

# 10 DAYS - ROXBY DOWNS COOBER PEDY ALICE SPRINGS

*INCLUDING AYERS ROCK & THE OLGAS*

DEPARTING WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY TO FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2012

*MOTEL ACCOMMODATION – SAFARI STYLE MEALS*



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## HIGHLIGHTS

# PORT AUGUSTA  
# WOOMERA  
# ROXBY DOWNS  
# OLYMPIC DAM MINE TOUR  
# ANDAMOOKA TOWN TOUR  
# COOBER PEDY  
# AYERS ROCK  
# THE OLGAS  
# CAMELS AUSTRALIA  
# ALICE SPRINGS  
# EAST MACDONNELL RANGES  
# NATIONAL TRANSPORT MUSEUM  
# ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE

**DAY 1: WEDNESDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> MAY** **D.**  
**HOME TO ADELAIDE**

The first day of our trip is spent travelling via the Western Highway through Bordertown and Murray Bridge to Adelaide for our first overnight stop. Dinner tonight will be in the Motel Restaurant.

Accom: Manhattan Motor Inn Ph: 08 8262 2748

**DAY 2: THURSDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> MAY** **B.L.D.**  
**ADELAIDE TO ROXBY DOWNS**

Early start this morning as we head north through Port Augusta the seaport located on the east coast of the Eyre Peninsula and at the head of the Spencer Gulf. Continue on to Woomera which once was a secret town closed to the outside world, but the village now welcomes visitors wishing to experience the extraordinary history of Woomera. We head further north to Roxby Downs. Roxby Downs the mining town was purpose built to service the

Olympic Dam mine which is Australia's largest underground mine and contains one of the largest known ore bodies in the world today. The multi mineral Olympic Dam Mine is owned by BHP Billiton and produces copper, uranium, silver and gold.

Accom: Roxby Downs Motor Inn Ph: 08 8671 0311

**DAY 3: FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY** **B.L.D.**  
**OLYMPIC DAM MINE TOUR/ANDAMOOKA**

This will be a full day touring the Roxby Downs area. Roxby Downs is a unique town with a residential population of around 4,500 with an average age of 29. Around 38% of the population is less than 15 years of age, with the town having one of the highest birth rates in Australia. With a lifestyle that is the envy of many, Roxby Downs is truly a unique destination and a place full of opportunity. This morning we visit the Roxby Downs Olympic Dam Mine for a guided tour. After lunch, we travel the short distance to Andamooka, and enjoy a town tour, visit an opal showroom and the Dukes Bottle House.

**DAY 4: SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY** **B.L.D.**  
**ROXBY DOWNS TO COOBER PEDY**

Departing Roxby Downs, we make our way back to the Stuart Highway and head north to Lake Hart one of the glistening salt lakes South Australia is famous for. Further onto Glendambo for our lunch stop. The final leg of today's journey takes us to Coober Pedy, South Australia's biggest opal mining town. Coober Pedy has evolved in to one of the most unique places in Australia and perhaps the world. It is a town with a population of 3,500 and over 45 different nationalities.

Accom: Mud Hut Motel Ph: 08 8672 3003

**DAY 5: SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY** **B.L.D.**  
**COOBER PEDY SIGHTSEEING**

Something different today, we spend the whole day exploring the unique outback town of Coober Pedy. Our visits include travelling along the road to Oodnadatta until we come to the dog fence where we enter the Breakaways, a 40sq.km. reserve containing unique landscape, flora and fauna. The Breakaways has been the location for several films and advertisements. Stop at a working mine out in the Opal Fields. We make our way back to town and stop at the Coober Pedy Golf Course. After lunch, we have a guided town tour and visit the remarkable Umoona Opal Mine and Museum, which is completely underground and contains a museum including all aspects of opal mining and aboriginal culture. Enjoy a guided tour through an underground home

and an opal mine before we return to the motel for dinner after a memorable day sightseeing in Coober Pedy.

**DAY 6: MONDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY B.L.D  
COOBER PEDY TO AYERS ROCK**

This morning we travel further north as we cross the dog fence and continue through the township of Cadney Park and onto Marla. From here, we make our way to the Northern Territory/South Australian border. On through Kulgera we arrive in Eralunda which is at the junction of the Stuart and Lasseter Highways. Continuing across the vast cattle stations of Mt. Ebenezer and Curtain Springs where we have a stop at Lake Amadeus before continuing on to Ayers Rock  
Accom: Desert Gardens Hotel Ph: 08 8957 7888

**DAY 7: TUESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY B.L.D.  
AYERS ROCK**

Ayers Rock (Uluru) standing 348 metres high and with a circumference of 8.8km is an awesome spectacle rising from seemingly nowhere in the deep centre of Australia. It is one of the world's great natural wonders dominating this otherwise flat, dry terrain. Nothing prepares you for the impact of Uluru, as its sheer immensity dwarfs everything around it. Uluru has acquired its reputation not just because it is such a unique landform, but also because of the effect the sun has on its colours and appearance. Sunrises and Sunsets cause changes to its colour from browns through oranges, reds to finally grey. Our first stop is the visitors centre before we begin our drive around the base of the rock. After lunch, we travel west to visit Kata Tjuta which is a highlight of any visit to the Red Centre. Kata Tjuta is a cluster of rounded massive rocks which are dramatic and vividly coloured. We can walk through the fascinating domes, gorges and valleys. There will be time for optional flights (passengers own expense) over Uluru and Kata Tjuta should you wish. Tonight we make our way to Sunset Strip to take the important photographs of the sunset at Uluru.

**DAY 8: WEDNESDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY B.L.D.  
AYERS ROCK TO ALICE SPRINGS**

Today we travel back to the Stuart Highway making our way to Stuarts Well stopping at Camels Australia where there is an opportunity to have a short ride on a camel. Early this afternoon we arrive at Alice Springs and our home for the next two nights. Framed by the magnificent MacDonnell Ranges and an intense desert landscape, the township of Alice Springs is Australia's most famous outback town. "The Alice" lies almost geographically as the centre of the Australian continent. This afternoon we enjoy a visit to "Rex The Snake Man", and learn about many of the reptiles found in Central Australia.  
Accom: Heavitree Gap Outback Lodge Ph: 08 8950 4444

**DAY 9: THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MAY B.L.D.  
EAST MACDONNELL RANGES**

A visit today to the East MacDonnell Ranges. The first of the nature parks we visit are the Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Parks, which are both important in the Arrente Aboriginal peoples Caterpillar Dreaming Trails. Emily Gap is probably the most important as it is where the caterpillar beings originated. Further on is the Trepkina Gorge Nature Park. There are some fabulous walks around the gorge, amongst the beautiful rocky landscape. We return to Alice Springs and visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service and the National Transport Museum. The museum is a history lesson on how Australia's tough terrain broke the best vehicles the world

could throw at it. Afterwards there is time to stroll the Todd Mall and relax before dinner at the Heavitree Gap Tavern.

**DAY 10: FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE B.  
ALICE SPRINGS TO HOME**

This morning you will be transferred to Alice Springs Airport for your flight back to Tullamarine where you will once again be met by Brendan's Australian Tours staff and transferred to your home town after a memorable ten days touring Central Australia.

**OPTION 2: With this tour, you have the option of not flying home from Alice Springs, but staying with the coach and touring on with us to the east coast of Australia to experience the many highlights of the full Desert to the Sea Tour. With either of these options you would be taken to your home town on your return. Should you be interested in either of these options, please enquire with your travel agent or contact Brendan's Australian Tours on: Freecall 1800 981 187**

**Accommodation for the above tour is motel, hotel or villas on a twin share. All linen is provided.**

**Meals as per the itinerary are prepared outdoors by our specially trained tour cook out of our fully equipped safari trailer with on board fridge/freezer which ensures an abundant supply of fresh food is always available. You will be surprised at the quality of the meals.**

**The day begins with a cooked breakfast, picnic lunches with fresh salads, dinner is always a three-course meal and supper is always available. Enjoy the camaraderie and fun social atmosphere of dining together outdoors (weather permitting) or you may take your meal to your own room if you feel like some privacy.**

**PRICE: \$3835.00 per person  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$ 840.00  
Prices include GST**

**PRICE INCLUDES:**

- **Luxury Coach Travel.**
- **Air Fare-Alice Springs to Melbourne**
- **Motel Accommodation (Twin Share)**
- **Admissions to attractions as per the itinerary.**
- **All meals as specified.**
- **B: Breakfast**
- **L: Lunch**
- **D: Dinner**
- **Pick up & return to your home.**

**Travel Insurance is highly recommended and is the responsibility of each passenger.**