



BIRDSVILLE - INNAMINCKA – CORNER COUNTRY

10 Days / 9 Nights

Tour begins and ends in Charleville

Cost: \$2987.00 Per Person (twin share)(excludes rail)

Single Supplement \$470.00

Booking conditions apply - Non-Smokers only

2010 Departure Dates: 26 May, 23 June, 14 July, 8 & 22 Sept.

WEDNESDAY (LUNCH, AFTERNOON TEA & DINNER)

Options to join this great outback experience include travelling on The Westlander train, which arrives at 11.45am on the Wednesday, fly with Qantaslink or self-drive (car/caravan parking available whilst you are on tour).

12.00pm-Your adventure to the Outback will commence in Charleville when Graham & Deb from Travel West will meet you off the train or as pre-arranged. Enjoy lunch around the campfire at Graham & Deb's before a very informative tour of historic Hotel Coronas. Visit the multi million-dollar Cosmos Centre for a totally unique galactic experience and afternoon tea. Dinner this evening will be at the RSL before we return to the Cosmos Centre for the Night Sky Show in the Observatory. Bring along a warm jacket, scarf and beanie as the evenings can get quite cold.

Accommodation: Warrego Motel,
Charleville x 1 night

THURSDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Depart Charleville and travel west to Quilpie, with smoko along the way. Whilst in Quilpie we will stop by the Information Centre to see the latest exhibition, wander through their museum and see some magnificent displays of opal before lunch at "Fresh on Brolga". After lunch we will continue onto the tiny town of Windorah, crossing over mighty Cooper Creek and into Channel Country.

Accommodation: Western Star Motel/Cooper Cabins x 1 night

FRIDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

After a leisurely start, we'll depart Windorah and travel west to Birdsville on the Diamantina Developmental Road and see ruins and listen to researched history. Enjoy a panoramic view of some of this great country whilst we enjoy lunch and arrive in Birdsville late this afternoon, famous for its annual outback horse race meeting and the Birdsville Hotel.

Accommodation: Birdsville Hotel/Motel x 2 nights

SATURDAY (BREAKFAST, LUNCH & DINNER)

After breakfast, enjoy a comprehensive tour of this outback town including a visit to the famous Birdsville Racetrack. Enjoy an 'award winning' pie for lunch at the Birdsville Bakery before some free time to visit the Warrari Information Centre. This afternoon, you might like to drop into the Blue Poles Gallery where you will see a collection of local artist Wolfgang's stunning watercolours of the Simpson Desert and channel country or perhaps chat to a local over a cold drink in the Birdsville Hotel! Dinner this evening will be in the Birdsville Hotel.

SUNDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Have you ever wanted to know what it feels like to be an explorer? Following an early breakfast it's off to Innamincka via scenic Cordillo Downs. See historic ruins, vast gibber plains and magnificent red sandhills as today's adventure unfolds and arrive late this afternoon at Innamincka, South



Australia. Innamincka is one of the most remote tourist facilities in the world and is rich with history of early Australian explorers, most notably Burke & Wills and also the heart of the oil & gas resources rich Cooper Basin.

Accommodation: Innamincka Hotel/Motel x 2 nights

MONDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Highlights of your visit to Innamincka will include Burke's Grave, Kings Marker where you will hear the Burke and Wills Story, the Australian Inland Mission Building, Innamincka Trading Post, and Australia's most famous coolibah tree - the Burke and Wills Dig Tree. This Coolibah tree is believed to be over 200 years old and still has the three blazes on the trunk put there over 140 years ago by the base camp party that Burke and Wills missed by 6 hours. Also see Cooper Creek, which has an incredible amount of birdlife and natural beauty while we enjoy sunset drinks (byo) and nibbles.

TUESDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Depart Innamincka and travel south to the Old Strzelecki Track stopping to see the Geodynamics Hot Fractured Rock Project. Travel past a number of gas and oil installations and Merty Merty Station before arriving at Cameron Corner - which is the junction of New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland and was surveyed in 1880 by James Cameron. We'll have some lunch at "the Corner" before we travel into NSW and the unique little town of Tibooburra. Dinner will be at the Family Hotel where some time ago a few artists, fascinated by the desert, came to the town to paint. Any flat surface was fair game and there are still original works by Clifton Pugh, Russell Drysdale and Rick Amor on the hotel's walls.

Accommodation: Family Hotel/Motel x 2 nights

WEDNESDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

Breakfast will be at the Corner Country Store before we head south to the historic village of Milparinka, which today is being reinvented with a number of historic buildings waiting to be explored. Enjoy a look around and morning tea before returning to Tibooburra for lunch and a free afternoon to explore this unique little town. Enjoy dinner this evening at the Family Hotel.

THURSDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA, LUNCH & DINNER)

After breakfast at the Corner Country Store we'll travel north through Sturt National Park, which was formerly five pastoral properties and is now the premier National Park of the Corner Country. Travel through

the border at Warri Gate back into Queensland and onto historic Noccundra Hotel for lunch. We'll then travel over the Grey Range and through the Dingo Barrier Fence into Thargomindah for the night.

Accommodation: Oasis Motel x 1 night

FRIDAY (BREAKFAST, MORNING TEA & LUNCH)

Today we travel east to Cunnamulla via the unique town of Eulo. Enjoy cappuccino and cake outside the famous Eulo Store, where you will also have time to look through the store and see a magnificent display of Opals. Before leaving Eulo we will visit Nan & Ian at the Date Farm to taste fresh dates and sample some unique date wine. Travel onto Cunnamulla for a look around and lunch before we head to Charleville for a scenic flight with Pete before your tour concludes at approximately 5.00pm.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- Local owner/operator Graham and Deb and their modern airconditioned bus, which includes an extra low electric entrance step, curtains, UHF radio, satellite phone, 1st Aid Kit and library.
- All ensuite accommodation
- All meals (continental breakfasts, lunches and 2-course dinners) plus morning teas along the way.
- Scenic flight over Charleville, guided tour of historic Hotel Coronas and experience the amazing Cosmos Centre
- Town tours in Charleville, Quilpie, Windorah, Birdsville, Innamincka, Tibooburra, Milparinka & Thargomindah
- Sunset drinks (byo) and nibbles with Graham & Deb on one evening
- And a few other surprises !!!

NOT INCLUDED:

- Travel expenses to join tour
- Drinks & souvenirs

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