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Experience the Exceptional...

- 16-day tour, travelling the outback of Australia, famous for its spectacular and changing scenery, low population and natural untouched environment which is millions of years old.
- 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.
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OUR ARTISTS FOR THIS TRIP:
Karl Perigo and Marian Burns.



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 Oasis Apartments, Port Augusta (2 nights) is a 4-star property overlooking the stunning foreshore development and waters of the Upper Spencer Gulf.

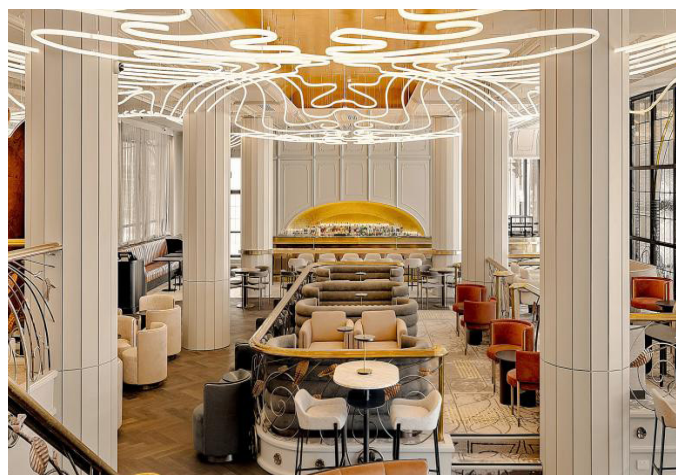
Wilpena Pound Resort, Flinders Ranges (2 nights) is the only hotel located in Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and is the perfect base to explore this vast and spectacular ancient outback landscape. We will stay in safari tents, with full facilities, and enjoy a glamping experience.

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.

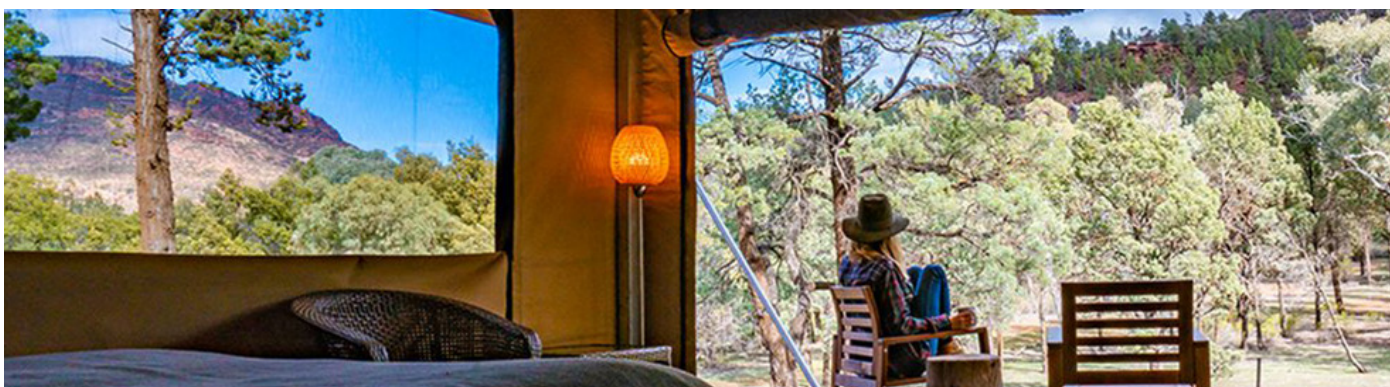
Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy (2 nights) is the only international underground hotel, which allows us to experience dug-out style living. Most of us will enjoy cave rooms but we have both underground and aboveground accommodation.

Erdunda 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 5-star hotel at Voyages Ayers Rock Resort set amongst ghost gums and flowering native shrubs in the very heart of Australia.



The Playford MGallery, Adelaide



Wilpena Pound Resort, Flinders Ranges



Adelaide City

Welcome to our Australian Outback journey. While often envisaged as being arid, the Outback regions extend from the northern to southern Australian coastlines and encompass a number of climatic zones, arid areas in the “red centre” and semi-arid and temperate climates in southerly regions.

Geographically, the Outback is unified by a combination of factors, most notably a low human population density and a largely intact natural environment. The Outback is deeply ingrained in Australian heritage, history and folklore.

SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST 2024 (D)

-The Playford, MGallery Hotel (3 nights)

Adelaide combines exceptional food and wine, events, art, attractions, shopping, wildlife, a bustling bar scene and world-class events. The Playford MGallery is a 5-star luxury boutique hotel in the heart of Adelaide which offers the perfect blend of classical style and contemporary luxury.

Highlights today include:

- On arrival we have the 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 19TH AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

Highlights include:

- Adelaide City Tour including fascinating heritage and modern-day sights, the leafy North Terrace, Adelaide Botanic Gardens and Botanic Park.
- Admire the unique shape of the Bicentennial Conservatory and pass by the Adelaide Zoo.
- The tour finishes off with a visit to the modern Adelaide Oval precinct for a glimpse of the Donald Bradman statue, and the historical St Peters Cathedral.
- Visit the National Wine Centre, where we can learn all about wine production in South Australia and across the country. Set in the lush surrounds of the Botanic Gardens, the National Wine Centre showcases Australia’s top wines and includes lunch.
- Dinner at a casual restaurant this evening.



National Wine Centre

TUESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2024 (B, L)

Highlights include:

- First stop, the famous Adelaide Markets. Opened in 1869, this gourmet haunt has 80+ vendors selling organic fruit, premium meats & more.
- Drive to Adelaide Hills and visit the botanic gardens.
- Enjoy Hahndorf with lunch at Hahndorf pub and time to wander and shop. Settled by 19th-century Lutheran migrants, Hahndorf is known for its original German-style architecture and artisanal food.
- On our way home we stop at Beerenberg Family Farm Shop and grab something for dinner or to take on the road tomorrow.

WEDNESDAY 21ST AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

-Port Augusta - Majestic Oasis Apartments (2 nights)

Drive from Adelaide to Port Augusta with stops including in the Clare Valley. Originally known as a seaport, Port Augusta is located 310 km north of Adelaide. It is the Crossroads because the 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 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 in South Australia, the Clare Valley is best known for its world-class riesling. A fertile wine region two hours north of Adelaide, the Clare Valley is home to some of the most awarded wineries in the country.
- 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 at the hotel on arrival.



Majestic Oasis Apartments

THURSDAY 22ND AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

Highlights include:

- Today we explore Port Augusta.
- Visit the Wadlata Outback Centre - the Tunnel of Time, where unique exhibits offer a journey through the history of the Outback.
- Wander Arid Lands Botanic Gardens, home to thousands of highly evolved plant communities that are specially adapted to thrive in an environment where temperatures are extreme and drought can last for decades plus a marine ecosystem dominated by mangroves.
- Lunch is included at the gardens.
- Free rest of the afternoon to explore Port Augusta.
- Dinner this evening at a local restaurant with time to meet the locals and enjoy some music from Karl and Marian.

FRIDAY 23RD AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

-Flinders Ranges - Wilpena Pound Resort, (2 nights)

Drive to Flinders Ranges from Port Augusta with a stop in Quorn. Located in the heart of the Flinders Ranges on Adnyamathanha Country, Wilpena Pound Resort is the perfect base to explore this vast and spectacular ancient outback landscape.

Highlights include:

- Stop at Matthew Flinders Red Cliff Lookout to enjoy spectacular views.
- Drive through to Quorn and get on the Pichi Richi Railway, where we can enjoy a 2 hour trip aboard a restored steam or heritage diesel train on the original Ghan route between Port Augusta and Quorn.
- Stop at Quandong Cafe for lunch and their famous Quandong peach pie.
- Visit Kanyaka Homestead (Ruins) on the way to Hawker.
- Stop at Hawker Visitor Centre to learn about the area.
- Check into the Wilpena Pound Resort where some of us will enjoy a 'glamping' experience.
- Casual dinner this evening.

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

Highlights include:

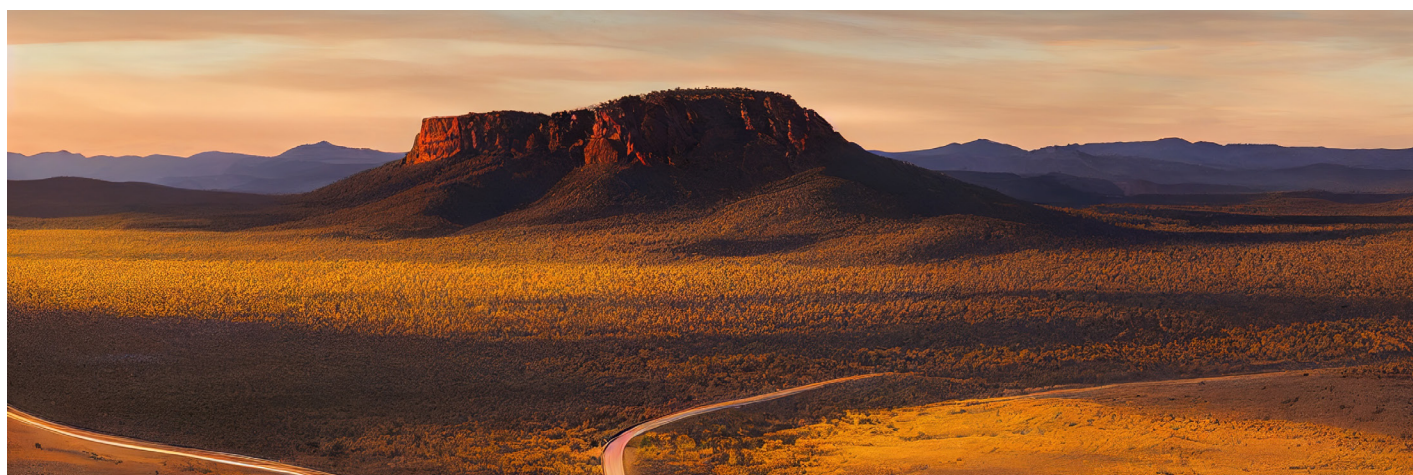
- Explore the Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park which is also home to Rawnsley Bluff, Razorback Lookout in Bunyerroo Gorge and Stokes Hill Lookout.
- Adventure tour into the gorges on a 4WD coach to explore the landscape, hearing stories from a Yura guide and seeing more than 800 million years of geological 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 this evening in a rustic tent, with hits from country music.



Arid Lands Botanic Gardens



Pichi Richi Railway



Flinders Ranges



Coober Pedy Opal

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

-Roxby Downs - Roxby Downs Motor Inn (1 night)

Drive from Flinders Ranges to Roxby Downs.

Highlights include

- Stop in Port Augusta for lunch.
- Guided tour this evening called Arid Lands tour at sunset. 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.
- Casual dinner at our hotel.

MONDAY 26TH AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

-Coober Pedy - Desert Cave Hotel (2 nights)

Drive to Coober Pedy today, stopping at Woomera to explore this area.

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. Desert Cave Hotel, the only international underground hotel, allows us to experience dug-out style living. We have both underground and aboveground accommodation.

Highlights include

- See the Woomera Heritage Village and the Woomera Missile Park.
- Visit Lake Hart. The massive salt lake is a stark contrast to the surrounding dusty orange desert!
- Lunch at the Woomera Cafe before our drive to Coober Pedy.
- Check into our incredible hotel. Casual dinner at hotel this evening.



Desert Cave Hotel

TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST 2024 (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 at Coober Pedy Outback Bar and Grill in their beer garden for dinner and music from our hosts.

WEDNESDAY 28TH AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

-Ghan - Erldunda Desert Oaks Resort (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 the 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.



Lake Hart

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST 2024 (B, L, D)

-Uluru - Sails in the Desert Resort (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 five star hotel at Voyages Ayers Rock Resort set amongst ghost gums and flowering native shrubs in the very heart of Australia.

Highlights today 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.
- This evening is one of our many 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* lights up. Overwhelming in size, the *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.

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST 2024 (B)

Highlights today include:

- A visit to one of the most famous landmarks in Australia and a guided tour around Uluru to learn more fascinating stories 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. The tallest is said to be around 546 metres high.

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2024 (B, D)

Highlights today 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 "trains 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 and dinner. What a way to end our trip.

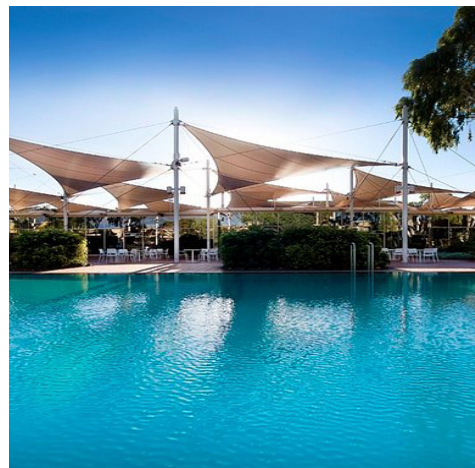
SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2024 (B, D)

Highlights today 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 issues with 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 2ND SEPTEMBER 2024 (B)

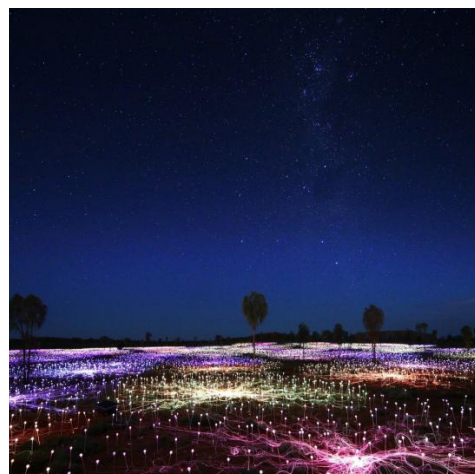
Home today after our extraordinary in-depth journey through some of the most rugged and beautiful outback in Australia.



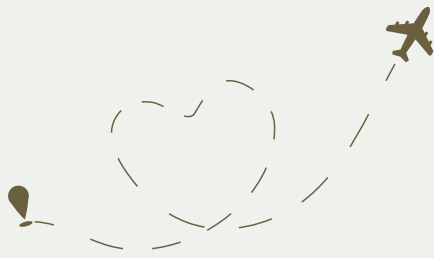
Sails in the Desert Resort



Sounds of Silence



Field of Light



\$11,700 per person
twin share
Single Room Supplement Add \$3280

Initial Deposit on booking: \$1500

Second Deposit due 20th February 2024: \$3000

Final Balance due: 30th April 2024

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- 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.
- Sydney stopover with one night's accommodation at airport hotel on return.
- Meals for this trip: All breakfasts and most of your meals including 11 lunches and 13 dinners!
- All transfers, tours and special visits and entrances as listed in this itinerary are included plus all tips and taxes.

MODERATE TOUR

While this tour has been planned with our core market in mind, there are long days, coach drives, getting on and off coaches and trains and walking over rugged countryside. Please think carefully about your fitness level to come on this trip or check with your doctor to ensure you get the most out of it.

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.
- Payment by direct credit incurs no surcharge. Credit card payments will incur a surcharge of 1.5%.
- Travellers need to be independently mobile and fit to travel.
- Bookings will only be accepted with initial deposit.
- 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.