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## CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

**17 DAY TOUR**

Departing: Wednesday 01 June 2022

Returning: Friday 17 June 2022



**TOUR COST:**

\$6455 per person Twin/Double Share

\$8195 Sole Occupancy

## PICK UP TIMES:

**7.10am** Crawford Street, Queanbeyan  
**7.30am** Bay 1, Woden Bus Interchange

**7.50am** West Row Bus Stop, City  
**8.00am** Riggall Place, Lyneham

### **DAY 1: (LD) HOME TO NARRANDERA: Wednesday 01 June 2022**

Welcome to our incredible tour to the beating heart of Australia – the **Red Centre**. Truly one of Australia's more fascinating outback destinations, Alice Springs acquaints us to the Red Centre while iconic landmarks of Uluru and Kata Tjuta will stir our souls with their stunning beauty. After an early lunch stop in **Gundagai**, we stop to visit the **June Licorice & Chocolate Factory**, one of only three manufacturers of organic licorice in the world. We enjoy a tour including the history on the facility and a chance to taste their mouthwatering creations. This afternoon we arrive in **Narrandera** where we have time to freshen up before dinner. Newell Motor Inn, Narrandera | (02 6959 2877)

### **DAY 2: (BD) NARRANDERA TO MILDURA: Thursday 02 June 2022**

Crossing the **Hay Plain**, we arrive at the **Balranald Discovery Centre** which comprises of three key buildings, the Interpretive Pavilion, the Visitor Information Centre and the Discovery Café – where we enjoy afternoon tea. The precinct also includes historical buildings such as The Museum and Old Gaol. We continue to **Mildura** for our overnight stay. Best Western Chaffey International Motor Inn, Mildura | (03 5023 5833)

### **DAY 3: (BLD) MILDURA TO PORT PIRIE: Friday 03 June 2022**

Starting the day, we follow the Murray River via historic **Overland Corner**, a charming rest spot for drovers moving stock between NSW and SA last century. Built from sandstone cut from a nearby quarry, the hotel, where we enjoy lunch, houses memorabilia taking us on a journey back in time. This afternoon we continue through Burra and onto **Port Pirie**, located on the Spencer Gulf. John Pirie Motor Inn, Port Pirie | (08 8632 4200)

### **DAY 4: (BLD) PORT PIRIE TO GLENDAMBO: Saturday 04 June 2022**

Our first stop this morning is in **Woomera**, home to the testing site of long-range missiles and rockets. It remains the largest land-based range in the world and we have a chance to discover its interesting history at the **Heritage Centre**. After lunch here we continue to **Glendambo** for our overnight stay. Glendambo Hotel Motel, Glendambo | (08 8672 1030)

### **DAY 5: (BLD) GLENDAMBO TO MARLA: Sunday 05 June 2022**

Continuing along the Stuart Highway, look out the window at the seemingly endless horizon where you truly get a sense of how vast this area is. We skirt Coober Pedy before arriving in **Marla**. Travellers Rest Hotel Motel, Marla | (08 8670 7001)

### **DAY 6: (BLD) MARLA TO ALICE SPRINGS: Monday 06 June 2022**

We continue through the vast, arid areas of far northern South Australia before crossing the border into the **Northern Territory**. We enjoy lunch at **Desert Oaks Resort Roadhouse** in Eridunda before continuing to **Alice Springs**. We settle into our hotel before dinner. Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters | (08 8950 7777)

### **DAY 7: (BD) ALICE SPRINGS: Tuesday 07 June 2022**

Today we uncover the highlights of Alice Springs. We begin with a visit to **ANZAC Hill** for panoramic views of the town and surrounding area. Next, we visit the **Old Telegraph Station** and the original Alice Springs. With incredible indoor and outdoor displays, the story of the connection of Australia and the rest of the world through telegraph communication unfolds. At the **Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS)**, we hear the incredible story of one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organizations in the world. Using the latest aviation, medical and communication technology, the RFDS delivers extensive primary health care and 24-hour emergency service to those who live, work and travel throughout remote Australia. Spending the afternoon at **Araluen Cultural Precinct**, we immerse ourselves in the cultural and heritage of Central Australia through visual and performing art. Learn about the Aboriginal dreaming and discover local identities that helped shape and develop the region. Tonight, we head to **Earth Sanctuary – a World Nature Centre at Quandong Homestead** to enjoy a mouth-watering bush BBQ. We'll be treated to music, entertainment and experience the spirit of the outback through stories of Aboriginal dreamtime. What an incredible day! Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters | (08 8950 7777)

### **DAY 8: (BD) ALICE SPRINGS: Wednesday 08 June 2022**

We take a look at **School of the Air**, a service dedicated to educating students in remote areas. We spend the rest of our morning at the **Alice Springs Desert Park**, where we immerse ourselves in the beauty and mystery of Australia's amazing deserts. Wander through desert botanical habitats, explore a living culture with Aboriginal guides or see rare or endangered animals in the nocturnal house. There are also daily programs to interact and learn from the experienced guides and zookeepers. We have an afternoon at leisure before meeting the group for dinner at our hotel. Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters | (08 8950 7777)

### **DAY 9: (BLD) ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON: Thursday 09 June 2022**

This morning we take in the majestic **Western MacDonnell Ranges**. The landscape in this area is outstanding! We stop at **Simpsons Gap** to see the soaring cliffs and alluring water hole before continuing to see the towering walls of **Standley Chasm**. Admire the glow from the reflecting sunlight to create a breathtaking display of colour, making it a must-see experience. We continue to **Hermannsburg Historic Precinct** where we can look through the restored buildings and various artworks on display before our delicious lunch. We arrive at **Kings Canyon**, our overnight stop. This special space in

440 million years in the making and its ancient beauty creates an unforgettable outback adventure. Kings Canyon Resort | (08 8956 7442)

**DAY 10: (BLD) KINGS CANYON TO YULARA: Friday 10 June 2022**

We have an early start to beat the heat and appreciate the best this region has to offer. We enjoy the gentle 2.6km **Kings Creek Walk** that follows a trail between the two soaring canyon walls. As we arrive at the lookout point, we are welcomed with spectacular views. We farewell this incredible location begin our drive to **Yulara**, the township borne from its proximity to **Uluru**. After settling into our hotel, we head out to **Sunset Strip** to experience the remarkable show the sunset creates on Uluru. Watch as the hues change from reds to oranges and even to lilac while the sun dips into the horizon. The perfect welcome to this magical place. Voyages Sails in the Desert, Yulara | (08 8957 7888)

**DAY 11: (BD) ULURU & KATA TJUTA: Saturday 11 June 2022**

This morning begins a spiritual journey. For the early risers amongst us, the **Sunrise Viewing Area** is the perfect place to experience the first glimpse of the day and some brilliant photo opportunities. Meeting our guide, we experience the **Mala Walk** along part of the base of Uluru, unearthing stories of the rock and its powerful significance to the Anangu Traditional Owners. Spending time at the **Cultural Centre**, we'll absorb more of this ancient culture. Our afternoon is devoted to witnessing **Kata Tjuta**, the place of many domes. Wander the paths that trail through this ancient place we'll enjoy outstanding views from the observation deck. As darkness falls, the incredible **Field of Light** comes alive. Created by internationally renowned artist, Bruce Monroe, the 50,000 spindles of light, illuminate the desert floor as far as they eye can see. Voyages Sails in the Desert, Yulara | (08 8957 7888)

**DAY 12: (BLD) YULARA TO COOBER PEDY: Sunday 12 June 2022**

We have a long travel day as we head across the border into South Australia. This afternoon we arrive in **Coober Pedy** – Australia's opal capital. Beneath the ground, there is a labyrinth of underground houses, hotels and even shops tucked beneath the earths surface to escape the extreme heat in summer. **The Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy** | (1800 088 521)

**DAY 13: (BD) COOBER PEDY: Monday 13 June 2022**

Our day begins with a visit to **Umoona Opal Mine**. Our local guide will introduce us to the region's history of Aboriginal and European settlement, view the story of the opal in an underground theatre and see fossil remains from the inland sea that once covered the area. Golf enthusiast will enjoy the visit to Coober Pedy **Opal Fields Golf Course**, the only course in the world with reciprocal rights to Saint Andrews (the home of golf) in Scotland. Our sightseeing continues with the **Big Winch Lookout** and an **underground church**. After an interesting morning, we have time to wander the town to purchase lunch before heading to the **Breakaways**. This reserve consists of spectacular flat-topped, colourful mounds that have risen from the desert floor. Dinner tonight will be at **John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant**. **The Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy** | (1800 088 521)

**DAY 14: (BLD) COOBER PEDY TO PORT AUGUSTA: Tuesday 14 June 2022**

With a travel day ahead as we make our way to **Port Augusta**, stopping for convenience breaks and to enjoy our packed lunch. We have time to freshen up before enjoying dinner in the hotel. **Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta** | (08 8642 4033)

**DAY 15: (BLD) PORT AUGUSTA TO BARMERA: Wednesday 15 June 2022**

This morning we make our way to **Burra**. Once a thriving copper mining hub, the mine was responsible for saving the state from bankruptcy in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century as at the time it was the largest and wealthiest metal producing mines in Australia. As a result, the town has an outstanding collection of structures recognized by the National Trust. Heading into the South Australia Riverland district, we arrive at our destination of **Barmera**, set on the banks of **Lake Bonney**. Warmly welcomed at our hotel, we'll enjoy a pre-dinner drink at the bar before our evening meal. **Comfort Inn & Suites Riverland, Barmera** | (08 8588 2888)

**DAY 16: (BD) BARMERA TO HAY: Thursday 16 June 2022**

Travelling into Mildura we stop at **Woodsies Gem Shop** to enjoy lunch and a peek through this vast gemstone cutting and jewellery manufacturing complex. We have a chance to stretch our legs in Balranald before arriving in **Hay** for our final night on tour. **Cobb Inlander Motel, Hay** | (02 6993 1901)

**DAY 17: (BL) HAY TO HOME: Friday 17 June 2022**

With our bags packed, we begin our journey back to Canberra. After our farewell lunch in **Wagga Wagga**, we arrive home with incredible memories from our Red Centre adventure



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