland later this afternoon. Tonight we stay at The Esplanade Hotel.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 3 Port Hedland – Newman

Port Hedland is one of the largest towns in the Pilbara, and due to the massive mining operations in the region the town is home to Australia's largest tonnage port facility. This morning we visit the Port Hedland Seafarers Centre for a behind-the-scenes look at the workings of the iron ore port including a cruise of the entire port, with insightful commentary from your local skipper. After the tour we depart Port Hedland for Newman and arrive late afternoon to check in to the Seasons Hotel.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 4 Newman – Karijini National Park

This morning we join a guided tour of the BHP Billiton Mt. Whaleback mine, the largest single pit open-cut iron ore mine in the world. We then depart Newman and head for the breathtaking Karijini National Park, spending two nights at the Karijini Eco Retreat. Ideally located in the depths of the park, the retreat is the only permanent accommodation in the area. Here we stay in unique tented cabins with ensuite bathrooms.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 5 Karijini Exploring

Today we explore some of the stunning gorges in Karijini National Park, Western Australia's second largest. Centred on the Hamersley Range, it's famous for its beautiful red gorges, stunning waterfalls and cool swimming holes. First up is a visit to the eastern section of the park, including Dales Gorge and Fern Pool. A system of walking trails lead us down to some of the best spots where you can take a dip in sparkling rock pools. After a picnic lunch we continue touring around other sections of the park, including Weano Gorge and Oxer lookout. We return to the retreat mid-afternoon and relax before dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Spend 3 nights at the luxurious Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, the only resort on Sunrise Beach
- Enjoy a half-day Ningaloo Reef Discovery Cruise
- Cruise Yardie Creek Gorge in Cape Range National Park
- Explore the red gorges and sparkling rock pools of Karijini National Park and spend two nights at the Karijini Eco Retreat
- Enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at the Port Hedland iron ore port with an informative harbour cruise
- Tour the BHP Billiton Mt. Whaleback Mine, the largest single pit open cut iron ore mine in the world
- Enjoy a catamaran cruise in search of dolphins, dugongs and sea turtles in Shark Bay
- Explore Nambung National Park and the Pinnacles
- Visit Dampier and Australia's largest resource project
- Explore the spectacular Millstream-Chichester National Park including Deep Reach & Chinderrwiner Pools
- Visit the mining town of Tom Price, the highest town in WA at 747m

Day 6 Karijini – Millstream – Chichester National Park – Karratha



This morning we make our way up towards Karratha, a town established in 1968 to service and accommodate the iron ore miners in the Hamersley Ranges. En route we visit Tom Price before stopping off at the magnificent Millstream-Chichester National Park, which is characterised by rugged escarpments, tree lined rivers and pristine water pools. This afternoon we enjoy visits to Deep Reach and Chinderwarriner Pools and the historic Millstream Homestead. We then continue on to Karratha, arriving late afternoon to check in to the Karratha International Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7 Karratha – Dampier – Exmouth



This morning we head out to the Burrup Peninsula to view ancient petroglyph engravings. Dating back to between 30,000 and 45,000 years, the collection of rock motifs include the oldest known depiction of the human face as well as extinct mega fauna and the now extinct Tasmanian Tiger. We'll also visit the North-West Shelf Visitors Centre in Dampier to learn about one of Australia's largest resource projects, where gas is drilled at offshore platforms 130km north of Dampier.

This afternoon we head south towards one of the most pristine natural wonders in Australia; Ningaloo Reef. We arrive in Exmouth late afternoon and check in to the luxurious Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort, located right on Sunrise Beach. Enjoy premium ocean view rooms during your three-night stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8 Ningaloo Reef Discovery Cruise



Ningaloo is an untouched 300km long fringing barrier reef that protects a shallow, brilliant white sandy lagoon of clear tropical waters. It is one of only a few places on earth where you are able to access the coral reef from the beach.

This morning we enjoy a half day discovery cruise on Ningaloo Reef. Learn about the diversity of marine life in the park and take the opportunity to snorkel in the park's pristine waters (accompanied by guides – equipment provided).



Weano Gorge, Karijini National Park

**Note: Upgrade your half-day reef discovery cruise to a full-day whale shark cruise (cost approx. \$425pp). Enjoy a snorkelling experience like no other and swim with the majestic Whale Shark! Must be booked in advance through our office – subject to availability. Enquire for details.*

This afternoon we return to Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort. Enjoy some free time to stroll along the beach or through the marina before meeting in the award-winning Mantaray's Restaurant for dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 Cape Range National Park – Yardie Creek Gorge



Today we'll set off to discover Cape Range National Park, a spectacular place of rugged limestone ranges, breathtaking deep canyons and 50 kilometres of pristine beaches. The area is well known for the striking contrast of its turquoise waters, white beaches and red ochre backdrop.

This morning we'll enjoy one of the area's main attractions, the Yardie Creek Gorge cruise. This ancient gorge has deep blue water, red limestone cliff faces and a wonderful array of birds and wildlife

including the rare black-footed rock wallaby. There's also a walking trail to the top of the gorge. The views down the creek and out to Ningaloo Reef are simply spectacular.

After a picnic lunch we'll visit Milyering, the Cape Range National Park Discovery Centre. Housing interpretive displays and audio-visual facilities, the centre holds a wealth of information on the marine park and local environment. We then return to Exmouth for our final night at Mantarays Ningaloo Beach Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Note: This afternoon there is an option to take a scenic flight over Ningaloo Reef. Prices start from approximately \$160pp for 30 minutes. Please enquire when booking.*

Day 10 Carnarvon – Shark Bay – Monkey Mia

This morning we depart Exmouth and journey south through Carnarvon on our way to Shark Bay and Monkey Mia. We arrive late this afternoon and check in to the Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort where we'll stay for the next two nights. *Meals: B.L.D*



Ningaloo Reef

Day 11 Exploring Shark Bay



The Shark Bay World Heritage Area was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in December 1991. Its seagrass meadows are the largest in the world and support a huge population of dugong, along with a variety of other marine life.

This morning we head down to the beach to meet the famous locals, a pod of wild dolphins that come in to the shallows and interact with people (as the dolphins are wild, their appearance cannot be guaranteed). We then enjoy a catamaran sailing adventure in Shark Bay Marine Park, keeping an eye out for the bay's precious marine life. This afternoon can be spent at your leisure at the Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 12 Monkey Mia – Denham – Geraldton

This morning we visit the Shark Bay World Heritage Discovery Centre. The centre showcases Shark Bays' Indigenous and European culture, maritime and pastoral history, the flora and fauna of the region and much more. We'll also stop off at Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve, one of a few places in the world with marine

Stromatolites, or 'living fossils! We also visit the Old Telegraph Station before heading to Geraldton, arriving late-afternoon at the beachfront Ocean Centre Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13 The Pinnacles – Perth



This morning we depart Geraldton and head south to one of the most renowned landscapes in Australia, the Pinnacles. Here, thousands of limestone pillars rise from the shifting yellow sands, resembling a landscape from a science fiction movie. Enjoy a wander through these eerie formations before departing for Perth, arriving late afternoon to check in to the Crown Promenade. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner as we look back on our adventure along the West Coast of Australia. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14 Farewell

This morning can be spent at your leisure before being transferred to the airport or to your accommodation if staying on in Perth. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

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STAY... a little longer before or after your tour at the Crown Promenade in Perth or Oaks Cable Beach Resort in Broome (see page 231)

EXPERIENCE... more before or after your tour with a Rotttnest Express excursion departing Perth (see page 222) or a sensational Horizontal Falls Adventure out of Broome (see page 224)



Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Perth	Crown Promenade	09	Fremantle	Esplanade Hotel by Rydges
02	Hyden	Hyden Wave Rock Motel	10	Perth	Crown Promenade
03	Kalgoorlie	Rydges Kalgoorlie	11	Kalbarri	Kalbarri Edge Resort
04	Esperance	Comfort Inn Bay of Isles Motel	12	Kalbarri	Kalbarri Edge Resort
05	Albany	Dog Rock Motel	13	Monkey Mia	Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort
06	Albany	Dog Rock Motel	14	Geraldton	Ocean Centre Hotel
07	Pemberton	Karri Valley Resort	15	Perth	Crown Promenade
08	Margaret River	Stay Margaret River	16	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 16 Days | Perth – Perth

11 Day tour also available

Western Wildflowers Discovery

Explore South Western Australia during the magical wildflower season. Also discover World Heritage Listed Shark Bay and Monkey Mia

Your journey

Day 1 Your Adventure Begins in Perth



Upon arrival at Perth Airport today you'll be met by your friendly and professional Tour Directors. This afternoon we take an informative tour of the city including scenic Kings Park, which also features the Perth Botanic Gardens. Wander through the magnificent display of wildflowers before heading around to the luxurious Crown Promenade for our overnight stay. *Meals: D*

Please arrive in Perth by 1.30pm to participate in the city tour. Later arrivals will be transferred straight to the Crown Promenade.

Day 2 Perth – Wave Rock – Hyden



This morning we depart Perth and travel east through the John Forrest National Park. Visit York and the historic York Motor Museum before continuing to Hyden, arriving mid-afternoon. This tiny town located in Western Australia's semi-arid Wheat Belt is home to the fascinating and unique geological formation known as Wave Rock. After exploring Wave Rock we overnight at the Hyden Wave Rock Motel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 3 Coolgardie – Kalgoorlie

Today our travels take us towards the far-east mining district of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Since 1893 the area of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has produced over 50 million ounces of gold, one of only 4 districts in the world to have reached such a milestone. Enjoy a town tour, followed by a tour of the incredible Super Pit mine. Enjoy expert commentary from your local guide as we drive along internal haul roads and get up close to the operations of this massive mine. This afternoon we check in to the Rydges Kalgoorlie Resort for our overnight stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Visit Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary, operated by AWC
- Explore spectacular Wave Rock
- Super Pit Mine tour, Kalgoorlie
- Visit the Walpole – Nornalup National Park, home to massive Karri & Tingle trees known as the Ancient Empire
- View stunning natural displays of blooming wildflowers
- Discovery Bay Tourism Experience, Albany and Reef Explorer Cruise
- Experience the spectacular Valley of the Giants Tree Top Walk, Denmark
- Visit the historic Gloucester Tree, the world's 2nd tallest fire-lookout tree
- Discover Margaret River and enjoy lunch and tastings at a local winery
- Cruise Swan River from Fremantle to Perth with Captain Cook Cruises
- Overnight in Fremantle and visit WA Maritime Museum, home to the famous 'Australia II' racing yacht
- Visit the Kalbarri Skywalk, floating 100m above the Murchison River
- Explore Nambung National Park and the Pinnacles
- Marine wildlife cruise at Monkey Mia
- Visit New Norcia, the Perth Mint and York Motor Museum

ALSO AVAILABLE

A shorter tour concluding in Perth on day 11 of this itinerary is also available. See page 99 for dates and prices.

Day 4**Norseman – Esperance**

This morning we head south and make our way towards the seaside town of Esperance. Along the way there are generally some spectacular wildflower displays that we'll stop to enjoy. Upon our arrival at the coast we take the scenic Great Ocean Drive which includes Rotary Lookout, the Pink Lake and Australia's first wind farm. This 40 kilometre loop showcases Esperance's spectacular coastline of tranquil bays, soaring cliffs and beautiful beaches. Upon our arrival into Esperance this afternoon we check in to the Comfort Inn Bay of Isles Motel, located along the foreshore. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 5**Stirling Range National Park – Albany**

This morning we travel west through Ravensthorpe and Jerramungup, stopping along the way for lunch. Later this afternoon we visit Bluff Knoll Lookout in the majestic Stirling Range National Park and enjoy a guided tour before arriving in the whaling town of Albany. We spend the next two nights at the Dog Rock Motel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6**Discovering Albany**

This morning we visit the 'Discovery Bay Tourism Experience', a magnificent whaling museum in Albany. Take an interactive journey through the last operating whaling station in Australia, supported by a series of audio visual displays, artefacts and whaling history. This afternoon we board a catamaran for a spectacular whale watching cruise in Albany's harbour followed by a self guided audio tour of the National Anzac Centre. We return to the Dog Rock Motel for our final night in Albany. *Meals: B.L.D*

“Well what can we say except it was ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC. Our tour directors were the best we could have ever hoped for. This was our first Outback Spirit experience and I must say it will not be our last. Thank you so much.”

Jennie & Andrew, NSW

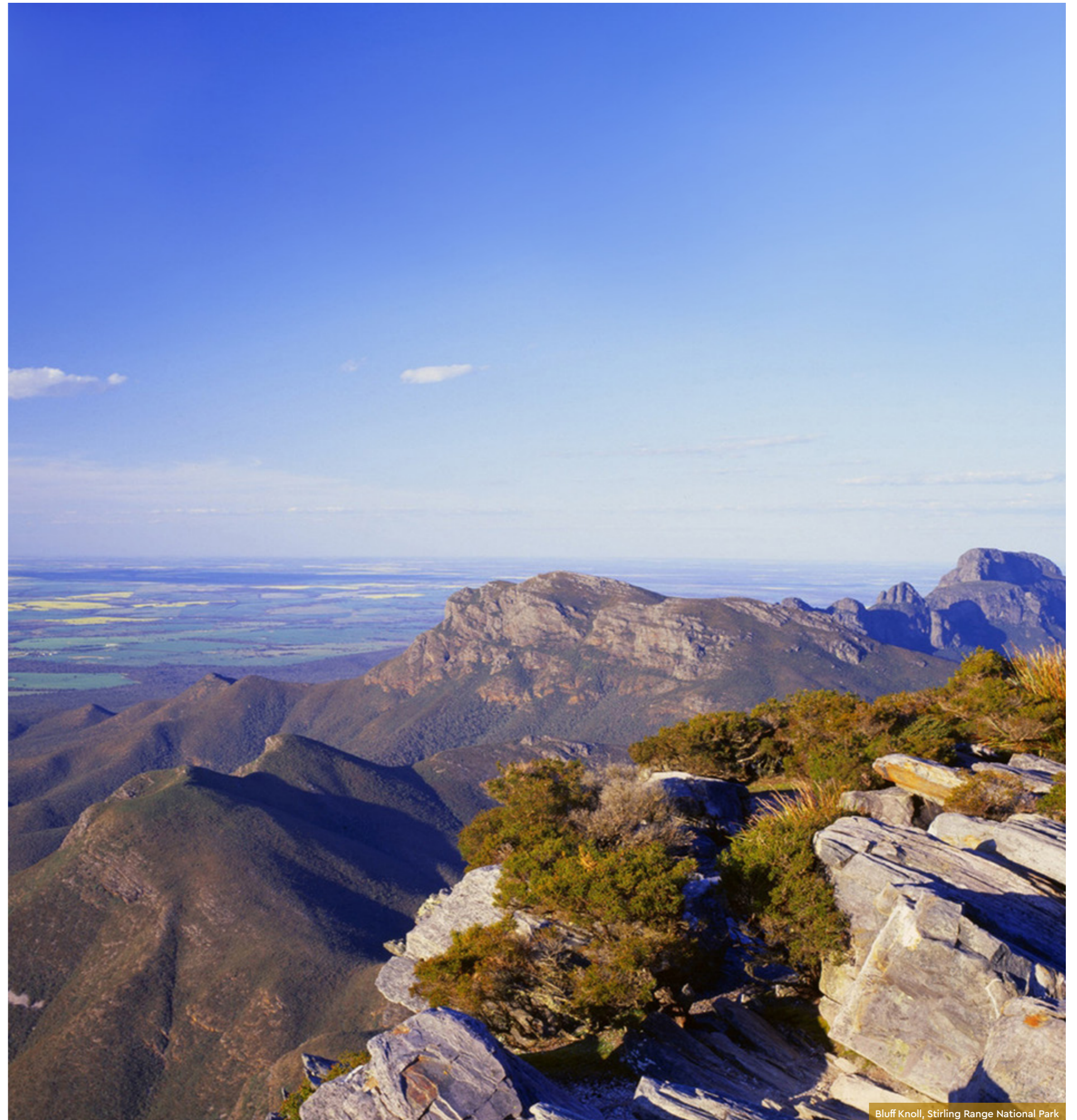
Day 7**Ancient Empire & Valley of the Giants**

Today we travel to the Walpole-Nornalup National Park, home to a grove of veteran Karri and Tingle trees known as the Ancient Empire. These are some of the largest trees in the world, measuring up to 16 metres around the base. To get a closer look, we'll visit the world class Valley of The Giants Tree Top Walk which soars gently upwards amidst the Tingle foliage to a world of birds and flowers. We also visit the Gloucester Tree, the second highest fire-lookout tree in the world. (The tree can be climbed by the more adventurous).

This afternoon we arrive at Karri Valley Resort on Lake Beedelup. Enjoy a free afternoon at the resort and enjoy activities such as trout fishing, bush walking, canoeing, bike riding and more. Alternatively, just sit back and relax on your lakeside balcony. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8**Cape Leeuwin – Margaret River**

This morning we head to Cape Leeuwin for a guided tour of the old historic lighthouse. Then, it's on to Margaret River, Western Australia's premium wine growing region which boasts over 40 world class wineries. Enjoy lunch and wine tastings at a local winery before some free time in the Margaret River township. Our accommodation for tonight is at Stay Margaret River Motel. *Meals: B.L.D*



Bluff Knoll, Stirling Range National Park

Day 9
Busselton – Fremantle

This morning we depart Margaret River to visit Busselton on Geographe Bay and take time to wander the 1.7 km jetty, the longest in WA. Afterwards, we travel via the Tuart forests to Bunbury where we take in the impressive views over the harbour and city from the local lookout. We then continue on through Australind and Mandurah before arriving in the cosmopolitan city of Fremantle mid-afternoon.

Located at the mouth of the Swan River, Fremantle is a major Australian port city and serves as the port for Perth. It's also been ranked as one of the best cities to travel to in the world, coming in at number 7 in the latest Lonely Planet guide. This afternoon we'll enjoy a tour of the town before checking into the centrally located Esplanade Hotel by Rydges. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 10
Fremantle – Swan River – Perth



After breakfast we enjoy a visit to the Western Australian Maritime Museum. This spectacular museum has six themed galleries, one of which houses the famous racing yacht 'Australia II' with the winged keel that won the America's Cup. The museum is also home to the retired HMAS Ovens, an Oberon class submarine which was built in 1969. Afterwards, enjoy a leisurely and informative cruise up the Swan River to Perth.

This afternoon we head out to Karakamia Wildlife Sanctuary, the first property acquired by Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC). The sanctuary covers 275ha of Jarrah forest and protects at least 15 different species, including the Woylie, Numbat and Quokka. After a BBQ dinner we enjoy a guided nocturnal walk with an AWC guide before returning to the city. We spend the night at the Crown Promenade. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11
Nambung National Park (The Pinnacles) – Kalbarri



This morning we trek north to the famous Nambung National Park, home to the interesting formations known as the Pinnacles. Here, thousands of limestone pillars rise from the shifting yellow sands, resembling a landscape from a science fiction movie.



Kalbarri Coastline

This afternoon we continue north through Geraldton and on to the small scenic town of Kalbarri. We spend the next two nights at the 4-star Kalbarri Edge Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

Please Note: 11 Day tour finishes this morning. Passengers will be transferred to Perth airport or their accommodation if staying on in Perth.

Day 12
Kalbarri National Park & Skywalk



Today we enjoy a leisurely day exploring the Kalbarri National Park. First up is a visit to the new Kalbarri Skywalk, a breathtaking project featuring twin skywalks which float more than 100 metres above the Murchison River Gorge.

Whilst in the National Park we'll also visit Hawkes Head and Z-Bend to take in the vibrant displays of wildflowers, renowned as being some of the best during the wildflower season. Then it's on to Red Bluff, which features a lookout with panoramic ocean views from atop the 100m cliffs, a perfect vantage point

to spot whales, dolphins and other marine life. This afternoon we return to the township for our second and final night in Kalbarri. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13
Shark Bay Marine Cruise – Monkey Mia



This morning we continue our journey north, arriving in Denham for lunch before heading to Monkey Mia on Shark Bay. World Heritage Listed in 1991, Shark Bay is one of only 16 sites worldwide that satisfy all four criteria for World Heritage listing. It features one of the largest and most diverse seagrass beds in the world and is home to 10% of the world's dugong population. There's a myriad of other marine life including dolphins, whales, manta rays, turtles and sharks.

The best way to experience Shark Bay is on a cruise, so this afternoon we'll board a modern catamaran and head off to spot the bay's rich marine life. Upon getting back to shore we head to the Monkey Mia Dolphin Resort and check in for our overnight stay. *Meals: B.L.D*



Monkey Mia



Wildflowers, Stirling Range National Park

Day 14
Denham – Hamelin Pool – Geraldton

This morning we visit the Shark Bay Discovery Centre, which celebrates the regions rich biodiversity and explores the area's World Heritage listing. We then head south and enjoy a visit to the Hamelin Pool Marine Nature Reserve, one of only a few places in the world with marine stromatolites, or 'living fossils'.

This afternoon we continue south to Geraldton, where we'll overnight at the Ocean Centre Hotel on the beachfront. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 15
Wildflower Way & New Norcia



After breakfast we visit the magnificent HMAS Sydney II memorial – the second memorial recognised to be of national significance outside of Canberra. Completed in 2001, the memorial has become the country's premier site for honouring the 645 Australian sailors who were lost off the Western Australian coast

during a World War II battle with German raider HSK *Kormoran*. The location of both wrecks remained a mystery for over 66 years until they were located in March 2008 by the Finding Sydney Foundation.

Today we return to Perth along the Wildflower Way and stop at numerous locations to admire the vibrant fields of flowers. Then, it's on to New Norcia where we'll take a guided tour of Australia's only monastic town and admire its unique Mediterranean architecture. Arriving back in Perth late afternoon, we spend our final evening together at the Crown Promenade and enjoy a sumptuous farewell dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 16
Farewell

This morning we experience a gold pouring at the historical Perth Mint before the tour concludes. You will then be transferred to the airport or your accommodation if staying on in Perth. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

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QUEENSLAND

Reef, Rainforest, Outback & Cape

If there's one word to describe the sunshine state, it's diversity. In one corner you'll find rolling red sand dunes, while at the other lies the world's oldest rainforest. Then there's the perfect white sandy beaches of the East Coast, versus the dusty, spellbinding interior that gave rise to our national airline, Qantas. The diversity is staggering.

Sandwiched by the Coral Sea and Gulf of Carpentaria, Cape York Peninsula is home to our most popular Queensland adventure. It's also home to the most northerly point on the Australian mainland, the ultimate destination for a Cape traveller. The famed journey to the very tip is still an exciting 4WD adventure to this day.

The interior, often referred to as the 'quintessential outback', offers a uniquely Australian experience that embraces the nation's immense cultural heritage and pioneering spirit. Then there's the Gulf, an incredible journey following the 1845 expedition of Leichhardt. And if sun, sand and sophistication are calling, there's always the world-renowned islands of the East Coast, a tropical paradise like no other.

There really is just so much to see in Queensland. We hope you'll see it with us.



Bloomfield Track



Hudson Fysh

1895 – 1974

Born in Launceston, Tasmania, Hudson Fysh was an Australian aviator and businessman. At the beginning of World War I, he enlisted and served in the Australian Flying Corps as an air gunner, awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his gallantry. He gained his pilot wings in 1919 and along with Australian pilot, Paul McGinness, was commissioned to survey the Darwin to Longreach section of the Britain-Australia Air Race. This journey led to the formation of Queensland & Northern Territory Aerial Services Ltd (QANTAS) in November 1920.

Along with McGinness, Fysh flew charter and joy-riding flights to raise capital. McGinness provided much of the initial drive to establish Qantas and was instrumental in securing the involvement of Sir Fergus McMaster, the first Chairman of Qantas who lobbied successfully for a Commonwealth air mail subsidy. Fysh took on the role of General Manager of the company and was responsible for overseeing the steady growth of the young airline.

The company gradually expanded and in 1930 moved its headquarters to Brisbane. It soon gained valuable mail contracts and extended its service overseas, with Qantas operating the Singapore-Australia air route trading as Qantas Empire Airways. Six years later Fysh became a Director of Tasman Empire Airways Ltd, which flew to and from New Zealand.

In 1947 the Commonwealth acquired the company but Fysh remained Managing Director. He was Chairman until 1966, by which time the company had become established as one of the world's leading airlines. Fysh was knighted in June 1953 for his services to civil aviation.

Queensland Adventures

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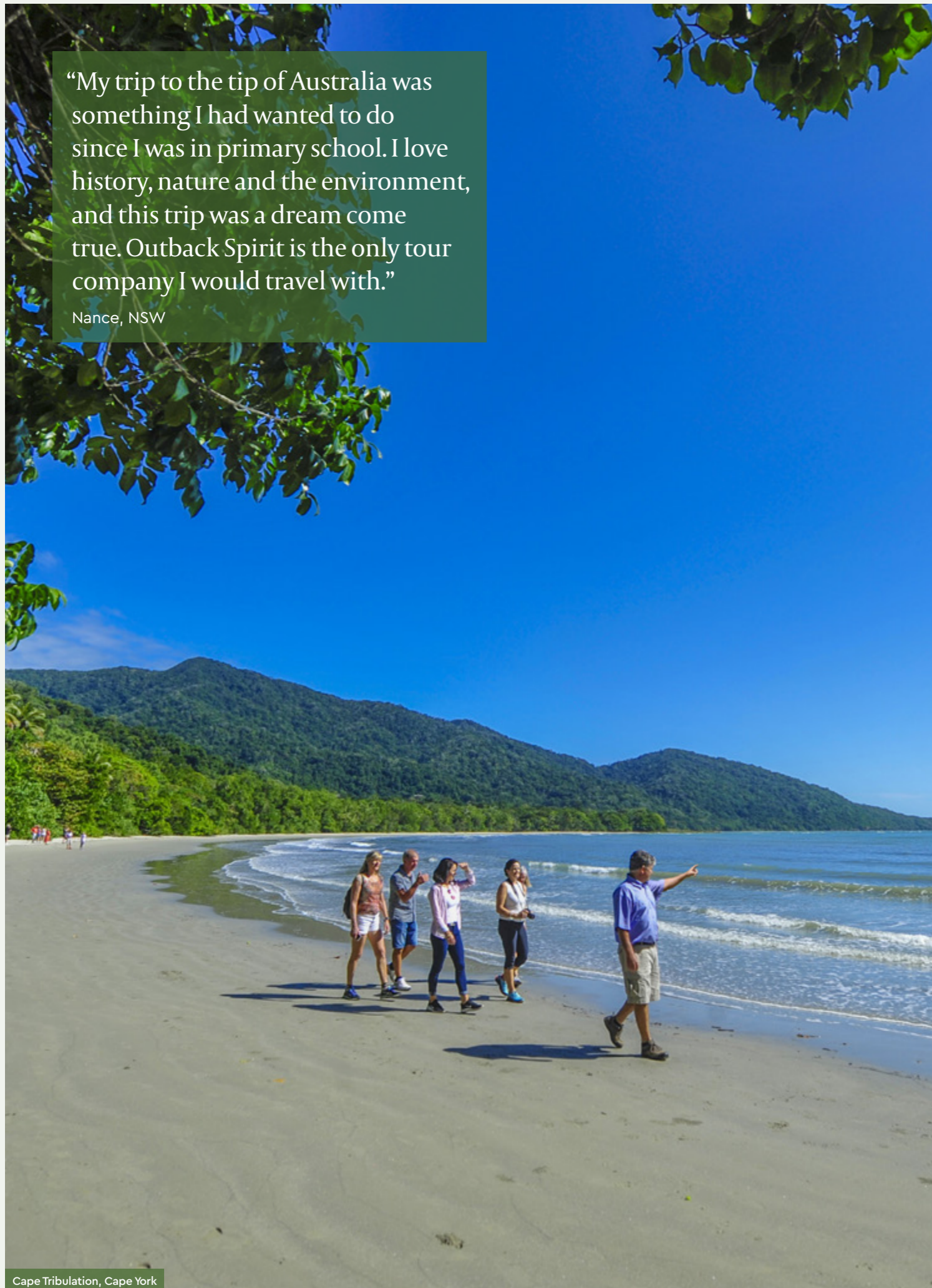
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“My trip to the tip of Australia was something I had wanted to do since I was in primary school. I love history, nature and the environment, and this trip was a dream come true. Outback Spirit is the only tour company I would travel with.”

Nance, NSW



Cape Tribulation, Cape York



Jackey Jackey

1833 – 1854

Jackey Jackey (Galmarra) was a young Aboriginal guide who gained a reputation for his hard work, excellent bush craft and reliability during the Kennedy Expedition of 1848 to explore Far North Queensland. He was a member of the Merton district tribe near Muswellbrook in the Hunter Valley, and was a young boy when selected to accompany Edmund Kennedy on his expedition.

During the expedition, Kennedy's party was gradually overcome by disease and deprivation caused by the harsh tropical landscape conditions, but Jackey Jackey emerged as one of its strongest members. When the party was left behind at Weymouth Bay, he and Kennedy advanced towards Cape York; first with three others, then alone. Before reaching the supply ship *HMS Ariel* off Albany Island, they were attacked by Aboriginal people and Kennedy was killed. Jackey Jackey managed to escape and persevered to reach the ship.

Jackey Jackey's bond with Kennedy was again displayed in May 1849 when he served as a guide for a rescue party with Captain T. Beckford Simpson, to search for survivors and locate Kennedy's body. They were unsuccessful, but Simpson praised Jackey Jackey's skill and devotion to Kennedy's memory. He also uncannily referred to Jackey Jackey's one weakness, a 'fondness for ardent spirits'!

On returning, Jackey Jackey was honoured for his achievements and service. He rejoined his tribe but eventually drifted, and in 1854 during an overland journey not far from Albury, he fell into his camp fire and tragically died.



Cape York

A remote and unspoilt wilderness between the Coral Sea and the Gulf of Carpentaria

Globally Significant

The Cape York Peninsula is regarded as one of the largest and most intact tropical savannahs in the world. Since European settlement, this magnificent part of Australia has had just 1% of its land cleared. As such, biodiversity in the Cape is truly staggering; half of Australia's bird species, one third of mammals and a quarter of reptiles and frogs are found on the Peninsula, with new species being regularly discovered even to this day. The region's rich Indigenous culture reflects the incredible diversity of the natural environment, managed by Traditional Owners for tens of thousands of years.

Number One in the Cape

Outback Spirit's Cape York Wilderness Adventure has been the region's favourite accommodated tour since 2009. Hand crafted with the benefit of over 20 years experience, our itinerary includes the very best of Cape York so that our clients really experience a once-in-a-lifetime adventure. After reading through our included highlights, you'll see that no other operator can match the attractions or sightseeing arrangements we have in place.



Fan Palm Gallery, Cooper Creek Wilderness

“We thoroughly enjoyed our 'trip to the tip'. Highlights included the Dreamtime Gorge Walk, Cooper Creek Wilderness, and Bloomfield Falls.”

Ronda & Roger, VIC



Fruit Bat Falls



Friday Island



Mossman Gorge



Wild & Wonderful

Discover the real Cape York with a host of exceptional attractions and hand-crafted activities

The Daintree

Discovering the Daintree is a highlight of any trip to Far North Queensland. After a wilderness cruise on the Daintree River, Outback Spirit passengers get to explore Cooper Creek Wilderness below Thornton Peak, the epicentre of refugial significance in the ancient Daintree. Far removed from mass tourism, you'll walk through pristine old growth rainforest with no other tourists in sight.

Torres Strait Islands

Between the tip of continental Australia and the island of New Guinea lies the Torres Strait, home to at least 274 islands, most of which are part of Queensland. Outback Spirit passengers enjoy comprehensive touring in the Torres Strait, including guided tours of both Thursday Island and Horn Island. You'll also visit Friday Island and learn about the cultivation, seeding and harvesting of the oyster at Kazu Pearl farm.

Mossman Gorge

Also in the Daintree, Mossman Gorge provides another exceptional rainforest experience with a focus on the area's cultural significance. Enjoy the 'Dreamtime Gorge Walk' conducted by local Kuku Yalanji guides who'll demonstrate traditional plant use and provide an enchanting narrative of the rainforest and their special relationship with this unique tropical environment.

Fruit Bat Falls

Heathlands Regional Park sits in the far north of the Cape and is home to several superb swimming holes. With Outback Spirit, you'll have the chance to cool off at the pristine Fruit Bat Falls on Eliot Creek, located on the Old Telegraph Track. Spend a few hours here and truly relax while taking in the wilderness of Cape York. If conditions permit, we'll also travel sections of the Old Telegraph Track.



Moreton Wilderness Lodge



Lakefield National Park



Unique Lodges

Enjoy staying in the region's best wilderness lodges and immerse yourself in the stunning wilderness that is Cape York Peninsula

Lotusbird Lodge

Overlooking a tranquil lagoon near the edge of Lakefield National Park, Lotusbird Lodge is a delightful location to slow down and absorb the beauty of the peninsula. Featuring individual pole style timber cabins, the lodge is set amongst shady eucalypts along the inner bank of a large horseshoe shaped billabong. Each cabin features an ensuite bathroom, comfortable furnishings and a private balcony.

Lotusbird Lodge was named after the Jacana (Lotusbirds) that inhabit the surrounding billabongs. The local environment ranges from open eucalypt woodland and gallery forests to grassy plains, marshlands, creeks and lagoons, providing the ideal habitat for over 200 species of birds, including several which are endemic to Cape York.

Outback Spirit is the only tour operator to enjoy two nights in this tranquil location.

Moreton Wilderness Lodge

Located between Weipa and Bamaga on the Overland Telegraph Track, Moreton Wilderness Lodge is Outback Spirit's very own accommodation facility in Cape York. The lodge is situated adjacent to the historic Moreton Telegraph Station, a repeater station for the Overland Telegraph Line (OTL) established in the 1880's. Set within a shady eucalypt forest, the lodge enjoys an enviable location alongside the wild and pristine Wenlock River, which is home to more species of freshwater fish than any other river in Australia.

Accommodation at our Moreton Wilderness Lodge is comprised of modern cabins featuring ensuite bathrooms, air-conditioning and shady verandahs. Each cabin has recently undergone a refurbishment with updated furnishings, beds and bedding ensuring a comfortable setting for your two night stay. Our in-house chef prepares delectable cuisine, and the evenings around the campfire make for a memorable stay.

“The staff at your Moreton Wilderness Lodge were superb and a great advertisement for your eye for detail and desire to make travellers very comfortable and welcome.”

Ian & Helen, WA



Lotusbird Lodge

“This was a truly unique adventure which we would not have been able to enjoy without the support and vision of your company.”

Alison & Raydon, ACT



Lakefield from the air

Experience the astounding wilderness of Queensland's second largest national park on an included scenic helicopter flight

Included in our 13-day Cape York Wilderness Adventure is a breathtaking 45-minute helicopter flight over the largest national park on the peninsula – Rinyirru (Lakefield). The exclusively chartered Bell Jet-Ranger allows for a bird's eye view of Rinyirru's swamps, lagoons, rivers and woodlands which dominate the park. Spot crocodiles from the air as well as incredible birdlife, kangaroos and wild cattle. You'll follow the Kennedy River all the way to Princess Charlotte Bay, infamously remembered for Queensland's worst maritime disaster in 1899 when Cyclone Mahina wiped out the entire North Queensland pearling fleet.

In addition to seeing Rinyirru from the air, Outback Spirit passengers also explore the park from ground level. After departing Laura, we enter the park from the southern end and travel north, passing the Old Laura Homestead before arriving at Kalpowar on the banks of the Normanby River. After a picnic lunch, we continue on to the Hann River before driving across Nifold Plains, home to a stunning vista of magnetic termite mounds. The journey through the park concludes on arrival at Lotusbird Lodge for a relaxing two night stay overlooking a tranquil lagoon.

Very few experience Cape York like this. Outback Spirit makes it possible.





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Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Port Douglas	Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort	08	Moreton Telegraph Station	Moreton Wilderness Lodge
02	Daintree Rainforest	Heritage Lodge and Spa	09	Bamaga	Cape York Peninsula Lodge
03	Cooktown	Sovereign Resort	10	Bamaga	Cape York Peninsula Lodge
04	Lakefield National Park	Lotusbird Lodge	11	Thursday Island	Jardine Motel
05	Lakefield National Park	Lotusbird Lodge	12	Cairns	Shangri-La Hotel*
06	Weipa	Albatross Bay Resort	13	Tour Concludes	
07	Moreton Telegraph Station	Moreton Wilderness Lodge			

Itinerary 13 Days | Cairns – Cairns

Cape York Wilderness Adventure

Journey up the wild & sparsely populated Cape York Peninsula to the very tip of the Australian continent

Your journey

Day 1 Cairns – Port Douglas

Arrive in Cairns today by 1pm and meet your friendly and professional touring crew. We then begin our journey north with a scenic drive along the Captain Cook Highway to Port Douglas. Enjoy a brief tour of this famous tropical village before checking in to the luxurious Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort for our overnight stay. Situated on Four Mile Beach, this iconic resort has recently had a lavish makeover and is once again the première accommodation choice in Port Douglas. *Meals: D*

Day 2 Port Douglas – Mossman Gorge – Daintree National Park



This morning we continue our journey north and visit the Mossman Gorge Centre in Daintree National Park. Here we enjoy the Dreamtime Gorge Walk, which begins with a traditional smoking ceremony to cleanse and ward off bad spirits. Setting off on the walk, we'll be accompanied by experienced Indigenous guides who'll demonstrate traditional plant use, identify bush food sources and provide an enchanting narrative of the rainforest. At the end of the walk we'll enjoy traditional bush tea & damper.

This afternoon we venture further into the World Heritage Listed Daintree, the oldest and most biologically diverse rainforest in the world. First up, we enjoy an informative cruise on the Daintree River before an exclusive guided tour at Cooper Creek Wilderness. Situated directly below Thornton Peak, the epicentre of refugial significance in the Daintree, Cooper Creek is home to pristine old growth rainforest and extraordinary fan palm galleries. Here, we'll take a guided tour along the forest floor with expert, inhabitant guides; an exclusive experience that's far removed from other mass tourism offerings in the area.

Late this afternoon we arrive at the Heritage Lodge and Spa for our overnight stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Journey to Pajinka, the northernmost tip of the Australian mainland
- Visit stunning fan-palm galleries in the Daintree on an exclusive guided tour at Cooper Creek Wilderness
- Travel the iconic Bloomfield Track and visit the Lion's Den Hotel
- Spend 2 nights at the beautiful Lotusbird Lodge
- Exclusive 45 minute scenic heli-flight over Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park. Fly over swamps & plains before following the Kennedy River to Princess Charlotte Bay
- Travel through the vast wilderness of Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park, visiting Red Lily Lagoon, Nifold Plain, Kalpowar and the Normanby River
- Visit AWC's Piccaninny Plains Wildlife Sanctuary, a refuge for spectacular wildlife such as the Spotted Cuscus, Palm Cockatoo and Eclectus Parrot
- Discover the Torres Strait including Thursday Island and Horn Island
- Spend 2 nights at our Moreton Wilderness Lodge on the banks of the Wenlock River
- Take a dip in the serene Fruit Bat Falls
- Cruise the Daintree River

*Itinerary subject to change.



Day 3**Cape Tribulation – Bloomfield Track – Cooktown**

This morning we continue our journey through the Daintree to Cape Tribulation, a headland named by Lieutenant James Cook after his ship struck the Great Barrier Reef in 1770. After a stroll along the beach we continue north and tackle the infamous Bloomfield Track. Impassable during the Wet Season, the track passes through some wild country and should only be tackled by 4WD vehicles. There are numerous steep climbs through the rainforest and several creek crossings to negotiate, so sit back and enjoy the scenery as your experienced tour driver does the hard work!

Once we're across the Bloomfield River we'll visit Bloomfield Falls before lunch at the Lion's Den Hotel, one of QLD's oldest bush pubs. We then depart for Cooktown, where Lieutenant Cook beached the Endeavour for repairs after hitting the reef. Upon our arrival we'll enjoy a town tour including Grassy Hill lookout, the James Cook Museum and Cooktown Botanic Gardens. We then check in to the 4-star Sovereign Resort Hotel for our overnight stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

“Our adventure to Cape York was amazing and wonderful. Our tour guides made the trip an incredible experience and their knowledge of the area was excellent. We will definitely recommend Outback Spirit to friends.”

Noelle & Peter, VIC

Day 4**Cooktown – Lakefield National Park**

Today we depart Cooktown along the Battle Camp Road and visit the Old Laura Homestead before arriving into Laura. This area is famous for its rock art.

This morning we visit art sites in the Laura area, where an experienced Aboriginal guide will accompany us to interpret the art and explain the significance.

Later on, we enjoy lunch and a visit to the Quinkan Cultural Centre. We then travel through the grassy plains and woodlands of Rinyirru (Lakefield) National Park, tackling several creek crossings along the way.

We'll stop at Kalpowah on the Normanby River for afternoon tea, followed by a visit to Red Lily Lagoon, home to a vast array of flora and fauna. Admire the tall lotus lily with its spectacular pink flowers and dense yellow stamens and keep an eye out for Brolgas and Sarus cranes striding through the lilies searching for sedge tubers.

This afternoon we pass through Nifold Plain, an open savannah characterised by thousands of magnetic termite mounds. We then continue through to Lotus Bird Lodge, beautifully located on the edge of a tranquil billabong. Enjoy an exclusive two night stay to discover the area.

Meals: B.L.D





The Tip of Cape York

Day 5
Rinyirru (Lakefield) from the Air



Today enjoy a breath-taking helicopter flight over Rinyirru (Lakefield). Board our exclusively chartered Bell Jet Ranger and fly over swamps, plains and forests before following the Kennedy River to Princess Charlotte Bay. You'll spot crocodiles, pigs, cattle and all sorts of other wildlife on this mesmerising flight. It really is the only way to get a true appreciation of the area and adds a great perspective of Cape York Peninsula.

After lunch there's time for a walk around the lodge's billabong or some birdwatching. Alternatively, enjoy some free time to yourself and soak up the atmosphere of Cape York from this tranquil location. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6
Coen – Weipa

Today we farewell Lotusbird Lodge and make our way north along the Peninsula Development Road. Pass through Coen before arriving at Archer River roadhouse for lunch. We then continue to Weipa, arriving mid-afternoon to check in to the Albatross Bay Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7
Wildlife Cruise – Batavia Downs – Moreton Telegraph Station



This morning we join Western Cape Eco Tours for a cruise on the Embley River. Explore diverse wildlife habitat, learn about local culture and keep an eye out for some big salt water crocodiles! Our skipper will also provide a detailed insight into Weipa's bauxite mining industry. Afterwards, we'll visit the Western Cape Cultural Centre which showcases the history of Weipa and its surrounding communities. The centre enjoys an enviable location overlooking the bay, so it's a great place for a picnic lunch.

This afternoon we depart Weipa and make our way towards Moreton Telegraph Station. We'll pass Batavia Downs before heading north along the Telegraph Track, arriving at Moreton mid-afternoon. Situated on the banks of the Wenlock River, Moreton served as a repeater station for the Overland Telegraph Line established in the 1880's. The last Morse telegram code was sent from Brisbane to Thursday Island on the 24th June 1964, yet the line remained in use until 1987 as the local telephone line.



Thursday Island



Bloomfield Falls

Upon our arrival at Moreton we'll check in to our exclusive wilderness lodge for two nights to relax and explore the local area. Our newly refurbished rooms feature ensuite bathrooms, quality furnishings and air-conditioning. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8
Piccaninny Plains Wildlife Sanctuary



This morning we head south down the Telegraph Track to Piccaninny Plains, a wildlife sanctuary jointly owned by Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) & the Tony and Lisette Lewis Foundation – WildlifeLink. The sanctuary covers 420,000 acres of stunning ecological diversity, decorated by a mosaic of rainforests, woodlands & wetlands.

Cape York was connected to New Guinea for much of the last 250,000 years. The repeated interchange of flora and fauna has bequeathed a rich biological legacy on the Peninsula, and Piccaninny Plains captures a superb representation of this evolutionary blend. Its woodlands are distinctly Australian, dominated by antipodean species such as eucalypts, acacias and kangaroos. In contrast, the rainforests that thread their way across the property have a strong New Guinean

flavour, supporting charismatic species like the Spotted Cuscus. The juxtaposition of Australian & New Guinean wildlife explains why Piccaninny Plains supports such a high number of species, including 257 species of birds. In Australia, many of these animals are only found on Cape York Peninsula, including the Yellow-billed Kingfisher, Eclectus Parrot, Trumpet Manucode and Magnificent Riflebird.

AWC is responsible for delivering land management and science programs across Piccaninny, and this morning we'll chat to some of the sanctuary's managers to get an insight into how AWC is securing the future for Cape York wildlife. We then return to Moreton for lunch, followed by a free afternoon. Alternatively, join our guides for an interpretive walk along the Wenlock River, which contains the highest diversity of freshwater fish of all Australian rivers. Species include the Freshwater Sawfish, Speartooth Shark, and more common fish like the Sooty Grunter and Barramundi. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9
Telegraph Track – Heathlands – Fruit Bat Falls – Bamaga



Today our journey continues north along the Telegraph Track, which passes through some wild and rugged countryside. However, as some sections of the track are impassable we'll mainly be travelling on the northern and southern bypass roads on our journey north from Moreton.

This afternoon enjoy a visit to Fruit Bat Falls for a swim in the crystal-clear waters of Eliot Creek, followed by a picnic lunch. We then continue north and cross the Jardine River by vehicular ferry, arriving at Bamaga late afternoon. Enjoy the next two nights in spacious cabins with ensuite bathrooms at Cape York Peninsula Lodge, the perfect base from which to explore 'the tip'. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 10
Bamaga – The Tip of Cape York



Today we venture to the northernmost point on the Australian Mainland, a Cape traveller's ultimate destination. The walking track commences at Pajinka and requires a good level of fitness, but is well worth the effort! Get your picture taken next to the iconic signpost and soak up the views of the Torres Strait as your guide fills you in on the history of the area.

This afternoon we visit Somerset, once the home of Frank Jardine and the official government residence on the Cape protected by British Marines. After a BBQ lunch, we return to Bamaga where the rest of the day can be spent at your leisure. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11
Endeavour Strait – Thursday Island



This morning we head to Seisia and board the ferry for our cruise across Endeavour Strait. Enjoy informative commentary about the Torres Strait Islands from the captain as we make our way to Thursday Island, situated 35km northwest of the tip of Cape York. The island has a population of approximately 3000 people and is the main administrative centre of the Torres Strait. Upon our arrival we'll enjoy a tour with a local expert overnight at the Jardine Motel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 12
Horn Island – Cairns



This morning we catch a ferry across to Horn Island and enjoy a tour of this once prominent WWII air base. After lunch we visit the Torres Strait Heritage Museum before boarding our Qantas flight back to Cairns. For our final evening together, we'll check in to the the luxurious Shangri-La Hotel located on the Marina, and enjoy a special farewell dinner to reflect upon our incredible adventure to the tip of Australia. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13
Farewell

After breakfast enjoy a relaxing morning before your transfer to Cairns airport, or to your accommodation if staying on. Bon voyage, until your next incredible outback adventure! *Meals: B*

Cape York Wilderness Adventure

OUTSTANDING INCLUSIONS

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- All meals, including all breakfasts, lunches and dinners whilst on tour
- All attraction, entry and cruise fees
- 12 nights of excellent hotel, resort and lodge accommodation with private ensuite facilities
- One-way airfare with Qantas from Horn Island to Cairns
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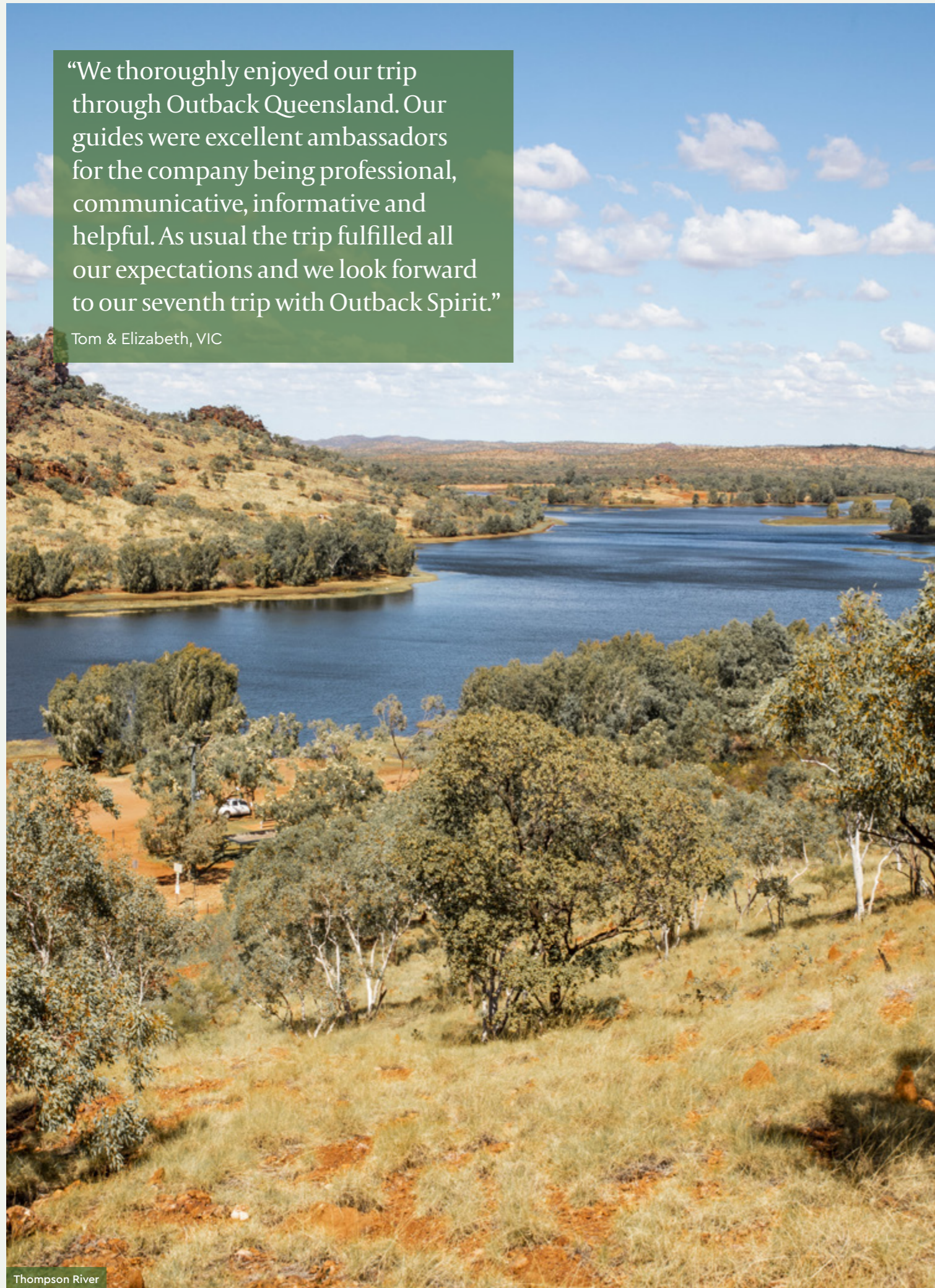
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“We thoroughly enjoyed our trip through Outback Queensland. Our guides were excellent ambassadors for the company being professional, communicative, informative and helpful. As usual the trip fulfilled all our expectations and we look forward to our seventh trip with Outback Spirit.”

Tom & Elizabeth, VIC



Thompson River



Ludwig Leichhardt

1813 - 1848

Ludwig Leichhardt was born in Prussia in 1813. After studying natural sciences in Germany and England he arrived in Sydney in 1842, where he pursued his interest in botany.

Initially Leichhardt went to the Hunter Valley to study the geology, flora and fauna of the region and to observe farming methods. He also set off alone on a specimen collecting journey from Newcastle to Moreton Bay, Queensland.

In 1844, Leichhardt had hoped to join an overland expedition from Sydney to the newly established Victoria Settlement at Port Essington. After Governor Gipps refused to sanction the venture, Leichhardt himself decided to lead an expedition of volunteers with the aid of private subscriptions.

Ten men left Jimbour, the farthest outpost of settlement on the Darling Downs, on the 1st October 1844. The party crossed vast areas of previously unexplored territory and skirted the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria, and at one point were given up for dead. When seven men staggered into Port Essington 14 ½ months later, it was somewhat of a national sensation.

Leichhardt's next expedition from Moreton Bay to Perth would sadly be his last. The party simply vanished without a trace. Over the next 90 years countless expeditions were mounted to solve the mystery of Leichhardt and his men. To this day it remains just that: a mystery.

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The Gulf & Outback Queensland

Discover quintessential Australia in outback Queensland or follow in the footsteps of Ludwig Leichhardt along the Savannah Way

The fabric of Australia's rich cultural heritage and pioneering spirit is indelibly linked to the heart of Queensland. A journey through the Queensland interior offers a uniquely Australian experience searching out inspiring natural wonders and tracing the path of early explorers and intrepid outback settlers.

In the mid-1800's, when settlers took up land for grazing in Queensland's vast and arid outback, the role of mounted stockmen and drovers took on great importance. The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame in Longreach pays tribute to the legendary men and women who helped shape Australia's pastoral legacy.

The vast distances of remote Queensland gave birth to Qantas, our revered national carrier, over 100 years ago, making it one of the oldest airlines in the world. Thanks to Reverend John Flynn, it's also the birthplace of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which took to the skies with its first patient in 1927.

The Savannah Way stretches all the way across the top of Australia, from Cairns in the east to Broome on the west coast. Whilst many have travelled the western half, few have journeyed across the Gulf of Carpentaria through the wilds of Western Queensland and the Northern Territory. It's more rugged and more remote, and a spectacular addition to your outback itinerary.

Travelling through Outback Queensland and across the Gulf country you'll also encounter some of Australia's most stunning natural treasures. Carnarvon Gorge, the Undara Volcanic Lava Tubes and Cobbold Gorge are just some of the iconic landscapes to explore on a journey through the quintessential outback.

“To experience the helicopter ride and see the spectacular scenery up the Calvert River to the Gulf of Carpentaria was truly amazing.”

Doreen, SA



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Pungalina Safari Camp

Enjoy two nights in our exclusive new safari camp and explore this spell-binding region of The Gulf






At the beginning of 2019, Outback Spirit put the finishing touches on its all-new tented wilderness camp at Pungalina Wildlife Sanctuary, one of Australian Wildlife Conservancy's (AWC) properties on the Gulf.

Positioned near a tranquil creek, the new wilderness camp features comfortable safari tents complete with ensuite bathrooms. This new accommodation has greatly increased the level of comfort for our guests and enabled us to spend more time in this exclusive location. It also means that all the accommodation used for our Leichhardt's Savannah Expedition features private ensuite bathrooms.

In addition to our adventure tours, Pungalina also plays host to AWC special events, thus increasing awareness and support for their ground-breaking work in conservation. AWC is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the conservation of all Australian animal species, and the habitats in which they live. Outback Spirit has been a significant financial donor of AWC for more than ten years, and we encourage everyone to support this incredible organisation.

For more information on Australian Wildlife Conservancy, head to www.australianwildlife.org

At a glance

-  Tented safari cabins with ensuite bathrooms
-  Cruise Calvert River Gorge
-  Take a spectacular helicopter flight to the Gulf coast
-  Enjoy a guided ecology tour with AWC staff
-  Swim in the sanctuary's pristine thermal pools





Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Cairns	Shangri-La Hotel
02	Undara Volcanic National Park	Undara Experience
03	Karumba	End of the Road Motel
04	Karumba	End of the Road Motel
05	Hell's Gate	Hell's Gate Roadhouse
06	Pungalina Sanctuary	Pungalina Safari Camp
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09	Lorella Springs	Lorella Springs Station
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11	Lorella Springs	Lorella Springs Station
12	Mataranka	Territory Manor Motel
13	Katherine	Knotts Crossing Resort
14	Darwin	DoubleTree by Hilton
15	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 15 Days | Cairns – Darwin (and vice-versa)

Leichhardt's Savannah Expedition

Travel across the Gulf and follow in the footsteps of one of Australia's greatest explorers, Ludwig Leichhardt

Your journey

Day 1 Your Adventure Begins in Cairns

Upon your arrival at Cairns airport today, you will be met by your friendly and professional Tour Driver and Tour Director. We'll then check in to the Shangri-La Hotel located on the Marina, just minutes from the esplanade. Tonight, enjoy a welcome dinner and meet your fellow adventurers. *Meals: D*

Day 2 Atherton Tablelands – Undara Volcanic National Park



Departing Cairns early, we trek west and drive through the scenic Atherton Tablelands. Visit beautiful Millaa Millaa Falls before continuing to Undara Volcanic National Park, which protects the longest lava tube cave system in the world.

Today a local Savannah Guide will take us on a tour through the lava tube cave system. Created when the Undara Volcano erupted over 190,000 years ago, the lava that flowed was enough to fill Sydney Harbour 3 times over. The flows lasted a long time, allowing the outer edge to cool while the interior kept flowing, creating the tubes seen today.

This afternoon we arrive at Undara Experience and check in to our unique accommodation, consisting of restored railway carriages.

The lodge has recently been fully renovated and upgraded, with all rooms now featuring private ensuite bathrooms. Tonight, enjoy dinner in the outdoor style restaurant as the outback sunset fades into a clear starlit night. *Meals: B.L.D*

NOTE: Train carriage accommodation cannot be guaranteed. Other accommodation types used include modern and spacious pioneer cabins.

Day 3 Undara – Karumba



This morning we depart Undara and head west to Croydon passing by Blackbull and travel through to Normanton before heading into Karumba.

Located on the banks of the Norman River, Karumba came to importance in the 1930's when it became a stop-over point for flying boats on the run from London to Australia.

This afternoon we enjoy a special Sand Island sunset dinner cruise in the Gulf. Dine on local seafood while watching a sensational gulf sunset. (Includes wine and beer. Alternative meals are available). We overnight at the End of the Road Motel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Spend three nights at our new wilderness lodge on AWC's Pungalina-Seven Emu Wildlife Sanctuary on the Gulf of Carpentaria. Take a scenic helicopter flight to the coast and cruise the Calvert River
- Travel the remote Savannah Way and spend three nights at Lorella Springs Wilderness Park, a spectacular million-acre cattle station on the Gulf
- Discover the Southern 'Lost City' in Limmen National Park on an included helicopter flight and guided walk
- Take a guided tour through the mind-blowing lava tubes at Undara Volcanic National Park and overnight in unique train carriage accommodation
- Take a magical sunset dinner cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Travel through the Atherton Tablelands and visit Millaa Millaa Falls
- Swim in pristine thermal pools
- Visit Roper Bar and cruise the historic Roper River
- Ride the historic Gulflander Train

**Itinerary subject to change.*

Day 4**Karumba – Gulflander – Barramundi Centre**

This morning we join one of the last great characters of rail travel – The Gulflander. This historic little train takes us on a journey from Critters Camp through to Normanton. From here we head back to Karumba to discover the amazing secrets of the mighty barramundi at The Les Wilson Barramundi Discovery Centre, the only hatchery in the world to breed the Southern Gulf strain of this iconic fish!

This brand new interactive and state-of-the-art Interpretive Centre provides the history, stories, lifecycle, and habits of these sought-after fish. On completion enjoy our second night at the End of the Road Motel. *Meals: B.L.D*

NOTE: Gulflander travel day subject to change due to availability.

Day 5**Karumba – Camp 119 – Leichhardt Falls – Hells Gate**

Today we follow the Savannah Way across the Gulf. Stop at Camp 119, the most northerly camp of the Burke and Wills Expedition of 1860/61. The exhausted party of Robert O'Hara Burke and William John Wills set up camp close to the seasonal Little Blynoe River, in the hinterland of the Gulf of Carpentaria, in their attempt to cross Australia from south to north. It was the northernmost point of their ill-fated expedition. From here we head to Leichhardt Falls (no swimming).

After lunch we'll make our way north and re-connect with the Savannah Way via Doomadgee. From here we head towards the Northern Territory border, arriving at Hell's Gate Roadhouse late afternoon. Tonight, we stay in new and modern accommodation with ensuite bathrooms. *Meals: B.L.D*

NOTE: Due to the closure of Adel's Grove we will be spending the night at Hell's Gate Roadhouse.

Day 6**Hell's Gate – Pungalina**

This morning we enjoy a tour of the station at Hell's Gate. Located on Clifdale Station, Hell's Gate takes its name from a gap in the escarpment one kilometre south. After lunch on the station, we continue along the Savannah Way and cross the border into the Northern Territory.

Not far into the Territory we turn off and head north into Australian Wildlife Conservancy's Pungalina-Seven Emu Wildlife Sanctuary and check in to our safari camp. Built by Outback Spirit in 2019, the camp features unique safari tents with ensuite bathrooms and covered decks, the perfect spot for a three-night stay to discover the area.

Together the two properties cover a combined area of around 305,000 hectares and include coastal monsoon rainforest, tall paper bark forests, palm fringed wetlands, deep gorges, and coastal flood plains. The sanctuary is home to over 40 species of mammals, 190 species of birds and 95 species of frogs and reptiles.

Over the next two days, we'll explore Pungalina-Seven Emu Sanctuary and learn about what makes these two properties such important ecological habitats in northern Australia. Activities include a scenic helicopter flight over the sanctuary, following the spectacular Calvert River all the way to the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria. Take a cruise on the Calvert River and experience some rarely seen but truly spectacular scenery. We'll also enjoy an informative ecology tour with trained AWC staff.

In between activities you'll have the opportunity for a dip in the beautiful thermal creek that runs past the safari camp. Its waters run at a constant 32 degrees, making it a perfect place to relax and soak up the pristine environment. *Meals: B.L.D*

NOTE: Conditions include a weight restriction of 110kg for the helicopter flights.





Roper Bar



Lorella Springs National Park

Day 7
Exploring Pungalina – Seven Emu Sanctuary

Meals: B.L.D

NOTE: Seven Emu is owned by Mr Frank Shadforth with 110,000 hectares of the property leased to the Australian Wildlife Conservancy for conservation. Pungalina is wholly owned by AWC.

Day 8
Exploring Pungalina – Seven Emu Sanctuary

Meals: B.L.D

Day 9
Savannah Way – Borroloola – Lorella Springs Station



This morning we return to the Savannah Way, also known as the 'Great Top Road'. We make our way west to Borroloola on the McArthur River before passing through Limmen National Park. We arrive at Lorella Springs Station late this afternoon for our two-night stay.

Lorella Springs is a spectacular one-million-acre cattle station that stretches to the shores of the Gulf. Accommodation here has recently been upgraded and now comprises a mixture of different rooms and cabins, all with private ensuite bathrooms. *Meals: B.L.D*

Days 10 & 11
Exploring Lorella Springs Station



Over the next two days we explore all the wonders of Lorella Springs Wilderness Park. Visit pristine thermal springs, take a helicopter flight over the Southern Lost City, and head all the way to the coast for a walk along the shores of the Gulf – a truly surreal experience that beautifully complements the sunset cruise in Karumba and helicopter flight at Pungalina. At the end of each day's adventures, join your station hosts at the bar for happy hour and mingle with other likeminded explorers journeying across the Gulf. *Meals: B.L.D*



Southern Lost City, Limmen National Park

Day 12
Southern Lost City – Roper Bar – Mataranka



Our travels today take us along one of the most remote sections of Savannah Way. Used extensively by drovers in the 1870's, thousands of cattle have walked this route on their way from Queensland to the Northern Territory and the Kimberley.

We'll pass through the dramatic scenery of the Limmen National Park and take a short, guided walk into the geological wonder of the Southern Lost City from the ground. We then continue north along the Savannah Way towards Roper Bar.

This afternoon we press on to Mataranka, following the Roper Highway arriving late afternoon for our overnight accommodation at the Territory Manor Motel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13
Mataranka – Katherine



This morning we enjoy a visit to Mataranka's deep, sandy-bottomed thermal pools for a swim amongst the Livistona palms. There is no better way to start the day!

From here we make our way to Katherine, where we will take a 2-hour boat cruise on the Katherine River Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park. We check into our accommodation at Knotts Crossing Resort and reflect on another wonderful day in the top end! *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14
Katherine – Darwin



This morning we enjoy a leisurely start before the final stretch of the journey to Darwin. Departing Katherine, we'll pass through Pine Creek and Adelaide River before arriving in the Territory's capital early afternoon. After checking in to your room at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on the Esplanade, the remainder of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. Tonight we board the Charles Darwin for a delicious Territory-style sunset dinner cruise and celebrate a truly amazing trip! *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 15
Farewell

After breakfast enjoy a leisurely morning before being transferred to the airport, or to your accommodation if staying on in Darwin. *Meals: B*

Information regarding helicopter flights: Weight restrictions apply for legal and safety reasons on all helicopter flights. All passengers must be weighed prior to boarding the aircraft.

Leichhardt's Savannah Expedition

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JOURNEY... after your Savannah Way expedition, travel from Darwin through the heart of Australia on board The Ghan (see page 216)

STAY... a little longer before or after your tour at the Shangri-La Hotel in Cairns or DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (see page 230)

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Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Toowoomba	Burke & Wills Hotel
02	Roma	Roma Explorers Inn
03	Emerald	Maraboon Motor Inn
04	Longreach	Saltbush Retreat
05	Longreach	Saltbush Retreat
06	Winton	Boulder Opal Motor Inn
07	Mt Isa	Red Earth Hotel
08	Mt Isa	Red Earth Hotel

Day	Destination	Accommodation
09	Cloncurry	Gidgee Inn Motel
10	Karumba	End of the Road Motel
11	Karumba	End of the Road Motel
12	Cobbold Gorge	Cobbold Village
13	Undara	Undara Experience
14	Cairns	Shangri-La Hotel*
15	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 15 Days | Brisbane – Cairns (and vice-versa)

Longreach & Outback Queensland Spectacular

Explore the quintessential outback and discover wilderness and heritage aboard this spectacular adventure through Queensland

Your journey

Day 1 Brisbane – Toowoomba

Upon your arrival in Brisbane today you'll be met and greeted by our friendly and professional crew. (Please arrive on flights prior to midday. Hotel pickups in Brisbane are available before 11:30am). We then depart Brisbane airport early this afternoon en route to Toowoomba, situated on the crest of the Great Dividing Range. Toowoomba is the largest non-capital inland city in Australia with a population of approximately 150,000. It is well known for its many beautiful parks and gardens which benefit from the town's rich volcanic soils.

This afternoon we enjoy a tour of this strong regional city before checking in to the Burke & Wills Hotel for our overnight stay. *Meals: D*

Day 2 Toowoomba – Roma

This morning we enjoy a wander through Queens Park and visit the Cobb & Co Museum for an informative tour. Leaving Toowoomba, we cross the rich and fertile plains of the Darling Downs before visiting Dalby, home to the largest grain receival depot in Queensland.

We pass through Chinchilla and Miles before arriving at Roma where we enjoy a tour at the Big Rig Oil Patch. Tonight, we stay at the Roma Explorers Inn. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 3 Roma – Carnarvon National Park – Emerald



We continue north into the Carnarvon National Park. An oasis in the heart of Queensland, Carnarvon National Park is characterised by towering white sandstone cliffs and pockets of rainforest. Well-known for its incredible abundance of wildlife, the park is home to over 180 species of birds, 90 reptiles, 22 frog species and six species of gliders. It's also a refuge for Australia's two monotremes, the Platypus and Echidna.

There are numerous guided walks available in the park, depending on your level of fitness. Your guides will help you choose the walk that's right for you. Spot an elusive platypus on a gentle nature trail or, for the more seasoned walkers, head up the gorge to Moss Garden where water seeping out of the limestone supports a lush carpet of mosses and ferns.

This afternoon we depart Carnarvon Gorge and travel to Emerald. Emerald is a coal mining town, responsible for the export of over 14 million tonnes of coking and thermal coal each year and home to a number of prosperous Gemfields with the industry producing world class sapphires. We overnight at the Maraboon Motor Inn. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Discover the natural splendour of Carnarvon National Park
- Cruise the Thomson River and enjoy dinner on the riverbank along with 'Starlight's Spectacular' light and sound show
- Take a sensational sunset dinner cruise on the Gulf of Carpentaria
- Visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum and the heritage listed Lark Quarry Conservation Reserve near Winton
- Explore Longreach and enjoy visits to the Stockman's Hall of Fame and Qantas Founders Museum, including 747 and 707 aircraft tours
- Ride the historic Gullfander Train
- Enjoy an intimate cruise through Cobbold Gorge, a geological wonder on Robin Hood Station
- Stay at Undara Experience in unique train carriage accommodation and enjoy a guided tour through the spectacular Lava Tubes
- Discover the Riversleigh Fossil Fields near Lawn Hill with an expert guide*
- Travel through the picturesque Atherton Tablelands and visit Millaa Millaa Falls

**Itinerary subject to change.*

Day 4**Emerald – Longreach**

This morning we depart Emerald and head further 'outback' towards Longreach. We pass through Alpha, the name being derived from the Alpha Pastoral Station, established in 1863. This was a very large station, dominating the area and growing to more than 1,600 square kilometres by the 1890s.

From here we continue to Jericho and Barcaldine, which played a significant role in the Australian labour movement and the birth of the Australian Labor Party. In 1891, it was one of the focal points of the 1891 Australian shearers' strike, with the Eureka Flag flying over the strike camp. The landmark Tree of Knowledge, under which the strikers met, stood outside the railway station.

We arrive at Longreach this afternoon and spend the next two nights at Saltbush retreat, a boutique outback lodge. This evening we enjoy a cruise on the Thomson River, followed by dinner on the riverbank. Enjoy a delicious two course meal around the campfire followed by an evening immersed in the spirit of Harry Redford in the 'Starlight's Spectacular' sound and light show.

Meals: B.L.D

Day 5**Stockman's Hall of Fame – Qantas Founders Museum**

Longreach is named after the 'long reach' of the Thomson River on which it is situated. Regarded as the heart of the outback, it is one of Queensland's most prosperous agricultural regions and one of the founding centres of Qantas. Today we visit the Qantas Founders Museum which houses a Boeing 747 and the airline's first 707. Enjoy a tour inside both aircraft and wander through the exceptional museum before visiting the iconic Stockman's Hall of Fame, opened by Queen Elizabeth II in 1988.

Meals: B.L.D

“We would like to congratulate your company for providing an outstanding tour to Outback Queensland. Our guides gave us wonderful insights and experiences throughout the trip, and their depth of knowledge on the area was much appreciated. They always showed enthusiasm, and we appreciated all the extras during the trip. Our sincere thanks to all.”

Valerie & Neil, WA

Day 6**Winton – National Heritage Listed Lark Quarry**

This morning we depart Longreach and head for Winton, stopping along the way to visit the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Museum. Enjoy a guided tour before arriving into Winton, a town with a rich history and links to the Great Shearer's Strike, Qantas and Waltzing Matilda. This afternoon we visit Lark Quarry Conservation Reserve, containing the world's only record of a dinosaur stampede. We overnight at the Boulder Opal Motor Inn in Winton. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7**Winton – Mt. Isa**

Before leaving town, we enjoy a visit to Winton's Waltzing Matilda Centre. Rebuilt after the devastating 2015 fire, the centre features a world class museum that tells the story of Waltzing Matilda, along with an art gallery and exhibition space. We then continue northwest to Cloncurry, passing by the Walkabout Creek Hotel at McKinlay which featured in the legendary film 'Crocodile Dundee'.

We continue on to Mt. Isa, arriving mid-afternoon. We spend the next two nights at the Red Earth Hotel, a luxurious boutique style hotel in the centre of town. *Meals: B.L.D*





Longreach

Day 8 Mt. Isa – Mine Tour – Riversleigh Fossil Centre

Mt. Isa began as a mining town following the discovery of substantial deposits of lead in 1923. It is now one of the world's top 10 producers of copper, silver, lead and zinc. This morning we enjoy a town tour before visiting 'Outback at Isa' home to a vast array of tourism attractions. First, we'll take an underground tour of the Hard Times Mine.

Then visit the unique Riversleigh Fossil Centre which interprets the World Heritage Listed fossil sites at Riversleigh, which we visit tomorrow on the way to Lawn Hill. There's also an art gallery, the 'Isa Experience' exhibit and a fish hatchery project. This afternoon enjoy free time to relax at the hotel or stroll through the CBD of Mt. Isa. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 Mt. Isa – Cloncurry

This morning we set our sights east to the outback township of Cloncurry. The Cloncurry River was named after Lady Elizabeth Cloncurry from County Galway in Ireland. It was named by the explorer, Robert O'Hara Burke. Lady Cloncurry was his cousin. When the town was surveyed it took the name of the river.

The first-ever flight of the Royal Flying Doctor Service of Australia took place from Cloncurry on 15 May 1928, using a de Havilland DH.50 aircraft hired from the then small airline, Qantas.

We visit the John Flynn Museum, which in 1928 Flynn established the Aerial

Medical Service in Cloncurry which took his caring service to remote homesteads and communities. The display includes some interesting personal memorabilia and explanations of how the whole Flying Doctor system worked in the early days.

Flynn's story is the triumph of an unceasing commitment against huge odds. The museum also records the remarkable work of Alfred Traeger, the man who invented the push pedal radio. We continue sightseeing before checking into the Gidgee Inn Motel and enjoy some true Aussie outback hospitality. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 10 Cloncurry – Karumba



Our journey today takes us due north along the Burke Development Road towards Normanton with lunch at the Burke & Wills Roadhouse.

For years, the Burke & Wills Roadhouse has become a strategic stop for travellers. Located on Lot 51 Burke Developmental Road Four Ways Queensland, this roadhouse is just halfway between Cloncurry and the Gulf of Carpentaria. Due to the vast remoteness, Burke & Wills Roadhouse becomes an essential stop for locals and travellers to break up any journey or for fuel and food. We learn of the expedition in 1860/61 before heading onto Normanton and into Karumba.

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NOTE: Gulflander journey may change subject to operating hours.



Cobbold Gorge

Day 12 Normanton – Cobbold Gorge

We depart this morning and travel back to Normanton, situated on the Normanton River, before continuing on to Georgetown. From here we head south to Cobbold Gorge, a geological wonderland set on Robin Hood Station. We overnight at Cobbold Village in modern cabins with ensuite bathroom facilities *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13 Cobbold Gorge Cruise – Undara Lava Tubes



After breakfast we take part in a 2-hour river cruise on Cobbold Gorge. The gorge stretches for approximately 6km and consists of a series of waterholes bound by spectacular rocky cliffs. Afterwards, we'll make our way to Undara Volcanic National Park, which protects the longest lava tube cave system in the world.

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Day 14 Atherton Tablelands – Cairns

Departing Undara we begin the final leg of our journey to Cairns. On the way we pass through the scenic Atherton Tablelands and visit the stunning Millaa Millaa Falls. We arrive mid afternoon and check in to the the Shangri-La Hotel located on the Marina, just minutes from the esplanade. Tonight, we'll enjoy our final dinner together and celebrate our adventure through outback Queensland. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 15 Farewell

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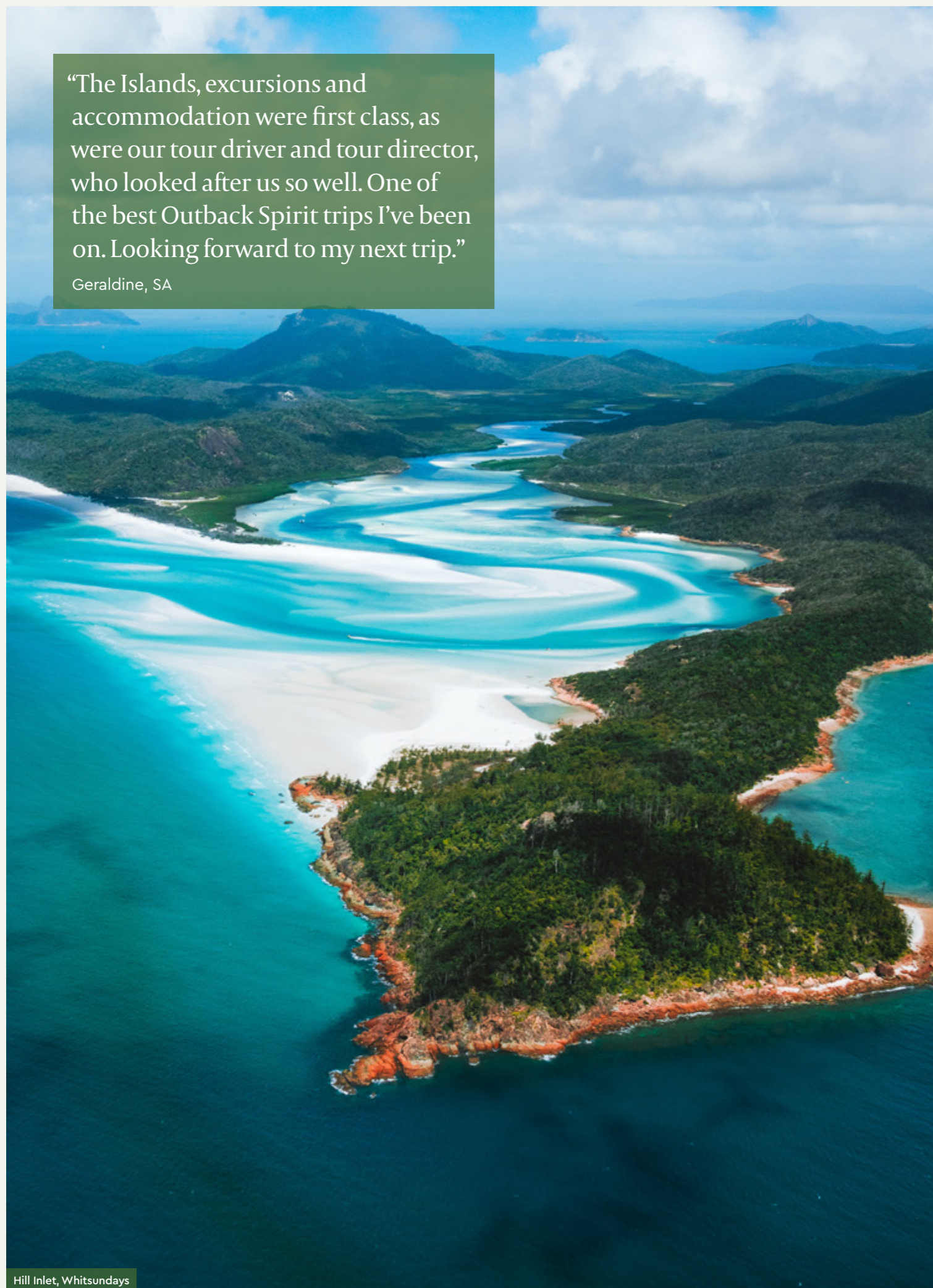
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“The Islands, excursions and accommodation were first class, as were our tour driver and tour director, who looked after us so well. One of the best Outback Spirit trips I’ve been on. Looking forward to my next trip.”

Geraldine, SA



Hill Inlet, Whitsundays



Matthew Flinders

1774 - 1814

Born in England in 1774, Flinders joined the Navy at age 15 to become a sailor. After training as a navigator, he went on to become an outstanding naval officer, surveyor, scientist and explorer. In 1795 he commanded the *Norfolk* and sailed to Australia to carry out vital coastal survey work. He and George Bass circumnavigated Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania) and were the first Europeans to realise it was separate from mainland Australia.

On returning to England, Flinders was promoted to commander and appointed captain of HMS *Investigator* with instructions to explore the southern coastline of Australia. He reached Western Australia in late 1801 and set about surveying Australia's uncharted coast. His methodical work resulted in precise and detailed charts that saw much of Australia's coastline mapped.

Flinders arrived in Sydney on 9th May 1802, having completed the task given to him by the Admiralty in England. A few months later, he departed once again on an expedition up the eastern coast of New South Wales and Queensland, making detailed surveys of the Queensland coast up to the top of Cape York. He eventually circumnavigated Australia, arriving at Port Jackson on 9th June 1803.

Matthew Flinders passed away on 19th July 1814 in London. Memorials to him can be found throughout South Australia, New South Wales and Victoria, and many coastal features have been named in his honour.

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Port Douglas









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Heron Island isn't just another resort near the Great Barrier Reef. It is the premier resort on the Great Barrier Reef. A coral cay located 80 kilometres from the mainland, Heron sits smack bang in the middle of incredible natural wonder. The reef, with its myriad of colourful coral and reef fish, is literally straight off the beach and at your fingertips. Stunning coral gardens and unique sea creatures flourish in the crystal-clear aquamarine waters that surround the island.

The resort on Heron Island features modern, comfortable guest rooms scattered throughout the island's natural vegetation. Located just a stone's throw from the beach, they feature all the creature comforts and boast either a balcony or terrace to help soak up the island atmosphere. At the end of the day, you're guaranteed a great night's rest in preparation for adventures yet to come.

At a glance

-  Exclusive island resort on a natural coral cay in the Great Barrier Reef
-  Only accessible to guests (no day tripping allowed)
-  Enjoy a host of activities, including snorkelling, fishing, beach walks and sunset boat cruises, all of which are included in your tour fare
-  Explore magnificent coral gardens and see diverse marine life
-  Modern, comfortable and recently refurbished accommodation
-  Also home to the Heron Island research station



Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Fraser Island	Kingfisher Bay Resort	08	Hamilton Island	ReefView Hotel Room
02	Fraser Island	Kingfisher Bay Resort	09	Magnetic Island	Peppers Blue on Blue Resort
03	Gladstone	Mantra Hotel	10	Mission Beach	Castaways Resort and Spa
04	Heron Island	Heron Island Resort	11	Port Douglas	Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort
05	Heron Island	Heron Island Resort	12	Port Douglas	Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort
06	Rockhampton	Empire Apartment Hotel	13	Tour Concludes	
07	Hamilton Island	ReefView Hotel Room			

Itinerary 13 Days | Brisbane – Cairns (and vice-versa)

East Coast Island Escape

Visit four of Queensland's best tropical islands including Fraser, Magnetic, Hamilton and the delightful coral cay of Heron Island

Your journey

Day 1 Brisbane – River Heads – Fraser Island

Today you will be met by our friendly and professional Tour Directors at Brisbane Airport*. We then depart Brisbane and pass through the Sunshine Coast en route to River Heads, the departure point for Fraser Island. Enjoy the ferry transfer across to Fraser Island where we spend the next two nights at the Kingfisher Bay Resort. *Meals: L.D*

*Please arrive in Brisbane by 10am.

Day 2 Fraser Island Exploring

Today enjoy a full day 4WD tour of Fraser Island. Travel along 75 Mile Beach to the coloured sands of the Pinnacles and visit the Maheno Shipwreck. Also visit Fraser Island's most beautiful lake - Lake McKenzie. Enjoy a swim in the clear blue water surrounded by pristine white beaches. Also stop for a swim at Eli Creek and tour through the island's rainforest before returning to the resort mid-afternoon. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 3 Fraser Island – Gladstone

After a leisurely start to the day we catch the mid-morning ferry back to the mainland. We then journey up the east coast along the Bruce Highway, passing through Childers en route to Gladstone. Enjoy a tour of the town including a visit to Round Hill Lookout before checking in to the 4.5-star Mantra Hotel later this afternoon. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 4 Gladstone – Heron Island

This morning we catch the ferry across to Heron Island. Departing at 9.30am, the journey takes approximately two hours. Heron Island is a natural coral cay located in the Great Barrier Reef, 72kms off the coast near the Tropic of Capricorn. The Island is small enough to walk around in 20 minutes, yet it has everything you could wish for: a restaurant to satisfy healthy appetites, a deep resort swimming pool backing onto a bar and an abundance of wildlife that will truly amaze.

Our next two nights will be spent on this sublime Island at the Heron Island Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Spend 2 nights on Heron Island, a natural coral cay in the southern Great Barrier Reef and enjoy a host of included activities
- Spend 2 nights on Hamilton Island and experience the magic and beauty of the Whitsundays with a half day cruise to Whitehaven Beach
- Spend 2 nights on Fraser Island and enjoy a full day 4WD tour
- Swim in Fraser Island's beautiful Lake McKenzie and float down Eli Creek. Also travel along 75-mile Beach and visit the Maheno Shipwreck
- Enjoy a Great Barrier Reef cruise to the idyllic and unspoilt Low Isles
- Visit Magnetic Island and overnight at Peppers Blue on Blue Resort
- Tour through the Atherton Tablelands and visit Millaa Millaa Falls
- Cruise the wild Daintree River
- Enjoy a 'Flames of the Forest' dining experience in Port Douglas
- Visit the unique historical ruins of a Spanish Castle at Paronella Park



**Day 5
Heron Island**

During your stay on Heron Island there's a range of activities available to discover all the island and reef has to offer. These include snorkelling, fishing, sunset cruises, guided walks and a semi-submarine marine tour. There's also a tour of the Heron Island Research Centre. You can do as little or as much as you like! These activities are all included in your tour fare, and a full list will be made available to you prior to your tour departure. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Day 6
Heron Island – Rockhampton**

This morning we board the ferry back to the mainland and continue our journey north to Rockhampton. Enjoy a brief town tour before checking in to the Empire Apartment Hotel located in the heart of the CBD Riverfront Precinct. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Day 7
Rockhampton – Hamilton Island**

This morning we depart Rockhampton and head north through Mackay and on to Proserpine. From Proserpine, we head towards the coast to Airlie Beach. On arrival we transfer to Cruise Whitsundays and transfer to Hamilton Island where we spend the next two-nights.

With the casual ambience of tropical North Queensland combined with the sophistication and style of this resort, you will certainly enjoy your time here. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Day 8
Whitehaven Beach & Hamilton Island**

Today we depart for a cruise to Whitehaven Beach. The cruise is a leisurely half day scenic cruise to this magnificent beach. Your cruise vessel has expansive seating areas inside and out and your friendly skipper will provide an informative commentary on the history and natural wonders of the area.

Once at the beach, sink your toes into the fine white silica sands of Whitehaven and enjoy the warm, crystal-clear waters. This is Mother Nature at her best! Back on the vessel, sit back, breathe in the sea air and marvel at the 74 Island Wonders of the Whitsundays.

Later today at Hamilton Island, you might like to jump on a shuttle bus and tour around the island. The shuttles circuit the island all day stopping at key attractions, scenic points, and resorts, so hop on and off as you please. Enjoy a wander along the waterfront of Hamilton Island's famous Front Street and Marina Village taking in the sights, visiting the galleries, doing some shopping, and of course enjoying lunch at Manta Ray Cafe. This afternoon enjoy some leisure time before our final night in this beautiful island location. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Day 9
Hamilton Island – Townsville – Magnetic Island**

This morning we cruise back to Airlie Beach and travel north to Proserpine and onto Townsville. Regarded as the capital of North Queensland, Townsville has a regional population of around 160,000. After lunch along 'The Strand' we take the ferry across to Magnetic Island.

Enjoy a tour of the island and explore the sights and beaches including Arcadia Bay. We spend the night on Magnetic Island at the luxurious Peppers Blue on Blue Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*



**Day 10
Townsville – Mission Beach**

Today we catch the ferry back to the mainland and make our way up the iconic Townsville landmark of Castle Hill. Enjoy a short stroll around the summit of this granite monolith, taking in stunning views of the city below and back across to Magnetic Island and the Great Barrier Reef beyond.

After some morning tea we depart Townsville and continue our journey north. Pass through Ingham and Cardwell before arriving at Mission Beach where we spend the night at Castaway's Resort and Spa, located right on the waterfront. Enjoy time for a stroll along this sensational beach before dinner overlooking the Coral Sea. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Day 11
Atherton Tablelands – Port Douglas**

After departing Mission Beach this morning we visit Paronella Park, home to one of Australia's earliest hydro power systems. Built in the 1930's to provide entertainment to the public, the park featured tennis courts, a cinema and even a ballroom inspired by Spanish castles. This fascinating historic site is now heritage listed and a highlight of your visit to north Queensland.

Later this morning we continue north and head up into the Atherton Tablelands for a visit to Millaa Millaa Falls. This afternoon we continue on to Mareeba, Mt Molloy, Mossman and Port Douglas. We arrive at the fully refurbished Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort late this afternoon where

we'll spend the next two nights. For dinner this evening, step into the rainforest for the award winning 'Flames of the Forest' dining experience, located a short drive out of town. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Day 12
Great Barrier Reef**

This morning we make our way to the Marina Mirage where we board the Quicksilver 'Wavedancer' Catamaran. Enjoy an informative talk by a marine biologist before heading out for the blue waters of the Low Isles in the Coral Sea. Set like a jewel in a Great Barrier Reef Lagoon, Low Isles is an idyllic and unspoilt coral island. The clear and calm lagoon waters are ideal for snorkelling and swimming. Visitors are limited to protect the reef's ecology, so the whole of this beautiful, palm fringed island beach is yours to explore and enjoy!

Late this afternoon we return to Port Douglas, where we are transferred back to Sheraton Grand Mirage Resort for the final night of this amazing journey. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Day 13
Port Douglas – Cairns**

This morning, enjoy a one hour cruise on the Daintree River with an expert guide who will share their intricate knowledge of the local ecosystem before heading south to Cairns. You'll then be transferred to the airport* or to your accommodation if staying on. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

**Please book flights to depart after 2pm.*

“This is a very special part of the world, the islands were beautiful and all so different. My favourite place was probably Magnetic Island, but of course Heron is equally stunning. All in all, very enjoyable. Thank you.”

Sheila, NSW

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Perry Sandhills in Mungo National Park

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When people think of the Outback, it's often the centre of the country that comes to mind first. Sunsets over desert plains, vibrant red dirt, towering ghost gums and crisp winter nights. It's an area made for adventure and has played host to some extraordinary expeditions over the years.

In the early 1860's two expedition teams set out to cross the Australian Continent from south to north. Whilst both parties were successful in reaching the northern shoreline, one would end in great tragedy under a Coolibah tree on the bank of Cooper's Creek. Burke and Wills were just 9 hours late from meeting their companions when they stumbled back in to camp LXV, an unbelievably small margin considering they'd been gone for over 4 months. The 'Dig Tree', where supplies were buried for them, still stands to this day. Retracing parts of these legendary expeditions and following in their footsteps makes for a wonderful adventure.

Apart from the fascinating history, the area also offers up some heavy hitting "wow" factors. Uluru, Kings Canyon, Chambers Pillar and the recent phenomenon 'Field of Light' are just some of the sights that await in Central Australia.

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Sue, VIC



Len Beadell

1923 - 1995

Len Beadell is regarded as one of the last true Australian Explorers, responsible for constructing over 6000 kilometres of roads and opening up over 2.5 million square kilometres of the rugged Australian outback. He was a surveyor, road builder and bushman, whose life's work became legendary.

Post World War II, the Australian Government agreed to establish a rocket-launch facility in the outback to assist Great Britain and allied European countries develop intercontinental ballistic missiles. Len Beadell, then a surveyor in the Australian Army, was ordered to find a suitable place to establish this rocket range (Woomera Rocket Range) and develop a network of outback roads across Australia.

The Gunbarrel Road construction party, led by Beadell, worked tirelessly over four years to build the first road that went from west to east through the centre of the continent. The Gunbarrel Highway is a rough desert track that stretches 1,300 kilometres from Carnegie Station in Western Australia to Victory Downs in the Northern Territory. It was named 'Gunbarrel Highway' because Beadell aspired to create roads "as straight as a gun barrel". The working conditions were harsh, and all supplies had to be carried in, but the ambitious project was completed in 1958.

Beadell passed away at the age of 72. His roads have become legend in the Australian bush, just like the man himself.

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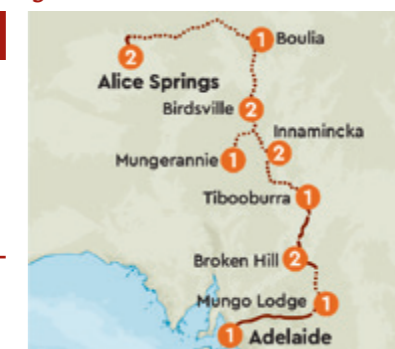


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Karlewe Karlwe (The Devils Marbles)

Day 5 Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) – Uluru (Ayers Rock) – Sounds of Silence Dinner



This morning early risers will experience the sun rising over Uluru and the colours of dawn spreading across the landscape. After breakfast, head off to discover Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and admire the stunning rock formations on a guided walk into Walpa Gorge. Then, return for a guided tour around the base of Uluru, which stands 348 metres above the desert plains. Learn about traditional Anangu culture as you marvel at one of the largest monoliths in the world!

This afternoon we prepare for 'A Night at Field of Light', which combines Bruce Munro's acclaimed Field of Light installation with the award winning 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience. Departing the resort before sunset, we head to an exclusive dune top location with majestic views of Uluru. Then, enjoy a special 3-course bush tucker inspired menu as Field of Light gently illuminates. Spread across an area the size of 7 football fields, 'Field of Light' features 50,000 slender stems crowned with radiant frosted spheres. After dinner, head off to explore the stunning display via the dedicated pathways. This evening we return to the hotel for our second and final night at Sails in the Desert. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6 Uluru – Kings Canyon



This morning we depart for Kings Canyon. En route we visit Curtin Springs and learn about their unique paper that's handmade from native grasses. We then head on to Kings Creek Station for lunch before arriving at Kings Canyon Resort.

This afternoon you have the choice of two walks, the 6km Rim Walk offering breath-taking views of the canyon and descending into the 'Garden of Eden', or a shorter 2.6km walk that meanders up the centre of the Canyon floor. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7 West MacDonnell Ranges



Departing Kings Canyon this morning we travel the Mereenie Loop Road to historic Hermannsburg. After some lunch we visit Angkerle (Standley Chasm) and also Simpsons Gap, home to a number of rock wallabies. We arrive into Alice Springs and spend the next three nights at the Mercure Alice Springs Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8 Alice Springs Sightseeing

Today we explore 'the Alice'. Our activities include a visit to the award-winning Alice Springs Desert Park, The Royal Flying Doctor Service and a tour of the historic Telegraph Station. We arrive back at the hotel late afternoon.

Note: Those who have experienced these attractions previously can spend the day at their leisure.

This evening we head into the East MacDonnell ranges for a unique and authentic dining experience. The 'Original Outback Bush BBQ dinner show' is a fun filled evening of entertainment and Outback cuisine, taking place around a large campfire under a star filled territory sky. Enjoy timeless Australian songs from a bush balladeer and gain some insights from the local cattlemen's talk. The dinner includes a sumptuous 3-course meal and all beverages. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 East MacDonnell Ranges



Today we travel from Alice Springs and venture further east along the MacDonnell Ranges to see more of these rugged central Australian landscapes. Trephina Gorge Nature Park is our first destination and features a network of short walking trails that let you delve deep into the heart of this magnificent natural setting. Trephina Gorge is known for the exceptionally large eucalyptus trees that line the sandy creek bed, and nearby we can visit the largest ghost gum in Central Australia.

After our time here we make our way to Corroboree Rock Conservation Area. A short walk around the base of the rock reveals some of the geological history of the region. Made up of ancient sediment and fine-grained rock, the structure was formed more than 800 million years ago by salt lakes. While not thought to be a corroboree site, this impressive structure is of great importance to the local Arrernte people and plays a significant role in their culture today.

We arrive back in Alice Springs this afternoon where you can spend the rest of your day at your leisure. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 10 Devils Marbles – Barkly Tablelands

This morning we depart Alice Springs and trek north again along the Stuart Highway. Visit Karlwe Karlwe (The Devils Marbles), a series of massive granite boulders scattered across a wide, shallow valley. After a picnic lunch we'll continue on to Tennant Creek and visit the Battery Hill Mining Centre. We then head east to the Barkly Homestead, where we spend the night in comfortable motel rooms. *Meals: B.L.D*



Katherine Gorge, Nitmiluk National Park

Day 11 Cape Crawford – Lorella Springs

The Barkly Tablelands are well suited to cattle grazing and economically it is one of the most important areas for pastoral production in the NT. The Mitchell and Flinders grasses provide excellent feed on the rich black soils. The largest lease (Brunette Downs) is over 12,000 square kms and runs around 65,000 head of cattle.

This afternoon we pass through Cape Crawford and take the Savannah Way north to Lorella Springs Station. This one-million-acre station sits adjacent to the Limmen National Park and stretches all the way to the shores of the Gulf. Accommodation comprises a mixture of safari tents and cabins, all with ensuite bathrooms. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 12 'Lost City' & Thermal Springs



Today we take part in an exhilarating helicopter and ground tour of the southern 'Lost City'. After landing near these ancient sandstone structures, enjoy a ground tour with your guides who'll tell you about the local geology, vegetation and birdlife. We return to Lorella mid-afternoon, where the rest of the day can be spent at your leisure. Enjoy a dip in the nearby thermal springs, one of the most pristine in the Northern Territory. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13 Savannah Way – Roper Bar – Katherine

Our travels today take us further north along the Savannah Way. We pass through the remote village of Roper Bar, situated on the south-eastern boundary of Arnhem Land. The Roper River was first explored by Ludwig Leichhardt in 1845 and by the 1870's was lined with paddle steamers bringing in supplies for the men building the Overland Telegraph Line. One paddle steamer, the *Young Australian* ran aground on a rocky ledge and its ruins are still there to this day.

This afternoon we travel through Mataranka and on to Katherine. We spend the night at Knotts Crossing Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14 Katherine River Gorge Cruise – Darwin









This morning we enjoy a 2-hour boat cruise on Katherine River Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park. We then continue to Darwin, arriving mid-afternoon to check in to the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel which is perfectly positioned along the Darwin Esplanade. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at your leisure before boarding the Charles Darwin for a delicious Territory style sunset dinner cruise and celebrate a truly amazing trip! *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 15 Darwin City Sights Tour – Farewell

This morning we take a city sights tour including the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, Cullen Bay and Stokes Hill Wharf. You'll then be transferred to the airport or your accommodation if staying on in Darwin. *Meals: B*

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01	Adelaide (Glenelg)	Stamford Grand Hotel	08	Mungerannie	Mungerannie Hotel
02	Mungo National Park	Mungo Lodge	09	Birdsville	Birdsville Hotel
03	Broken Hill	Royal Exchange Hotel	10	Birdsville	Birdsville Hotel
04	Broken Hill	Royal Exchange Hotel	11	Boulia	Desert Sands Motel / Australian Hotel
05	Tibooburra	Granites Motel / Family Hotel	12	Alice Springs	Mercure Alice Springs Resort
06	Innamincka	Innamincka Hotel	13	Alice Springs	Mercure Alice Springs Resort
07	Innamincka	Innamincka Hotel	14	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 14 Days | Adelaide – Alice Springs (and vice-versa)

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Travel through 5 states from Adelaide to Alice Springs and experience some of the most fascinating and remote corners of the outback

Your journey

Day 1
Your Adventure Begins in Adelaide

Upon arrival at Adelaide airport* you'll be met by your friendly and professional touring crew. Enjoy a town tour of Adelaide before checking in to the Stamford Grand Hotel in Glenelg.
Meals: B.L.D

**Please arrive in Adelaide by midday to participate in the town tour. Later arrivals will be transferred straight to the hotel in Glenelg.*

Day 2
Adelaide – Mungo National Park

Today we depart Adelaide and head north through Gawler and the Barossa Valley to join the Sturt Highway. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the banks of the Murray River at Renmark before trekking further east to Mildura. From here we head into Mungo National Park, where we overnight at the Mungo Lodge.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 3
Exploring Mungo – Broken Hill



This morning we explore Mungo National Park, which was World Heritage Listed in 1981 in recognition of its rich Aboriginal heritage. Remains of the earliest humans to inhabit the Australian continent have been found in the park and have been dated at more than 60,000 years old. We travel on to Menindee, a town of 1,000 people on the banks of the Darling River.

The town has ties to several Australian explorers, including Burke & Wills, Charles Sturt & Major Mitchell. This afternoon we arrive into Broken Hill and check in to the Royal Exchange Hotel.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 4
Exploring Broken Hill

After breakfast this morning we visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) visitor centre, which also acts as a working RFDS base. Enjoy a tour of the base and learn about one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations in the world.

Enjoy the rest of the day exploring Broken Hill, first up is a visit to Silverton, location of countless films including Mad Max II, Mission Impossible II and the Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert. Then, visit the Albert Kersten Mining and Minerals Museum for an insight into Broken Hill's unique Geology. We'll also visit the Sulphide Street Railway & Historical, Lode Miners Memorial and later on, the Living Desert Reserve and Sculpture Symposium.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 5
Milparinka – Tibooburra

Today we head north to the historic town of Milparinka, and then west on to Depot Glen, named by Captain Charles Sturt on his 1845 expedition to find an inland sea. This afternoon we arrive at the small outback village of Tibooburra for our overnight stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Journey through five states from Adelaide to Alice Springs
- Spend 2 nights at Innamincka. Cruise Cooper's Creek and visit the Burke and Wills 'Dig Tree'
- Visit World Heritage Listed Mungo National Park and overnight at Mungo Lodge
- Spend 2 nights at the iconic Birdsville Hotel and visit the Simpson Desert National Park, home to 'Big Red' sand dune
- Pass through Cameron Corner where QLD, NSW and SA all meet
- Explore Broken Hill and spend 2 nights at the Royal Exchange Hotel and discover 'The Silver City'
- Overnight at Mungerannie on the Birdsville Track and venture into Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary on the banks of Warburton Creek
- Travel along the Strzelecki Track
- Overnight in the Outback township of Tibooburra
- Travel through the Queensland Channel Country to Bedourie and Boulia and visit the Min Min Encounter and Information Centre
- Discover Alice Springs and visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service Museum, Desert Park and Old Telegraph Station



Cooper's Creek Cruise



Simpson Desert

Day 6 Cameron Corner – Innamincka



This morning we venture into the vast Sturt National Park en route to Cameron Corner, where QLD, NSW and SA all meet. This area was first surveyed by James Cameron from the NSW Lands Department in 1879.

It's also home to the longest fence in the world, The Dog Fence, stretching from the Great Australian Bight to Jimbour near Brisbane (5,600km).

After lunch at the Corner Store, we continue heading west onto the village of Innamincka, set on the banks of Cooper's Creek. We spend the next two nights at the Innamincka Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7 Innamincka Sightseeing – Cooper's Creek Cruise



Innamincka once played a major role in early explorations of Australia's unknown interior. With its reliable water source, it made an ideal resting place for expeditions and cattle drives from the east and the south.

This morning we cross the border into QLD to visit the 'Dig Tree'. This is where explorers Burke and Wills returned to after their expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria, only to discover their party had left just 9 hours earlier.

After lunch we embark on a cruise of Cooper's Creek. Enjoy expert commentary and learn about this incredibly unique river system – one of the last unregulated systems in the world. This afternoon we return to the hotel for our final night in Innamincka. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8 Strzelecki Desert – Birdsville Track – Mungerannie

This morning we make our way west through the oil and gas fields around Moomba. Cross Cooper's Creek at Walkers Crossing before joining up with the Birdsville Track. We then head south to the small village of Mungerannie, where we spend the night. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9 Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary – Birdsville



This morning we venture out to Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary, owned and operated by Australian Wildlife Conservancy. Kalamurina is a vast desert wilderness, stretching from the northern shore of Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre to the southern boundary of the Simpson Desert reserves.



Mungo National Park

Enjoy a briefing about Kalamurina conservation projects and its status for several endangered species, such as the Dusky Hopping Mouse and Lake Eyre Dragon.

Next we head north up the Birdsville Track and arrive at the Birdsville Hotel late afternoon. Enjoy two nights here in quality accommodation with friendly outback hospitality. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 10 "Big Red" (Simpson Desert)



This morning we'll have a look around Birdsville and visit the Wirrari Visitor Centre. Birdsville was originally named Diamantina Crossing in 1881 after the Diamantina River, which runs to the east of the town. However, the township was renamed Birdsville in 1885 by the owner of Pandie Pandie Station, who was amazed by the diversity of birdlife which inhabited the area.

Birdsville is also situated on the edge of the Simpson Desert National Park, which is characterised by huge red sand dunes. There are approximately 1,100 dunes running North-South across the Simpson. This afternoon, we visit 'Big Red' (Nappaneria) the Simpsons most famous sand dune before returning for our final night in Birdsville. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11 Bedourie – Boulia

Today we continue north through Queensland's Channel Country to the small township of Bedourie. Bedourie is the main administrative centre for the Diamantina Shire, the second largest shire in Queensland after the Cooktown Shire. After

some lunch we continue to Boulia, known as the capital of the Channel Country.

The area is also known for the mysterious Min Min Light, which has now been sighted for almost half a century.

This afternoon we visit the Min Min Encounter Visitor Centre where we'll enjoy a unique theatrical experience and learn the story of the Min Min Light. We overnight at the Boulia Desert Sands Motel or the Australian Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 12 Boulia – NT Border – Alice Springs

An early start this morning as we make our way west towards the Northern Territory Border. Travel along the Plenty Highway through Harts Range and Gemtree to arrive into Alice Springs late this afternoon.

We spend the next two nights at the 4-star Mercure Alice Springs Resort. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13 Alice Springs Sightseeing

Today we take a leisurely tour around Alice Springs which includes a visit to the Alice Springs Desert Park, The Old Telegraph Station and the Royal Flying Doctor Base Museum. Alternatively, the day can be spent at your leisure. Tonight, we celebrate our trip through the Corner Country and enjoy our final dinner together. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14 Farewell

After breakfast this morning you'll be transferred to the airport or to your accommodation if you are staying on in Alice Springs. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

Corner Country Adventure

OUTSTANDING INCLUSIONS

- Small group size **26**
- All meals, including all breakfasts, lunches and dinners whilst on tour
- All attraction, entry and cruise fees
- 12 nights of good to excellent quality motel and hotel accommodation with ensuite facilities. 1 night of more basic accommodation with shared bathroom facilities at Mungerannie
- Travel aboard a state-of-the-art 5 star 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle
- Services of a professional 2 person crew: Tour Driver and Tour Director

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From **\$9,125*** per person twin share

DEPARTURE DATES	EVERYDAY FARE
APR 12, 26*	\$9,125
JUN 21	
JUL 5*	
SEP 6, 8	

*Denotes departures which operate in the opposite direction. Reverse itinerary available on request.

Single Supplement: \$2,300 | Deposit: 25%

*Pricing based on Everyday Fares per person twin share. Fully Flexible Fares are also available, please see our website for more information outbackspirittours.com.au

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PAST PASSENGER SAVINGS

PAST TOURS	1	2 - 3	4 or more
TWIN - DISCOUNT	\$200pp	\$300pp	\$400pp
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Past Passengers only require a 15% deposit for Everyday Fares.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

JOURNEY... after your Corner Country adventure, connect from Alice Springs for an amazing rail journey on board The Ghan (see page 216)

STAY... a little longer before or after your tour at the Mercure Alice Springs Resort (see page 231)

EXPERIENCE... more in Alice Springs before or after your tour with a host of additional activities (see page 230)

RELAX... and let our consultants organise your flights, pre and post accommodation or tour options. Our team are the experts in arranging your holiday plans stress free (see pages 230-231)



“Well what can we say except Thank You! The trip was fantastic. The Sounds of Silence and Field of Light experiences both exceeded our expectations. Would we come back? Definitely. This is our second tour and we really don't see travelling with anyone else an option.”

Mick and Lyn, SA

Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Alice Springs	DoubleTree by Hilton
02	Kings Canyon	Kings Canyon Resort
03	Kings Canyon	Kings Canyon Resort
04	Uluru	Sails in the Desert Hotel
05	Uluru	Sails in the Desert Hotel
06	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 6 Days | Alice Springs – Uluru (and vice-versa)

Red Centre & Field of Light Spectacular

Explore the heart of Australia featuring Uluru and the highly acclaimed Field of Light installation

Your journey

Day 1
Your Adventure Begins in Alice Springs

Today you will be met by your friendly and professional crew upon arrival at Alice Springs Airport. This afternoon we enjoy a brief town tour of Alice Springs including Anzac Hill and learn about this very unique outback town before dinner at the hotel. *Meals: D*

Day 2
Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

Today we depart Alice Springs and travel the Mereenie loop through the Western MacDonnell Ranges to Kings Canyon. Enjoy the scenic drive and visit Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge before checking in to the Kings Canyon Resort where we will spend the next two nights. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Admire the internationally acclaimed 'Field of Light' display at Uluru and watch as it illuminates the desert night with dazzling effect
- Discover the incredible rugged beauty of Australia's red centre
- Visit World Heritage Listed Uluru and enjoy a guided base tour
- Explore the rock formations of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and Walpa Gorge
- Visit Kings Canyon and enjoy a guided scenic rim walk
- Journey through the spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges visiting Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge
- Dine under the stars at the 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience. Enjoy modern Australian cuisine overlooking Uluru at sunset
- Spend two luxurious nights at the 5-star Sails in the Desert Hotel



Standley Chasm



Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park



Sounds of Silence Dinner, Uluru



Kings Canyon Rim Walk



Field of Light Installation

Day 3
Kings Canyon – Watarrka National Park



Today enjoy the wonders of the majestic Kings Canyon. Several walks are available, including the 6km rim walk. This walk features breathtaking views of the Watarrka National Park before descending into the 'Garden of Eden'. A less arduous walk is also available along the canyon floor (2.6km).

Upon returning to the resort this afternoon, there is an opportunity to take helicopter flights over Kings Canyon and the Watarrka National Park. 15-minute flights costs approximately \$165 per person. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Please note: Weight limits apply to all scenic flights.*

Day 4
Kings Canyon – Uluru



This morning we depart Kings Canyon for Uluru. Pass through Kings Creek Station and enjoy an informative paper talk and lunch at Curtin Springs, before arriving at the award-winning Sails in the Desert Hotel, part of the Ayers Rock Resort.

This evening, we prepare for the unique 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience under the stars. Offering the best of the Red Centre distilled into four magical hours, the evening begins with canapes and chilled sparkling wine served on a viewing platform overlooking the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. As the sun sets and darkness falls, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and enjoy premium bush tucker inspired buffet incorporating native bush ingredients. Afterwards, relax by the campfire and listen to the resident star talker decode the southern night sky. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 5
Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park



This morning, early risers will experience the sun rising over Uluru and the colours of dawn spreading across the landscape. After breakfast, head off to discover Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and admire the stunning rock formations on a guided walk into Walpa Gorge. We return to Uluru and enjoy a guided tour around the base of Uluru, which stands 348 metres above the desert plains. Learn about traditional Anangu culture as you marvel at one of the largest monoliths in the world!

Later this afternoon we prepare for our visit to artist Bruce Munro's global phenomenon 'Field of Light. Aptly named Tili Wiru Tjuta Nyakutjaku (looking at lots of beautiful lights), 'Field of Light' features 50,000 slender stems crowned with radiant frosted spheres, spread across an area the size of 7 football fields.

Departing the resort before sunset, we head to an exclusive dune top location with majestic views of Uluru. Enjoy drinks and canapes as Field of Light gently illuminates and the 50,000 glass spheres come to life. After your host provides some insights into this remarkable installation, you'll head off to explore the stunning display via dedicated pathways. This evening we return to the hotel for dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Please note that dinner this evening will be at approximately 9pm.*

Day 6
Uluru – Farewell

After a leisurely breakfast you will be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport or to your accommodation if staying on at Uluru. *Meals: B*

Red Centre & Field of Light Spectacular

OUTSTANDING INCLUSIONS

- Small group size **26**
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- 5 nights of good to exceptional accommodation, including 2 nights at 'Sails in the Desert Resort'
- Travel aboard a state-of-the-art 5 star 4WD Mercedes-Benz vehicle
- Services of a professional 2 person crew: Tour Driver and Tour Director

2023 PRICES & DEPARTURES

6 DAYS

From **\$4,795*** per person twin share

DEPARTURE DATES	EVERYDAY FARE
MAR 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31	\$4,795
SEP 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 12, 15, 18, 19, 22, 25, 26, 29	
OCT 2, 3, 6, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 23, 24, 27	
APR 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28	\$4,995
MAY 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 16, 19, 22, 23, 26, 29, 30	
JUN 2, 5, 6, 9, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 23, 26, 27, 30	
JUL 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28, 31	
AUG 1, 4, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 18, 21, 22, 25, 28, 29	

*Denotes dates which have two departures, Alice Springs – Uluru and Uluru – Alice Springs.

Single Supplement: \$1,500 | Deposit: 25%

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EARLYBIRD SAVING

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PAST PASSENGER SAVINGS

PAST TOURS	1	2-3	4 or more
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SINGLE - DISCOUNT	\$130pp	\$270pp	\$450pp

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A visual and culinary delight

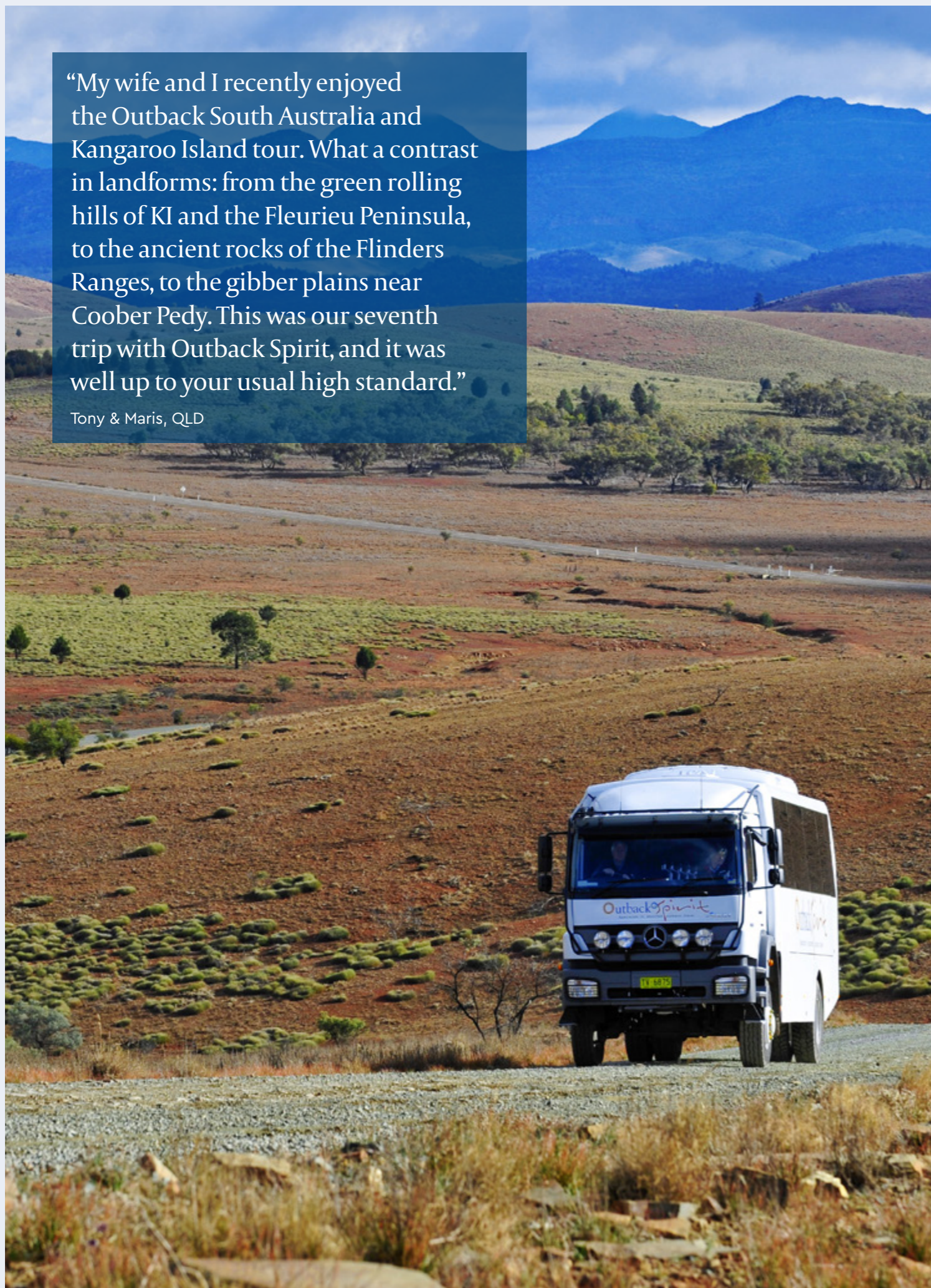
When Governor John Hindmarsh proclaimed the colony of South Australia at 'The Old Gum Tree' in 1836, it was in more ways than one quite unique. This was Australia's first freely settled state, rather than a convict settlement. Fast forward to today and South Australia is a culturally vibrant state that's renowned for its festivals, fine wines and stunning outback landscapes. It's home to the Flinders Ranges, one of the oldest mountain ranges on Earth featuring rugged mountains and peaceful gorges, with Wilpena Pound as its centrepiece.

In the centre of South Australia you'll find Lake Eyre, Australia's largest salt lake and the 13th largest lake in the world. One sixth of the Australian continent drains into Lake Eyre, and in some cases water from thousands of kilometres away will find its way there. In years of extremely high rainfall in the Channel Country and the Gulf, the rivers of the outback deliver massive volumes of water, creating an 'inland sea' that teems with wildlife. But even in dry conditions Lake Eyre is one of the most spectacular sights in the outback.

Just a stone's throw offshore lies beautiful Kangaroo Island, a sanctuary for Sea Lions and Fur Seals. Along the coastal curves of The Great Australian Bight, you'll see stunning cliff faces that provide the perfect vantage point for spotting giant Southern Right Whales as they undertake their annual migration through the Southern Ocean.

“My wife and I recently enjoyed the Outback South Australia and Kangaroo Island tour. What a contrast in landforms: from the green rolling hills of KI and the Fleurieu Peninsula, to the ancient rocks of the Flinders Ranges, to the gibber plains near Coober Pedy. This was our seventh trip with Outback Spirit, and it was well up to your usual high standard.”

Tony & Maris, QLD



Donald Campbell

1921 - 1967

Donald Campbell was an Englishman born in Surrey, and the son of speed record breaker Sir Malcolm Campbell. He was the first man to break the 400-mile per hour limit in a wheel-driven vehicle at Lake Eyre in South Australia. Reaching 648.7 kilometres per hour, he became the fastest man on the planet and Lake Eyre's salt pans received international recognition.

Inheriting a love of speed from his father who held 13 world speed records on land and water, Campbell became a maintenance engineer at Briggs Motor Bodies Ltd. He volunteered for the RAF at the outbreak of the Second World War but was barred from serving after suffering a bout of rheumatic fever.

When his father died on New Year's Eve in 1948, Campbell with the aid of his father's chief engineer, decided to pursue speed records himself. Initially, he used his father's old boat Bluebird K4 in his record-breaking attempts and set eight world speed records – seven on water.

In 1960 he survived a horrific crash while trying to break the land speed record but wasn't deterred. On the 4th of January 1967, on his return run at England's Lake Coniston, Campbell's Bluebird K7 boat flipped at an estimated 528 kilometres per hour, killing him instantly. He paid the ultimate price for his love of record breaking and remains the only person to set both world land and water speed records in the same year.

South Australian Adventures

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Eyre Peninsula Whale Watching & Seafood Discovery

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Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Kingscote	Aurora Ozone Hotel	08	Marree	The Marree Hotel
02	Kingscote	Aurora Ozone Hotel	09	Marree	The Marree Hotel
03	Kingscote	Aurora Ozone Hotel	10	Coober Pedy	Desert Cave Hotel
04	Adelaide (Glenelg)	Stamford Grand Hotel	11	Coober Pedy	Desert Cave Hotel
05	Wilpena Pound	Wilpena Pound Resort	12	Port Augusta	Standpipe Golf Motor Inn
06	Wilpena Pound	Wilpena Pound Resort	13	Adelaide (Glenelg)	Stamford Grand Hotel
07	Arkaroola	Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary	14	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 14 Days | Adelaide – Adelaide

11 Day tour also available

Outback South Australia & Kangaroo Island

Explore the best of South Australia including Kangaroo Island, the Flinders Ranges, Lake Eyre and Adelaide

Your journey

Day 1 Adelaide – Kangaroo Island



Today you'll be met by your professional touring crew upon arrival at Adelaide airport (please book flights to arrive by 11am). Departing Adelaide, we make our way to Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills. Take a stroll through this charming and picturesque village before heading down the Fleurieu Peninsula to Cape Jervis, the departure point for Kangaroo Island. Enjoy the 45-minute ferry ride across Backstairs Passage before heading around to Kingscote. We spend the next three nights at the Aurora Ozone Hotel, perfectly positioned along the foreshore with views over Nepean Bay. *Meals: L.D*

Day 2 Exploring Kangaroo Island



This morning we visit Seal Bay Conservation Park, home to Australia's largest colony of breeding Sea Lions. Here we'll take a guided beach walk with a local expert to observe these magnificent creatures up close and learn about how they hunt, surf, rest, interact with their pups and defend their territory. A boardwalk will lead us down through the dunes to the beach, with breathtaking views of the colony and majestic coastline. Sometimes we'll pass sea lions snoozing in the dune system, or even lying in the middle of the beach path!

Later this morning we continue our journey to the west of the island to Flinders Chase National Park. After a picnic lunch, we'll visit the huge and mystifying granite formations known as Remarkable Rocks. Then, head to Cape du Couedic to visit the lighthouse and Admiral's Arch, where on sunny afternoons the stalactites can be seen silhouetted against the deep-blue Southern Ocean. We return to Kingscote late afternoon.

Meals: B.L.D

Tour highlights

- Spend 3 nights on Kangaroo Island and enjoy an eco-adventure cruise to see the island's incredible marine life
- Meet sea lions up close on a ranger guided beach walk at Seal Bay
- Visit Remarkable Rocks and Admiral's Arch in Flinders Chase National Park
- Enjoy a 2-hour scenic flight over Lake Eyre North and South
- View the unique 'Painted Hills' on Anna Creek Station aboard a 1-hour scenic flight from William Creek
- Visit the 1.7 million acre Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary on the banks of the Warburton Creek
- Spend 2 nights in Coober Pedy at the Desert Cave Hotel and explore the region's opal fields
- Visit Woomera and learn about the rocket test range
- Enjoy 2 nights in Wilpena Pound and explore the Flinders Ranges
- Journey through the Clare Valley and tour Penfolds Magill Estate in Adelaide
- Take a thrilling 4WD Ridge Top tour at Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary
- Enjoy an intergalactic experience from Arkaroola's astronomical observatory
- Visit Aridlands Botanic Gardens, Port Augusta

ALSO AVAILABLE

A shorter 11-day tour excluding Kangaroo Island is also available. The tour starts on day 4 of this itinerary in Adelaide. Please see pricing section on page 167 for departure dates and fares.

Day 3 Marine Cruise and Sightseeing



This morning we enjoy an exceptional eco-adventure cruise with Kangaroo Island Marine Adventures. Step on board the custom vessel for an informative look at the natural biodiversity of Kangaroo Island and its spectacular coastline. You'll see marine life up close and spot Sea Eagles, Little Fairy Penguins, Petrels, Terns, Oyster Catchers and more! Afterwards we'll do some local sightseeing around Kangaroo Island, including a tour of the Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery. We then return to Kingscote where the remainder of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 4 Kangaroo Island – Adelaide



Today we take the ferry back to the mainland and travel back via the coastline through Yankalilla & Myponga to arrive in Adelaide early this afternoon. Enjoy a tour of Penfolds Magill Estate before checking in to the Stamford Grand Hotel overlooking the ocean in Glenelg. *Meals: B.L.D*

Please note: 11 Day tour passengers join the tour today and will be met at the airport upon their arrival. Please book flights to arrive by 1pm.

Day 5 Adelaide – Wilpena Pound

Today we head north to Port Augusta, known as the Gateway to the Flinders Ranges and home to the award-winning Wadlata Outback Centre. Visitors can step back in time and learn about the early explorers and their brave expeditions into the unknown. From Port Augusta we'll journey through to Quorn and Hawker before arriving at the Wilpena Pound Resort for our two-night stay. Nestled at the entrance to Wilpena Pound, the resort stands amid stately Red Gums and Native Pines on the banks of Wilpena Creek. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6 Exploring Wilpena Pound and the Flinders Ranges



Wilpena Pound is characterised by spectacular scenery and is home to nearly half of South Australia's species of plants. Today we enjoy a guided walk into Wilpena Pound to Hill's Homestead, one of South Australia's oldest and best preserved pastoral settlements. Wander along Wilpena Creek past magnificent stands of river red gums with stunning views of the Pound wall in the distance. Longer walks are available for those who wish to explore further on foot.

This afternoon we head to Stokes Hill Lookout to enjoy 360-degree views of the stunning Flinders Ranges. We then return to Wilpena Pound Resort for dinner. *Meals: B.L.D*

**This afternoon there is an opportunity for scenic flights to be taken over Wilpena Pound. Prices start at approximately \$220 per person for a 30-minute flight (own expense).*

“From the dancing dolphins on the Marine cruise at Kangaroo Island, to the flight over the painted desert from William Creek and the wonderful opals of Coober Pedy - we had a most splendid and exclusive holiday. Our tour guides looked after us in an exemplary manner. Nothing was too much for them in looking after us and making sure our holiday was perfect.”

Anna, NSW



Cape Du Couedic Lighthouse



4WD Ridge Top Tour, Arkaroola

Day 7
Brachina and Bunyeroo Gorges – Parachilna – Arkaroola

Travel through the picturesque Brachina and Bunyeroo Gorges to arrive at Parachilna late morning. Here we enjoy lunch at the delightful Prairie Hotel before travelling through the northern Flinders Ranges to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. Spend the night here and enjoy an intergalactic tour from Arkaroola's accredited astronomical observatories. *Meals: B.L.D*

Lake Eyre North, the larger of the two lakes. Fly over Belt Bay and follow the Warburton Groove up the middle of the lake and into the Warburton Creek system. From here we follow the creek to Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary, landing late morning.

Kalamurina is a 1.7 million-acre property owned and managed by Australian Wildlife Conservancy. This vast desert wilderness stretches from the northern shores of Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre to the southern boundary of the Simpson Desert and provides a haven for several endangered species like the Dusky Hopping Mouse, Mulgara and Ampurta.

After landing at Kalamurina we head to the banks of the Warburton Creek for a guided tour with one of the sanctuary's managers. Learn about the transformation of this station from cattle country to wildlife haven and gain an insight into AWC's conservation programs. We then travel by coach down the Birdsville Track, crossing Cooper's Creek before arriving back into Marree late this afternoon. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: Today the tour splits into two groups. The second group will experience the activities in reverse.

Day 8
Arkaroola Ridge Top Tour – Marree

Today, explore some of the most spectacular and rugged country on earth! Travelling in open back 4WD vehicles with expert guides, the Ridge Top Tour is a true highlight of the Arkaroola experience and not to be missed! Later this afternoon we depart for Marree, where we'll spend the next two nights at The Marree Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9
Lake Eyre (Kati Thanda) – Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary

This morning it's time for our scenic flight over Lake Eyre. Our flight path takes us over Lake Eyre South before crossing over

Day 10
Oodnadatta Track – William Creek & Painted Hills – Coober Pedy



After breakfast this morning we follow the legendary Oodnadatta Track to the tiny outback settlement of William Creek.

The track itself is steeped in history, natural wonders and rich cultural heritage and is regarded as one of the best outback drives in Australia. It follows a traditional Aboriginal trading route and, because of the availability of water, was chosen for the Central Australian Railway; the original route of the Old Ghan.

This morning we stop off at Coward Springs siding, a fully restored and heritage-listed railway site displaying history and remnants of the 'Old Ghan'. Then continue to William Creek for lunch at the iconic William Creek Hotel before enjoying a special 1-hour scenic flight over the 'Painted Hills'. This rocky outcrop of large and small hills, which emerge suddenly out of a flat desert landscape, can only be accessed by air due to their fragility and natural beauty.

This afternoon we trek on to Coober Pedy and spend the next two nights at the Desert Cave Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: Underground rooms at the Desert Cave Hotel cannot be guaranteed.

Day 11
Coober Pedy Sightseeing



Due to the heat in summer, much of Coober Pedy's population live underground. The town is also the opal capital of the world, supplying 70% of the world's precious opals. This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the Umoona Opal Mine, where you're also free to do some fossicking of our own.

In the afternoon, head out to the Breakaways Reserve and admire the colourful low hills separated from the Stuart Range. We then return to the Desert Cave Hotel to explore its many galleries. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 12
Woomera – Port Augusta

Travelling south today we head to Woomera, home to the Woomera Range Complex operated by the Royal Australian Air Force. The complex is a major Australian defence and civil aerospace facility that is both a working military airbase and a testing ground for ADF materials. Enjoy a visit to the Woomera Interactive Rocket Range Museum and view historical displays relating to the Woomera Range and closed Joint Defence Facility at Nurrungar.

This afternoon we continue on to Port Augusta where we overnight at the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13
Port Augusta – Adelaide



After breakfast we visit the Aridlands Botanic Gardens before heading south to the Clare Valley. Well known for its Riesling, the area also produces exceptional Cabernet Sauvignon and Shiraz varieties which together account for nearly half of all wine from the area. After a tour through the region, we'll visit a local winery for a relaxed lunch and wine tastings, a great way to wind down as we approach the end of the adventure. This afternoon we arrive back into Adelaide and check in to the Stamford Grand Hotel in Glenelg. We enjoy our final dinner together at the hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14
Farewell

This morning the adventure comes to an end. You'll be transferred to the airport or to your accommodation if staying on in Adelaide. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*



Kati Thanda – Lake Eyre



Prairie Hotel, Parachilna



Coober Pedy

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- Services of a professional 2 person crew: Tour Driver and Tour Director

2023 PRICES & DEPARTURES

14 DAYS

From **\$9,125*** per person twin share

DEPARTURE DATES	EVERYDAY FARE
APR 19, 27	\$9,125
MAY 8, 15, 26	
SEP 10, 28	
OCT 15, 23	

Single Supplement: \$2,300 | Deposit: 25%

Outback South Australia

11 DAY OPTION

From **\$7,995*** per person twin share

Tour starts in Adelaide on Day 4
Excludes Kangaroo Island

DEPARTURE DATES	EVERYDAY FARE
APR 22, 30	\$7,995
MAY 11, 18, 29	
SEP 13	
OCT 1, 18, 26	

Single Supplement: \$2,000 | Deposit: 25%

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Save up to **\$300*** per person

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Past Passengers only require a 15% deposit for Everyday Fares.

EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

JOURNEY... further north from Adelaide on board The Ghan (see page 216), head across country aboard the Indian Pacific (see page 219) or make for the east coast with a Great Southern rail journey (see page 218)



“This tour was delicious! We loved every aspect. The highlight, of course, was the sighting of whales at the Head of Bight. Awesome! We are now looking forward to our next adventure with you. Thank you, Outback Spirit - see you again soon.”

Lorraine & Bob, NSW

Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Clare Valley	Clare Country Club
02	Port Augusta	Standpipe Motor Inn
03	Port Lincoln	Port Lincoln Hotel
04	Port Lincoln	Port Lincoln Hotel
05	Port Lincoln	Port Lincoln Hotel
06	Ceduna	Ceduna Foreshore Hotel
07	Ceduna	Ceduna Foreshore Hotel
08	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 8 Days | Adelaide – Adelaide

Eyre Peninsula Whale Watching & Seafood Discovery

Discover some of Australia's best fresh seafood and witness the migration of Southern Right Whales at Head of Bight

Your journey

Day 1 Adelaide – Clare Valley

This morning you will be greeted by our friendly Tour Director and Tour Driver upon your arrival at the Adelaide Airport. (Arrive by 11:00am, alternative pick up in Adelaide City available). This afternoon we depart Adelaide and head north to the Clare Valley, one of South Australia's most prosperous wine regions. We overnight here at the Clare Country Club. *Meals: L,D*

Day 2 Clare Valley – Port Augusta

This morning we explore the secluded Clare Valley beginning with a tour of Bungaree Station, a historic complex dating back to 1841. Bungaree was once an extensive sheep station that carried over 100,000 Merino sheep, and today is still run by descendants of the original founders. Later this morning we'll visit a renowned Clare Valley winery for lunch and wine tastings. We then continue our journey north, arriving in Port Augusta later this afternoon. We spend the night at the Standpipe Golf Motor Inn. *Meals: B,L,D*

Day 3 Whyalla – Port Lincoln

This morning we travel down the eastern side of the Eyre Peninsula. Our first stop is Whyalla, where we'll visit the excellent Whyalla Maritime Museum. Then, continue heading south through Cowell and Tumby Bay before arriving at the seaside town of Port Lincoln late afternoon. We check in to the Port Lincoln Hotel for our stay over the next three nights. *Meals: B,L,D*

Day 4 Exploring Port Lincoln

Port Lincoln is a town of approximately 12,000 people and was originally considered a site for the state's capital. The township is located on the banks of beautiful Boston Bay which is three and a half times the size of Sydney Harbour. The town is the base for Australia's largest tuna fleet and tuna farming industry. Tuna fishing has been extremely lucrative in recent years and has created some very wealthy people. In fact, there are more millionaires per capita in Port Lincoln than anywhere else in Australia!

Tour highlights

- View the migration of Southern Right Whales at Head of Bight
- Admire stunning coastal scenery on an included scenic flight between Head of Bight and Ceduna
- Visit the Clare Valley, one of South Australia's renowned wine regions
- Tour Bungaree Station, a historic sheep station dating back to 1841
- Visit the Whyalla Maritime Museum
- Journey to the foot of the Eyre Peninsula and travel along the Whalers Way
- Immerse yourself over 3 nights in the seaside town of Port Lincoln
- Cruise the beautiful waters of Boston Bay and learn about the tuna and aquaculture industries
- Discover the Port Lincoln Marina with a local guide
- Go behind the scenes with a Seafood Lovers tour at the Fresh Fish Place
- Visit Murphy's Hay Stacks and the picturesque township of Streaky Bay
- Enjoy a tour and tastings at Coffin Bay Oysters



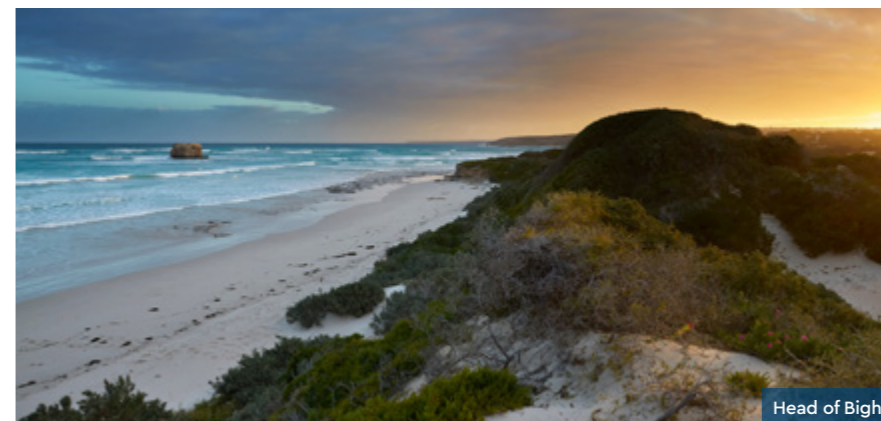
Southern Right Whale



Coffin Bay Oysters



Fresh Fish Place Tour, Port Lincoln



Head of Bight

This morning we journey to the foot of the Eyre Peninsula and travel along Whaler's Way, a 14km long series of unsealed tracks which traverse through private property. This fully guided interpretive tour takes in the spectacular rugged coastal scenery of the area, with many points of interest and stunning views over the Southern Ocean.

After lunch, we join a two hour Seafood Bay Cruise for some sightseeing across the beautiful waters of Boston Bay. The cruise includes fresh seafood tastings of tuna, prawns and mussels along with informative commentary about the local fishing/aquaculture industries presented by experienced guides. We arrive back at our hotel later this afternoon for our second night in Australia's Seafood Capital. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 5
Interpretive Marina & Seafood Lovers tour



This morning we'll enjoy an interpretive walking tour around the Port Lincoln Marina with a local guide. Then, take a behind the scenes look at the fishing industry with a Seafood Lovers tour at the Fresh Fish Place. After a gourmet seafood lunch (alternative meals available) the rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure. Enjoy some time in the town centre, or visit some of the local galleries. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6
Streaky Bay – Ceduna

Depart Port Lincoln and head to Coffin Bay for a tour and tastings at Coffin Bay Oysters. We then travel further up the west coast of the Eyre Peninsula, visiting Murphy's Hay Stacks and Streaky Bay before arriving in Ceduna. Home to around 4,000 people, Ceduna is the last major town before you cross the Nullarbor from east to west. We spend the next two nights at the Ceduna Foreshore Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7
Bunda Cliffs and Head of Bight



This morning we have an early breakfast and depart Ceduna for the Head of Bight. Every year, thousands of people visit the Head of Bight area for breathtaking views of migrating southern right whales. This area is considered one of the best viewing areas in the world with up to 100 whales congregating in the seas adjacent to the Bunda Cliffs at any one time. A large viewing platform offers people safety from the cliffs but also fantastic views.

This afternoon we visit an interpretive centre operated by the Conservation and Land Management Department. Then we head off on an included Scenic Flight over the spectacular coastline, keeping an eye out for migrating whales. Our aircraft for the day is a Cessna Grand Caravan, with high wing, air-conditioning and turbine reliability. The scenic flight will take us all the way back to Ceduna, saving a long drive back from Head of Bight! Tonight we enjoy our final evening together at the Foreshore Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: Today the tour will split into two groups, with a morning flight & afternoon flight. One group will drive out to Head of Bight and fly back, and the other will fly out to Head of Bight and drive back.

Day 8
Ceduna – Adelaide



This morning we say farewell to the Eyre Peninsula and head to the local airport. Included in your tour fare is a one-way flight from Ceduna to Adelaide with Regional Express. Please enquire with us as to the timings of the flights so that you can then book your onward flight home from Adelaide. Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

Eyre Peninsula Whale Watching & Seafood Discovery

OUTSTANDING INCLUSIONS

- Small group size **26**
- All meals, including all breakfasts, lunches and dinners whilst on tour
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EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE

JOURNEY... further north from Adelaide on board The Ghan (see page 216), head across country aboard the Indian Pacific (see page 219) or make for the east coast with a Great Southern rail journey (see page 218)

STAY... a little longer before or after your tour at the Stamford Grand in Adelaide (see page 231)

RELAX... and let our consultants organise your flights, pre and post accommodation or tour options. Our team are the experts in arranging your holiday plans stress free (see pages 230-231)

TASMANIA

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An island at the edge of the world

Welcome to one of the world's last great wildernesses. Dazzling white beaches, old growth forests, towering mountain peaks and crystal-clear streams abound in this wild natural paradise. It's also where you'll find the world's cleanest air, at Cape Grim in the north west. Come with us, and you'll breathe it in for yourself.

To get the very best out of this wild, pure and pristine island, Outback Spirit's Tasmania adventures include all the must-see attractions. Whether it's an adventure cruise to Bruny Island, a helicopter flight over Wineglass Bay or staying at the iconic Cradle Mountain Lodge, you'll find the very best of Tasmania distilled into our adventures.

Anyone can hire a car and drive around Tasmania. But leaving with a true appreciation of the island's history, produce, people and environment is a whole other matter. That's what our small group adventures deliver each and every time.

“I’m delighted to say that I thoroughly enjoyed my Tasmanian Wilderness tour. Our guides were wonderful and had excellent knowledge of the areas through which we travelled. I cannot think of any way you could improve the experience! Thank you.”

Margaret, VIC



Jane Franklin

1791 - 1875

Born in England in 1791, Jane Franklin was a woman who broke tradition and sought a life of exploration during an age when women of her class were tending to needlework and domestic duties. In her late twenties she accompanied her husband, Arctic explorer John Franklin to Van Diemen's Land, where he was appointed Lieutenant-Governor of the colony.

As one of the earliest women in Tasmania to have experienced the benefit of education and cultural surroundings, Lady Franklin was an example of a new way of living. She became known for her philanthropic work and travels throughout south-east Australia. On the mainland, she became the first European woman to travel overland between Port Phillip and Sydney in 1839, a journey which was considered incredibly arduous.

Before returning to England at the end of her husband's tenure, she founded a museum and a scientific society that became the first Royal Society for the advancement of science outside of Britain. She also fought for more humane treatment of convicts and became a champion of the arts and women's education.

When her husband disappeared on an expedition in 1845, Lady Franklin dedicated years to financing further expeditions to determine his fate. Lady Franklin was awarded the Royal Geographical Society Founder's Gold Medal in 1860 and her name is remembered at Jane Franklin Hall – a residential college in Hobart, Tasmania.

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Kunanyi/Mt Wellington, Hobart

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Exceptional Experiences & Inclusions

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Bruny Island Cruise

With most tour operators, the Bruny Island adventure cruise is an optional highlight that means missing out on something else. Not with Outback Spirit. As one of the top 100 experiences in the world, we've decided that you just can't miss it! This staggering adventure cruise is one of the absolute highlights of our Tasmanian tours. Cruise in custom-made adventure boats and spot the area's abundant marine and coastal wildlife.

Freycinet by helicopter

The Freycinet Peninsula is regarded as one of the most striking places in the world. However, it's not easy to see in all its grandeur. With Outback Spirit you'll enjoy an unforgettable helicopter flight that encompasses the Freycinet Peninsula, the Hazards and stunning Wineglass Bay. With virtually no roads in the area, your exclusive heli-ride is one of the only ways to see this dramatic east coast landscape.

Discover Cradle Mountain and Lake St. Clair

Spend two nights at the award-winning Cradle Mountain Lodge and enjoy a comprehensive exploration of Cradle Mountain – Lake St. Clair National Park. Visit Dove Lake, discover Waldheim Chalet and enjoy guided wilderness walks.

Roaring 40's and Cape Grim

Located on the rugged North West coast of Tasmania is Cape Grim, identified by the Australian Government's Scientific & Research Organisation (CSIRO) as having the cleanest air on Earth. Cape Grim is part of the historic Woolnorth Station owned by one of Australia's oldest enterprises – the Van Diemen's Land Company. Close by is the Roaring 40's wind farm, where the prevailing winds can generate up to 10% of Tasmania's electricity needs.

The finest accommodation

If you're with Outback Spirit in Tasmania, you'll enjoy some of the finest hotels and lodges the state has to offer. From premium centrally located hotels like the Hobart Grand Chancellor, to the charming Freycinet Lodge and luxurious Cradle Mountain Lodge – we've hand-picked the best spots for your head to hit the pillow.

kunanyi/Mt Wellington

A visit to Hobart is simply not complete without a visit to kunanyi/Mt Wellington. Boasting sensational views over Hobart City and the Derwent River, this iconic mountain stands over 4000 feet tall! The lovely drive to the summit passes through temperate rainforest, sub-alpine flora and glacial rock formations.



Bruny Island Adventure Cruise



Roaring 40's Wind Farm



Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Port Arthur	Port Arthur Motor Inn	07	Strahan	Strahan Village Motel
02	Freycinet National Park	Freycinet Lodge	08	Strahan	Strahan Village Motel
03	Launceston	Peppers Silo Hotel	09	Hobart	Hotel Grand Chancellor
04	Smithton	Tall Timbers Hotel	10	Hobart	Hotel Grand Chancellor
05	Cradle Mountain	Cradle Mountain Lodge	11	Hobart	Hotel Grand Chancellor
06	Cradle Mountain	Cradle Mountain Lodge	12	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 12 Days | Hobart - Hobart

10 Day tour also available

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Your journey

Day 1 Hobart - Port Arthur



Today you'll be met by your friendly and professional touring crew upon arrival at Hobart airport*. The journey begins as we depart for Port Arthur and visit the Port Arthur Historical Reserve. Here we enjoy a fascinating tour and boat cruise before heading to Port Arthur Motor Inn for our overnight stay.

Enjoy a welcome dinner to mark the beginning of your Tasmanian wilderness adventure. *Meals: L,D*

*Flights to arrive by 11.30am. Alternate pickup points available

Day 2 Port Arthur - Freycinet National Park



Depart Port Arthur this morning and travel north along the Tasman Highway. Enjoy a brief detour to explore the charming village of Richmond, home to Australia's oldest bridge (1823). We then continue north and pass through Orford and Swansea before heading down the Freycinet Peninsula.

This afternoon we enjoy a walk to the Wineglass Bay lookout (good level of fitness required). Take in the stunning views of the pristine bay and beach below, rated as one of the top 10 beaches in the world.

We then make our way to Freycinet Lodge, one of Tasmania's premier environmentally friendly resorts located on Great Oyster Bay. Tonight, we dine in the Dove Restaurant. *Meals: B,L,D*

Tour highlights

- Discover the Freycinet Peninsula and Wineglass Bay aboard an exclusive helicopter flight
- Enjoy an award winning 3-hour adventure cruise to Bruny Island, rated as one of the top 100 trips in the world
- Explore Cradle Mountain - Lake St. Clair National Park, with two nights at the luxurious Cradle Mountain Lodge
- Spend 3 nights in Hobart overlooking Constitution Dock
- Head up kunanyi/Mt Wellington for spectacular views of Hobart and the Derwent River
- Take a fun and informative historical walking tour of Hobart
- While in Hobart choose to visit the highly acclaimed MONA or take a nature tour to the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens and Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary
- Visit the West Coast & cruise the majestic Gordon River, including a visit to Sarah Island & Heritage Landing
- Discover Cape Grim on Woolnorth Station and visit the Roaring 40's Wind Farm
- Historic Woolmer's Estate at Longford
- Port Arthur Historic Site with guided tour and cruise
- Visit the charming village of Stanley. Take a chairlift ride to the top of 'The Nut' for views over Bass Strait



Port Arthur Historical Reserve

ALSO AVAILABLE

A shorter 10-day tour starting in Launceston on day 3 of this itinerary is also available. See page 183 for dates and prices.

Day 3**Wineglass Bay – Woolmer's Estate – Launceston**

This morning we enjoy an exclusive 20-minute scenic flight to take in the wonders of Freycinet National Park from the air, a real highlight of the adventure! Fly over Wineglass Bay for a bird's eye view of the stunning beach and bay before marvelling at the park's towering pink granite cliffs that plunge into the Tasman Sea. The helicopter, a Bell Jet Ranger, is chartered exclusively by Outback Spirit from Rotor-Lift in Hobart.

Note: The helicopter flight can be removed from your itinerary. Please advise when booking. A reduced tour fare will apply.

After our scenic flights we'll visit the Cape Tourville lighthouse before departing for Launceston. Visit Woolmer's Estate at Longford before heading in to the city and checking in to the new Peppers Silo Hotel. We enjoy dinner together at Grain of the Silos restaurant. *Meals: B.L.D*

Note: 10 Day tour passengers join today in Launceston. Upon airport arrival you will be transferred to Peppers Silo Hotel, where you will meet your tour directors and fellow passengers.

Day 4**Launceston – Stanley – Smithton**

After breakfast this morning we depart Launceston along the Bass Highway, heading for the majestic north-west. Travel through Ulverstone, Penguin and Burnie before arriving in Stanley, home to "The Nut". If weather permits, we'll take the chairlift to the top of the Nut for stunning views over Bass Strait.

Stanley was once the administrative centre for the Van Diemen's Land Company, a royal charter company formed in 1824 during the reign of King George IV. This afternoon we'll visit Highfield House, the company's original headquarters. We then continue on to Smithton where we spend the night at Tall Timbers Hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

“This trip was sensational for its content in terms of the diverse scenery, the types of excursions included, the standard of accommodation and the professionalism of our guides. At all times we felt very safe and assured that all things were being covered. Very well done them, and all the people at the office with whom we dealt who were always helpful and obliging.”

Ian, VIC

Day 5**Woolnorth – Cradle Mountain**

Smithton is home to Tasmania's most fertile dairy and vegetable growing area. It's also home to the historic Woolnorth Station, which is still owned by the Van Diemen's Land Company. This morning we enjoy a fully guided tour of Woolnorth, including the Roaring 40's Wind Farm and rugged Cape Grim. We then journey south to the World Heritage Listed Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park, where we spend the next two nights at Peppers Cradle Mountain Lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*



Wineglass Bay, Freycinet National Park



Gordon River Cruise



Russell Falls



Dove Lake, Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park

Day 6
Cradle Mountain Exploring



Today we begin with the 'Enchanted Walk', an easy 45-minute stroll amongst the area's unique alpine flora and fauna. Afterwards we then visit Waldheim Chalet, a replica of the original built by Gustav and Kate Weindorfer in 1912. The original chalet was still used as a guest lodge up until 1974, at which point it was deemed structurally unsound. The replica was built in 1976 using the same local materials.

Later on we make our way up to the stunning glacial-formed Dove Lake. Enjoy dramatic views of Cradle Mountain in the distance, the rugged jewel in the crown of this World Heritage Listed area. For the energetic, a 5.7 kilometre walk will take you around the lake and beneath the towering spires of Cradle Mountain. The track is a boardwalk for much of the way and is regarded as one of Tasmania's premier walks. Your guides will accompany you for the trek, which also passes through a magnificent cool temperate rainforest known as the Ballroom forest. If you don't feel up to taking part in the walk, you'll be transferred back down to the Lodge where you can relax or enjoy the various short walks nearby.

This afternoon we'll sample some of Tasmania's fine wines and cheeses at the Lodge. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7
Cradle Mountain – Strahan

After breakfast we depart Cradle Mountain-Lake St Clair National Park and head south. Visit Queenstown and learn about the area's mining history with a local guide before continuing to Strahan. We spend the next two nights at the Strahan Village Motel, set on a hilltop with commanding views over Macquarie Harbour. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8
Gordon River Cruise



This morning we board the 'Spirit of the Wild' for a cruise up the Gordon River and into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. We'll be seated on the Premier Upper Deck and enjoy two guided shore excursions, including Heritage Landing (home to ancient Huon pines over 2,000 years old) and Sarah Island, once a dreaded penal colony. We also head out to Hells Gates where the harbour meets the ocean.

After returning to Strahan mid-afternoon, the rest of the day can be spent at your leisure. Wander through the village and perhaps call in to the Huon Pine Sawmill for a demonstration. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9
Lake St Clair – Russell Falls – Hobart



Departing Strahan early this morning we head through the scenic Franklin-Gordon Wild Rivers National Park to Lake St Clair, carved by glaciers during the last Ice Age. Then, discover the 'Wall in the Wilderness' at Derwent Bridge, an exquisite work in progress by artist Greg Duncan. The carved timber panels tell the history of the Central Highlands region, beginning with the Indigenous people, then to the pioneering timber harvesters, pastoralists, miners and hydro workers. It is truly one of Tasmania's best attractions!

After lunch we'll continue heading south east towards Hobart, stopping off at the beautiful Russell Falls along the way. We arrive in Hobart late this afternoon and spend the next three nights at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, located on the waterfront overlooking Constitution Dock. Enjoy premium harbour view rooms. *Meals: B.L.D*



Bruny Island Adventure Cruise

Day 10
Hobart – MONA/Brighton & Royal Botanic Gardens



For today's touring, you can choose from some of Hobart's most popular attractions. Discover or the highly-acclaimed Museum of Old and New Art (MONA) or delve into the natural world with a combined visit to Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary and the Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens.

MONA is home to the private ancient, modern and contemporary art collection of David Walsh. Noted for its unusual art curation, MONA makes for an invigorating change of pace with thought provoking artworks displayed alongside interactive and traditional museum pieces.

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary in Brighton is Tasmania's largest wildlife rescue service. Come face to face with the native animals that the passionate Bonorong team are devoted to returning to the wild, including wombats, devils, quolls, birds, reptiles and more. The Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens are the second oldest Botanic Gardens in Australia. Spend some time exploring the collection of cool climate species, historic plants and significant trees, many of which date back to when the gardens were first planted.

Later this afternoon we return to Hobart and embark on an historical walking tour. Your guide will take you to various places including the Hobart Docks, Salamanca Place and the CBD with fascinating commentary and local insights. This evening we enjoy dinner together at the hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11
Bruny Island Cruise



Today we head to Bruny Island for a sensational 3-hour adventure cruise with Pennicott Wilderness Journeys, rated as one of the Top 100 trips in the world! Board your custom-built adventure craft and travel along Bruny Island's rugged southern coastline to spot the island's abundant marine and coastal wildlife. Spot Albatross and other seabirds that sit at the bottom of Bruny Island's towering sea cliffs, surrounded by 100's of seals. Keep an eye out for dolphins surfing on the bow wave of the boat!

This afternoon we make our way back to Hobart. Enjoy dinner at the Old Wharf Restaurant located at Macq01 on the waterfront and celebrate an unforgettable journey around Tasmania. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 12
Farewell



This morning we enjoy a visit to kunanyi/ Mount Wellington, which rises to 4170 feet above the city below. Admire the mesmerising views of Hobart and the Derwent River from several vantage points along the boardwalk, a perfect ending to your adventure around Tasmania.

For passengers departing Hobart today, you'll be dropped off at the airport for your return flight. Please ensure return flights are booked for after midday. For those staying on you will be dropped off at the location of your choosing. *Meals: B*

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STAY... a little longer before or after your Tasmanian adventure in the heart of Hobart at the Hotel Grand Chancellor (see page 231)



Chambers Pillar

DESERT SAFARIS

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See Australia's desert interior in style

Travelling through the outback's most remote territories is an incredibly rewarding experience. The vastness of this great continent really hits home in places like the Simpson Desert, Canning Stock Route and the Northern Territory's Binns Track. However, the isolation and challenging conditions can quickly turn adventure into disaster without the right planning, equipment, know-how and back-up support. This is where Outback Spirit really excels. Our tour leaders are some of the best in the business: passionate, experienced and knowledgeable. Plus, they're backed up by 24 hour operational and mechanical support for when challenges arise, which they invariably do.

Travellers who've visited these remote regions with us speak of a dream that would never have been fulfilled if it wasn't for Outback Spirit. They'd simply never embark on such a journey independently, and there's no other operator they'd trust to provide a comfortable, safe and rewarding experience.

“The quality of the vehicles was outstanding. The vehicles were an unknown factor for us, although I knew of the G Wagons. They were exceptional and eminently suitable for such a journey and performed brilliantly.”

Keith, VIC



Australia's most unique expedition vehicles

The Incredible Mercedes-Benz G-Wagon

The Mercedes-Benz G-Wagon is one of the most capable and robust all-terrain vehicles in the world. With over 200,000 units sold since 1979, it is the longest produced Mercedes-Benz in history.

There are a number of variants of the G-Wagon. The G 'Professional' version is the toughest model with an enhanced drivetrain and suspension. In fact, the Australian Defence Force (ADF) has upgraded its ageing Land Rover fleet with approximately 2,500 of these vehicles.

After vehicle trials with several other makes and models, it became clear that the only vehicle that could meet the demands of this unique expedition was the G-Wagon. Off-road, they are simply unmatched. Comfort-wise, nothing comes close. And then there's the engineering and safety for which Mercedes-Benz is renowned.

Like the ADF we have a fleet that consists of both 6x6 and 4x4 vehicles. The 6x6 underpins the whole expedition thanks to its high payload and remarkable capability. This allows us to carry our own kitchen and amenities units, both of which were custom made and engineered for Outback Spirit.

The amenities unit features two shower/toilet cubicles and retains all toilet waste for disposal in town.

For a trip like this, the ability to have a hot shower and flushing toilet makes all the difference.

Outback Spirit operates two separate yet identical convoys for this expedition. Each consists of three 6x6 vehicles and two 4x4's. All passenger seats are full size coach seats with seat belts, and all face forward (seat rotations occur daily). They feature good legroom (far more than normal 4WD vehicles), great visibility and are very comfortable. Vehicles are also equipped with satellite telephones and advanced medical kits.

Outback Spirit's investment in this fleet of Mercedes-Benz G-Wagons is over \$4 million. They are the most expensive commercial expedition fleet in Australian travel history, with an average per seat capital cost of over \$100,000. When it comes to our passengers' comfort and safety, no expense is spared.



Camp in comfort

Enjoy the convenience of proper amenities for the whole adventure, including hot showers and flushing toilets

The idea of going without basic comforts is enough to turn anyone off heading bush. Digging holes or hooking up a cumbersome hot water apparatus is no-one's idea of a good time. This is why our desert safaris are so unique.

Aboard each of our six-wheel drive military style G-Wagons is a specially designed and engineered pod. One vehicle houses a mobile kitchen, whilst the other features two equal size bathrooms, complete with hot showers and flushing toilets. A work of art, this incredible amenity unit features a hydraulically raiseable roof, large water storage and return effluent tank. So, in addition to providing that all-important level of comfort, we're also looking after the environment by removing waste instead of burying it in the scrub.

In each Desert Safari crew there's an experienced camp cook who'll provide delicious cuisine for the expedition. And, with ample refrigeration and a re-supply rendezvous (on the Canning), we're never short of good quality, fresh food.

Of course a good night's rest is just as important as a shower and a good meal, so we've provided the best camping equipment available to make the experience as enjoyable as possible.

The large tents are easy to erect with only one centre pole and a few pegs. You'll be sleeping off the ground on sturdy lightweight stretcher beds, with a self-inflating mattress to go on top. As the desert nights can get quite cold, we also provide you with a high quality sleeping bag to keep you warm and comfortable.

No campsite is complete without a crackling fire, and it's here that you'll be able to relax and unwind at the end of the day, chatting to new friends under the desert stars.

At a glance

- Hot showers
- Flushing toilets
- Large, easy to erect tents
- Stretcher beds with self-inflating mattress
- Desert rated sleeping bag (yours to keep)
- Quality meals prepared by trained cooks
- Evenings around the campfire
- Beer and wine available to purchase

“The ability of the equipment to withstand the conditions and provide us with camping luxury was actually a bit surprising. My expectations were surpassed. Thank you.”

Noel, VIC

“Great crew, food & adventure. It was so good that I immediately booked my spot on the Canning Stock Route tour. This was my fifth Outback Spirit adventure and I have booked another two for next season. You are the best!”

Kay, QLD



The Canning Stock Route



Alfred Wernam Canning

1860 - 1936

Alfred Canning joined the NSW Lands Department and served in Bega, Cooma and Bathurst before heading west in 1893. Now with the Western Australian Lands Department, Canning soon proved himself a first-class bushman and reliable surveyor.

One of Canning's first major jobs was to survey a route for a rabbit proof fence, needed to halt the rabbit invasion from the east. The survey alone took nearly 3 years, and on one occasion Canning had to walk over 300 kilometres after his camel died. When completed in 1907, it was the longest line of unbroken fence in the world.

Canning's greatest legacy though was the establishment of a stock route from the East Kimberley to the southern goldfields of Western Australia. Not deterred by the experiences of those who went before him, Canning had the route completed with 51 wells by 1910, an incredible feat.

After a Royal Commission into beef prices in 1928, Canning was asked to repair and recommission the wells. His subordinates on the job recall how he walked the entire route, twice. He was aged 70.

Desert Safaris

Canning Stock Route Expedition

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“Wow! We have travelled extensively around this wonderful country of ours and this would have to be the most exhilarating experience we’ve had in Australia.”

Bron & Bruce, VIC



The Canning

**Four deserts, 1800km, 51 wells.
An extraordinary adventure like no other**

The Canning Stock Route is an extraordinary journey that passes through some of the most remote and isolated country in the world. In certain parts the stock route is incredibly beautiful, with freshwater springs creating astonishing oases in the middle of nowhere. Other areas are home to narrow gorges, sheer cliffs, ancient Aboriginal art sites and engravings of explorers and drovers.

In terms of an outback 4WD adventure, it doesn't get more epic than the CSR. However, heading off into the sunset without the right preparations or experience can be disastrous. The rugged terrain and sheer isolation of the stock route demand an unparalleled level of planning, expertise and competency.

A fascinating tale of bravery and determination

At the beginning of the 20th century, pastoralists from the East Kimberley were looking for a way to traverse the western deserts of Australia with their cattle. Their aim was to break the monopoly enjoyed by their counterparts in the West Kimberley, which effectively controlled the supply of beef to Perth and the southern goldfields of Western Australia. At the time, cattle from the East Kimberley were infested with *Boophilus* ticks, and these ticks were infected with a malaria-like parasitic disease called Babesiosis. It was feared these ticks would survive the sea journey down to Perth and then spread through southern herds. This gave West Kimberley cattlemen their monopoly and resulted in sky high prices for beef.

In 1905, an East Kimberley pastoralist by the name of James Isdell put forward a proposal for The Canning Stock Route. The route, which crossed the territories of nine different Aboriginal language groups, had been explored previously in 1896 by the Calvert and Carnegie Expeditions but was declared an unviable proposition.

However, with support from pastoralists and the government eager to lower beef prices, the proposal was taken seriously.

Isdell made the case that the ticks wouldn't survive the journey down the long, dry stock route. He finally won the argument, and in 1906 the government appointed Alfred Canning to survey the route. With a team of 23 camels, two horses and eight men, Canning surveyed the route in less than six months. He needed to find significant water sources along the way; enough for up to 800 head of cattle at a time and no further than a day's walk apart. With the survey complete, Canning returned with a construction party and built 51 wells along the route in a little over two years.

Commercial droving along the Canning Stock Route began in 1910, but didn't prove popular. A 1928 Royal Commission into beef prices led to renewed interest, but in total there were only 37 recorded drives. The last was in 1959.





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Campsites, Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Cable Beach Club Resort, Broome	Accommodated	09	Well 24	Camping
02	Tanami Track	Camping	10	Lake Disappointment	Camping
03	Canning's 303 Marker	Camping	11	Durba Springs	Camping
04	Well 46	Camping	12	Durba Springs	Camping
05	Well 42	Camping	13	McConkey Hill	Camping
06	Well 38	Camping	14	Well 1	Camping
07	Well 33	Camping	15	Seasons Hotel, Newman	Accommodated
08	Thring Rock	Camping	16	Tour Concludes	

Itinerary 16 Days | Broome – Newman (and vice-versa)



Canning Stock Route Expedition

Follow the footsteps of early East Kimberley pastoralists down the longest historic stock route in the world

Your journey

Day 1 Meet in Broome

Today you'll be picked up from Broome airport by your Outback Spirit safari team and whisked off to Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa. This evening, meet your fellow adventurers during your pre-tour briefing, enjoy dinner together and start to get a little excited. *Meals: D*

Day 2 The Adventure Begins

This morning we depart Broome for the adventure of a lifetime. Follow the Great Northern Highway to Fitzroy Crossing before continuing to our first campsite near Halls Creek. Your crew will help you become familiar with the camping equipment* and prepare a sumptuous dinner under the stars. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Guests are required to put up & take down their own tent (one centre pole and pegs).*

Day 3 Billiluna – Crystal Well – Canning's 303 marker

Anticipation grows today as we travel down the Tanami Road and reach the official start of the Canning Stock Route at Billiluna. From here we pass Bloodwood bore, Well 51 and Well 49 – known as the 'Crystal Well' because of its reliable drinking water. Our first night on the stock route will be nearby at Canning's 303 Marker. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 4 Godfrey Tank & Breaden Pool

Our destinations today were named after two members of David Carnegie's expedition of 1896. As the party desperately searched for water, Godfrey Massie found a huge natural stone catchment, hence the name 'Godfrey Tank'. Another party member, Joe Breaden, also found water in a lower area which was named Breaden Pool. Today we'll explore the wonderful natural features of these waterholes before continuing our journey south. Briefly stop at Wells 48 and 47 before tackling the first of the big sand dunes. Tonight, we camp at Well 46. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 5 Well 45 – The Great Sandy Desert – Gravity Lakes

Today we tackle the Great Sandy Desert and head to an area known as Gravity Lakes. We'll make brief stops at a couple of wells, spending longer at Well 43 – traditionally known as Billowaggi. A drive over the Guli Lake System takes us to our camping spot just north of the Helena Springs Track. Make camp amongst the gum trees and enjoy another magnificent evening under the desert stars. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Journey down the longest and most remote stock route in the world, from Billiluna to Wiluna (or vice-versa)
- Spend 12 nights on the stock route in scenic locations, including the oasis of Durba Springs, described as one of the most beautiful locations in Australia
- Learn the rich history behind many of the 51 Wells, installed in 1910 to provide water for the cattle (and the drovers!)
- Visit Kunawarritji, one of the most remote Communities in Australia
- Visit Breaden Pool, the Breaden Hills and Godfrey tank
- Enjoy travelling the route in comfort, with hot showers, flushing toilets and exceptional catering
- Camp on the banks of Lake Disappointment for an unforgettable sunset over the salt flats
- Travel in a convoy of five Mercedes-Benz G-Wagon professional vehicles, including 6x6 and 4x4 variants, offering unrivalled capability, reliability and comfort
- Gain an insight into the unique and ancient cultures of the Western Desert people who have occupied this remote area for over 30,000 years
- Travel through the traditional lands of the Martu people and view ancient Western Desert rock art

Day 6**Tiru – Tobin Lake – Wardabunni**

Our first stop this morning is at Well 41, also called 'Tiru' by traditional owners. The area surrounding 'Tiru' has better than average soil which in turn provided good feed for the mobs of cattle that were driven down the track. Well 40 has some fascinating history regarding a fellow called Michael Tobin, who was part of the original 1906 survey expedition.

After some morning tea we trek across Lake Tobin to arrive at Well 39, home to hundreds of budgerigars that thrive on the surface water provided by the well, now in ruins. We then arrive at Wardabunni Rockhole, the location of Well 38 which was created when members of Canning's party blasted a hole in the rocky creek bed. Water was abundant but it proved difficult to persuade cattle to drink at the site. Nevertheless, it makes for a lovely campsite. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7**The Mystery of Well 37 – Kunawarritji**

After packing up camp our first stop is Well 37, a place shrouded in mystery since the first cattle drive down the stock route in 1910. About 150 bullocks were being driven by George Shoesmith, James Thompson, Fred Terone and an Indigenous stockman called 'Chinaman'. After Fred Terone headed back to Halls Creek due to illness, the remaining men pushed on to Well 37 where they were later found dead under mysterious circumstances. Their graves have been preserved near the well.

After morning tea, we continue south to Well 36 where you'll learn about Eileen and George Lanagan. We then press on and make camp at Well 33 on the outskirts of Kunawarritji Aboriginal Community, one of the most remote communities in Australia. Well 33 has a large water tank and windmill providing plenty of fresh water, so it's a good spot to catch up on some washing. This afternoon we also meet our resupply plane at the airstrip. *Meals: B.L.D*

“We enjoyed everything about this amazing adventure. Without an organisation such as Outback Spirit, we would not have been able to fulfil this bucket list dream.”

Paul & Robyn, NSW

Day 8**Wells 32, 31 & 30 – Thring Rock**

This morning we stock up on diesel from the community store and continue our adventure south to Wells 32 (Mallowa), 31 (Wullowla) and 30 (Duna Jinnda). Enjoy lunch under the shady trees surrounding Well 30 before trekking on to Thring Rock, named by Larry Wells in 1896 after a member of John McDouall Stuart's 1862 expedition across Australia. Thring Rock is an impressive sandstone outcrop, and a short climb to the lookout provides exceptional views of the surrounding countryside. Tonight, we camp at the base of Thring Rock.

Meals: B.L.D





Durba Springs

Day 9
The Beautiful Desert Oaks

After breakfast we pack up camp and traverse numerous sand dunes en route to Well 27. Enjoy a short morning tea break before continuing to Well 26, recently restored to provide excellent drinking water. After replenishing the convoy's water tanks, we push on to Well 25 for lunch under the shade of some beautiful Desert Oak trees. This afternoon we arrive at Well 24, located just past the intersection of the Talawana Track. Set up camp and get ready for a superb sunset.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 10
Georgia Bore – Lake Disappointment

Today's section of the route is also part of the Talawana Track, which if followed west for 450kms will take you to Newman. We'll pass by the Capricorn Roadhouse fuel dump, where many travellers pre-arrange a 'fuel drop' through the Capricorn Roadhouse.

Fuel is carted out in 44-gallon drums with names written on top, but with the availability of fuel at Kunawarrtji the practice has become less popular.

This morning we make a stop at Georgia Bore, which is not a traditional Canning well but a bore drilled by CRA for use by their survey crews in the 1970's. We then trek on towards Lake Disappointment, an ephemeral salt-lake named by Frank Hann in 1897. After following the direction of several creek beds, Hann was expecting to find a large freshwater lake. He instead came across a large dry salt-lake, hence the name 'Lake Disappointment'.

This afternoon we set up camp on the banks of Lake Disappointment and watch the spectacular panorama come alive as the sun sets. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11
Tropic of Capricorn – Durba Springs

After breaking camp this morning we follow the western edge of Lake Disappointment to Savory Creek.

Depending on recent rainfall, we may need to travel further west to avoid the muddy creek bed. We'll pass by Well 19 and Onegunyah Rockhole before arriving at one of the most scenic parts of the entire stock route, Durba Springs (Jilikuru). We'll camp here for two nights to get the most out of this truly magnificent setting.
Meals: B.L.D

Day 12
Durba Springs



Durba Springs was always a popular spot for drovers to rest up for a few days while driving cattle down from the East Kimberley. The area, traditionally called 'Jilikuru' by the Martu people, is also home to a number of distinctive Western Desert Aboriginal rock art sites. This morning, enjoy guided walks around the Durba Hills taking in some of the art sites. The afternoon can be spent at your leisure.
Meals: B.L.D

Canning Stock Route Expedition

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- All attraction, entry & national park fees
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Campsite



Lake Disappointment

Day 13
Well 16 through to Well 10



Well rested, we begin early and head south to Well 16. Here you'll learn of the area's torturous history before moving on to Well 15, where we stop at the lookout for morning tea. Next, we pass Wells 14 and 13 before reaching Well 12, which offers excellent drinking water thanks to a recent restoration. After replenishing our water supplies, we continue on to McConkey Hill near Well 10 and set up camp. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14
Glen-Ayle Station – Wiluna – Well 1

Also known as Weld Springs, Well 9 is where the remote pastoral property Glen-Ayle Station begins, evident by the cattle yards and infrastructure. It's also where John Forrest, the first premier of Western Australia, was forced to build a small fort in 1874. Here, we deviate from the official stock route and travel through Glen-Ayle Station to Wiluna. After refuelling, we return to the stock route and set up camp at Well 1. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 15
Hello Newman

Today marks the end of our journey along the Canning Stock Route as we meet up with the Great Northern Highway. Arrive into Newman early this afternoon and check in to the Seasons Hotel, with time to unwind before our final celebratory dinner together. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 16
Farewell, But Not Goodbye

Enjoy breakfast together once more, before being transferred to the Newman airport for your flight to Perth*. Farewell, until your next Outback Spirit adventure!
Meals: B

* Please confirm the time of your included flight with our office. This flight can be excluded from the package.



The Simpson Desert

The Explorers

The first European explorer to see the Simpson Desert was Charles Sturt, who visited the region in the 1840's. Despite several attempts, nearly 100 years would pass before the Simpson would be crossed in its entirety by a non-indigenous Australian. Ted Colson, a pastoralist and explorer from South Australia, set off with an Indigenous Australian named Eringa Peter from the Antakurinya tribe in May 1936 with the aim of crossing the desert west to east. Using camels to traverse the inhospitable landscape, they reached Birdsville in just over two weeks. After three days of rest, they turned around and made the return journey, covering a total of 600 miles in 36 days.

The Simpson Desert was named by Cecil Madigan, an Australian explorer and geologist from Renmark. Madigan took part in several expeditions in the 1930's to survey the interior, and in 1939 led a major expedition across the Simpson.

He named the desert in honour of Alfred Allen Simpson, the president of the South Australian branch of the Royal Geographical Society of Australasia. Interestingly, the Simpson family ran one of the country's largest metal manufacturing businesses in Adelaide in the late 1800's. In the 1940's, the company began making whitegoods including washing machines, which are still sold under the Simpson brand to this day.

Seismic Surveys

In the 1960's and 70's, various seismic surveys were carried out across the Simpson Desert in search of oil and gas. To determine the worth of its joint venture with leaseholder Delhi/SANTOS, The French Petroleum Company of Australia (FPCA) appointed another French firm, Compagnie Generale de Geophysique (CGG) to perform a seismic survey of the southern Simpson. The track which CGG pushed into the desert, aptly named the 'French Line' is still one of the major tracks used to cross the desert and is the most direct route from west to east.

Another of the tracks, the 'Rig Road' was also built in the 1960's. Located to the south of the French Line, the Rig Road was initially built to a standard for laden semi-trailers by sheeting the tops of the dunes with clay. Looking at the track today, it's hard to imagine a truck and semi-trailer being even remotely capable of traversing the desert landscape.

“We would like to congratulate you on the excellent organisation of this trip. Your five drivers were very skilled and experienced in desert driving and made great company.”

Brian & Rosemary, NSW



Campsites, Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Mercure Alice Springs Resort	Accommodated	08	Birdsville Hotel	Accommodated
02	Chambers Pillar	Camping	09	Eyre Creek	Camping
03	Mt Dare	Camping	10	Hay River	Camping
04	French Line	Camping	11	Tropic of Capricorn	Camping
05	French Line	Camping	12	Batton Hill Camp	Camping
06	French Line	Camping	13	Mercure Alice Springs Resort	Accommodated
07	Birdsville Hotel	Accommodated	14	Tour Concludes	



Itinerary 14 Days | Alice Springs – Birdsville and return

Simpson Desert Expedition

Tackle the infamous French Line to Birdsville before following the seldom used Hay River Track on this incredible desert adventure

Your journey

Day 1 Your Adventure Begins in Alice Springs

Upon your arrival in Alice Springs today you'll be met at the airport by your friendly and professional safari crew. Check in to the Mercure Alice Springs Resort and join your fellow adventurers for a trip briefing. The rest of the afternoon can be spent at your leisure before a welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant. *Meals: D*

Day 2 Alice Springs – Tapatjatjaka Art and Craft Centre – Chambers Pillar



Today the adventure begins as we depart Alice Springs and follow the Old Ghan Railway south. Stop to view the Ewaninga Rock Carvings, a highly-concentrated series of petroglyphs which provide a valuable link to the activities of early Arrernte Aboriginal people. Sandstone outcrops form natural galleries which contain a great variety of symbols and motifs.

Later this morning we continue heading south to Titjikala and visit the Tapatjatjaka Art and Craft Centre. Browse through the gallery and chat to local artists before heading west to Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve. Here, we'll set up camp and your crew will help you get familiarised with the equipment*. Late this afternoon, enjoy a walk to Chambers Pillar for a magnificent desert sunset. *Meals: B.L.D*

**Guests are required to put up & take down their own tents (one centre pole and pegs).*

Day 3 Finke – Mt. Dare



This morning we depart Chambers Pillar and once again follow the Old Ghan Railway south. Your knowledgeable guides will tell you all about this fascinating part of Australian history as you head towards Finke. This afternoon we pass through Charlotte Waters, the site of an old Telegraph Repeater station built in 1872, before crossing the NT/SA border. From here we head into the vast Witjira National Park and on to Mt. Dare Hotel, the last we'll see of civilisation before heading into the desert. Here we'll make camp for the night and enjoy dinner at the hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Tour highlights

- Cross the world's largest parallel sand dune desert with an expert safari crew
- Travel in comfort with hot showers, flushing toilets & exceptional catering
- Discover the rich Aboriginal and European history of the area
- Visit Dalhousie Springs and enjoy a swim in the thermal pools, the largest surface expression of the Great Artesian Basin
- Follow the historic Old Ghan Railway to Finke
- Travel the infamous French Line through the Simpson Desert Regional Reserve
- Camp at Chambers Pillar and admire a spectacular sunset from the viewing platform
- Spend 2 nights at the Birdsville Hotel in the middle of the adventure
- Explore the northern Simpson Desert along the Hay River Track, running between the dunes
- Enjoy a guided tour of Goyder's Pillar near Batton Hill with Traditional Owners
- Discover the Ewaninga Rock Carvings
- Visit Tapatjatjaka Art and Craft Centre
- Specialised Convoy of 5 commercial 6x6 and 4x4 Mercedes-Benz G-Wagons, offering unrivalled capability, reliability and comfort

Day 4 Dalhousie Springs – Simpson Desert Regional Reserve



Among the sand dunes and floodplains of the Simpson Desert's western edge lies a series of thermal springs surrounded by lush vegetation and an abundance of wildlife. Inscribed onto the Australian National Heritage List in 2009, Dalhousie Springs is the largest surface expression of the Great Artesian Basin and was used as a source of food and medicine by Aboriginal people for thousands of years. The springs are home to unique species of fish such as the Lake Eyre Hardyhead, and other rare aquatic life found nowhere else in the world. They're also a haven for arid-land birdlife.

This morning we arrive at Dalhousie Springs for morning tea and a swim in this beautiful oasis. We then begin our crossing of the Simpson Desert, the largest parallel sand dune desert in the world. In total, over 1100 dunes run parallel to one another from the Witjira National Park to Birdsville. Travelling east we cross the vast floodplains of Spring Creek Delta before arriving at the first of the dunes, which start out small and then gradually increase in size. Continue to Purni Bore, an uncapped bore from the 1960's which has created an artificial wetland in the desert. This afternoon, trek further into the Simpson before making camp along the French Line. *Meals: B.L.D*

“I wish to record my heartfelt thanks to those responsible for the success of my recent Simpson Desert Expedition. The drivers were extremely competent and made us feel we were in safe hands. They were also pleasant, informative and helpful.”

Helen, QLD

Days 5, 6 & 7 Crossing the Simpson

Over the next three days we continue trekking east along the French Line but also follow other tracks including the WAA and K1 Lines. On occasions we'll divert down other seismic survey tracks to points of interest, such as the Approdirinna Attora Knolls. Standing out amongst the red sand, these two flat topped hills of white gypseous rock were once dunes formed of flour gypsum that later hardened to their present form. Today they offer some of the best views in the Simpson.

Our camp sites for each evening will be between the Simpson's red dunes. Clumps of shady gidgee trees can be found in some of the dune corridors, which make for ideal campsites.

A climb to the top of the nearest dune at sunset is well worth the effort; the breathtaking view and change in colours a true feast for the eyes. In the evening, enjoy sitting around the campfire as your crew prepare dinner and explain the fascinating landscape. On clear nights, star gazing is truly an incredible experience in the Simpson.

On Day 7, travel south along the K1 line from Poeppel Corner to the Warburton Creek before meeting up with the Birdsville Track. From here we head north and arrive in Birdsville late afternoon for our two-night stay at the Birdsville Pub. Enjoy a few nights in relative luxury and prepare for the next leg of the journey! *Meals: B.L.D - daily*





Birdsville Hotel

Day 8
Birdsville Rest Day

Today is a day of rest for passengers and crew alike. Catch up on some washing, visit some of the sights around town or wander down to the edge of the Diamantina River. Our meals for the day will be at the hotel. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9
Birdsville – Nappanericca – Madigan Line

Time to saddle up again and head back in to the mighty Simpson. Our first challenge for the day is Nappanericca (Big Red) which affords sensational panoramic views over the desert plains once the top is reached. From here we take the QAA line to the Eyre Creek, where we'll start trekking north along the Madigan Line through Adria Downs Station (Adria Downs is private property. Outback Spirit has special permission to traverse through the station).

Learn about the history of Annandale Station, the first QLD station purchased by Sir Sidney Kidman in 1896. This afternoon we make camp along the Eyre Creek. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 10
Hay River Track

In the winter of 1939, explorer Cecil Madigan from Renmark undertook a crossing of the Simpson Desert with a party of nine, including a biologist, botanist, photographer and a radio operator. With nineteen camels, the expedition team made the exhausting crossing from Andado Station in the Northern Territory to Birdsville in twenty-five days. The expedition is regarded as one of the last classic Australian exploration adventures. It also pioneered the use of mobile radio communication, with national broadcasts being made through the ABC from desert camps along the journey.

This morning we pass by Madigan Camps 21 and 20 before entering the Munga-Thirri (Simpson Desert) National Park. Heading west, we start climbing the dunes again before arriving at the intersection of the Hay River Track and Madigan's Camp 16, where there is a Eucalypt with a faint blaze from Madigan's 1939 expedition. From here we head north, travelling within the dune corridors alongside the Hay River. Despite the river being mainly dry, there are some towering River Red Gums in sections. This afternoon we make camp in a picturesque spot beside the river. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11
Hay River Track – Lake Caroline – Tropic of Capricorn

Our journey today continues alongside the Hay River and up to Lake Caroline, a vast claypan that on occasions contains water. After lunch, continue heading north to the Tropic of Capricorn, where we'll set up camp nearby. *Meals: B.L.D*



Ewanninga Rock Carvings



Simpson Desert Dunes

Day 12
Tropic of Capricorn – Batton Hill Camp

This morning we pass by Vantage Point, with views to Mt Winnecke. We then follow the Hay River to Batton Hill Camp, a serviced camp site managed by Traditional Owners in the far north of the Simpson. After setting up camp, we head off on a guided tour to Goyder's Pillar. We'll be accompanied by a local Indigenous guide who'll also share their knowledge about the local country including the various bush tucker found in the area. We then return to camp and soak up the majesty of the Simpson for the last time. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13
Batton Hill Camp – Alice Springs

Returning to civilisation, we pack up camp for the final time and trek west to join up with the Plenty Highway. From here we'll travel alongside Harts Range before passing through Gemtree and joining up

to the Stuart Highway. From here it's just a short run south to where it all began – Alice Springs. Arriving mid-afternoon, we check in to the Mercure Alice Springs Resort for the final night of our adventure. Enjoy a celebratory dinner together and relive the expedition with your fellow travellers. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 14
Tour concludes

After breakfast this morning you'll be transferred to the airport or to your accommodation if staying on in 'the Alice'. *Meals: B*

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Binns Track

Outback Diversity

The Binns Track is an epic four-wheel drive adventure that takes you through spectacular scenery, allowing you to explore some of the lesser-known sights of Central Australia and the grandeur of big rivers in northern NT.

Opened in May 2008 and running from Mount Dare on the South Australian side of the border to Timber Creek almost 200 kilometres east of the Western Australian border, the track covers 2,191 kilometres and winds through many of the Northern Territory's lesser known nature reserves and National Parks.

Like our other established desert safaris, the Binns Track Adventure requires meticulous planning and preparation. Our highly customised fleet of Mercedes-Benz G-Wagons make such a journey not only possible, but also comfortable and stylish. Encounter something new around every corner and experience the contrast offered between the desert country, the mountain ranges, and the open plains – all of the highlights that the outback has to offer in just one track.

Bill Binns

Bill Binns is a man who loves the bush, solitude and exploring. During his 32 year career with Northern Territory Parks, which saw him climb from ranger to executive director, he pioneered the Binns Track. Bill led countless wildlife research expeditions in the Northern Territory, negotiated joint management of parks between government and Aboriginal land owners and helped to establish several National Parks in the Northern Territory.

Fittingly the track Bill traversed on his ranging days, linking some of the Northern Territory's hidden National Park gems, bears his name. Bill's dream to one day create a track that would give tourists the opportunity to explore the outback and the magnificent rock formations, native wildlife, and bountiful colours has now been realised creating one of the Territories latest touring marvels.

Along its full course, the Binns Track stretches from Mount Dare to Timber Creek – a significant slice of Central Australia bursting with colours, native wildlife and mighty rock formations.

“This journey traverses some of the most untouched parts and unused Parks in the Territory and it highlights its changing vistas – from Australia’s sandy heart to the rugged outcrops of Gregory National Park and sub-tropics of the north.”

Bill Binns



Campsites, Accommodation & Itinerary Snapshot

Day	Destination	Accommodation	Day	Destination	Accommodation
01	Mercure Alice Springs Resort	Accommodated	08	Murrnaji	Camping
02	Hale River	Camping	09	Victoria River Downs	Camping
03	Hale River	Camping	10	Bullita Homestead	Camping
04	Derry Downs	Camping	11	Jasper Gorge	Camping
05	Davenport Ranges	Camping	12	Kununurra Country Club Resort	Accommodated
06	Davenport Ranges	Camping	13	Tour Concludes	
07	Bluestone Motor Inn, Tennant Creek	Accommodated			

Itinerary 13 Days | Alice Springs – Kununurra (and vice versa)



Binns Track

Covering some 2,200 kilometres, the Binns Track winds through many of the Northern Territory's lesser-known, yet no-less spectacular Nature Reserves and National Parks

Your journey

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Day 2
East MacDonnell Ranges – N'Dhala Gorge – Trepina Gorge – Hale River

Today the adventure begins as we depart Alice Springs and head east through the beautiful East MacDonnell Ranges. Our first stop is Corroboree Rock Conservation Reserve, an impressive dolomite structure which is an important sacred site in Arrernte culture. We then head on to Trepina Gorge, where a 20-minute walk takes us to a lookout with dramatic views over the surrounding country.

After lunch, visit N'Dhala Nature Park and Ross River before arriving at Hale River Homestead on Ambalindum Station, right in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges. Set up camp and enjoy two nights in this beautiful location. Enjoy a late afternoon drink by the fire pit before dinner this evening in the Sydney William Shed, known as 'The Workshop'. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 3
Arltunga Historical Area – Ruby Gap

Officially central Australia's first town, Arltunga was once a site of hope, struggle and mateship for many fortune hunters who came to the area on foot to find gold in the 1880's. Enjoy a guided walk here (easy grade) to the Golden Chance Mine and visit some old stone houses that are perhaps some of the most well-constructed stone dwellings in the Northern Territory. Using only dry dirt due to a lack of water, the high level of workmanship is evident in their construction.

After morning tea we continue to Ruby Gap, driving along the Hale River bed for part of the journey. Enjoy lunch and explore the area before returning to Hale River late this afternoon. Dinner this evening is again in 'The Workshop' with an open fire (meals supplied by Hale River Homestead). *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 4
Gemtree – Plenty Highway – Harts Range – Derry Downs

This morning we bid farewell to Hale River Homestead and follow the official Binns Track through to Pinnacles Bore. From here, we follow the Pinnacles track through to the Plenty Highway before arriving at Gemtree mid-morning. After some morning tea, visit the original Mount Riddock Homestead, relocated to Gemtree where interesting story boards of a past pioneering way of life are displayed.

Tour highlights

- Visit the remote and spectacular Iltwelepenty / Davenport Ranges National Park, home to cool waterways and stunning gorges. Enjoy a guided walk and cool off in Old Police Station Waterhole
- Travel the Frew River 4WD Loop and Pinnacles Track
- View ancient petroglyphs that trace the history of the Arrernte people at N'Dhala Gorge
- Travel remote station tracks between the Plenty and Sandover Highways
- Visit the Arltunga Historical Reserve and Ruby Gap Nature Park
- Pass through the breathtaking scenery of rugged Harts Range
- Visit Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles and enjoy this ancient natural wonder
- Visit Frew Ponds Overland Telegraph Line Memorial Reserve
- Travel the Buchanan Highway and on to Victoria River Downs, one of the NT's largest cattle stations
- Explore the vast escarpments and lofty gorges of Judbarra / Gregory National Park
- Traverse the Humbert Track visiting Jasper Gorge, Limestone Gorge, Bullita Homestead and Gregory's Tree
- Visit the Victoria River Research Station on Kidman springs



Judbarra/Gregory National Park

We then trek east along the Plenty to Harts Range, an area popular with gem fossickers and home to one of the most isolated police stations in the world. Interestingly, between the 1890's and the close of the mine in 1960, almost all the nation's mica came from this area in the Northern Territory. Enjoy lunch and a look around before heading further north on the Binns Track past MacDonald Downs. The property was originally settled by Charles Chalmers and his wife Cora in the early 1920's. A school teacher from Mungindi in NSW, Charles dreamed of one day being a farmer and moved to the area, against all advice from family and friends. A fascinating story, and one of your guides will offer more details this evening around the camp fire at Derry Downs, tonight's overnight stop. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 5
Sandover Highway – Iytwelepenty / Davenport Ranges National Park



This morning we depart Derry Downs and once again follow the Binns Track north. Briefly travel the Sandover highway, the linking track between Mt. Isa and Alice Springs, before continuing north up to the Iytwelepenty / Davenport Ranges National Park – one of the most beautiful and least known Parks in the country. Here we tackle the Frew River Loop 4WD track and make our way to an area known as Old Police Water Hole, one of the most scenic and tranquil parts of the National Park and the perfect spot to set up for a two-night stay. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 6
Iytwelepenty / Davenport Ranges



The Iytwelepenty / Davenport Ranges National Park protects the important environmental zone between the Top End and Central Australia. The Park covers an area of 1,120 km² and is bordered by several pastoral leases and lands of The Anurrete Aboriginal Land Trust. It's a serene oasis that few have ever visited, and to this day it remains very much 'off the beaten track'. In terms of bird watching, black-faced cuckoo shrikes, rainbow bee-eaters, spinifex pigeons, diamond and peaceful doves, flocks of budgies and myriad honeyeaters are all common in the area.

Today we enjoy a number of short guided walks exploring and embracing the park's peaceful waterways and stunning gorges. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 7
Whistleduck Water Hole – Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles



Time to saddle up again and continue our journey along the Binns Track. Today we pass through Epenarra before turning west towards the Stuart Highway. Briefly travel south to arrive at Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve for an early lunch. Marvel at this exquisite natural wonder before trekking further north to Tennant Creek, where we overnight in accommodation at the Bluestone Motor Inn. Catch up on some washing before enjoying dinner this evening in the motel restaurant. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 8
Tennant Creek – Battery Hill – Newcastle Waters – Murrnaji

After breakfast we'll visit the Battery Hill Mining Centre for an underground mine tour before heading north on the Stuart Highway. Pass through Renner Springs and the historic Newcastle Waters Station before heading west on the Buchanan Highway. Shortly after crossing the Australasia Railway we'll make camp for the night. Under the desert stars your experienced guides will fill you in on the area's fascinating droving history and infamous Murrnaji Stock Route. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 9
Top Springs – Victoria River Downs – Judbarra / Gregory National Park

After an early breakfast we pack up camp and continue west to Top Springs. After a brief stop, we head on to one of the most iconic cattle stations in the country – Victoria River Downs (or VRD as it's commonly referred to). Still covering some 2.5 million acres and running 33,000 head of cattle, the station has been a stock breeding powerhouse since it was established back in 1880.

This afternoon we head up to the Victoria River Research Station on Kidman Springs, the Territory's principal pastoral research centre occupying 34,000 hectares in the heart of the Victoria River district. The station's research projects have had a lasting impact on the productivity of the north Australian cattle industry and on the sustainability of the pastoral landscape. After a preview of the operations we head back down to VRD, where we make camp under the shade of some old Mahogany trees on the station. *Meals: B.L.D*



Bullita Homestead

Day 10
VRD – Judbarra / Gregory National Park Bullita Homestead



This morning we depart VRD and enter the Judbarra / Gregory National Park, the Territory's second largest park jointly managed with Traditional Owners. The park features some spectacular scenery, some of which we'll be exploring today. As we travel along the Humbert Track, we'll pass by Top Numbert Yard and Fig Tree Yard before arriving at Bullita Homestead. The track is slow going in places, but the scenery is well worth it! On the banks of the East Baines River, the old Bullita Homestead and stockyards are a reminder of the Park's pastoral history and great place to set up camp. Enjoy a wander through its historic buildings before dinner under the stars. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 11
Bullita – Jasper Gorge



This morning we take a short drive to picturesque Limestone Gorge. For those interested there's an easy to moderate 1.8km return walk that winds its way through the limestone landscape with views over the East Baines River valley. Then, we'll take the Tuvakam Track across to the Buchanan Highway where we visit Jasper Gorge and set up camp for the night. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 12
Timber Creek – Kununurra



Today we depart Jasper Gorge and head into Timber Creek, the official end point of the Binns Track located on the banks of the Victoria River. We then head west and visit the Gregory Tree before continuing on towards the Western Australia border, arriving at Lake Argyle for a picnic lunch.

This afternoon we enjoy a spectacular cruise down the Ord River to Kununurra. Learn about the Ord River Irrigation Scheme from your knowledgeable skipper on this extraordinary 3-hour adventure, arriving into Kununurra just as the sun sets on the horizon. Here you'll be met by your expedition crew before being transferred to the Kununurra Country Club Resort for the final night of the adventure. Tonight, we gather for dinner at the hotel restaurant and celebrate our adventure along the Binns Track. *Meals: B.L.D*

Day 13
Kununurra Township – Darwin

Enjoy breakfast and a leisurely morning before being transferred to the airport. Then, board your Air North flight to Darwin (please enquire for flight times). Bon Voyage! *Meals: B*

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Itinerary 3 Days – 2 Nights | Adelaide – Darwin (and vice versa)

ADELAIDE TO DARWIN | **DARWIN TO ADELAIDE**

Departing Sunday (Feb – Nov)
Departing Wednesday (Apr – Aug)

Day 1
Adelaide

Departing Adelaide, we head for the rugged and spectacular Flinders Ranges before journeying through the Red Centre to the tropical north of Australia. As darkness falls, it's time to indulge in a multi-course regionally-inspired dinner and fine wines.

Day 2
Marla and Alice Springs

Step off in outback South Australia to take in sunrise over a freshly brewed coffee before re-boarding for a leisurely brunch on your way to Alice Springs. Alice is an iconic Red Centre outpost – home to doctors who fly, rivers that run dry and a cast of colourful characters you'll meet on today's Off Train Experiences.

Day 3
Katherine and Darwin

Whether you cruise Nitmiluk Gorge, gaze upon rock art that's thousands of years old or discover authentic outback life on a cattle station, you'll love today's Off Train Experience in Katherine. As evening falls, arrive in Darwin to complete your epic Australian journey.

Departing Wednesday (Feb – Mar & Nov)

Day 1
Darwin and Katherine

From Darwin, take in the Top End views before stopping in Katherine for an afternoon of touring.

Day 2
Alice Springs and Manguri

Next stop is Alice Springs, where more Off Train Experiences await. Explore Simpsons Gap, tour the town attractions, or get up close to some of the Red Centre's native wildlife. Dinner on the train is followed by an extraordinary evening experience in the outback where you will see the Milky Way like you have never seen it before. Simply breathtaking.

Day 3
Adelaide

In the morning, you are greeted with breakfast and views of the dramatic and ancient Flinders Ranges, before passing through the mid-north of South Australia for a late-morning arrival in Adelaide.



PRICES & DEPARTURES

PRICE PER PERSON	Feb – Apr Sep – Nov	May – Aug
Gold Twin		
Advance Purchase	\$1,725	\$1,865
Everyday	\$1,895	\$2,065
Gold Single		
Advance Purchase	\$1,345	\$1,675
Everyday	\$1,485	\$1,845
Platinum		
Everyday	\$3,625	\$3,795

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Adelaide to Alice Springs (and vice versa)
Alice Springs to Darwin (and vice versa)



For eight months of the year, The Ghan's southbound journey from Darwin to Adelaide becomes The Ghan Expedition – the ultimate three-night, four day journey through Australia's outback.

This all-inclusive experience will take you to some of the most remote and captivating parts of Australia in style and comfort. Discover signature experiences like the spectacular starlit dinner in Alice Springs and go underground in South Australia's quirky Coober Pedy. Operating from April to October each year, The Ghan Expedition has all the hallmarks of a grand expedition.

Itinerary 4 Days – 3 Nights | Darwin – Adelaide

THE GHAN EXPEDITION | DARWIN TO ADELAIDE

Departing Wednesday (Apr – Oct) | Departing Saturday (Apr – Aug)

Day 1
Darwin and Katherine

Your journey begins with a morning departure from Darwin. Once you're settled into your cabin, make your way to the restaurant for lunch accompanied by a selection of Australian wines.

An optional upgrade is a scenic flight to Uluru, returning in time to meet the rest of your fellow guests at a spectacular dinner under the stars.

Following an early afternoon arrival at the famous Top End township of Katherine, choose between Nitmiluk Gorge's natural wonders and rich Indigenous culture, or the adventure of an outback horse and working dog demonstration.

Day 3
Manguri and Coober Pedy

From your morning stop at Manguri, venture into the weird and wonderful opal mining town of Coober Pedy, where the residents live underground. Dinner is served back on the train where you can enjoy a nightcap as your journey continues.

Day 2
Alice Springs

This morning you'll be greeted by a view of the spectacular Red Centre. A full day of experiences awaits you in the iconic outback town of Alice Springs.

Day 4
Adelaide

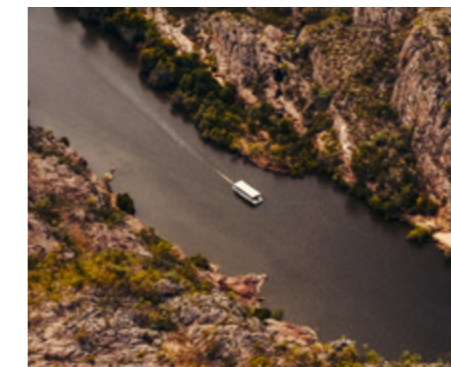
Enjoy a leisurely brunch as you prepare for your mid-morning arrival into Adelaide.



PRICES & DEPARTURES

PRICE PER PERSON	Apr, Sep & Oct	May – Aug
Gold Twin		
Advance Purchase	\$2,550	\$2,730
Everyday	\$2,825	\$3,035
Gold Single		
Advance Purchase	\$2,215	\$2,380
Everyday	\$2,460	\$2,650
Platinum		
Everyday	\$4,380	\$4,660

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JOURNEY BEYOND
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The Great Southern takes you through Australia's unique south-east corner and promises the perfect summer adventure balanced with relaxation and all the comforts expected from our rail journeys.

Prepare to embrace the wonders of Australia's south-east on these stunning rail experiences journeying between Brisbane and Adelaide in unparalleled style. As soon as you step onboard, you can put down your suitcase and simply let the journey unfold knowing that every moment is considered, and everything is included in your fare. Enjoy the comfort and solitude of your private cabin, meet fellow travelling companions, or watch the landscapes glide by.

Itinerary 3 Days – 2 Nights | Adelaide – Brisbane **OR** 4 Days – 3 Nights | Brisbane – Adelaide

ADELAIDE TO BRISBANE

Departing Friday (Jan & Dec)

Day 1
Adelaide and The Grampians

Settle into life on board this morning as we start our journey east. Arriving in the Grampians in the afternoon, you'll have a range of Off Train Experiences to choose from, each showcasing the region's spectacular wilderness and landscapes.

Day 2
Canberra and Surrounds

Today is yours to spend in Australia's political and cultural capital, Canberra, with a range of experiences that take you behind the scenes a cultural institution of your choice. Enjoy another sumptuous dinner on board before retiring to the lounge for a nightcap.

Day 3
Coffs Harbour and Surrounds

After breakfast on board, explore beautiful Coffs Harbour including its walks, beachside markets and incredible views. Return to the train for your last on board meal as we traverse northern New South Wales' spectacular scenery and make our way to Brisbane.

BRISBANE TO ADELAIDE

Departing Monday (Jan & Dec)

Day 1
Brisbane and Coffs Harbour

From lunch on board with an ever-changing backdrop to a beach-side dinner in Coffs Harbour, your first day on board the Great Southern is a feast for all the senses.

Day 2
Hunter Valley, Port Stephens or Newcastle

This morning's hearty on board breakfast will set you up for a full day of adventure in either the Hunter Valley, Port Stephens or Newcastle. In the evening, return to the train to enjoy a regionally-inspired meal and relaxing time on board before retiring for the night.

Day 3
Regional Victoria or Melbourne

Travelling further south, we'll enter Victoria where you can choose to indulge in regional touring and gourmet delights or head right into cosmopolitan Melbourne to take in the views from Eureka Skydeck. Exchange stories with newfound friends over a nightcap in the lounge tonight.

Day 4
Arrive Adelaide

Sit back and savour breakfast on board before arriving into your final destination of Adelaide.



PRICES & DEPARTURES

Adelaide – Brisbane
PRICE PER PERSON Jan & Dec

Gold Twin	Advance Purchase	\$2,345
	Everyday	\$2,595
Gold Single	Advance Purchase	\$2,235
	Everyday	\$2,475
Platinum	Everyday	\$4,495

Brisbane – Adelaide
PRICE PER PERSON Jan & Dec

Gold Twin	Advance Purchase	\$3,395
	Everyday	\$3,765
Gold Single	Advance Purchase	\$3,125
	Everyday	\$3,475
Platinum	Everyday	\$5,845

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Itinerary 4 Days – 3 Nights | Perth – Sydney (and vice versa)

PERTH TO SYDNEY

Departing Sunday (Year Round)

Day 1
Perth and Kalgoorlie

Enjoy a modern Australian lunch on board as you watch the scenery glide by. Indulge in a three-course dinner prior to your late evening arrival into the Kalgoorlie Region.

Day 2
Nullarbor Plain

Awake to the expanse of the Nullarbor Plain with the once thriving railway community — now ghost town — of Cook ahead. Enjoy another mouth-watering dinner on board.

Day 3
Adelaide

On arrival in Adelaide, you have the choice of a city walking tour (seasonal), a behind-the-scenes visit to Adelaide Oval, a guided walk through of the Adelaide Central Markets, or take a coach tour of the city sights.

Day 4
Blue Mountains and Sydney

Depart the train for a Blue Mountains tour and arrive in Sydney by NSW rail service, or stay on board to travel directly to Sydney.

SYDNEY TO PERTH

Departing Wednesday (Year Round)

Day 1
Sydney

Your transcontinental adventure begins as you wind your way through the stunning Blue Mountains. Your first meal on board is a regionally-inspired dinner paired with all-inclusive beverages.

Day 2
Broken Hill, Barossa Valley and Adelaide

Arrive in Broken Hill where you embark on a morning of Off Train Experiences. Lunch is served on board as you make your way to Adelaide where afternoon tours await.

Day 3
Nullarbor Plain

Breakfast is served as you travel along the Nullarbor Plain. This evening, enjoy dinner off the train and under the stars in the remote and beautiful Rawlinna (seasonal).

Day 4
Perth

Breakfast is served as you pass the rolling hills of the Avon Valley on your way to Perth, arriving after an on board lunch.



PRICES & DEPARTURES

PRICE PER PERSON Jun – Jul Jan – May Aug, Nov & Dec Sep – Oct & Dec

Gold Twin	Advance Purchase	\$2,475	\$2,825	\$3,265
	Everyday	\$2,755	\$3,135	\$3,625
Gold Single	Advance Purchase	\$2,115	\$2,395	\$2,835
	Everyday	\$2,345	\$2,665	\$3,145
Platinum	Everyday	\$4,445	\$5,395	\$5,935

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Itinerary Adelaide – Melbourne (and vice versa)

SERVICE LEVELS

Red Premium Service

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PRICES & DEPARTURES

PRICE PER PERSON		
Red Premium Service	Everyday	\$285
	Ready Rail	\$230
	Red Pension Saver	\$230
Red Service	Everyday	\$175
	Ready Rail	\$125
	Red Pension Saver	\$95

Adelaide – Melbourne	Sunday	Thursday
Depart Adelaide	07.45	06.55
Depart Murry Bridge	09.35	09.10
Depart Bordertown	11.34	11.09
Depart Nhill	13.01	12.36
Depart Dimboola	13.34	13.10
Depart Horsham	14.01	13.37
Depart Stawell	14.55	14.31
Depart Ararat	15.19	14.55
Depart North Shore Geelong	17.23	17.40
Arrive Melbourne	18.50	18.50

Melbourne – Adelaide	Monday	Friday
Depart Melbourne	08.05	08.05
Depart North Shore Geelong	09.35	09.15
Depart Ararat	11.35	11.15
Depart Stawell	12.00	11.40
Depart Horsham	12.51	13.00
Depart Dimboola	13.20	13.28
Depart Nhill	13.47	13.55
Depart Bordertown	14.11	14.21
Depart Murray Bridge	16.10	16.18
Arrive Adelaide	18.00	18.05

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The Whitsundays, made up of 74 islands and coastal central Queensland, are located half way between Brisbane and Cairns. Situated on the Great Barrier Reef, a massive stretch of coral teeming with marine life and most of the islands are uninhabited. They're characterised by rainforests, hiking trails and white sand beaches. The town of Airlie Beach on the mainland is the region's central hub.

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OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCES

Reefsuites

From \$1,050* per person

- Guests arrive at their unique accommodation via a scenic cruise through the Whitsundays to the Reefworld pontoon
- Private underwater suite
- Each room features premium bedding, glass-walled en suite and floor-to-ceiling views of the spectacular underwater world of the Great Barrier Reef
- All meals and beverages*, including breakfast, lunch, morning and afternoon teas and dinner
- Spectacular dining experience under the stars
- Activities at the Reef including a private guided snorkelling tour

Reefsleeper

From \$650* per person

- Scenic cruise through the Whitsundays to the Reefworld pontoon
- Sleep under the stars in a unique reef bed
- All meals and beverages*, including breakfast, lunches, morning and afternoon teas and dinner
- Spectacular dining experience under the stars
- Activities at the Reef including a semi-submarine tour

DAY EXPERIENCES

Great Barrier Reef Adventure

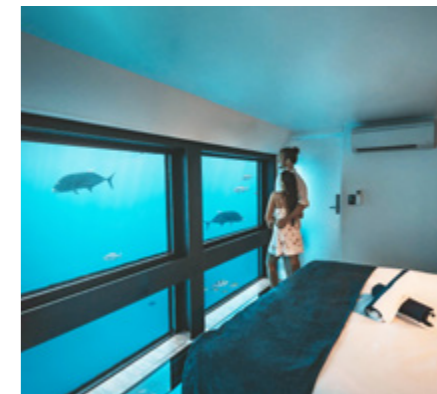
From \$295* per person

- Snorkelling, all gear provided, including wetsuits and stinger suits, with 100+ metres of snorkelling area to explore
- 4 hours at Hardy Reef
- Semi-submarine guided tour
- Underwater observatory
- Large, modern, well appointed vessel transfer to the Reef
- Lunch, morning and afternoon tea

Ultimate Whitehaven Chill & Grill

From \$250* per person

- Cruise through the Whitsunday Islands, with up to 6 hours on Whitehaven Beach
- Lunch, morning and afternoon tea
- Guided walk to Hill Inlet and lookout
- Guided walk to Solway Circuit lookout and Chance Bay
- Dedicated host for duration of day
- Beach games



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Just a stone's throw from Western Australia's capital city of Perth is Rottnest Island – a pristine, car-free island waiting to be explored.

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TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Experience Rottnest

Ferry and Bike Hire
From \$118* per person

Inclusions:

- Morning hotel pick-up service (Perth departures only)
- Same day return ferry transfers to Rottnest Island
- Swan River Cruise with commentary (Perth departures only)
- Bike and helmet hire
- Compulsory Rottnest Island Admission Fee

Discover Rottnest

Ferry and Bus Tour
From \$138* per person

Inclusions:

- Morning hotel pick-up service (Perth departures only)
- Same day return ferry transfers to Rottnest Island
- Swan River Cruise with commentary (Perth departures only)
- 90 minute Discover Rottnest bus tour including on board commentary from expert guides
- Compulsory Rottnest Island Admission Fee

Adventure Rottnest

Ferry and Adventure Boat Tour
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Inclusions:

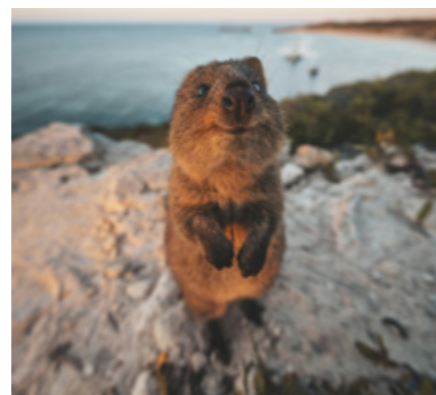
- Morning hotel pick-up service (Perth departures only)
- Same day return ferry transfers to Rottnest Island
- Swan River Cruise with commentary (Perth departures only)
- 90 minute Adventure Boat Tour, including on board commentary from expert guides (operates mid-September – April)
- Compulsory Rottnest Island Admission Fee

Thrill Ride

Ferry and Thrill Ride Boat Tour
From \$138* per person

Inclusions:

- Morning hotel pick-up service (Perth departures only)
- Same day return ferry transfers to Rottnest Island
- Swan River Cruise with commentary (Perth departures only)
- 45 minute Thrill Ride boat tour (operates mid-November – April)
- Compulsory Rottnest Island Admission Fee



*Departures from Fremantle. Terms & conditions apply, visit rottnestexpress.com.au for details.



Take to the water with Darwin Harbour Cruises and soak up one of Darwin's famous sunsets with a wine in hand.

See, taste, and embrace the Top End lifestyle as you cruise the magnificent waters of Darwin Harbour. Sit back and relax on board our comfortable vessels with pre-booked food and drink options for you to enjoy. An easy add on for any itinerary, watch as the spectacular harbour water sparkles on a clear day or against a magical sunset.

TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Sunset Dinner Cruise

From \$130* per person

Inclusions:

- 2.5 hour sunset cruise on Darwin Harbour
- Delicious dinner using Australian seafood and local produce
- On board commentary from expert guides
- Beverages available for purchase

Sunset Cruise

From \$75* per person

Inclusions:

- 2.5 hour sunset cruise on Darwin Harbour
- Food and beverages available for purchase on board
- On board commentary from expert guides
- Premier outdoor seating available on the Sun Deck, when platters have been pre-ordered (subject to availability)

Gaze & Graze

From \$230* per couple

Inclusions:

- Gourmet grazing platter for two
- Locally made mando ice cream
- Premium outdoor seating on the Sundeck
- Beverages available for purchase



*Terms & conditions apply, visit darwinharbourcruises.com.au for details.



There's nothing quite like a visit to the Horizontal Falls with Horizontal Falls Seaplane Adventures to see Mother Nature at her best.

This natural phenomenon, located in the rugged Kimberley, has been described by Sir David Attenborough as 'one of the greatest natural wonders of the world' and we can't wait to share it with you. The Horizontal Falls are created by a fast-moving tidal current squeezing through two narrow gorges with up to one million litres of water passing through the twin gaps every second. View this magnificent occurrence in comfort with a scenic flight and thrilling boat ride. Tours are available from Broome or Derby, or choose to fully immerse yourself in this magnificent location with an overnight stay.

TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Horizontal Falls Overnight Tour (Ex Derby)
From \$1,215pp* twin share

Inclusions:

- Return scenic flights in our 14-seat seaplane from Derby to The Horizontal Falls
- Fast boat thrill ride through the Horizontal Falls, plus an extra trip through the Falls on the morning of departure
- A relaxing cruise through the spectacular creek system, followed by drinks (BYO) and shared appetisers as you watch the amazing Kimberley sunset
- The chance to swim or snorkel in our marine viewing enclosure
- Locally sourced Barramundi dinner and cooked breakfast prior to departure
- Coach transfers to and from your Derby accommodation
- Overnight accommodation in an air-conditioned cabin

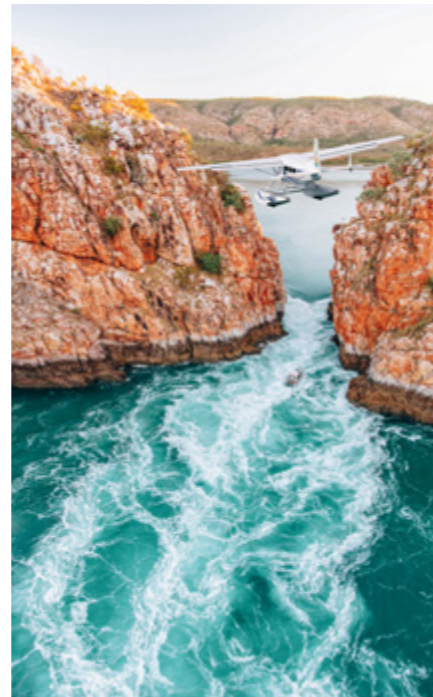
Alternative Tours

- Horizontal Falls Tour (Ex Derby)
- Horizontal Falls & Dampier Peninsula Discovery Tour (Ex Broome)
- Half Day Tour (Ex Cygnet Bay)
- Horizontal Falls Overnight Tour (Ex Cygnet Bay)

Horizontal Falls Tour (Ex Broome)
From \$975* per person

Inclusions:

- 6 hour tour including a scenic seaplane flight from Broome or Derby to Horizontal Falls
- Cooked breakfast or locally sourced Barramundi lunch
- Fast boat thrill ride through the Horizontal Falls
- The chance to swim or snorkel in our marine viewing enclosure
- Scenic cruise through nearby bays and creeks
- Coach transfers to and from your accommodation in Broome



*Terms & conditions apply, visit horizontalfallsadventures.com.au for details. Marine Park Fees are payable at the time of booking.



Where the outback meets the reef... With just fifteen eco-luxe wilderness tents and one honeymoon tent hidden amongst the dunes overlooking Ningaloo Reef, Sal Salis provides a unique place from which to explore Western Australia's Coral Coast and one of Australia's best kept natural secrets.

The camp lies amongst the sand dunes with Ningaloo Reef and its marine residents just a few metres off shore. The Ningaloo Reef is also acknowledged as the best place in the world to swim with the world's largest fish, the whale shark, as these gentle giants migrate through every year. Swimming with humpback whales is also a highlight for guests at Sal Salis during the months mid-March to July. Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef is open for stays between mid-March to mid-November. A minimum two night stay is required.

TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef
From \$795* per person, per night

Inclusions:

- Accommodation with eco en suite bathroom
- All-inclusive chef prepared meals and canapes
- Assortment of alcoholic & non-alcoholic drinks from a select open bar
- National Park entrance fees
- Guided wilderness activities such as sea kayaking and snorkelling on Ningaloo Reef and walks in the Cape Range National Park
- The use of non-motorised water sports equipment including kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, snorkelling equipment, and wetsuits.

Guided Gorge Walks

Early morning walks into Cape Range National Park provide a rugged and beautiful contrast to the reef and beach activities.

Sea Kayaking

Guided forays across the Ningaloo Reef reveal an array of colourful residents – fish, sea turtles, reef sharks, rays and corals.

Swim with the World's Largest Fish

Each year between mid-March and July whale shark tours operate. In these months you have the chance to swim with these slow-moving, gentle, filter feeding giants as they migrate past the Ningaloo Reef.



*Pricing based on low season (March & November) advanced purchase rate. Terms & conditions apply, visit salsalis.com.au for details. Whale shark and humpback whale optional tours at additional cost and subject to availability.

MELBOURNE SKYDECK



Standing proud at 300 metres tall, it's hard to miss Melbourne's gold-plated Eureka Tower.

Melbourne Skydeck at Eureka Tower has been transformed, revamped, and innovated from the ground floor all the way up to level 88. Renowned for its unparalleled views of Melbourne, Skydeck is now home to a brand new multi-sensory interactive experience that defies expectations and surprises all. The impressive Virtual Reality Voyager Theatre and augmented reality windows that will have you experiencing a whole new side to the city we love. It's Melbourne 'on another level'.

TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Skydeck
From \$30* per person

The only thing better than taking in the sights, sounds and colours of our favourite city is doing it from Melbourne's highest observation deck. The best way to see it all.

Virtual Reality Voyager Theatre
From \$15* per person

Just when you thought you knew virtual reality (VR), Skydeck's purpose-built Voyager VR Theatre, the only one in Australia, is here to show you its true potential. Strap in and prepare to be wowed.

Edge
From \$15* per person

There's the view. Then there's standing suspended 88 floors above the city with nothing but a transparent glass floor beneath you. This is the Edge. Are you game?

Plank
From \$9* per person

Can you handle walking the Plank - 88 levels high above Melbourne? This VR experience is a real challenge - even with your feet planted firmly on the ground!



*Terms & conditions apply, visit melbourneskydeck.com.au for details.

EUREKA 89



Eureka 89 combines a sophisticated dining experience with spectacular views of Melbourne and beyond.

One level up from Melbourne Skydeck, Eureka 89 takes dining in the foodie capital of Melbourne to new heights. Select from a range of chef-prepared tasting menus with the option to pair with fine wines. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion, treating yourself or just want to see Melbourne in another light, Eureka 89 will deliver an experience to remember.

ELEVATE YOUR SENSES

Creative and Contemporary
Victoria is blessed with some of Australia's finest food and wine producers with each dish at Eureka 89 showcasing seasonal local ingredients. Our Executive Chef works closely with local Victorian and Australian producers to craft five and seven-course tasting menus available for dinner bookings from Wednesday to Sunday. A four-course set menu available for Sunday lunch provides a shorter dining experience and is a feast for the senses.

Drinks with a View
Set the tone for your experience with a pre-dinner cocktail at Eureka 89's bar. With floor to ceiling windows, you'll be able to drink in the view while sipping on a seasonal cocktail or making your way through the wine list. Just as our tasting menus change to complement the seasons, so too does our cocktail list.



*Terms & conditions apply, visit eureka89.com.au for details.



Escape the crowds and experience one of the world's most iconic attractions in ultimate style. Cruise around the beautiful Sydney Harbour on our exclusive 78ft luxury vessel.

On our lunch cruise, we treat you to a delicious two-course menu, including a decadent dessert. If you're joining us on our dinner cruise, you'll enjoy a multi-course chef-designed menu featuring the best of New South Wales' ingredients, showcasing the multicultural influences of the Sydney dining scene. Pair these cruise menus with wines from some of New South Wales' most prestigious wine regions and you've got the perfect culinary experience. If you want to experience Sydney Harbour in true style, this is the cruise for you. We concentrate on the little things, and that's what makes a big difference.

TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

Dinner Cruise

All-Inclusive Dining Experience

From \$195* per person

Sydney Harbour is photogenic at any time of day, but as the sun sets and you get that pink glow, it really is something else. And of course, once the sun goes down, the city lights shine bright and you appreciate what a gleaming metropolis Sydney really is. Our dinner cruise allows you to see the Harbour from both perspectives, all in sublime comfort and style.

Inclusions:

- 3 hour, 3 course dinner cruise on Sydney Harbour
- 78ft luxury cruiser with 360 degree views of iconic Sydney attractions such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House
- Chef designed menu featuring seasonal and regionally sourced ingredients, served alongside wines from some of New South Wales' most prestigious wine regions
- Departing from King Street Wharf No. 8 at beautiful Darling Harbour, from Tuesday - Sunday (timetable may adjust according to season)

Lunch Cruise

All-Inclusive Dining Experience

From \$145* per person

Step on board and begin your Sydney Harbour adventure. Our modern 78ft cruiser is designed to feel luxurious and super comfortable, so you'll feel right at home. We depart from Darling Harbour and begin our cruise towards the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Inclusions:

- 2.5 hour, 2 course lunch cruise on Sydney Harbour
- 78ft luxury cruiser with 360 degree views of iconic Sydney attractions such as the Sydney Harbour Bridge and Sydney Opera House
- Chef designed menu featuring seasonal and regionally sourced ingredients, served alongside wines from some of New South Wales' most prestigious wine regions
- Departing from King Street Wharf No. 8 at beautiful Darling Harbour, from Tuesday - Sunday (timetable may adjust according to season)



*Terms & conditions apply, visit journeybeyondcruises.com for details.



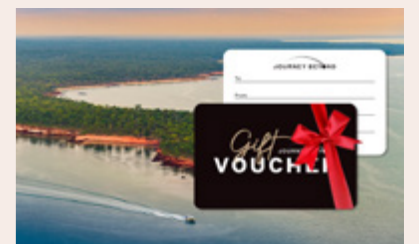
Memories to take with you

Looking for a memento of your journey or a gift for those you left behind?

Our online Journey Beyond Gift Shop features gifts and wearables from our iconic brands, including The Ghan, Indian Pacific, Outback Spirit and Sal Salis Ningaloo Reef, we have something for everyone. From smiling quokkas and fun puzzles to weekend bags, jackets and items featuring beautiful Indigenous prints, the gifts reflect the places, destinations and locations of our experiences, from the turquoise waters of the Whitsundays to the deep ochres of the Red Centre.

Take a reminder of your journey home with you, celebrate a travel memory with a souvenir, or give a gift in anticipation of a future adventure.

shop.journeybeyond.com



Give the gift of travel

What could be more special than the gift of travel? Spoil your loved one with the gift of choice: a Journey Beyond Gift Voucher. Redeemable across all of our iconic travel brands and valid for three years, our gift vouchers guarantee an unforgettable experience.

We know this land and we bring the best of it to life. From voyages across oceans to expeditions into our core, we transform amazing into breathtaking. With a Journey Beyond Gift Voucher, the anticipation builds from the gifting moment through booking and travel, with the memories made meaning the journey continues long after the experience has ended.

The best of life's experiences are shared. So, give the gift of travel and together, we'll share special places and shape lasting memories.

Pre & Post Tour Activities

We've put together a list of activities that may be of interest if you are looking to extend your journey at either end of your Outback Spirit adventure.

PERTH



Rottneest Island
Take a day trip from Perth to Western Australia's premier island getaway, Rottneest. The Island boasts unique plant and animal life, like the small marsupial called the 'Quokka'. Visitors can also experience Aboriginal, European, colonial, maritime, military and social heritage. Day tours available.



The Indian Pacific
From one side of the continent to the other, the Indian Pacific rail journey is one of the longest in the world. From the Blue Mountains to the plains of The Nullarbor desert, this awe inspiring trip runs from Sydney to Perth and vice versa. See page 219 for more details.

CAIRNS



Day tour to Kuranda by Skyrail and Scenic Railway
Visit the village in the rainforest using the award winning Kuranda Skyrail and Scenic Railway. The Skyrail Gondola ride is a spectacular journey along the top of the pristine rainforest. Enjoy the scenic rail journey back to Cairns.



Great Barrier Reef Cruise
There are a number of different options available to see the Great Barrier Reef depending on how much you want to do. Cruise to Green Island, home to a beautiful Coral Cay or for the more adventurous, join Ocean Spirit and head to Michaelmas Cay near the outer reef.

ADELAIDE



The Ghan, Great Southern or Indian Pacific
Start or finish your trip with an unforgettable journey on board The Ghan, Great Southern or Indian Pacific. See pages 216-220 for more details.

BROOME



Half Day scenic flight to the Horizontal Falls
Enjoy a half day flight to the spectacular Horizontal Waterfalls, landing on the pristine waters of Talbot Bay. Transfer to the jet boat for an exhilarating ride through the Horizontal Falls. Also fly over the Buccaneer Archipelago and Cape Leveque.



Camel Ride on Cable Beach
Soak up a magnificent west coast sunset on a late afternoon camel ride along the pristine Cable Beach. The famous Camel Train, an icon of Broome, walks the golden sands of Cable Beach looking out over the turquoise water of the Indian Ocean.

DARWIN



Mindil Beach Sunset Markets
On every Thursday and Sunday evening from April to October, locals and tourists gather for the renowned Mindil Beach Sunset Markets. Featuring varied food and craft stalls, the markets are a great night out.



The Ghan Rail Journey
Why not start or finish your tour with a journey through the heart of Australia on board the legendary Ghan, an icon of the Outback and one of the most fascinating train journeys in the world. See pages 216-217 for more details.

ALICE SPRINGS



Hot Air Balloon ride with Outback Ballooning
Enjoy a Northern Territory sunrise from a hot air balloon. Witness the spectacular colours of the MacDonnell Ranges as night turns to day. Includes chilled refreshments and hotel transfers.



The Ghan Rail Journey
Why not start or finish your tour with a journey through the heart of Australia on board the legendary Ghan, an icon of the Outback and one of the most fascinating train journeys in the world. See pages 216-217 for more details.

*Conditions and weight restrictions apply

Pre & Post Tour Accommodation

If you would like to spend extra time at a destination before or after your tour, our friendly travel consultants will happily book your accommodation.

CAIRNS



Shangri-La at the Marina
The Pier, Pier Point Road
Cairns QLD 4870

Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$330
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$330

BRISBANE



Royal On The Park Brisbane
152 Alice Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

Room Only*	\$215
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$215
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$258

ALICE SPRINGS



Mercure Alice Springs Resort
34 Stott Terrace
Alice Springs NT 0870

Room Only*	\$188
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$204
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$220

ADELAIDE



The Stamford Grand
Moseley Square
Glenelg SA 5045

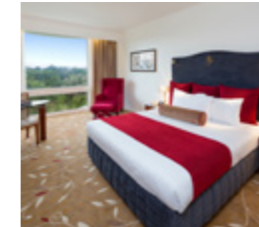
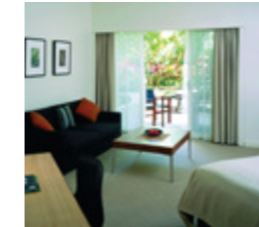
Room Only*	\$310
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$310
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$310

PERTH



Crown Promenade Perth
Great Eastern Highway
Perth WA 6100

Room Only*	\$257
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$278
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$300



DARWIN



DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
122 The Esplanade
Darwin NT 0800

	Season	Wet	Dry
Room Only*	\$215	\$387	
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$237	\$403	
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$269	\$419	

BROOME



Cable Beach Club Resort & Spa
Cable Beach Rd
Broome WA 6726

	Season	Low	High
Room Only*	\$548	\$640	
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$597	\$667	
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$640	\$699	

BROOME



Oaks Cable Beach
11 Oryx Road
Cable Beach WA 6726

Room Only*	\$355
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$380
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$405

HOBART



Hotel Grand Chancellor
1 Davey Street
Hobart TAS 7000

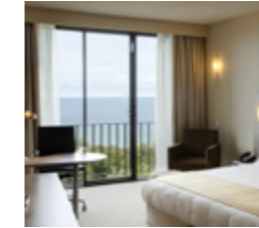
	Season	Low	High
Room Only*	\$290	\$370	
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$312	\$392	
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$333	\$425	

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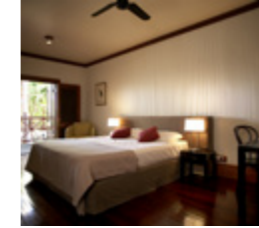


Walkabout Lodge
12 Westal Street
Nhulunbuy NT 0800

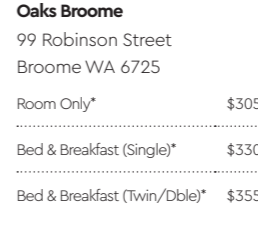
Room Only (Single)*	\$355
Room Only (Double)*	\$387
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$376
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$419



Wet Season: 1 February - 31 March 2023
Dry Season: 1 April - 30 September 2023



Low Season: 1-31 May 2023
High Season: 1 June - 30 September 2023
Please contact us for rates outside these dates
Surcharge may apply to August 2023 dates



Oaks Broome
99 Robinson Street
Broome WA 6725

Room Only*	\$305
Bed & Breakfast (Single)*	\$330
Bed & Breakfast (Twin/Dble)*	\$355



High Season: 31 Jan - 31 Mar 2023
Low Season: 1 Apr - 31 May 2023 & 1 Sep - 25 Dec 2023

*Pre & Post Accommodation rates subject to change. Please ask about current rates at time of booking.

Terms & Conditions

TRAVEL PERIOD 1 JANUARY 2023 – 31 DECEMBER 2023

By confirming a booking of a journey, you and all Passengers travelling under the booking are bound by this agreement, which is comprised of: (1) these standard terms and conditions, and (2) the Booking Confirmation.

1. BOOKING

CONFIRMED BOOKING Your booking of a journey is confirmed when:

- (1) you have made the booking, complete with all information we require;
- (2) you have paid us the Deposit (or other amounts owing at the time of booking), according to the terms of this agreement; and
- (3) we have sent you a Booking Confirmation.

INCLUSIONS All goods and services that are included in your journey are as listed in the brochure and the website as at the date of booking.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS Passengers must notify us of any special requirements (for example diet) at the time the booking is made. We will advise all third parties such as hotels and attractions of these requirements and will endeavour to ensure they are met. However, we cannot guarantee that all special requirements will be met in all instances.

2. PAYMENT

FARE The Fare for your journey is the amount stated in your Booking Confirmation. Fares are per person twin share. Single supplements are applicable for single travellers requesting single accommodation. Forced singles are also required to pay the single supplement (land adventures). There are 2 fare tiers:

- **Everyday** fares – for standard booking conditions
- **Fully Flexible** fares – for maximum booking flexibility

All fares include Australian Goods and Services Tax (GST) and are quoted in Australian Dollars (\$AUD).

DEPOSITS To confirm a tour booking, payment must be made at the time of making the reservation. A Deposit or full Fare, depending on the fare type chosen, is payable at the time of booking by direct deposit or credit card.

For **Everyday** fares the booking deposit will be 25% of the tour fare per person For **Everyday Past Passenger** fares the booking deposit will be 15% of the tour fare per person.

For **Fully Flexible** fares the booking deposit will be 100% of the tour fare per person.

PAYMENT Where applicable, the Balance (the difference between the Deposit and the Fare) must be received no later than 100 days prior to the date of travel. For bookings made within 100 days of the date of travel, the Balance will be required within 7 days, and in all cases before the date of travel.

CREDIT CARDS We accept Visa and Mastercard. Charges of 1% apply.

3. LUGGAGE LIMITS

Each Passenger is entitled to take one medium size suitcase or soft bag weighing no more than 16 kg. The sum of each case's width, length and depth is not to exceed 150cm. Passengers may also take on board the coach one hand-luggage item to be stored in the overhead luggage racks. Weight of hand luggage is not to exceed 3 kg per person.

Exceptions Due to operational considerations, some of our adventures and shorts breaks have different luggage restrictions.

- Desert Safaris: Weight of suitcase/soft bag not to exceed 14kgs
- Wet Season Spectacular: Weight of suitcase/soft bag not to exceed 12kgs
- Seven Spirit Bay Short Breaks & Eyre Peninsula Whale & Seafood Adventures: Weight of suitcase/soft bag not to exceed 15kgs

Please note that Luggage limits are enforced on every tour. Passengers will be asked to leave their excess baggage behind in the event that the weight of the luggage exceeds our limits. The luggage is entirely at the passenger's risk during the tour.

4. TRAVEL INSURANCE

Outback Spirit strongly recommends passengers take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances. We recommend that you do this at the time of booking.

5. ON BOARD WITH US

NO SMOKING POLICY Our vessels and vehicles are all entirely smoke free in accordance with relevant state and territory government regulations. Passengers are not to smoke (including e-cigarettes) while on board.

SEAT ALLOCATIONS Seat allocations on board Outback Spirit vehicles operate with a daily seat rotation system to ensure passengers enjoy different seating positions whilst on tour.

HEALTH

• **Vaccination Policy** Covid-19 vaccinations will be mandatory for all guests; exemptions will be granted where they have a verified contraindication to all available COVID vaccines. Exempt guests will be required to record a negative PCR test no more than 72 hours prior to their journey. If you are not or will not be vaccinated against COVID prior to travel, please contact our friendly travel consultants to discuss.

• **Fitness** Most of our tour itineraries contain guided sightseeing walks to natural attractions. As such, passengers are required to have a reasonable level of fitness in order to participate. Some walking tracks have sections of uneven rocky ground and may be slippery. The walks on our tours vary in length, so please read your chosen itinerary for further information or contact one of our friendly travel consultants who will be able to describe the walk to you. If passengers feel they are unable to participate in the walk on the day, alternative arrangements will be made with adequate provision for passenger comfort and safety.

• **Hydration** Whilst on a bushwalk it is the responsibility of each passenger to carry adequate drinking water. All Outback Spirit coaches feature a water refilling point.

• **Mobility** Passengers are required to have a reasonable level of mobility to be able to board and alight the coach unaided. Due to space restrictions aboard our coaches, we are unable to accommodate passengers who require the use of wheelchairs or walkers. Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair ramps or lifters. Passengers requiring physical or mental assistance must be accompanied by a companion who is willing and capable of providing such assistance.

ENJOYMENT Outback Spirit will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour. However, no liability will be accepted for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances which are out of our control.

SAFETY Passengers accept that tours include participation in Recreational Services and Recreational Activities which may involve certain risks and dangers beyond the control of Outback Spirit. Such activities containing risks include but are not limited to: bush walking, swimming, and travelling in remote undeveloped locations. The passenger acknowledges that all Recreational Services and Recreational Activities in connection with the journey are undertaken of the passenger's own free will and at the passenger's own risk.

Passengers will not be permitted to continue on tours when in the opinion of the Outback Spirit Tour Leader, the passenger's conduct or condition is placing their own or the safety of other passengers at risk, or is adversely affecting the enjoyment of other passengers; for whatever cause.

TRAVELLING TO REMOTE AREAS Passengers accept that some itineraries include visits to and overnight stays in remote areas located some distance from hospitals, medical centres or other forms of professional medical facilities. This is particularly the case for Outback Spirit's Desert Safaris which travel through extremely remote country for days on end.

6. AMENDMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

GUEST AMENDMENTS (STANDARD) For Outback Spirit land adventures only: Subject to availability, you may amend your booking. If an alternate date is unavailable or unsuitable and you cannot travel on the original date your booking will be subject to our standard cancellation terms detailed below.

Amendments for **Everyday** and **Everyday Past Passenger** bookings are permitted up to 45 days prior to departure. Amendment fees from any third parties who are supplying components of the booking (for example hotels or attractions) may apply.

Amendments for **Fully Flexible** bookings are permitted up to 1 day prior to departure.

For all bookings (**Everyday, Everyday Past Passenger and Fully Flexible**):

- Transferring to a new calendar year will attract the applicable tour fare for that season
- Amendment fees from any third parties who are supplying components of the booking (for example hotels or attractions) may apply
- Guests will be subject to any fare differences which may apply when amending travel date

GUEST AMENDMENTS (DUE TO GOVERNMENT ENACTED BORDER CLOSURES) Amendments for **Everyday** and **Everyday Past Passenger** bookings within 45 days of travel up until departure date (due to Government enacted border closures) can be moved to any future travel date (pricing honoured until December 2024) or receive a future travel voucher. This voucher will be valid for a period of 24 months from your original tour departure date and can be used for any Journey Beyond travel experience. Amendment fees from any third parties who are supplying components of the booking (for example hotels or attractions) may apply. Amendments for **Fully Flexible** bookings are permitted up to 1 day prior to departure.

GUEST CANCELLATIONS If you cancel your booking with us, you must notify us in writing or by email to info@outbackspirit.net.au and pay a cancellation fee in the amount set out below.

Everyday Cancellation Rules

TIMING OF GUEST CANCELLATION	CANCELLATION FEE
More than 45 days prior to departure	25% of total fare
Less than 45 days prior to departure	100% of total fare

Everyday Past Passenger Cancellation Rules

TIMING OF GUEST CANCELLATION	CANCELLATION FEE
More than 100 days prior to departure	15% of total fare
Between 46 – 100 days prior to departure	25% of total fare
Less than 45 days prior to departure	100% of total fare

Fully Flexible Cancellation Rules

TIMING OF GUEST CANCELLATION	CANCELLATION FEE
Up until 1 day prior to departure	Fully refundable. No fee applies.

OUR AMENDMENTS Passengers accept that we may need to alter or amend itineraries, excursions, accommodation or sightseeing arrangements from those published, with little or no notice. This may be due to road conditions, weather, cultural considerations, safety factors and other operational considerations or government regulations or directions. Such decisions will be made in the best interests of the passenger's comfort and safety, or where required by law. In these circumstances Outback Spirit will endeavour to make suitable alternative arrangements which may include the use of light aircraft.

OUR CANCELLATIONS If an event occurs that is outside of our control and not reasonably foreseeable or preventable by our business and this event leads to the suspension or cancellation of your tour booking, we will provide you with a credit voucher equal to the value of the monies paid for that booking. This voucher will be valid for a period of 24 months from your original tour departure date and can be used for any Journey Beyond travel experience. Amendment fees from any third parties who are supplying components of the booking (for example hotels or attractions) may apply. No amendment fee applies for **Fully Flexible** fare bookings.

7. OUR OPERATIONS

RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY Outback Spirit accepts no responsibility or liability for any injury, loss, damage, change of itinerary or inconvenience caused either directly or indirectly as a result of events which are outside of our control, including but not limited to: fires, floods, acts of God, unusually severe weather, riot, war, invasion, medical outbreak or contamination of any kind, material change in legislation or government directions, industrial action or commercial flight disruptions.

Passengers are advised that the service provided by Outback Spirit is for the booking and packaging of goods and services provided by other operators such as hotels, motels, attractions, cruise lines, airlines and other transportation companies. Outback Spirit will not be liable for any loss, damage, omission or act of negligence or otherwise committed by these operators, their assignees or agents.

Outback Spirit is unable to guarantee exact arrival or departure times and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other service or guarantee the operation of any particular service.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION Should any dispute arise between Outback Spirit and a Passenger, the parties agree that formal proceedings in a Court or Tribunal will not commence until after the following process has been followed:

- A party provides written notice specifying the nature of the dispute ("the notice").
- The parties will in good faith attempt to resolve the dispute.
- If the dispute is not resolved within 7 days of receipt of the notice, the parties agree to refer the dispute to mediation administered by the Australian Disputes Centre and conducted in accordance with the ADC Guidelines for Commercial Mediation.
- If there is no resolution to the dispute at the expiration of 30 days from the receipt of the notice, formal proceedings may be commenced.

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You means the person or entity that made the booking and is named in the Booking Confirmation.

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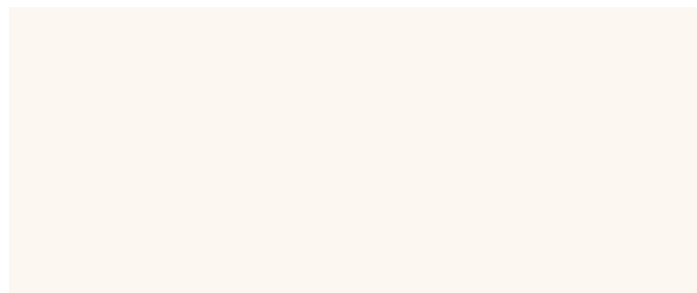
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