

4WD MOTEL ACCOMMODATED TAG ALONG TOUR TO BIRDSVILLE, INNAMINCKA & CORNER COUNTRY

7 Nights Fully Escorted & Motel Accommodated

2019: 11 May, 8 & 18 June, 16 July, 24 August and 14 Sept

(Maximum 5 cars per departure)

Have you ever wanted to drive up Big Red...the tallest sand dune in the Simpson Desert?

The driving on this tour is not extreme and you'll learn about the history of the region, the river systems and relax as Graham and Deb take care of everything you will need on your fully motel accommodated self-drive 4WD tour around the outback, taking in Queensland, South Australia & New South Wales. You will be required to bring your own 4WD with reasonable ground clearance and a high/low transfer case. Our escort vehicle is fitted with a first-aid kit, satellite phone and extra recovery gear. As with all Travel West tours, this tour is for Non-Smokers Only. This tour does not cater for children or pets.

Graham & Deb would like to invite you join them by their campfire at **4.30pm on the day prior to departure** for a briefing about the week ahead and to get to know your fellow travellers. A camp oven meal will be served - BYO drinks & chairs. (Lot 1 Frawley Street, Charleville – also the location of Charleville Bush Caravan Park & Cottage)

Day 1 (lunch & dinner)

Depart Charleville and head for Quilpie. Along the way stop off at Cooladdi and then in Quilpie have time to visit the Information Centre to see their latest exhibition, wander through their museum and see some magnificent displays of opal, including the famous opal altar and visit Lyn Barnes Art Gallery.

12.00pm – lunch at the Gallery Café, next door to the National Australia Bank.

This afternoon we will continue onto the tiny town of Windorah, crossing over mighty Cooper Creek.

Accommodation: Cooper Cabins x 1 night

DAY 2 (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)

This morning we'll depart Windorah and travel west to Birdsville, see ruins and listen to researched history. We will have a side trip to Haddon Corner, our first challenge at some sand hills! Enjoy the panoramic view from Deon's Lookout whilst we enjoy lunch and arrive in Birdsville this afternoon, famous for its annual outback horse race meeting and the Birdsville Hotel!

Accommodation: Birdsville Hotel/Motel x 2 nights

DAY 3 (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)

Up early this morning for your adventure over Big Red and into the Simpson Desert. Traverse a number of sand hills into the desert to Eyre Creek. The Simpson is a wonderful place, take the time to enjoy it. Returning to Birdsville for lunch and a look around town including the old Diamantina crossing and the famous racetrack. You'll then have some free time to visit the Warrarri Information Centre, wander around town or perhaps chat to a local over a cold drink in the Birdsville Hotel! Dinner this evening will be in the Birdsville Hotel.

DAY 4 (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)

Following breakfast it's off to Innamincka via the Birdsville Track. Today you will see historic ruins, vast gibber plains and magnificent red sand hills 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. Dinner this evening at Innamincka Hotel.

Accommodation: Innamincka Hotel/Motel x 2 nights

DAY 5 (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)

Highlights of your visit to Innamincka will include a visit to and Australia's most famous coolabah tree – the Burke & Wills Dig Tree. The Coolabah tree is believed to be over 200 years old and still has the three blazes on the trunk put there over 150 years ago by the base camp party that Burke & Wills missed by 6 hours. Other highlights include Burke's Grave, Kings Marker and a visit to Wills' Site where you will hear the Burke & Wills story. You will have some free time after lunch to visit the Australian Inland Mission Building and the Innamincka Trading Post. Later this afternoon, we'll get together around a campfire by Cooper Creek for sunset drinks & nibbles (byo). Dinner this evening at Innamincka Hotel.

DAY 6 (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)

Depart Innamincka and travel south along the new Strzelecki Track stopping to hear about Geodynamics Hot Fractured Rock Project. Travel down the Old Strzelecki Track past Merty Merty Station and through the Strzelecki Desert before arriving at Cameron Corner – which is the junction of NSW, SA & QLD and was surveyed in 1880 by James Cameron. We'll have lunch at "the Corner Store" 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. Dinner in restaurant.

Accommodation: Family Hotel/Motel x 2 nights

DAY 7 (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. Hear some history about explorers to this region and visit Depot Glen before lunch and a free afternoon to explore this unique little town. Dinner this evening at the "Two-Storey" Tibooburra Hotel.

DAY 8 (breakfast)

After breakfast at the Corner Country Store, you are free to depart and continue your travels. You can head south to Broken Hill, east to Bourke & Lightning Ridge or north via Noccundra to Thargomindah (good overnight stop), Eulo, Cunnamulla and back to Charleville or onto St. George. Graham and Deb will accompany those travelling to Thargomindah as far as Noccundra (departing generally at 7.30am).

What's Included:

7 nights Motel accommodation	All meals including morning teas (smokos)
Desert Park Pass	Map & route notes along the way
The services and assistance of professional guides Graham and Deb whilst on tour.	

What's Not Included:

UHF Radio	Fuel (must have fuel to travel 600km)
Repairs and recovery of your vehicle	Drinks and personal items/souvenirs

COST: \$2470.00 per person twin share

Booking Conditions Apply ~ Non-Smokers Only~

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