

GENERAL INFORMATION

YOUR FARE INCLUDES:

- Travel in a 5 star climate controlled luxury touring coach with standard safety measures (seat belts) and the latest inclusions such as leather seats, PA system, DVD player and iPod connectivity.
- Unique Expedition Wagon featuring built-in kitchen with water and food storage.
- Professional coach Captain and host/cook. Experienced and fully trained crew to meet high standards.
- Superior pyramid tents for two. Easy to erect, built-in floor and vinyl covered foam mattress.
- Freshly cooked meals. Experienced cooks have a well earned reputation for preparing superb camp meals of a high quality. Meals that are included are coded: B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.
- All camping and entrance fees as per your itinerary are included.
- Economy class air fares with Qantas Airlines.

YOUR FARE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Any optional sightseeing
- Travel insurance

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Banks with ATM access are not always readily available. Please keep this in mind when packing.

Passengers are requested to assist with camp duties as the success of the adventure depends on the individual's willingness to lend a hand and become part of a team. Camp duties include assisting with the preparation and serving of meals, loading and unloading of the equipment.

Your baggage should weigh no more than 15 kilograms. As there is a large amount of camping equipment carried on these adventures, it is important to keep luggage to a minimum. Please do not bring swags.



SUGGESTED LIST OF ITEMS TO PACK

- Jeans/pants
- Tracksuit pants
- Jumper
- Shorts
- Pyjamas
- T-shirts
- Swimwear
- Wide brim hat
- Torch
- Underwear
- Waterproof jacket
- Towels
- 2 litre Camelbak water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Rubber - soled walking shoes
- Sandals/thongs
- Small daypack
- Camera
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Personal care items – ie sanitary products, medication, throat lozenges, hydralyte tablets and sunblock
- Eating utensils – all passengers to supply their own dilly bag with plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon and a tea towel.

PLEASE NOTE:

It is suggested you pack sufficient clothing to last for a week as there are limited opportunities to wash and dry your clothes.



Central Australia CAMPING ADVENTURE



9 DAY COACH & AIR ITINERARY

Wednesday May 3 to
Thursday May 11, 2017

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ITINERARY

DAY
1

WEDNESDAY
MAY 3

Depart from Lilydale High School at 10.30 am and commence our exciting 9 Day Camping adventure to Central Australia. Our first day of our excursion is continuous travel on our way to Coober Pedy. Travelling through Melbourne to connect onto the Western Highway and then through Ballarat, Ararat, Horsham, Bordertown and Murray Bridge. Join the Stuart Highway and continue via Port Augusta and Glendambo. Meals whilst travelling on express sections are at passengers own expense.

DAY
3

FRIDAY MAY 5
(BLD)

After breakfast this morning continue on through Kulgera as we enjoy the vast outback scenery on our way to Uluru passing Mt. Connor en - route which is often mistaken for Uluru. Enjoy a short walk to the salt lake opposite the Mt Connor lookout. In the afternoon visit the Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre operated by the Anangu people the traditional owners of Uluru. The centre consists of 2 buildings shaped to represent the ancestral snakes of Kuniya and Liru. Learn about the culture and Tjukurpa (Aboriginal Law) of the Anangu and inspect the Makuru Arts and Craft Gallery. Opportunity tonight to witness and photograph the many changes of colour of Uluru at sunset. Overnight camp for the next 2 nights is at the Ayers Rock Resort Caravan Park.

Emergency Contact: (08) 8957 7001

DAY
2

THURSDAY MAY 4
(LD)

Breakfast this morning is in Coober Pedy at your own expense. After breakfast enjoy a locally guided tour including visits to an underground home and church. Tour Umoona Opal Mine, once an actual working mine. Enjoy a demonstration of opal cutting and the polishing of opals. From here we continue with a visit to the Breakaway Reserve which is famous for several movies which has been filmed here. (Subject to road and weather conditions) In the afternoon travel onto Marla to set up camp before dinner tonight. Camp tonight at the Marla Travellers Rest Campground.

Emergency contact: (08) 8670 7021

DAY
4

SATURDAY MAY 6
(BLD)

Today is sure to be a day of memorable sightseeing within the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. Commence with an early start as we view the sunrise over Uluru. After breakfast we take a short journey to the Olgas known to the aboriginals as Kata Tjuta (meaning many heads). On arrival the size and grandeur of the 36 massive domes will impress you. These ancient weather beaten mountains covering an area of 3500 hectares are far larger and just as imposing as Uluru. An exciting 2 hour walk into the "Valley of the Winds" will see you dwarfed by the near vertical walls of the domes. From the lookout you can gaze down the central valley of Kata Tjuta. Our afternoon touring includes a leisurely drive around the base of Uluru stopping off at a number of interesting features of the monolith including a leisurely walk into the Mutijulu Waterhole. It is essential to wear good walking shoes and carry a supply of water.



DAY
5

SUNDAY MAY 7
(BLD)

This morning travel north along the Stuart Highway via Erldunda and Mt. Ebenezer to arrive at Kings Canyon, Northern Territory's most spectacular gorge. This afternoon is free to relax at the caravan park. Camp at the Kings Canyon Frontier Caravan Park, for the next 2 nights.

Emergency contact: (08) 8956 7442

DAY
7

TUESDAY MAY 9
(BLD)

This morning we re- trace our steps as we return to the Stuart Highway and continue north to Alice Springs stopping off at the Camel Farm for lunch. Here you have the opportunity to enjoy an optional ride on a camel. Then it's on to Alice Springs via Simpson's Gap to enjoy a walk along the lovely river bed with gum scenery, white sands and a chance to see some rock wallabies. Arrive in Alice Springs in the afternoon in time to enjoy a swim in the four new heated swimming pools at the Holiday Park before dinner. Camp for the next 2 nights at the MacDonnell Range Holiday Park with its great facilities.

Emergency contact Tel: (08) 8952 6111

DAY
8

WEDNESDAY MAY 10
(BLD)

This morning we journey into the surrounding native area of Alice Springs and meet our guides who will introduce you the traditional Aboriginal people still "Living their Culture" in today's social climate. Be introduced to topics such as Dreamtime and spiritual beliefs, bush survival and the marriage and social system. Sample a witchetty grub, or some kangaroo tail, as you learn about bushtucker, hunting and gathering and weaponry, all of which will be presented for your interest in easy comprehensive manner. Gain full understanding of this fascinating culture both past and present, and learn how it and the aboriginal people fit into today's society. There is a rare opportunity to meet and interact firsthand with traditional people from the Walpiri tribe and the opportunity to purchase some original artifacts. After an early lunch we will split into 2 groups for sightseeing in Alice Springs. Coach #3 1.00pm. Commence with a visit to the Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre for a short film and presentation on the history and how the school works today with its up to date facilities. Coach #3 3.00pm. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to learn about how this marvellous facility operates to provide a "Mantle of Safety" to the people in the outback. Coach #4 RFDS at 1.00pm, School of the Air at 2.30pm. Coaches 3 and 4 4.30 pm. Guided tour and visit to the Old Telegraph Station, the original birth place of Alice Springs. Included also in our day is a visit to Anzac Hill for the panoramic views from the lookout. From the top one can see the modern Alice Springs township and beyond to the MacDonnell Ranges that form the southern boundary to the town.

DAY
6

MONDAY MAY 8
(BLD)

An early start today will be rewarded with the morning climb to the top of the canyon rim with spectacular views. This is by far the most impressive walk associated with Kings Canyon. It takes you around the rim of the canyons sandstone walls which formed when small cracks over time eroded to create the spectacular canyons we have today. Sandstone domes can be found throughout the canyon are looked at as bee - hive in appearance as well as impressive weathered formations that resemble the remains of an Aztec - City, earning the opt name Lost City. The walk takes you down into the garden of Eden, a chasm between the sandstone cliffs into a true oasis. We then return to the caravan park for an afternoon of leisure, perhaps a swim in the pool or for those interested enjoy an optional helicopter ride into Kings Canyon.



DAY
9

THURSDAY MAY 11
(B)

After breakfast this morning our final pack begins as we transfer to the Alice Springs Airport to board our Qantas flight (QF 797) departing at 12.40 pm direct to Melbourne. Our flight arrives back in the Tullamarine Airport at 3.45pm. Upon arrival in Melbourne our transfer coaches will take us back to the Lilydale High School to arrive at approximately 5.45pm.

INCLUSION OF MEALS CODE:

B = breakfast L = lunch D= dinner
(21 meals in total)