

FINAL ITINERARY

11 DAY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE RED CENTRE TOUR

SCHOOL: MONASH & RMIT

DEPARTURE: TUESDAY 30TH JUNE, 2009

TUE 30TH SCHOOL/ADELAIDE
JUNE

(D)



5.45am this morning the coach will arrive at the *Monash University Clayton Campus*, ready to depart at **6.00am**. From here it is onto the *Caulfield Campus*, arriving at **6.15am**, ready for a **6.30am** departure. We then head into the city for a **7.00am** arrival at 300 Flinders Street (*near Victoria University*) ready for a **7.15am** departure. Our final pick up is at **7.45am** at *Victoria University Footscray Campus*, ready to depart at **8.00am**. Travel is along the Western Highway via Ballarat, Ararat, Murray Bridge then through to Adelaide for dinner and overnight bunkhouse accommodation at the **Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort** (*group to supply own lunch today*).

WED 1ST ADELAIDE/COOBER PEDY
JULY

(BLD)

We travel through Port Augusta and head into the desert country and **Cooper Pedy**. Famous for its opals and it's population as most live underground. We witness an **opal cutting and polishing demonstration** and visit an **underground home and mine**. Tonight a real experience as we camp underground at **Umoona Opal Mine**.



THU 2ND COOBER PEDY/Alice SPRINGS
JULY

(BLD)

Travelling through the tranquil vast outback, a country side which almost defeated our intrepid explorers, we pass by large cattle stations. We arrive in **Alice Springs** for three nights camping at the **Heavitree Gap Resort**.

FRI 3RD
JULY

ALICE SPRINGS

(BLD)

This morning we head to the **Alice Springs Desert Park** for a self guided tour (*at own arrangements and expense*). Later today we visit the **Old Telegraph Station** (*at own arrangements and expense*) before taking in **Anzac Hill** for sunset.

SAT 4TH
JULY

MACDONELL RANGES

(BLD)

A full day is spent touring the MacDonnell Ranges, which includes **Anzac Hill Lookout**, **John Flynn's Grave**, **Namatjira's Twin Ghost Gums** and **Simpson's Gap**.

SUN 5TH
JULY

ALICE SPRINGS/WATARRKA

(BLD)

We say goodbye to the Alice and head to **Watarrka**. On arrival we set up camp at **Kings Creek Station**. This afternoon we visit the Watarrka National Park where we explore the spectacular sandstone cliffs, natural rock pools, lush vegetation, the "**Garden of Eden**" and the domes of the "**Lost City**". We may have time later today for *optional activities* such as **Quad Bike Rides** at Kings Creek Station (*at own arrangements and expense*).

MON 6TH
JULY

WATARRKA/ULURU - KATA TJUTA NAT. PARK

(BLD)

This morning we travel to Yulara. This afternoon we set up camp at the **Yulara Campground** before visiting **Kata Tjuta** - another scenic wonder of the Red Centre. After dinner tonight we visit the "**Sunset Strip**" to witness the sunset over "**Uluru**" (*entry into park is included*).



TUE 7TH
JULY

ULURU - KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

(BLD)



Uluru National Park is listed as a World Heritage Area and it is here we have the option to climb Uluru and from 348 meters above the ground wonder at the enormity of the Australian Outback. We take a circular tour of the base and view the aboriginal rock paintings and caves.

WED 8TH ULURU/COOBER PEDY
JULY

(BLD)

After breakfast we say goodbye to the territory and begin our journey home. Travel via the Stuart Highway, stopping overnight at **Cooper Pedy** at the **Umoona Opal Mine**.

THU 9TH COOBER PEDY/ADELAIDE
JULY

(BLD)

Continue south, arriving back in **Adelaide** for our last night together. Overnight cabin accommodation at the **Highway One Caravan Park**.

FRI 10TH ADELAIDE/MELBOURNE
JULY

(BL)

Today we cross back into Victoria at approximately 4pm, with drop offs in the city and then Caulfield, Clayton and Peninsula Campuses.



GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR TOUR

CAMP GROUNDS:

Adelaide Shores Caravan Resort
1 Military Road
West Beach SA 5024
PH: (08) 8355 7320

Umoona Opal Mine
Hutchison Street
Coober Pedy SA 5723
PH: (08) 86725288

Heavitree Gap Resort
Palm Circuit
Alice Springs NT 0871
PH: (08) 89524 866

Kings Creek Station
Ernest Giles Road
Kings Creek NT 0871
PH: (08) 89567474

Yulara Campground
Yulara Drive
Yulara NT 0872
PH: (08) 89562055

Highway 1 Caravan Park
Port Wakefield Road
Bolivar SA 5110
PH: (08) 82503747



WHAT TO BRING

CLOTHING: Underwear, Socks, Jeans/pants, Shorts, Jumper/Sweatshirt, Raincoat/Parka, Shirts/Tshirts, Bathers, Tracksuit (ideal for sleeping), Sandals/Thongs, Rubber Soled Walking Shoes, Handkerchiefs.

GENERAL: Towels and Tea Towel, Toilet Requisites, Sunglasses, Torch, Camera/Films, Clothes Pegs, Games/Cards, CDs, Videos/DVD'S for the coach and Bumbag.

EATING UTENSILS: Knife, Fork, 2 Spoons, Plastic Plate, Bowl and Mug.

SLEEPING GEAR: Sleeping Bag, Pillow and Pillow Case.

TENTS: Trekset will supply 3 man Pyramid style tents, Two (2) persons per tent. Trekset will also supply sleeping mats for the entire group.



PLEASE NOTE:



A luggage limit of one Sausage/Sports bag or medium size suitcase plus one travel bag applies per person. Sausage/Sports bags are the most suitable luggage for camping tours, as the sleeping bags can be packed inside, along with clothes. The travel bag is useful inside the coach for day to day items (e.g. lunch on first day, camera, towel, eating utensils, torch and games, etc.). Metal framed Rucksacks or Backpacks are not accepted.

LUGGAGE LIMIT:

Suitcase; one which should not exceed the total linear dimensions of 140cm (i.e. length and width and depth) and weight of **15kgs**. Hand Luggage: One soft-sided bag no larger than:- Width 23cm, Height 34cm, Length 48cm. The hand luggage must be able to fit in the luggage racks above the seats, on the coach. If this is not possible, the hand luggage will need to be repacked to fit on the racks or placed in the luggage bins under the coach. ***Please note that RED/WHITE/BLUE STRIPED SHOPPING BAGS, SWAGS & CRICKET BAGS will not be allowed on the tour. Any luggage that does not adhere to the above measurements & weight may not be accepted by the coach captain due to limited luggage space and weight allowance.***



A TYPICAL DAILY MENU (Our cook may select course from the following menu.)

BREAKFAST: Choice of Cereals (Muesli, Corn Flakes, Weetbix, Rice Bubbles), Sausages, Eggs, Bacon, Beans, Spaghetti, Toast and Spreads. Tea, Coffee or Milo.

Due to traveling times, some breakfasts may need to be continental only.



LUNCH: Salad Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, selection of cold meats, salads, Tinned Fish, Fruit and Cordial.

DINNER: Choice of soups (Tomato, Chicken, Pea and Ham or Thick Vegetable), Steak, Schnitzel, Chops, Ham Steak, Spaghetti Bolognaise, Shepherds Pie, Casserole, Roasts, Potatoes, Peas, Carrots, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Rice, Pumpkin, Noodles, Apple Pie and Cream, Ice Cream and Toppings, Fresh Fruit Salad. Tea, Coffee or Milo.



SUPPER: Biscuits, Cake, Pancakes. Tea, Coffee or Milo.

GROUP DUTIES:

Passengers are requested to participate in the day to day running of camping tours: Duties are:-

- Erecting and Dismantling tents.
- Assisting cook with meal preparation & clearing up
- Washing and drying of personal dishes.
- Help with loading, unloading and cleaning coach

We would suggest groups of 4 people.



WET WEATHER:

Wet weather may effect a safari tour and conditions can become uncomfortable due to extended periods of rain. If this occurs, your coach captain will make every effort to find alternative accommodation. ie. church or scout hall or similar. Should group require accommodation in vans or motels, this additional cost must be paid by the group.



EMERGENCYULURU (08)

NUMBERS:

- Police.....8956 2166
- Fire.....000
- Ambulance.....000
- Alice Springs
- Hospital.....8950 2211

ALICE SPRINGS (08)

- Police.....8950 1211
- Fire.....8952 1000
- Ambulance.....8952 2200
- Alice Springs
- Hospital.....89502211



Each of the above authorities stress that in the case of an emergency, please use the 000 number.