

THE AUSTRALIAN OUTBACK

26 JULY – 10 AUGUST 2026



Join Karl and Marian, our dynamic duo on a 16-day journey through the Aussie Outback from Adelaide to Uluru brimming with great adventures including Flinders Ranges, wine-tasting, history, great scenery, opal mining, historic houses folklore and guided walks with the locals.

DAYS

16
Days

HIGHLIGHTS

Outback from Adelaide to Uluru, The Red Centre, Flinders Ranges, Clare Valley vineyards, Port Augusta, outback history, scenery, meet the locals plus our own music concerts

GROUP SIZE

25
Travellers

MEALS

13 breakfasts
8 Lunches
13 Dinners
Included drinks
at selected meals

MOBILITY

Moderate
Tour

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SPECIAL FEATURES:

- Our 16 day tour encapsulates the essence of the outback of Australia, driving from Adelaide to Uluru where we take our time, enjoy the scenery and travel through the outback, learn its history, meet the locals and wonder at some of the most magnificent scenery in Australia, all in a 5 star coach with our own coach driver/guide.
- Hosted by our dynamic duo of Karl Perigo and Marian Burns this tour promises to be filled with laughter, fun and some great music concerts in iconic venues along the way.
- Adelaide (3 nights), including Adelaide City Tour, Botanic Gardens, Adelaide Hills and Hahndorf.
- Port Augusta (2 nights), including Clare Valley and the Wadlata Outback Centre.
- Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park (2 nights), immersing in the local scenery and the commune with nature, exploring the park with a 4WD tour into the gorges to witness the landscape, hear stories from a Yura guide and see more than 800 million years of geological history and its oldest fossils in the world.
- Roxby Downs/Woomera (1 night), including Lake Hart and tour to the arid land seeing its most spectacular sunset and night sky.
- Coober Pedy (2 nights), staying in the cave hotel, learning the history of this interesting town, including an opal mine tour and Big Winch tour.
- Ghan (1 night), a great place to stop and break the drive from Coober Pedy to Uluru with some of the most spectacular scenery along the famous Stuart Highway.
- Uluru (3 nights), staying at the 5-star Sails in the Desert, marvelling at Uluru and its surrounding rock formations, **The Sounds of Silence** incredible dinner, sunset and outback sky, and seeing the **Field of Light** fantasy garden of 50,000 light spindles.
- Other special experiences include Martindale Hall, a Georgian style manor (where the Picnic at Hanging Rock was filmed), wine-tasting in the Clare Valley, Steamtown, where we tour the historic passenger carriages, the historic Pichi Richi Railway and visiting the ruins at Kanyaka Homestead and lots of music along the way.

OUR HOSTS:



KARL PERIGO



MARIAN BURNS

MAP GUIDE:

1. ADELAIDE (3 nights)
2. PORT AUGUSTA (2 nights)
3. IKARA-FLINDERS NATIONAL PARK (2 nights)
4. ROXBY DOWNS (1 night)
5. COOBER PEDY (2 nights)
6. GHAN (1 night)
7. ULURU (3 nights)
8. SYDNEY (1 night)



PLACES WE STAY

Our journey takes us through some of the most incredible scenery in Australia, iconic locations like Coober Pedy (opal mining), Flinders Ranges National Park and Uluru. This tour has been especially designed to avoid long driving days. Our longest driving days are about 4 hours and we break up the journeys with great local sites, scenery and food along the way.

- **The Playford MGallery, Adelaide (3 nights)** is a 5-star luxury boutique hotel in the heart of Adelaide which offers the perfect blend of classical style and contemporary luxury.
- **The Majestic Apartments, Port Augusta (2 nights)** is a 4 star property overlooking the stunning foreshore development and waters of the Upper Spencer Gulf.
- **Rawnsley Park, Flinders Ranges (2 nights)** is a multi-award winning property that adjoins the Flinders Ranges National Park and overlooks the southern side of Wilpena Pound.
- **Roxby Downs Motor Inn, Roxby Downs (1 night)** is located just 20 minutes south from the Olympic Dam mine and is nestled in the town centre of Roxby Downs. This is a perfect location to break the long drive from Flinders Ranges to Coober Pedy.
- **Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy (2 nights)** is the only international underground hotel, which allows us to experience dug-out style living. Most of us will enjoy cave rooms but we have both underground and above ground accommodation.
- **Erlunda Desert Oaks Resort, Ghan (1 night)** is situated 268km East of Uluru and Kata Tjuta. Complete with native wildlife an award winning restaurant and a swimming pool, the hotel is the perfect base for our Red Centre adventure.
- **Sails in the Desert Resort, Uluru (3 nights)** is a five star hotel at Voyages Ayers Rock Resort set amongst ghost gums and flowering native shrubs in the very heart of Australia.



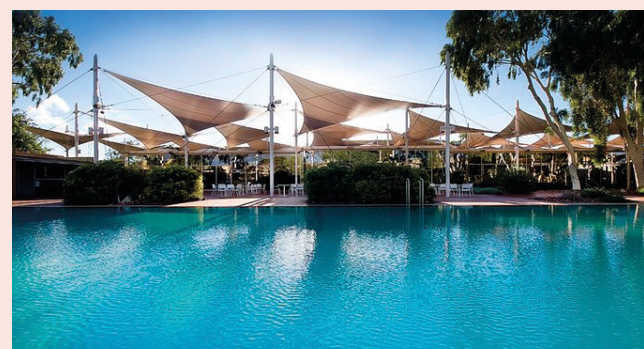
THE PLAYFORD MALLERY



DESERT CAVE HOTEL



ERLDUNDA DESERT OAKS RESORT



SAILS IN THE DESERT RESORT



ADELAIDE CITY



VISIT THE ADELAIDE OVAL



ADELAIDE HILLS

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Experience the Exceptional:

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026 (D) The Playford, MGallery Hotel, Adelaide (3 nights)

Adelaide combines exceptional food and wine, events, art, attractions, shopping, wildlife, a bustling bar scene and world-class events.

Highlights Include:

- On arrival we have a chance to wander through the main shopping area and have some lunch.
- Tonight, we enjoy a welcome dinner with music from Karl and Marian.

MONDAY 27 JULY 2026 (B)

Highlights Include:

- Adelaide City Tour including fascinating heritage and modern-day sights, the leafy North Terrace, stately homes and Adelaide University.
- Visit to the modern Adelaide Oval precinct for a glimpse of the Donald Bradman statue, and the historical St Peters Cathedral.
- Visit to Haigh's Chocolate Factory and view up close the techniques used to handcraft the chocolates.
- Rest of afternoon and evening free for shopping, exploring and own dinner arrangements.

TUESDAY 28 JULY 2026 (B, L)

Highlights Include:

- Drive to Adelaide Hills and visit the botanic gardens and Mt Lofty Lookout.
- Visit Beerenberg Farm Cafe for lunch, shopping and grab something for dinner or to take on the road.
- Enjoy Hahndorf with time to wander and shop. Settled by 19th century Lutheran migrants, Hahndorf is known for its original German-style architecture and artisanal food.

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2026 (B, L, D) Majestic Oasis Apartments, Port Augusta (2 nights)

Drive from Adelaide to Port Augusta with stops including in the Clare Valley. Originally known as a seaport, Port Augusta is located 310km north of Adelaide. It is the 'crossroads' because Stuart Highway to the north, heads to Alice Springs and Darwin.

Highlights Include:

- First stop is Martindale Hall for a tour, where the *Picnic at Hanging Rock* was filmed and to see this Georgian style manor.
- Then we are off to the Clare Valley for a vineyard lunch and wine tasting. One of the major wine regions of South Australia, the Clare Valley is best known for its world-class Riesling.



MATTHEW FLINDERS RED CLIFF LOOKOUT



ALL ABOARD THE PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



PICHI RICHI RAILWAY



RAZORBACK LOOKOUT

- Next stop is Steamtown, where we tour the historic passenger carriages dating back to 1889 in the heritage listed roundhouse, plus carriages which were part of the original East West Train that travelled the Nullarbor Plain in 1917. We step back into history, when the elegance of train travel was at its height in this region.
- Final stop is Port Augusta where we will check in and enjoy a casual dinner. We take an opportunity to purchase our own choices for breakfast from the local supermarket in Port Augusta to enjoy in our well-equipped apartments.

THURSDAY 30 JULY 2026 (L, D)

Highlights Include:

- Today we explore Port Augusta, with first stop at Matthew Flinders Red Cliff Lookout to enjoy spectacular views.
- Visit the Wadlata Outback Centre – the Tunnel of Time, where unique exhibits offer a journey through the history of the Outback. Lunch is included at the Centre.
- Free rest of afternoon to explore Port Augusta.

FRIDAY 31 JULY 2026 (L, D) Rawnsley Park, Flinders Ranges (2 nights)

Highlights Include:

- Ride the Pichi Richi Railway and enjoy the ride to Quorn aboard a restored steam or heritage diesel train on the original Ghan route.
- Stop at Quandong Cafe for lunch and their famous Quandong peach pie.
- Visit Kanyaka Homestead (ruins) on the way to Hawker.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2026 (B, L, D)

Highlights Include:

- Explore the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park which is also home to Rawnsley Bluff, Razorback Lookout in Bunyerroo Gorge and Stokes Hill Lookout.
- Adventure tour into the gorges on a 4WD coach to explore the landscape, hearing stories from a Yura guide and seeing more than 800 million years of geological history.
- Enjoy sweeping views of Bunyerroo Valley and the Eastern Wall of Wilpena Pound.
- Marvel at the age of this landscape with a visit to some of the oldest fossils on earth. Look out for yellow foot rock wallabies along the way.
- Time off this afternoon to enjoy this incredible landscape.
- Fun dinner and concert with hits from country music.

SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2026 (B, D) Roxby Downs Motor Inn, Roxby Downs (1 night)

Drive from Flinders Ranges to Roxby Downs.

Highlights Include:

- Stop in Port Augusta, for free time and find some lunch.
- Evening guided Arid Lands at Sunset tour. A guided walk throughout a range of outback habitats in the Reserve to the viewing platform where on most nights visitors will catch a spectacular outback sunset.
- Travel through the dunes on a guided spotlight walk for a chance to spot some of Arid Recovery's native animals, including burrowing Bettongs and spinifex hopping mice.



FLINDERS RANGES



COOBER PEDY



GHAN



ULURU

MONDAY 3 AUGUST 2026 (B, L, D) **Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy (2 nights)**

Drive to Coober Pedy today. Coober Pedy is sometimes referred to as the "opal capital of the world" because of the quantity of precious opals that are mined there. Coober Pedy is renowned for its below ground dwellings, called "dugouts", which are built in this way to avoid the summer heat.

Highlights Include:

- Visit Lake Hart. The massive Salt Lake is a stark contrast to the surrounding dusty orange desert!
- Check into our incredible hotel. Casual dinner at hotel this evening.

TUESDAY 4 AUGUST 2026 (B, L, D)

Highlights Include:

- Visit an opal mine and learn about opal mining.
- Visit Coober Pedy's Big Winch 360 – the Outback's newest world class attraction and home to Australia's first permanent 360° Circlevision cinematic experience including lunch.
- Dinner this evening and music from our hosts.

WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2026 (B, L, D) **Erlunda Desert Oaks Resort, Ghan (1 night)**

Drive from Coober Pedy to Ghan today. Ghan sits at the intersection of the Stuart and Lasseter Highways and is a good place to spend a night to take a break from the road.

Highlights Include:

- Driving along the highway we will be in awe of this imposing landscape which stretches far off into the horizon. Here we come to realise the vastness of this sunburnt country and discover a beauty that is uniquely Australian.
- We take it gently today, stopping at several roadside cafes and enjoy the local scene and the scenery along the way.

THURSDAY 6 AUGUST 2026 (B, D) **Sails in the Desert Resort, Uluru (3 nights)**

Drive from Ghan to Uluru today. Uluru or Ayers Rock is a massive sandstone monolith, located in the centre of the Northern Territory known as the Red Centre of Australia. It has been a significant landmark to Aboriginal people since the beginning. The natural landmark is thought to have been formed by ancestral beings during the Dreaming. Our hotel is a 5-star hotel at Voyages Ayers Rock Resort set amongst ghost gums and flowering native shrubs in the very heart of Australia.

Highlights Include:

- A leisurely start for the day as we drive across to Uluru, reaching Uluru in time for lunch and a leisurely afternoon, staying at our beautiful 5-star resort. The afternoon is free to settle in and enjoy the beautiful hotel in its stunning surroundings.
- Dinner this evening at our resort.



THE AMAZING ULURU



FIELD OF LIGHT



CAMEL RIDES



DOT PAINTING LESSON

FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2026 (B, D)

Highlights Include:

- An early start as we visit one of the most famous landmarks in Australia for a guided sunrise tour around Uluru before the heat of the day. Learn fascinating stories of Uluru and its significance to the indigenous people.
- Travel to the beautiful Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), aboriginal for "many heads". It is a group of more than 36 rounded red domes rising from the desert floor.
- This evening is one of our premium events as we transfer to Uluru for our sunset dinner ***The Sounds of Silence***. Entered into the Australian Tourism Hall of Fame, Sounds of Silence offers a magical evening of dining under the sparkling outback sky. It includes dinner and drinks as well as the star talker who points out stars only seen in this densely blackened region with no city streetlights to detract from the dazzling sky.
- Then as darkness falls and Uluru is thrown into silhouette, ***Field of Light*** illuminates. Overwhelming in size, Field of Light is an art installation covering more than seven football fields. We wander around this fantasy garden of 50,000 spindles of light, the stems breathing and swaying in desert colours of ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white.

SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2026 (B, D)

Highlights Include:

- Free time to enjoy the hotel or your own tours at leisure.
- The chance to join Uluru Camel tours on a 45-minute journey through the sand dunes of Central Australia with the original "train of the desert" (optional and at your own expense).
- If camel riding is not for you, we can join the indigenous Maruku Arts for a dot painting lesson or simply relax at the hotel.
- Our exclusive final night gala concert & dinner. What a way to end our trip.

SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2026 (B, D) Novotel Sydney International Airport Hotel (1 night)

Highlights Include:

- Today we transfer to the Ayers Rock Airport by coach and then fly to Sydney for a one-night stopover at an airport hotel. This is due to flight times and means we can relax and not worry about getting our connecting flights at Sydney Airport.
- Casual dinner at the hotel this evening as we reminisce on our most magnificent of trips.

MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2026 (B)

Home today after our extraordinary in-depth journey through some of the most rugged and beautiful outback in Australia.

**\$12600 PER PERSON
TWIN SHARE**
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT ADD \$3700

INITIAL DEPOSIT ON BOOKING: \$2000
SECOND DEPOSIT DUE: 27 JAN 2026 \$3000
FINAL BALANCE DUE: 07 APRIL 2026

THIS TRIP INCLUDES:

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- Sydney stopover with one night's accommodation at airport hotel on return.
- Meals for this trip: 13 breakfasts, and most of your meals including 8 lunches and 13 dinners plus included drinks at selected meals.
- All transfers, tours and special visits and entrances as listed in this itinerary are included plus tips and taxes.

MODERATE TOUR

This trip has a little more walking than an easy tour. It is a moderate tour for one of the following reasons - you may need to walk with ease for up to one hour at a slow pace or be able to climb stairs or be able to get on and off boats, trains and buses. This trip will not suit those on walkers and a moderate level of mobility is required.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- All itinerary details are subject to change, but changes will be replaced with a comparable or better option.
- Initial & Second deposits are fully refundable up until final balance due date, minus an administration fee of up to \$500 plus any non-recoverable costs.
- All monies are non-refundable at final balance due date. This becomes an insurance claim.
- Bank transfer payments incur no surcharge. Credit card payments incur surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit & booking form.
- All travellers must obtain comprehensive travel insurance for international travel and insurance for domestic travel is recommended.
- Please refer to our terms and conditions on booking form.



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