



12 Day North to South Australia Tour

Darwin to Alice Springs, Uluru, Coober Pedy and Roxby Downs to Adelaide . . .

\$4995 incl GST

per person twin share **ALL INCLUSIVE 12 DAYS**

DEPARTS Tues 26 June 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Depart Sydney Airport en route to Darwin. We travel south to the Adelaide River War Cemetery and on to Katherine. Mataranka Thermal Pools, Daly Waters and on to Cape Crawford and Borroloola. Experience the pristine wilderness of the "Lost City" before travelling across the vast Mitchell Grass Plains to Barkly

Homestead. Visit to the old Tennant Creek Telegraph Station, and Tennant Creek. Devil's Marbles and Barrow Creek and on to Alice Springs. Experience Alice Springs with a two night stay, explore the Western Macdonnells, Simpson Gap, Standley Chasm, Namitjira's Twin Gums and grave, Connellan Airways and much more. Travel Erdunda Desert Oaks Resort and on to explore Kings Canyon, climb Uluru (Ayers Rock), walk through Kata Tjuta's Olga Gorge. Marla to Coober Pedy through the Breakaways. Town and mine tour, opal cutting demonstrations. Explore Space Park at Woomera, on to Roxby Downs township. Exclusive surface tour of the giant Olympic Dam Mine. Travel through Port Augusta to Clare Valley for wine tasting and then to Adelaide for your escorted return flight to Sydney.

DAY 1 | Tuesday 26 June 2012 . . . let's escape the city!

You will be met at Sydney Airport by your Tour Director, who will accompany you on a daytime Qantas flight to Brisbane and on to Darwin. In Darwin we board our 6 star luxury coach and travel south along the Stuart Highway to Adelaide River. Here we enjoy a special Barramundi lunch at the Adelaide River Hotel before visiting the War Cemetery. Then on to the old gold mining town of Pine Creek before we arrive in Katherine for our stay at the Knott's Crossing Resort. (D)

DAY 2 | Wednesday 27 June 2012 . . . we of the Never Never!

This morning we travel south along the Stuart Highway to Mataranka and a chance to swim in the warm Thermal Pools. Then on to the Daly Waters Pub for lunch. In the afternoon we travel to Cape Crawford and on to Borroloola for our stay at the Savannah Way Motel. (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | Thursday 28 June 2012 . . . the Lost City!

Today, we explore the remote Borroloola and the Port of Bing Bong before making our way south to board our exclusive flights into the "Lost City". This pristine wilderness is only reached by helicopter, so few travellers have ever had the opportunity to experience this most amazing "wonder" of Australia. The giant columns and beautiful landscapes, together with the unique plant and animal life will enchant you. After this experience we return to Borroloola and our accommodation. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | Friday 29 June 2012 . . . Mitchell grass and no trees!

After a sumptuous breakfast we depart for our early morning drive to Cape Crawford and then down the Tablelands Highway across the vast Mitchell Grass Plains (360 degrees and not a tree in sight!) to Barkly Homestead for lunch. Then settle back as we make our way back to the Stuart Highway and on to explore the old Tennant Creek Telegraph Station. Overnight stay at the Bluestone Motor Inn. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | Saturday 30 June 2012 . . . the mysterious Devil's Marbles!

We explore the Devil's Marbles which in Aboriginal mythology are the eggs of the Rainbow Serpent. Then south visiting Wycliffe Wells, Barrow Creek and Aileron before reaching Alice Springs. We enjoy a two night stay at the Aurora Alice Springs Hotel right on Todd Mall. Tonight you'll enjoy the unique tastes of bush foods at the fabulous Red Ochre Restaurant. (B,L,D)

DAY 6 | Sunday 1 July 2012 . . . exploring the Alice!

This morning we travel the Western Macdonnells to Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Namatjira's twin ghost gums and grave, Connellan Airways and much more, leaving the afternoon to shop and explore this unique place. We dine again at the Red Ochre Grill and afterwards, some of our group will take a limousine to the Lassiter's Casino to watch the locals at work. (B,D)

DAY 7 | Monday 2 July 2012 . . . into Kings Canyon!

Today we leave Alice Springs and make our way down the Stuart Highway to Erldunda for a great morning tea. We travel on to Kings Canyon; here you'll have a chance to "walk the rim" or stroll up the canyon after lunch before returning to Erldunda Desert Oaks Resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 | Tuesday 3 July 2012 . . . Uluru and Kata Tjuta!

We travel to Mt Connor and Uluru today. We make our way into the Uluru Kata Tjuta NP (Ayers Rock) in time to climb or walk the base. The choice is yours. Yea! We came, we saw, we conquered!. We visit the Cultural Centre and then Yulara Resort township for lunch and the chance to shop. In the afternoon we head off to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) for a canyon walk in Olga Gorge, upon our return, we watch the tourists at Sunset Strip as the colour of the Rock changes with the setting sun. Here you'll be treated to our own Black Tie champagne service. We have dinner at the Outback Pioneer Hotel Aussie BBQ, before settling down for our late return to Erldunda. (B,D)

DAY 9 | Wednesday 4 July 2012 . . . into some remote areas!

This morning we depart south to Marla (at the head of the Oodnadatta Track) and on to the mysterious Breakaways with its myriad of colours (Priscilla, Mad Max. Pitch Black and other movies were made here!) Then on to Coober Pedy for a fabulous town and opal mine tour complete with opal cutting and polishing displays and the chance to purchase that special item!! Overnight stay at the Opal Inn. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 | Thursday 5 July 2012 . . . Woomera rockets and history!

Today we leave the surreal landscape of Coober Pedy and travel south to Glendambo (pop 50 humans, 500,000 sheep and 50 Million Blowflies) and then on to Woomera. Here we have a chance to relive those heady days when Australia entered the space race; you'll explore Space Park and this virtual ghost town. Then off again travelling to Roxby Downs and our overnight stay at the Roxby Downs Motor Inn. (B,L,D)

DAY 11 | Friday 6 July 2012 . . . exploring Australia's richest mine!

This morning we enjoy a guided tour of the incredible Olympic Dam Mine which produces copper, gold, silver and uranium. You'll marvel at the sheer size of the project in this most remote location before we depart and travel to Port Augusta and on to the Clare Valley. We enjoy an exclusive wine tasting and our stay at the Clare Valley Motor Inn. (B,L,D)

DAY 12 | Saturday 7 July 2012 . . . to beautiful Adelaide

We depart this wonderland and travel to Adelaide in time to board our Qantas flight to Sydney. (B,L)

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