

11 DAY BIRDSVILLE & "BACK OF BOURKE" TOUR

CABIN / MOTEL TOUR

Price Includes:

- Airfares
- Cabin / Motel Accommodation
- Most evening meals and breakfasts
- Entries to various attractions (as noted)

Note - This is a tour in the remote Outback areas, where accommodation is limited. On three of the nights the accommodation does not have ensuite facilities. Ensuite facilities means toilet and shower inside the cabin or apartment.

Day 1: Fly from Perth to Adelaide, where we are met by our coach. Then a tour of Adelaide City and surrounds, with free time to explore this delightful city. In the afternoon there is an optional tram ride to Glenelg. Then travel via Semaphore to Port Adelaide and later settle into the accommodation. N.B. Tram ride not included.

Day 2: Heading North up the Barrier Hwy to the great Heritage Copper Mining town of Burra, which has a special place in Australian Heritage Law via the "Burra Charter". The whole town is classssified by the National Trust. Then further north to Orroroo and Hawker for two nights.

Day 3: A great drive through the spectacular Flinders Ranges, where some of the best Outback Scenery in Australia abounds. We visit the old Copper mining town of Blinman and Wilpena Pound first farmed by the Hill Family in 1899.

Day 4: Through Leigh Creek which supplies the coal for the power stations at Port Augusta and onto Marree at one time a major centre on the Ghan Railway to Alice Springs. In the afternoon it is onto the famous Birdsville Track crossing Cooper Creek and spending the evening at Mungerannie. (Cabin without ensuite)

Day 5: Cooper Creek channels water from the Western Queensland Rivers into Lake Eyre. We move on along the Track to the Queensland/South Australian Border and Birdsville for Lunch. The afternoon to expolre this iconic outback town.

Day 6: From Birdsville the tour travels east to Betoota and the little cattle town of Windorah in the Queensland Channel Country, then on to Ray Station. (Cabin



Flinders Ranges, South Australia

without ensuite)

Day 7: Ray Station was settled in 1874 by great grandparents Patsy & Sarah Tully nee Durack. Sarah's brother the famous Patsy Durack (Kings in Grass Castles) urged them to follow him to the Kimberley's... they declined. Situated in the heart of Boulder opal country near Quilpie, Ray station's 600sq km remains one of a select few properties in Australia never to have changed hands since white settlement. (Cabin without ensuite)

Day 8: East to Charleville home of the Flying Doctor Base and original home of Cobb & Co for the building of its coaches. Then onto Cunnamulla for lunch. Crossing into New South Wales we hit Bourke where we visit the recently finished "Back o' Bourke" Exhibition Centre. Bourke began in 1862 was the last outpost of civilization before the "Never Never". It was a port on the Darling River for the paddle steamers and when the rail arrived the town became the largest wool rail head in the world. Bourke is a great experience with its grand sandstone buildings and history. The new industry here is cotton production although that industry is in great trouble because of the shortage of water in the Murray Darling System.

Day 9: Traveling south on the Kidman Highway, named after Sir Sidney Kidman who owned many stations in the region, to Cobar where copper has been mined since 1870. Along the Barrier Highway to the

historic Darling River Port of Wilcannia, now only a shell of its former busy self. We visit a memorial to Fred Hollows. In the afternoon to Broken Hill where Charles Rasp in 1883 found silver and started Australia's leading company BHP Billiton.

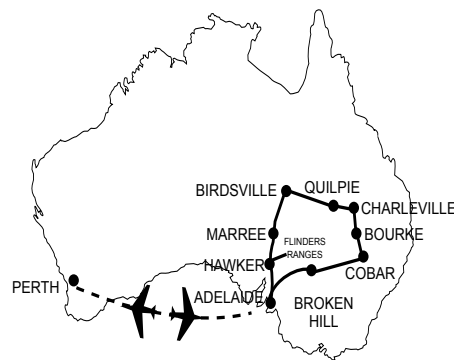
Day 10: A whole day in Broken Hill starting with a town tour and a visit to Jack Absalom Gallery, then learn about the mining industry at Whites Mining Gallery and a visit to the nearby town of Silverton where films such as "Mad Max" were shot.

Day 11: We travel back into South Australia on the Barrier Highway for our evening flight out of Adelaide after a fabulous tour.

**Departure Date From Perth
4th October 2009**

**Senior
\$2490**

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\$2540**



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