

Central Australia 9 Day Guided Tour



JUNE 2023
9 DAY PACKAGE
\$4,529
TWIN SHARE*

Experience Central Australia

Highlights Include: Mannum, Port Augusta, Wadlata Outback Centre, Coober Pedy, Opal Mine Tour, Yulara, Field of Lights, Uluru, The Olgas, Alice Springs, Old Telegraph Station, School of the Air, West MacDonnell Ranges, Stanley Chasm, Simpson's Gap, Alice Springs Desert Park and National Road Transport Hall of Fame.



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 DEPARTING:
TUESDAY 13
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DAY ONE TUESDAY 13 JUNE 2023

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Home Port / Mannum

We depart your hometown and begin our journey across to the South Australian Murray River township of Mannum. We travel via the Western Highway enjoying several comfort stops for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea before arriving in Mannum nestled on the banks of the magnificent Murray River. After checking into our rooms, we enjoy dinner in the motel restaurant.

OVERNIGHT

Mannum Motel,

DAY TWO WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE 2023

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Mannum / Port Augusta

This morning we travel across to the Barossa Valley visiting Barossa Chateau and its magnificent Antique Museum, which contains a private collection of antique furniture and Meissen porcelain considered one of the most valuable and important in the world. We enjoy a tour and Devonshire tea, there will also be time to browse the Wine and Rose Gift Shop. We continue north to Port Augusta via the beautiful Clare Valley Wine district. We arrive at the multi award winning Wadlata Outback Centre, which depicts the history of the Flinders Ranges and the Outback of South Australia from 15 million years ago to modern day. Experience the Green Time, Dream Time of the Aborigine, European Settlement & Explorers, outback transport and mining, School of the Air, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Leigh Creek Coal, Olympic Dam Mine and Moomba. After leaving the centre we arrive at our motel to check in before dinner in the motel restaurant.

OVERNIGHT

Standpipe Golf Motor Inn

DAY THREE THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

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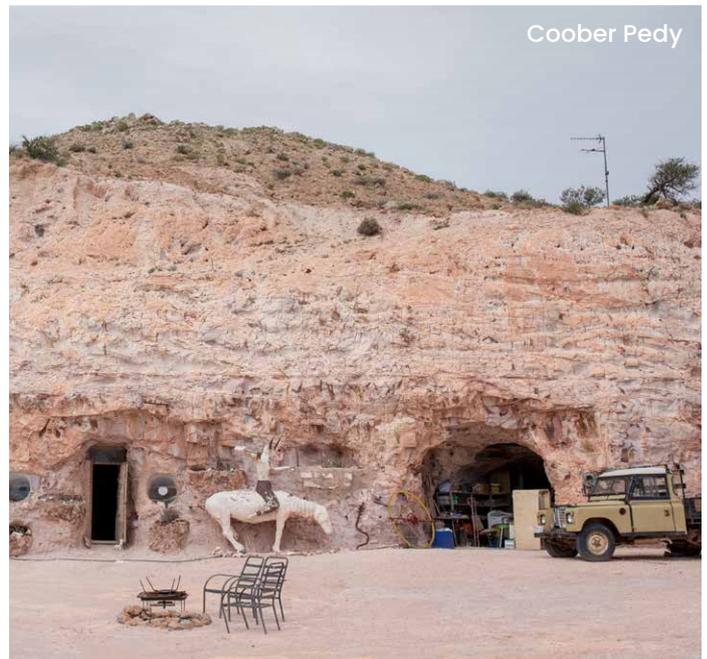
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Port Augusta / Coober Pedy

An early start today, as we depart Port Augusta and make our way to the famous opal-mining township of Coober Pedy. We stop at the award-winning Glendambo Tourist Centre for a comfort stop and lunch (own cost) along the way. Arriving at Coober Pedy later afternoon we enjoy a visit to Faye's Underground Home then we meet our guide and enjoy a highlights tour of the township and an Opal Mine. We can then select from an extensive range of opal jewellery, rough and cut opal along with a large range of souvenirs, local art and craft. Dinner tonight will be in the motel restaurant.

OVERNIGHT

Desert Cave Hotel



Coober Pedy

DAY FOUR FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

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Coober Pedy / Yulara

Today our trek continues further north towards the centre. You will encounter a great photo opportunity as we cross the border into the Northern Territory – one of the most isolated borders in Australia. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea stops will be made along the way.

We arrive at Yulara late afternoon and check into our accommodation, with time to freshen up before dinner. After dinner we are transferred to the Field of Light to experience 50,000 slender stems crowned with radiant frosted-glass spheres that gently bloom with rhythms of colour lighting up the desert as far as the eye can see.

OVERNIGHT

Outback Pioneer



Barossa Valley



DAY FIVE SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023



Uluru / Kata Tjuta

Following breakfast our guide joins us as we travel out to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, home to the Olgas and Ayers Rock. We visit the Cultural Centre and see the display of Aboriginal Arts and Crafts. There will be time to explore the caves and walk around the base of the famous Uluru.

We travel back to Yulara for lunch (own cost) and a little free time. This afternoon we re-join the coach and travel out to Kata Tjuta (The Olgas), covering an area of 34sqkm and made up of 36 domes of conglomerate rock; take the time to do the easy walk to Walpa Gorge. We then make our way to the viewing area for a champagne and outback sunset watching the changing colours of Uluru, don't forget your camera!

OVERNIGHT

Outback Pioneer, Yulara

DAY SIX SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023



Yulara / Alice Springs

Our travel today takes us back to Erldunda where we stop for lunch (own expense) then onto the Stuart Highway, heading north we cross the Finke River and enjoy the ever-changing scenery into Alice Springs, our home for the next three nights.

OVERNIGHT

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Alice Springs

DAY SEVEN MONDAY 19 JUNE 2023



Alice Springs / Old Telegraph Station / School of the Air

Today we explore 'The Alice'. Our first stop is the Old Telegraph Station Historic Reserve & Museum which marks the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs.

Following our tour, we make our way to Anzac Hill Lookout, here we can see the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, the Todd River, the Ghan Line and the Alice Springs Township. There will be time to purchase lunch before visiting School of The Air, the largest classroom in the world. See original radios, observe the classrooms, and learn about the interactive educational experience for which the Alice Springs School of the Air is world-renowned.

This afternoon enjoy free time to browse the shops and perhaps buy some souvenirs to take home.

OVERNIGHT

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Alice Springs



Alice Springs

DAY EIGHT TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023



Alice Springs Desert Park / West MacDonnell Ranges

This morning we make our way to the Alice Springs Desert Park which allows us to discover the unique plants, animals & landscapes of Australia's deserts. See free flying birds of prey, rare and endangered animals in the world's most spectacular Desert Nocturnal House, and a cinematic journey into four and a half billion years of desert evolution.

We then continue out to the magnificent West MacDonnell Ranges past the site of John Flynn's grave, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. At Standley Chasm as the sun reaches its zenith, it shines down directly on the loose rock floor of this narrow cleft in the ranges and the sheer walls light up with fiery intensity. After a walk through the Chasm with its towering walls we enjoy lunch in the café (BYO). At Simpson's Gap we enjoy a walk to the permanent rock pool and maybe catch a glimpse of the rock wallabies. We return to Alice Springs with time to relax before dinner.

OVERNIGHT

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Alice Springs



Simpson's Gap

DAY NINE WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE 2023



Alice Springs / Home Port

Our tour of Central Australia comes to an end today. We visit the National Road Transport Hall of Fame, take a nostalgic trip into Australia's - and the world's - transport history at the National Road Transport icon. Become engrossed in, and perhaps relive, your own transport experiences surrounded by a unique collection of workhorses from yesteryear. We then make our way to the airport to check in before our flights back to Melbourne and coach transfers back home with many wonderful memories.

EXCLUSIONS

NOT INCLUDED: Drinks, Telephone Calls, Laundry, and items of a personal nature. **Includes** Luxury five-star coach, motel accommodation with private facilities on a twin share basis. Meals and entry fees as per the itinerary. **Tour Conditions: Payment** A deposit of \$500 per person is required at the time of booking. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure. **Cancellation fees** will be levied as follows: Prior to 60 days of departure - Loss of deposit, 60 to 30 days prior 50% of total fare, 29 to 14 days prior to departure 75% of total fare, 14 days or less 100% total fare. **Christians Travel** has arranged this tour upon the express condition that it will not be liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or irregularity which may occur either by reason of defect in any vehicle, vessel or aircraft of another company engaged to provide transportation on behalf of Christians Travel. Whilst the company will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, it accepts no liability whatsoever for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control. Information as stated is correct at time of publication but is subject to change without notice. We reserve the right to change or alter the itinerary should circumstances beyond our control make it necessary. If the tour has insufficient bookings, it may be cancelled with full refund paid. **Food and Drink** must not be consumed on the coach. **Smoking** is prohibited under Government regulations. Passengers are requested to restrict their smoking to stops en-route in the interests of other passengers. **Luggage** - one medium size suitcase plus one carry bag per passenger - maximum combined weight, 20kg's. **Seating** - to enable everyone to enjoy forward and window seating, a seat rotation system will operate, and passengers will be required to change seats each day. **Prices are based on twin share. Conditions apply. Insurance is strongly recommended.**

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