

# Outback Adventure

With Topdeck

**Start Dates: 20 November to 7 December 2011; 11-28 December 2011**

AU\$2050 per person Quad share



## Package name

### Includes :

- 17 Breakfasts (B), 13 Lunches (L), 12 Dinners (D)
- 2 night hotel upgrade, 9 nights in cabins/hostels, 2 nights camping in permanent tents, 4 nights camping
- Modern air-conditioned vehicle
- Otway Fly Treetop Walk
- Sunset at Twelve Apostles
- London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge, The Arch

Travel from vibrant and cosmopolitan Melbourne to the mystical and adventure filled Northern Territory!

Room	Price	Tax*	Total
Quad Share (Single Sex)	\$2050	\$0	\$2050

### DAY 1 Melbourne to Port Campbell via Great Ocean Road

We commence our journey in the cosmopolitan city of Melbourne, one of the biggest urban centres in Australia. Making our way down the Victorian coast we visit renowned surfing areas such as Torquay, Bells Beach and Lorne. Then after lunch we make for the Otway Fly Tree Top Walk, before stopping in the seaside town of Port Campbell. (L, D)

### DAY 2 Great Ocean Road to Grampians National Park

The Great Ocean Road is renowned for its awesome rock formations, so prepare for sights like no other. We'll visit London Bridge, Loch Ard Gorge and The Arch, amongst others. Then in the afternoon we'll travel to the Grampians, a scintillating mix of rugged natural beauty that's steeped in Indigenous history. (B, D)

### DAY 3 Grampians National Park to Adelaide

You'll have plenty of chances for getting back to nature today, as there are optional hikes to an abundance of awe-inspiring natural havens. Then we make head west, crossing the Murray River, into the Adelaide Hills and then the town of Adelaide proper. Enjoy the city's famed restaurant scene tonight in Gouger Street (own expense). (B, L)

### DAY 4 Adelaide

A free day to enjoy in the City of Festivals. Enjoy a winery tour in the nearby Barossa Valley, take advantage of the free bicycle hire and explore at your own pace, even indulge in a little retail therapy and pick up some vintage clothing – the choice is yours! (B)

### DAY 5 Adelaide to Quorn

We take our leave from Adelaide and travel through the Clare Valley, savouring the rugged natural landscapes. Enjoy the view from Mt Remarkable lookout, before arriving in the Flinders Ranges proper. Spend the afternoon hiking around the area, reaching the summit of Dutchman's Stern for some amazing views of the Ranges. We then reach Quorn, our destination. (B, L, D)

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**DAY 6 Flinders Ranges**

Get a feel for one of the most surreal landscapes on earth – the Flinders Ranges. A place where Indigenous culture and heritage meets natural beauty, it's truly like no other place. Visit the natural amphitheatre of Wilpena Pound, a crater formed by an ancient meteor strike. Hike through some nearby desert tracks. Then in the afternoon view some traditional Indigenous rock paintings. Tonight perhaps even share a drink with the locals! (B, L, D)

**DAY 7 Quorn to Coober Pedy**

Today we'll travel through Port Augusta into Glendambo for lunch, before arriving at the Opal Capital of the World, Coober Pedy. Discover underground attractions, outback hospitality and more opals than you thought possible. Tonight we'll eat dinner together at one of the many restaurants in the area. (B, L, D)

**DAY 8 Coober Pedy to Ayers Rock**

Leaving the opal township, we head northwards along the Stuart Highway towards Uluru, the traditional name for Ayers Rock. View the monolithic rock at sunset amongst the forbidding landscape for one of the most iconic images on earth. (B, L, D)

**DAY 9 Ayers Rock to Kings Canyon**

We start early today, in order to catch the sunrise at Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). This is a world-renowned site of natural beauty, with plenty of flora and fauna to discover. Then we'll pay a visit to Kings Creek Station, a working cattle farm in the middle of the Red Centre, before arriving at our destination of Kings Canyon Station. Cool off with a swim before dinner perhaps? (B, L, D)

**DAY 10 Kings Canyon to Alice Springs**

Bring your walking shoes today. We go for a hike through Kings Canyon, visiting immense sandstone cliffs, tranquil watering holes and thriving greenery on the valley floor. It's a true highlight of the trip, bringing the natural world to bear in all its magnificence. This afternoon, we head over rolling sand dunes towards Alice Springs. (B, L)

**DAY 11 Alice Springs**

Get a taste of the bright morning sky with an optional hot air balloon ride today – the views are spectacular! We'll take in the MacDonnell Ranges, including the towering Simpsons Gap, and the foreboding Standley Chasm (it's over 5 metres wide). We'll return to Alice for lunch and some free time: check your emails, go quad biking, even a spot of shopping. Tonight we'll feed rock wallabies just before dinner. (B, D)

**DAY 12 Alice Springs to Renner Springs**

Today we'll make tracks northwards, with an afternoon visit to the rock outcropping known as the Devil's Marbles a real highlight. This isolated geological formation is a spectacular sight and we'll also get an insight into its meaning to the indigenous people. Then we'll stop in at Tennant Creek, before making our way to Renner Springs where we'll get a taste of outback hospitality. (B, L, D)

**DAY 13 Renner Springs to Katherine – Manyallaluk**

First stop today is the Daly Waters pub, a local beacon of culture and an important historical point: Qantas used this point to refuel planes in the early days of aviation. We'll then make our way to the oasis of Mataranka, where a swim in the cool blue waters is very much a possibility. Then we finish up in Katherine, where tonight the indigenous people will give us an insight into the journey from the "dreamtime". (B, L, D)

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**DAY 14 Katherine to Gunlom (Waterfall Creek)**

We start early today, first making our way through Katherine Gorge by canoe (or you can upgrade to a cruise). Expect towering cliffs surrounding lush vegetation, while we sweep across the azure waters. Then it's on to Edith Falls for another chance to get in the water, and a great place to stop for lunch. We then travel further north, arriving at Gunlom in the evening. (B, D)

**DAY 15 Gunlom to Jabiru**

Today we visit the World Heritage site of Kakadu National Park, one of the true highlights of any Australian trip. Take in the ancient paintings of Nourlangie Rock, then get a view from on high at the nearby lookout. We'll then visit the Bowali Visitor's Centre for a look at the bigger picture, before turning in for the night. (B, L, D)

**DAY 16 Kakadu**

Get a feel for Kakadu, where wetlands meets sub-tropical wildlife. There's an optional scenic flight in the morning before we travel to Ubirr, an important site for the Indigenous people. Take in the sunset over an inland version of paradise, before trying local delicacies such as crocodile or kangaroo. (B, L, D)

**DAY 17 Kakadu to Mt Bundy Station**

We take part in a relaxed Guluyambi cruise along the East Alligator River – expect breathtaking scenery and an introduction to the indigenous culture and mythology of the region. We'll stop in Arnhem Land and be treated to a demonstration of traditional hunting and gathering, before heading back along the river. After lunch we'll make a stop at the Adelaide River Inn, before arriving at our homestead for the night – go for an optional horse ride! (B, D)

**DAY 18 Mt Bundy Station to Darwin via Litchfield**

First stop on our voyage today is Litchfield National Park, an irresistible combination of lofty waterfalls, cool rainforests and peaceful swimming holes. We'll spend some time here, drinking in the oasis, before heading up to Darwin, the biggest city in the Top End. As we finish our trip here, it's well worth exploring. (B, L)

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