

16 Day Corner Country, Lake Eyre & Flinders Ranges



Travel desert highways and follow in the footsteps of Outback Adventurers. Meet colourful outback characters; see some of Australia's best loved outback attractions, as well as experiencing some unique out of the way places. Down Under Coach Tours are 'Specialists in Outback Travel' with more than 25 years' experience. Let us make your holiday dreams come true! We invite you to join us and experience all the Outback has to offer.

DAY 1 HERVEY BAY - ST GEORGE D

Saturday, 3rd July: An early start for travelling companions joining between Hervey Bay and Caloundra. Interstate, Brisbane & Gold Coast passengers join in Brisbane City (location to be advised). Travel west to Toowoomba, and then join the Moonie Highway to St George. Stay Merino Motor Inn.

DAY 2 ST GEORGE - THARGOMINDAH BMLD

Sunday, 4th July: Travel westward across vast plains and open horizons for lunch in Cunnamulla with time to browse the Cunnamulla Fella Centre or have your photo taken with the Cunnamulla Fella. On arrival in Thargomindah settle into your accommodation before a delicious dinner. Stay Oasis Motel or Explorers Caravan Park.

DAY 3 THARGOMINDAH - TIBOOBURRA BMLD

Monday, 5th July: This morning a short stop at Thargomindah's Hydro Power Plant then on to Nockatunga where we pause for morning tea & a photo at Noccundra Hotel. Continuing south to Olive Downs Campground for a picnic lunch then on to the Jump Up Lookout for a magnificent view. Make our way to Tibooburra. Two night stay Granites Motel.

DAY 4 TIBOOBURRA SIGHTSEEING BMLD

Tuesday, 6th July: Today is steeped in the history of the inland explorers who braved isolated and arid country to 'open up' these forbidding lands. At the ghost town of Milparinka discover a wealth of history dating back to the 1800's when gold was first discovered. At Depot Glen see where Sturt was 'holed up' for six months under horrific conditions during his 1844 expedition to locate the supposed inland sea.

DAY 5 TIBOOBURRA - INNAMINCKA BMLD

Wednesday, 7th July: Today travel through the Sturt National Park and enjoy morning tea at Cameron Corner, where the borders of QLD, NSW and SA meet. Crossing red dunes to Merty Merty encounter the famous Strzelecki Track, first pioneered by cattle duffer Harry Redford. Two nights stay Innamincka Hotel.

DAY 6 INNAMINCKA SIGHTSEEING BMLD

Thursday, 8th July: Due to its reliable water source Innamincka once played a major role in the early explorations of Australia's unknown interior. Today the town services the ever busy tourist industry and local pastoralists. Visit the "Dig Tree" where explorers Burke and Wills tragically perished after returning from their expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria in 1860. Pause and reflect on the tragedy played out under the tree before returning to the hotel for lunch and a free afternoon.

DAY 7 INNAMINCKA - MARREE BLD

Friday, 9th July: Travel the Strzelecki Track to Montecollina Bore where we pause for an early lunch, then continue on to Lyndhurst for a visit to Talc Alf and his amazing sculptures. Continue on to Marree, located close to the southern end of Lake Eyre, which is the terminal point of a great continental drainage system and is considered one of Australia's most famous natural landmarks. Two night stay Marree Hotel.

DAY 8 MARREE SIGHTSEEING BLD

Saturday, 10th July: For a truly spectacular outback experience flights may be undertaken (own expense) for those passengers who wish to see Lake Eyre, the Marree Man and the Painted Hills from the air. This provides a wonderful view of the area from a new perspective. Later, tour Marree and travel the Oodnadatta Track to the salt encrusted shores of Lake Eyre South for dramatic views.

OPTIONAL LAKE EYRE SCENIC FLIGHTS:

Lake Eyre Bays & Peninsulas, including Marree Man, Lake Eyre flights are booked through our office. Please advise at time of booking if you would like to do a flight and we will send you the information on the flights available. Payment is made to the pilot the night before the flight. Eftpos is available.

DAY 9 MARREE - ARKAROOOLA BMLD

Sunday, 11th July: Just south of Marree is the ghost town of Farina where abandoned buildings stand naked in the landscape. Wander around the ruins before arriving in Leigh Creek for lunch. After lunch travel the Gammon Range Road to Arkaroola in the Northern Flinders Ranges. Two night stay Arkaroola Wilderness Lodge.

DAY 10 4WD RIDGE TOP TOUR BMLD

Monday, 12th July: This morning experience Australia's most breathtaking scenic drive in specially outfitted 4WD vehicles. The Ridge Top Road runs along razorback cliffs commanding views rarely available to the normal tourist. Our spectacular ascent up the serrated ridge tops culminates in triumph on isolated **Sillers Lookout**. This afternoon enjoy some free time.

DAY 11 ARKAROOOLA - WILPENA POUND BMLD

Tuesday, 13th July: Fawelling Arkaroola, make our way to Blinman to experience a unique journey into the heart of an historic copper mine. After lunch at the 'local', continue our journey to Wilpena Pound. Two night stay Wilpena Pound Resort.

DAY 12 WILPENA POUND SIGHTSEEING BLD

Wednesday, 14th July: It's all aboard this morning for our half day Time Tunnel & Gorgeous Gorge Experience. Explore more than 800 million years of geological history in the "Corridor Through Time". Marvel at the rugged beauty of Brachina and Bunyeroo Gorges. Search for Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies and enjoy sweeping views of Bunyeroo Valley and the eastern wall of Wilpena Pound. The afternoon is yours to undertake your own pursuits.

OPTIONAL FLIGHTS: We have secured a number of 20 minute optional scenic flights which provide a fantastic view of Wilpena Pound from the air with the resort nestled in among the river Red Gums just near the Pound Gap. You will also see the Elder Range, Edeowie Gorge, Lake Torrens, the Heysen Range and St. Mary's Peak. Flights are limited. If you wish to fly, flights must be booked and paid for with your deposit. Price: \$186 per person

DAY 13 WILPENA POUND - BROKEN HILL BD

Thursday, 15th July: Leaving Wilpena Pound, make our way to Hawker to visit the Jeff Morgan Gallery. Internationally acclaimed artist Jeff Morgan takes you on a virtual reality trip that will blow your mind away! The gallery consists of six stunning panoramas and murals. Also included is the viewing of the huge mineral gemstone and fossil collection on display in over 100 glass display cabinets. Continue to Peterborough for free time to purchase your lunch before continuing on to the silver city of Broken Hill. Stay Ibis Styles Broken Hill.

DAY 14 BROKEN HILL - BOURKE BMLD

Friday, 16th July: Travel the Darling River Run today as we make our way to Trilby Station. After a delicious home-made lunch, enjoy a guided tour by our host Liz Murray and learn all about station life. After a delightful visit, we say farewell to Liz and continue on to Bourke. Stay Darling River Motel.

DAY 15 BOURKE - GOONDIWINDI BMLD

Saturday, 17th July: Continuing our journey pausing for morning tea and a guided tour of the Brewarrina Fish Traps which are estimated to be over 40,000 years old and one of the oldest man-made structures on earth. Travel on to Collarenebri for lunch before crossing the border into Queensland. Stay Best Western Ascot Lodge Motor Inn.

DAY 16 GOONDIWINDI - HOME BM

Sunday, 18th July: All too soon our outback adventure has come to an end. Make our way to Warwick where we pause for morning tea. After lunch at Yamanto, continue on to Brisbane where we say farewell to our Brisbane travelling companions. Northbound passengers stay onboard for arrival in the Wide Bay early evening.

Adult: \$6088 pp

Pensioner: \$6058 pp

Past Passenger: \$6040 pp

Single Supplement: \$1343 pp

Final Payment Due: 19th May 2021

Terms & Conditions

DEPOSIT: Unless otherwise stated, a deposit of \$250 per person is payable within seven days of booking. A deposit of \$500 is required for Early Bird discount. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure unless otherwise advised.

CANCELLATIONS: The following amount will be deducted from your fare according to notice given plus any non-refundable tickets or airfares. No refund is payable once your tour has commenced. **Please note: If booking through a travel agent please check the agent's cancellation policy as extra charges may apply. Cancellation fee is per person.**

Days Notice	45 or more	44 - 30	29 - 15	14 or less
% of fare	\$50 admin fee (plus any non-refundable costs)	Loss of Deposit (plus any non-refundable costs)	50%	100%

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We STRONGLY ADVISE passengers to take out travel insurance cover for health, baggage and personal effects, loss of monies through cancellation, additional expenses incurred through illness and early departure from a tour.

LUGGAGE LIMITS: Luggage space is limited onboard our coaches. Each passenger is entitled to take one suitcase, the size of which is not to exceed H60cm x L25cm x W40cm, the weight limit is 20 kilos (44lbs). Personal items should be carried in a travel bag.



CLOTHING: Pack a wash 'n' wear wardrobe of casual, comfortable clothing with some warmer clothes for evenings. Include a jacket, walking shoes, hat, swimsuit, towel, light raincoat, torch and a special outfit.

PASSENGER SEATING: A compulsory seat rotation policy is employed and there are no exceptions to this policy. While Down Under Coach Tours makes every effort to accommodate the special requirements of our passengers in fairness to other travellers, we request that all travellers participate in the seat rotation.

DAILY ROUTINE: Breakfast is usually 7.00am. Generally your coach will be ready to leave at 7.45am. You will have many opportunities to stop for photographs during the course of the day. Depending on the day's activities you will arrive at your accommodation at 4.30pm to 5.00pm. Dinner is usually 6.00pm to 6.30pm allowing time for a rest and to freshen up before dinner.

MEDICAL & DIETARY: All our tours have a 'Fitness Level' rating. Passengers accept that it is their responsibility to ensure that their health is in a state which allows them to enjoy the tours and successfully complete activities that the tour offers. We require all passengers to complete our Booking Form truthfully and 100% accurately with regard to their medical/physical condition. *It is essential for you to address any medical conditions/dietary requirements with us at the time of booking.*

SPECIAL NEEDS: A reasonable level of physical and mental health and fitness is required on all of our tours. We recommend that you visit your doctor to confirm that you are physically able to undertake the day-to-day requirements of the tour. Persons with limited mobility or those unable to adequately care for themselves are required to be accompanied by a carer. In particular, hostesses, tour guides, coach captains, and your fellow passengers will not act as assistants or carers in these circumstances. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to refuse to carry passengers requiring assistance who are not accompanied by a carer.

A DOOR TO DOOR SERVICE

A door to door service is offered to residents in the following areas:

HERVEY BAY: 5km radius of GPO

MARYBOROUGH: 5 km radius of GPO

GYMPIE: 5 km radius of GPO

SUNSHINE COAST TO BRISBANE: 10 km from designated pick-up point.

Sunshine Coast to Brisbane Designated Pick-Up Points: Eumundi, Cooroy, Nambour, Forest Glen, Palmview, Caboolture, Burpengary.

BRISBANE & IPSWICH: 30 km radius of GPO or 10 km from a designated pick up point.

Brisbane & Ipswich Region Designated Pick Up Point: Mango Hill, Chermside, Roma Street Transit Centre, Ipswich, Blacksoil.

A one way door to door service is offered to residents who are within 11km - 20km of a designated pick-up point as specified above.

FOR ADDITIONAL DESIGNATED PICK-UP POINTS OR MORE DETAILS PLEASE ENQUIRE.

The door to door service applies to tours of six days duration or more. Passengers requiring overnight accommodation to join or depart a tour, accommodation is an additional cost.

ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR: No passenger will be permitted to embark or continue on the tour while their mental or physical condition is, in the opinion of any representative of the company, such as to render them incapable of caring for themselves, or whereby they become objectionable to other passengers, or they become a hazard to themselves or other passengers. The company will not be responsible for expenses resulting in such persons being precluded from completing the tour for any reason.

FLIGHTS: For an unbelievable FLY \$99 each way airfare you can join a Down Under Coach tour from all capital cities on the eastern sea board. Flights from other capital cities may incur an additional fee. To qualify simply pay for your FLY \$99 air fare with your tour deposit, within seven days of booking. FLY \$99 air fares are subject to availability. A door to door service is offered for residents who reside in the Metropolitan Taxi areas of capital cities and selected major cities. For enroute joining arrangements see your Tour Consultant or contact Down Under Coach Tours. Please note: FLY \$99 are available on specific tours only, look for the symbol.

CONDITIONS AND LIMITS OF LIABILITY: The conditions and terms of liability on which these tours operate are detailed as follows:

- Down Under Coach Tours finalises all arrangements for these tours upon the express condition that they cannot accept responsibility or liability for any delays, accidents, injury or damage caused by the airlines, rail, express coaches or any other service the company acts as agents on behalf of or arising out of the provision of, or failure to provide these services.
- Down Under Coach Tours have used information supplied to it by the providers of relevant tours and accommodation houses and have endeavoured to ensure the information contained is correct at the time of printing. Down Under Coach Tours can accept no responsibility for inaccuracy or mis-descriptions.
- Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to alter or change the accommodation, carriers or coach at any time for any reason. Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to change or amend the tour itinerary should the occasion warrant and if it becomes necessary, due to adverse weather/road conditions or unforeseen circumstances. The coach crew retain the right to alter the itinerary in a manner which will benefit all concerned.
- Down Under Coach Tours provide a Tour Leader subject to a minimum loading of 20 passengers. If the tour takes place with fewer than 20 passengers, the Coach Captain may take on both roles.
- Departures are subject to minimum number. In the event that a tour is cancelled by Down Under Tours due to low numbers, you will be notified prior to the final payment due date and any deposits paid will be refunded in full.
- Down Under Coach Tours maintains strict standards of safety and reliability of vehicles at all times, however, in rare cases mechanical failure may occur. Passengers are assured that every effort is made to minimise any small inconvenience experienced, while we utilise the large network of repair facilities Australia wide.
- Down Under Coach Tours can give no guarantee as to the exact arrival and departure times for carriers and operators used in the tour and cannot be liable for failure to make connections with any other services or attractions.
- Down Under Coach Tours will endeavour to contact clients in the event of industrial action affecting air, rail or other tour related transportation. However if contact is not made passengers should phone the free call number listed below to finalise alternative arrangements.
- Down Under Coach Tours reserves the right to vary the advertised or printed price to cover any significant increases in airfare, rail fare, fuel price or other tour related costs.
- Down Under Coach Tours accepts no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partners allocated for single passengers willing to share accommodation. If a passenger regards the rooming partner to be unsuitable every effort will be made to arrange single accommodation for the duration of the tour with the additional costs being paid by the passenger.
- Down Under Coach Tours takes all reasonable steps to ensure an enjoyable holiday experience and cannot accept liability for any loss of enjoyment whatsoever and howsoever experienced by the passengers.

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