



AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

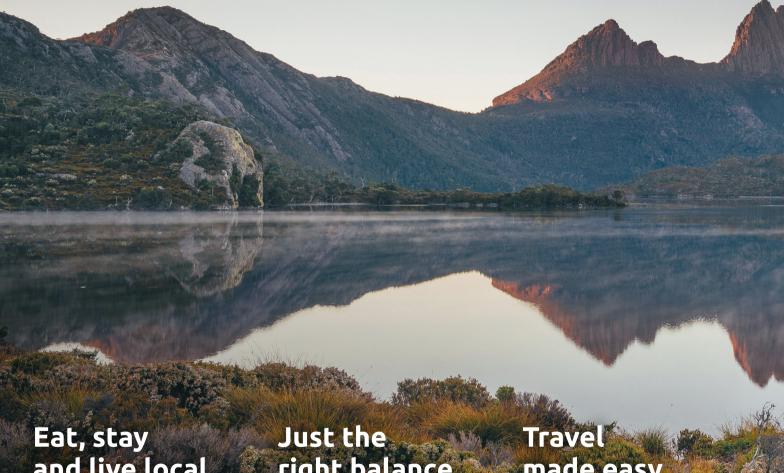






Real life experiences

Sure, the highlights still take our breath away, but travel should be more than just ticking boxes. The real magic happens in those moments you weren't expecting: swapping tales with locals over a pub meal or catching a rainstorm over Uluru. Because it's those real life travel experiences – the most spontaneous and simple of moments – that stay with you long after you've returned home.



and live local

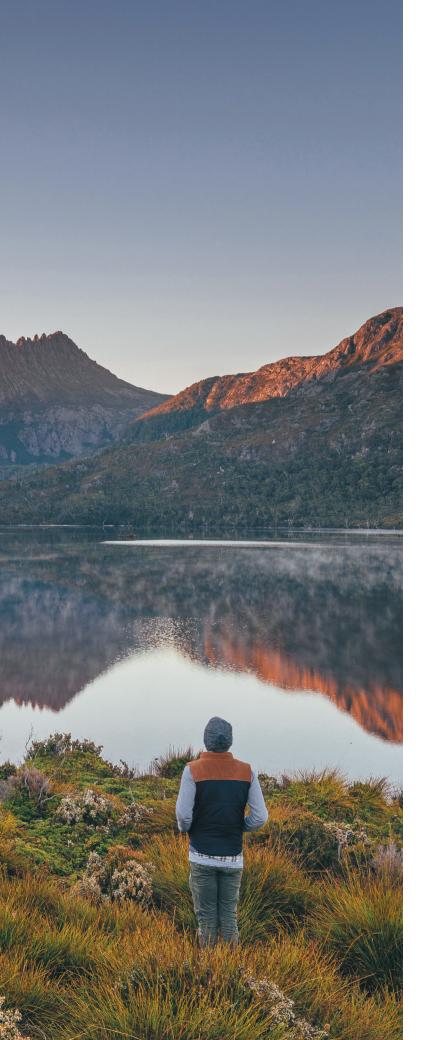
We design our trips from the ground up, which means using an experienced local leader, local transport and – wherever possible – small, locally run accommodation, be it an underground bunkhouse in Coober Pedy or a campsite in Mary River. The best bit? You're getting an authentic experience while also contributing to the local economy.

right balance

The best small group adventures strike the perfect balance between included activities and 'you time'. So while there's always an itinerary in place, we like to keep things flexible by giving you plenty of free time to explore on your own. After all, this is your adventure!

made easy

We'll deal with the logistics of travel - organising itineraries, transport and accommodation - so you can focus on the fun stuff. Why spend hours agonising over every detail of your trip when you can leave it to the experts?



Small groups...

An average group size of 15

We take small-group travel literally. Numbers will vary depending on where and how you're travelling, but the average size of a tour is about 15 people. We've found this is the perfect number to make new friends, without feeling like just another face in the crowd.

Fewer people means greater mobility

While larger tour groups are confined to big tourist sights and even bigger hotels, we're able to get around quickly and easily. Which means greater access to small towns, 4wd tracks, and truly local experiences.

...with local leaders

We realised early on that the best folks to show you the heart of a destination are, funnily enough, the ones that live there.

These are our leaders: travel experts and friendly locals who know their regions better than anyone. Whether it's showing you the best waterhole on the Gibb River Road, the most incredible lookout point in Queenstown, or introducing you to friendly villagers in Papua New Guinea, they're enthusiastic purveyors of grassroots experiences and your connection to the local community. Want to meet them?



Chief

"Chief showed me a side of my country that I had never seen before. He opened my eyes to its beauty and filled my mind with its stories."

~ Ella Benjamin, 3 Day Uluru Adventure



Damian

"Damian was an exceptional leader, approachable and responsible. He loved what he was doing and that affected all of us!."

~ Allen Laya, Perth to Broome Overland

Trip Styles

Every one of our trips has a particular style. It's a way to help you pick the adventure that suits you best. Just the essentials, a bunch of inclusions or a little of both? The choice is yours.



Basix

FOR TRAVELLERS ON A BUDGET

These are amazing experiences at a great price. Basix trips use simple, convenient accommodation and include plenty of free time. Pick and choose inclusions to fit your budget.

INCLUSIONS

Lots of free time and optional extras, so you can tailor your trip to suit your budget. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

ACCOMMODATION

Clean, central, budget accommodation. Sometimes with shared facilities. Some itineraries feature permanent camping, swags, and multishare hostels and lodges.

TRANSPORT

We use private vehicle transport.



Original

THE ORIGINAL INTREPID STYLE

These are the trips we built our reputation on! Original trips offer a great mix of included activities and free time to explore on your own. They use centrally located hotels and come with most meals along the way.

INCLUSIONS

A balance of free time and added inclusions, plus most meals along the way. Each trip has an expert local leader and is full of real life experiences.

ACCOMMODATION

Simple, tourist-class hotels, close to the action. Some itineraries feature unique accommodation, such as permanent tents with furnishings, and twin share motels and lodges.

TRANSPORT

We use private vehicle transport.

Photo competition

Like what you see in this brochure? We're always on the lookout for great shots from our travellers. Enter our monthly photo competition for the chance to be featured in our brochures and social media, plus you'll go in the draw to win a swag of travel prizes.*

To enter, visit intrepidtravel.com/photo-competition

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Intrepid loyalty

Loyalty should be rewarded don't you think? And a reward should be a bit better than a hug coupon or a free cup of coffee. If you suffer from incurable wanderlust and end up taking nine Intrepid trips, we'll give you the tenth for FREE^, plus the coveted title of Intrepid Legend. We'll even throw in that hug coupon for good measure (you deserve it). It's just our little way of saying thanks.

Find out more at intrepidtravel.com/loyalty

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Private groups

If you'd like to adventure with your best buddies, your sports team or even a school group, most of our trips are also available as private departures. They come with all the excitement and inclusions of a regular departure, but we can tweak and adjust the details until they fit you just right.

Contact our team at inbound.groups@intrepidtravel.com for more details.



Look out for these symbols



We have no minimum numbers on most of our trips. Once you've booked, your trip will run as scheduled.



We offset our emissions each year by investing in highly accredited renewable energy products.

PHYSICAL RATING

Each of our trips has a physical rating, so you can tell how physically exerting a trip is and how fit you'll need to be to enjoy it. As a guide:

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Easy and relaxing

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Bring your walking shoes

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An average level of fitness required

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Action packed, physically demanding

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Full-on active adventure for the more agile traveller



Check out our best-selling trips.



REVERSE

These itineraries also run in the opposite direction.



Highlights an adventure combining two or more trips.



Exciting new additions to our current range of itineraries.



Highlights trips that receive a traveller rating of over 4.75 out of 5.



Enjoy included meals that incorporate native Australian food.



Responsible travel

The world's an amazing place and we do what we can to keep it that way. Travel should benefit the places it touches, and we've made a commitment to be a responsible business and live this promise every single day.



The ACF and The Intrepid Foundation

The Australian Conservation Foundation (or ACF) is a not-for-profit environmental organisation that works across societies to secure sustainable environments. Through the Intrepid Foundation, which has aided the ACF for 10 years, we are supporting ACF's work in northern Australia with Traditional Owners' groups, helping to develop a Cultural Enterprise Hub to strengthen the existing Indigenous Ranger program, and develop new tourism opportunities.

Intrepid and carbon emissions

When you travel with us, you can relax knowing that the carbon your trip generates through transport, accommodation and waste has been offset. In 2010 the entire Intrepid family went carbon neutral throughout our global offices. We offset our emissions each year by investing in a highly accredited mix of carbon abatement projects around the world, projects like Kasigau Corridor REDD+ in Kenya.

Olkola Aboriginal Tourism

in 2014, more than 800,000 hectares of ancestral homelands were handed back to Queensland's Olkola people. Since then we've been working with the Olkola people to support the development of their tourism business, which creates employment opportunities for the locals and an opportunity for our travellers to visit tribal lands on Queensland's beautiful Cape York. See Page 35 for more information.

Learn more at intrepidtravel.com/about/responsible-business

THE INTREPID FOUNDATION

The Intrepid Foundation was created in 2002 with a simple mission: empower travellers to give back and positively impact the local communities they visit. We do this by investing in innovative grassroots projects that contribute to advancing the planet, people, peace and prosperity. In 14 years we've raised over \$4.7 million for more than 75 different non-for-profit organisations in 25 countries. The Intrepid Group matches every donation from our travellers dollar for dollar* and covers all administration costs, effectively doubling your donation!

HOW TO DONATE

You can donate to The Intrepid Foundation anytime: through your travel agent or Intrepid specialist, on The Intrepid Foundation homepage or during the online booking process. Learn more at theintrepidfoundation.org



up to AUD 1,000 per donor and a total of AUD 400,000 for all donors each financial year (excludes emergency appeals).

Cultural Experiences

With a history spanning back some 40,000 years, Australia's Aboriginal people have one of the world's oldest living cultures – and an appreciation of their traditions is central to understanding Australian culture as a whole. We work in partnership with Aboriginal communities on many of our trips in the Northern Territory and south-west region of Western Australia as a way to educate our travellers about the land and what it means to its original custodians. Their guidance allows many of our tours to visit sites of cultural significance and to do so with the respect each site deserves.



Uluru Aboriginal Tours

Uluru Aboriginal Tours allows you to connect and share experiences with the Anagnu, who are the traditional guardians of Uluru. During this unique and extremely personal experience, you will be guided around the base of Uluru by a local Anagu and translator to learn about significant sites and creation time stories. Uluru Aboriginal Tours is fully owned and operated by the Mititjulu community and endeavours to offer a genuine and insightful introduction to Indigenous culture. It also provides valuable training and employment opportunities for community members.



Koomal Dreaming

The Indigenous people of southwestern Australia's Busselton, Dunsborough and Margaret regions are collectively known as Noongar. As a cultural custodian, local Wadandi man Josh Whiteland – or Koomal – has a personal commitment to sharing his knowledge of his culture and lore with visitors. On a bushwalk led by Josh, learn how to identify native bush foods and medicines; discover the art of traditional fire lighting and tool making, and be treated to a live didgeridoo performance inside Ngilgi Cave.



Pudakul Cultural Experience

As we travel into sacred Wulna Country we receive a traditional Cul Cul or 'Welcome to the Country' from the traditional owners of the land, the Limilngan–Wulna people. This is an original and authentic experience that gives us a deep insight into Aboriginal culture with bush tucker talks, didgeridoo demonstrations, basket weaving and spear throwing. Pudakul Aboriginal Cultural Tours is a 100% Aboriginal-owned and operated business and strives to engage people with interactive educational experiences about Aboriginal culture and customs.

pudakul.com.au



Top Didj Cultural Experience

One of the best ways to understand Australia is to spend time with the people who have lived in harmony with 'Country' for tens of thousands of years. Katherine is home to the award-winning Top Didj Cultural Experience, where visitors can come together with a local Indigenous artist and increase their appreciation for this rich culture. Here local artist Manual will tell his story, share his art and instruct participants in making their own, as well as showcase traditional activities – from fire-lighting to spear throwing.



Native Foods

Look out for this symbol:



In 2017 we're bringing a whole new type of immersion to our cultural experiences: culinary!

Mainstream recognition of an Indigenous food culture has been a long time coming to Australia's first people. Yet the resourcefulness required to find food in an environment such as Australia's is well worth celebrating. In consultation with Aussie bush tucker specialist Andrew Fielke, we've created new menus for our Red Centre and Top End trips that incorporate the native produce that's sustained Indigenous Australia for millennia: kangaroo and crocodile; lemon myrtle and desert lime; bush tomato, wattle seed and more. This is the real taste of Australia.

What's hot in 2017?

There's a lot to cover in this brochure, so here's a taste of what we're most excited about for 2017. We've got shiny new trips and beloved classics, pint-sized tours and overland journeys traversing half the sunburnt country. Turn over a few pages and you'll find a handy combo map; flip to the end of the brochure and leave the mainland for Tasmania, Papua New Guinea and New Zealand. Now for the hard part: deciding where to start. Good luck mate!

The Kimberley **Broome** Alice Springs 🗣 **Red Centre** Camping

Perth

Darwin 😯

Kakadu National Park

CAMP IN THE RED CENTRE

Discover the Outback on your own terms. No rush, no set itinerary – just you, your small group and an expert leader. Page 17

SEE NEW ZEALAND

Glow worm-lit caves in the North? Glaciers and forests in the South? New Zealand, you beauty. Page 38

PAPUA NEW GUINEA ADVENTURE

There's more to PNG than Kokoda. Experience tribal ceremonies and village life in the country's remote far-east. Page 37

ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE Explore the Grampians and travel the length of the Great Ocean Road on this compact new trip. Page 33





DISCOVER OLKOLA COUNTRY

Help the Olkola people preserve their culture and land by building a future through eco-tourism. **Page 35**



TASTE OF TASMANIA

From Cradle Mountain to Wineglass Bay, explore the pristine wilderness of Tassie on this new journey. **Page 36**



DESTINATION: KIMBERLEY

Deserted beaches, epic gorges...
we can't get enough of the
Kimberley, so we're heading back on
a range of new trips. Page 24



KANGAROO ISLAND ADVENTURE

Great hiking and wildlife galore – hop on over to Kangaroo Island for 2 days of action-packed adventure. **Page 31**





From the ochre rocks and rusted deserts of the Outback to cosmopolitan cities that regularly top worlds'-most-liveable lists, this is a destination whose possibilities are so vast, even its own residents can make the mistake of leaving it till last. So if you haven't experienced it yet, now is the time. A world of bright-blue skies, sun-bronzed beaches, remote gorges, hidden swimming holes and ancient Indigenous cultures awaits.



The Olkola people of Cape York have been given back their land, and now they want to share it with you. Join in one of Australia's most unique cultural and travel experiences (page 35).



The sunburnt country up north is one thing, but the splendours of the south are quite another. Travel to the cultural mecca of Melbourne via the one and only Great Ocean Road (page 33).

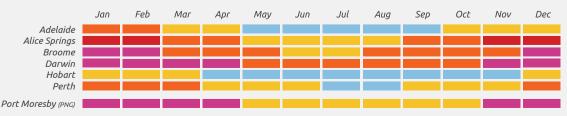


For something completely different, hop over to Australia's neighbour Papua New Guinea. Conquer the Kokoda Track or go island-hopping and join in tribal cultures (page 37).

WHERE IN THE WORLD

Australia Papua New Guinea





- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry 25-35°C
- Hot & wet 25-35°C
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 10-20°C
 - Cold & dry **0-15°C**Cold & wet **0-15°C**
- Below freezing -0°C

Overland tours

When we say Australia is a big country, we mean it! The whole of Europe and the UK can comfortably fit within the borders of Australia with space left over. It's not unusual to travel for 4-5 hours each day, sometimes longer. That's the beauty of this country though; it's vast, bold, and a place where you'll find a bigger variance of landscapes that anywhere else in the world. From desert to rainforest, mountains to canyons, we make the windows in our Overland vehicles panoramic for a reason...



Your vehicle

Our purpose-built vehicles have been designed for tough Australian conditions. The vehicles all come with seatbelts and are designed to be self-sufficient. Everything you need for your adventure is included, right down to the swags you sleep in at your campsite at night. While we fastidiously maintain our vehicles, you should not expect Oz to be your traditional touring experience. While it's certainly our aim to avoid them, it's important to realise that the occasional breakdown can happen and are best treated as part of the adventure!



Your team

While overlanding across Australia's vast and varied landscapes, you'll really become a part of this amazing continent, experiencing the sights and sounds firsthand. On some of our Overland journeys you'll even have the opportunity to become part of the crew! You'll load and unload the vehicles, set up camp, get water, cook, wash up and shop for food – which is a great way to bond with your fellow travellers. Overlanding is an exciting way to get off the beaten track and make the journey as much a part of the adventure as the destination. You'll experience life in isolated communities, camp under starry Outback skies and journey across rugged landscapes. Like all great adventures, the more you put in,



BASIX Combo III Trips

The possibilities are endless in Australia, so why not combine adventures and get the most out of this incredible country. Our combination trips offer something for everyone.

TURN THESE TRIPS...

PB10

PBD10

Perth to Broome Overland

10 days, see page 27

4WD Broome to Darwin Overland

10 days, enter PBD10 on our website

Top End Adventure PNTK5 5 days, see page 22

Uluru Adventure PAR3-B 3 days, see page 15 PAASE7

Adelaide to Alice Springs Overland

7 days, see page 33

PSKI-B

Kangaroo Island Adventure

2 days, see page 31

PNBS-B

Southern Ocean Wildlife Adventure

3 days, see page 32

PAMA-B

Melbourne to Adelaide Overland

3 days, see page 31

PAP10

Adelaide to Perth Overland

10 days, see page 34

...INTO A COMBO TRIP

PD22

Perth to Darwin Overland (R)

22 days, see page 28

POBAC

Adelaide to Darwin Overland (R)

12 days, enter POBAC on our website

PKBTC

Top End to the Outback (R)

9 days, enter PKBTC on our website

PSNSC

Kangaroo Island and Wildlife Adventure

12 days, enter PSNSC on our website

PASMC-B

Great Ocean Road Adventure & Kangaroo Island (R)

5 days, enter PASMC-B on our website

PAOBC

Melbourne to Alice Springs Overland

10 days, enter PAOBC on our website

PAOKC

Melbourne to Darwin Overland

10 days, enter PAOKC on our website

PBANC

Melbourne to Perth Overland

13 days, enter PBANC on our website

(R) Also available in reverse. See website for details.

Exmouth . Coral Bay

Monkey Mia **Shark Bay** Kalbarri NP

Perth O

Margaret River







Overnight Uluru Trip





2 DAYS, YULARA TO YULARA

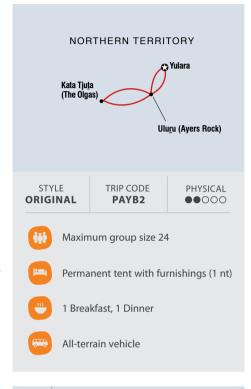
Gain an insight into Uluru and Kata Tjuta's spiritual significance during guided walks led by local Indigenous guides.

At the end of a day exploring Kata Tjuta's bornhardts, sit down to a starlit spread of regionally-sourced food and wines beneath vast outback skies.

Day 1 Yulara/Kata Tjuta/Uluru Arrive in Yulara, a remote outpost with a population of fewer than 1,000. Setting out across the desert, arrive at the 36 red rock domes that make up Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). Get to know the domes, dunes and gullies on a walk through the site, then drive on to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Kick back to watch the ochre-red hues of the world's biggest rock change during sunset, finishing the day with our famous 1,000-star dinner – an outback feast of locally sourced food and wine. Day 2 Uluru Rise early to catch the sun rearing up over the Red Centre's desolate expanse. While the day's still cool, get a sense of Uluru's size on an unguided wander around its base, then learn of the rock's Indigenous significance during a Mala Walk led by a local Indigenous guide. Enter the Uluru Cultural Centre to admire a range of traditional Aboriginal arts and crafts on display – perfect if you're looking to pick up some authentic mementos from your time in Australia's Red Centre.

VIEW DATES AND PRICES





Rock to Rock





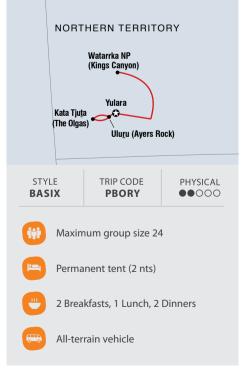
3 DAYS, YULARA TO YULARA

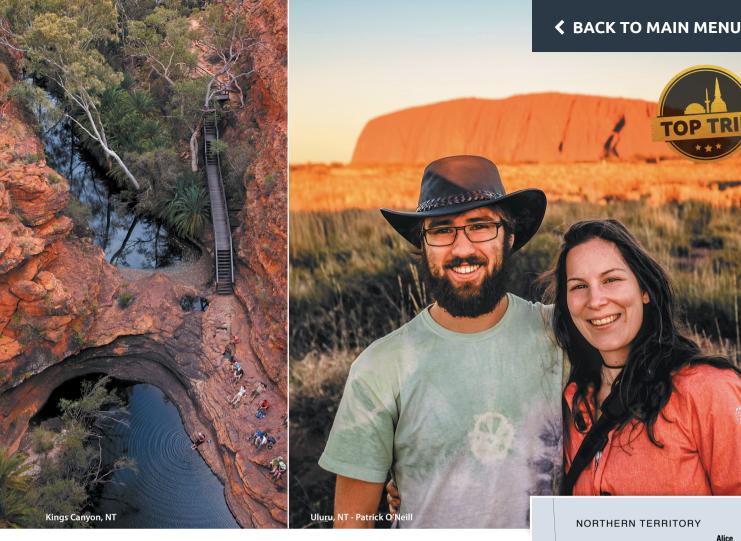
Rather than spend hours on the road from Alice Springs, perhaps make the most of your time in the Red Centre with flights in and out of Yulara, a stone's throw from Uluru.

See all of the Red Centre's big-name rock acts, taking in the humped landscape of Kata Tjuta, exploring the sites of Kings Canyon, and walking around Uluru's base.

Day 1 Yulara Travel into the wilds of Watarrka National Park, a region of rugged mountain ranges and impressive gorges. Enjoy a variety of outback scenery along the way, including vibrant red dune country and the craggy ranges of Central Australia. Arrive at your exclusive campsite near Kings Canyon, sitting down to dinner in the fresh air as the stars start to appear. Day 2 Kings Canyon Get up early for the 6km Kings Canyon rim walk. Admire the sandstone domes of the Lost City, the cliff top views on offer from the North and South Walls, and the beauty of the Garden of Eden, all while learning about the flora, fauna, history and culture of this area from your guide. The onwards drive to Uluru passes Atila (Mt Conner). Day 3 Yulara Enjoy an unguided walk around Uluru's base, setting out in the morning before it gets too hot. Next, deepen your understanding of the land and its history on a walk guided by your leader. The tour finishes before lunch at either Ayers Rock Resort or Yulara Airport.







3 Day Ulu<u>r</u>u Adventure

3 DAYS, ALICE SPRINGS TO ALICE SPRINGS

DEPARTURE GUARANTEED

Hike through natural amphitheatres, enter lost cities and discover a Garden of Eden on the Kings Canyon Rim Walk.

Learn about Indigenous Australia's connections to country on guided nature walks, and visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre.

Get to know the many dimensions of the world's biggest rock, beholding Uluru from a distance at sunset and walking around its base at sunrise.

Day 1 Alice Springs/Kata Tjuta/Uluru Kick off this three-day trip by stopping in at a working camel farm, perhaps enjoying a ride on one of these nomadic creatures. Make tracks across sunburnt plains to the captivating domes of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and take a guided walk through the awe-inspiring domes of Kata Tjuta, meaning 'Many Heads' in the Pitjantjatjara language. Next, head to Australia's most iconic landmark and watch the colour of the rock change during a magical desert sunset over ancient Uluru (Ayers Rock). As night sets in, sit down to our 1,000-star dinner of locally sourced food and wine - a fitting end to a memorable day. Then choose whether to bunk down in a cosy swag (Aussie bedroll), where you can literally fall asleep under the stars, or sleep in your permanent tent. Day 2 Uluru/ Kings Canyon Wake early for a once-in-a-lifetime sunrise and go for an exploration around the base of Uluru,

discovering its many caves and rock art sites. View the rock from different vantage points and learn about one of the world's oldest living cultures on an interpretive Mala Walk led by a local Indigenous guide. Browse Aboriginal arts and crafts at the cultural centre, then travel to your campsite located near Watarrka National Park for another night camped under sparkling night skies. Day 3 Kings Canyon/Alice Springs Grab your hiking shoes and head out on foot along the Rim Walk to discover the remarkable formations and towering rock faces that make up the grand Kings Canyon. Wander past the park's ochre-coloured rock walls and columns, visit the famous sites of the Lost City and the Amphitheatre and relax in the Garden of Eden's shaded surrounds. Then it's time to sit down, rest your legs and tuck into a tasty lunch. Watch the colours of the desert change on the return trip to Alice Springs.



Watarrka NP (Kings Canyon)







4 Day Red Centre Adventure

4 DAYS, ALICE SPRINGS TO ALICE SPRINGS





Discover Uluru's hidden caves, freshwater springs, Indigenous rock art and pockets of greenery on tour with someone who knows it best – a local Indigenous guide.

Spend an outback night snuggled up in a permanent tent or sleeping in the open air in an Aussie bed-roll.

Traverse the grand landscape of the Western MacDonnell Ranges, keeping an eye out for the myriad animal and bird life that lives in its gullies, creeks and gorges.

Day 1 Alice Springs/Kata Tjuta/Uluru Make tracks towards iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock). Take in the beauty of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) on a guided walk through the amazing formations, then sit back and witness an incredible Uluru sunset. When night falls, choose to bunker down in a cosy swag (Aussie bedroll) or a permanent tent. In the middle of this isolated landscape, nothing can beat watching the desert stars dance across an endless night sky. Day 2 Uluru/Kings Canyon Rise early to experience a jaw-dropping sunrise over Uluru before exploring this giant sandstone formation up close. Standing at 348 metres high, with the majority of its bulk buried underground, Uluru counts as the world's largest rock. Learn the story of the Mala people on a guided walk with a local Indigenous guide, and admire the Aboriginal art on display at a local cultural centre. Head into Watarrka National Park and spend the evening

camping. Day 3 Kings Canyon/Glen Helen Wander along the walking tracks of Kings Canyon, discovering chasms, gorges and ancient plants that are sheltered within crevices and porous, soft sandstone. After lunch, head across country to the Western MacDonnell Ranges and settle into your exclusive camp at Glen Helen. Enjoy a lovely meal catered by your leader. Day 4 Western MacDonnell Ranges Explore the Western MacDonnell Ranges, a glorious collection of gullies, gorges and gaps amid the arid Red Centre landscape. Enjoy an easy walk through Ormiston Gorge, stopping for a refreshing soak in the waters of Ellery Creek. Venture down into Simpsons Gap and hear about the Indigenous tales of creation that occurred here. Finish the day watching the colours of the landscape drain away beneath the setting sun. Perhaps see it all from the back of a camel on an optional hour-long ride at sunset.







5 Day Red Centre Camping Adventure

5 DAYS, ALICE SPRINGS TO ALICE SPRINGS



Explore the outback on your own terms, with flexibility and no rushing around – just you, your small group, and a well-versed local leader.

Enjoy a morning getting to know Uluru at your own pace, then join a local guide for an educational walk that reveals its secrets.

Spend two days exploring the sites of both the Western and Eastern MacDonnell Ranges: Ormiston Gorge, Ellery Creek, Simpsons Gap and Rainbow Valley.

Day 1 Alice Springs Get a new perspective of the Australian Outback atop a 'ship of the desert' during an Outback camel farm visit. Cross sunburnt plains to the captivating domes of Kata Tjuta, then watch the colour of the rock change during a magical desert sunset over iconic, ancient Uluru. Day 2 Kings Canyon Join a local guide for an early exploration around the base of Uluru, discovering its many caves and rock art sites. View the rock from different vantage points and learn about one of the world's oldest living cultures on an interpretive walk led by a local Indigenous guide. Browse Aboriginal arts and crafts at the cultural centre, then travel to your Watarrka National Park campsite for another night camped under sparkling night skies. Day 3 Kings Canyon Get you hiking boots and be entranced by the enormity and ethereal beauty of Kings Canyon. Trek to the

Amphitheatre, discover the Lost City, the Garden of Eden, and North and South walls. Then camp at Glen Helen. Day 4 Western MacDonnell Ranges Discover the West Macs, a glorious collection of gullies, gorges and gaps riven from the arid Red Centre landscape. Enjoy an easy walk through Ormiston Gorge, admiring its colourful walls while keeping eyes peeled for local wildlife. Soak up the exceptional vistas on offer from Ellery Creek and perhaps take a dip. Venture down into Simpsons Gap and hear about Indigenous tales of creation. Day 5 Alice Springs Explore one of the Outback's best kept secrets - the Eastern Macdonnell Ranges. Learn about the 'Caterpillar Dreaming' at Emily Gap, walk through the beautiful rock formations of Trephina Gorge, then lunch at the historic Ross River Homestead. Drop into the 'Ghost Town' of Arltunga, then return to Alice Springs by late afternoon.











Alice Springs to Adelaide Overland

6 DAYS, ALICE SPRINGS TO ADELAIDE





Walk amid the colossal 'beehive' domes of Kata Tjuta, an environment of great natural beauty and profound sacred significance.

Do like Coober Pedy's locals – 'noodling' for opals and sleeping underground – in one of the world's most extreme climate zones.

Hike through the dramatic rises of the Flinders Ranges, a habitat for red kangaroos, yellow-footed rock-wallabies and wedge-tailed eagles.

Day 1 Alice Springs/Kata Tjuta/Uluru Begin the day with a visit to an Outback camel farm. Those up for it can climb atop one of these majestic creatures and go for a quick ride through the desert (optional). Head on to $Ulu\underline{r}u$ (Ayers Rock), discover the fascinating Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and walk through the domes. End the day with the unforgettable experience of watching the sun set over the heart of Australia. After a good feed and great company, curl up in swag and sleep under a dreamy night sky. Day 2 Uluru/Kings Canyon Wake before dawn to watch the soft morning light bring Uluru to life. Walk around the base of the rock and soak up the tranquil ambience. Later, deepen your understanding of the land and the Mala people on an interpretive walk with an Aboriginal guide, then travel on to Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon). Day 3 Kings Canyon/Erldunda Grab your hiking

shoes and head out on foot along the Rim Walk to discover the remarkable formations and towering rock faces that make up Kings Canyon. Wander past the park's ochre-coloured rock walls and columns, visit the famous sites of the Lost City and the Amphitheatre, relax by the Garden of Eden's shaded pool, then enjoy some lunch. Day 4 Coober Pedy Cross the border into South Australia and take a guided tour of Coober Pedy, visiting an underground mine and the museum. Duck into Josephine's Gallery & Kangaroo Orphanage. Spend the night in an underground bunkhouse. Day 5 Quorn Continue south along the Stuart Highway, stopping at the vast salt lakes of central Australia. Stretch your legs with a walk around the historic township of Quorn. Day 6 Adelaide Begin the day with a morning hike in the Flinders Ranges, then travel through the Clare Valley to Adelaide.

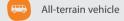




Permanent tented camp with



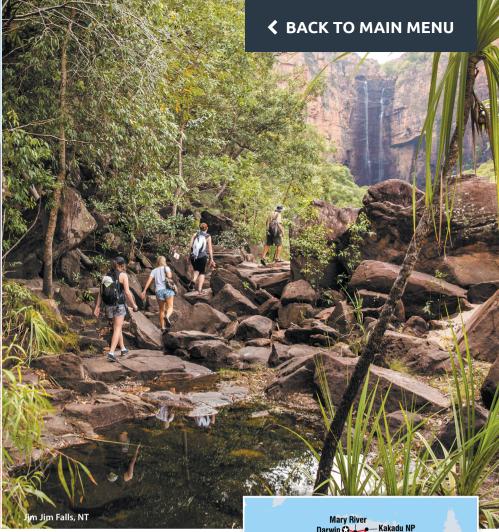












Outback to the Top End

DEPARTURE GUARANTEED

9 DAYS, ALICE SPRINGS TO DARWIN

Experience 'the Territory' how it should be – with a private vehicle, well-versed local guide and nights camped out in the open.

Watch the Outback's arid terrain transition into the verdant rainforests and waterways of the Top End on a flight from Alice Springs to Darwin.

Take in the major sights of the Red Centre – Uluru, Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon – then visit the waterfalls and billabongs of Kakadu, Litchfield and Katherine Gorge.

Day 1 Alice Springs/Uluru/Kata Tjuta Check out the 36 domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) on a walk, then watch the colour of the rocks change at sunset. Sit down to a unique meal with an Outback 1,000 Star Dinner. Day 2 Uluru/Kings Canyon Watch the sun rise over the Rock, then learn about one of the world's oldest living cultures on an Indigenous guided interpretive walk around a section of Uluru (Ayers Rock). Travel on to your exclusive campsite near Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon). Day 3 Kings Canyon/Alice Springs Trek into Kings Canyon and explore the remarkable rock formations that make up this region. See the famous sites of the Lost City and the Amphitheatre, enjoy the shaded Garden of Eden, then head back to Alice Springs. Day 4 Darwin Get a sense of the outback's scale on a flight up to Darwin. Days 5 Darwin/Kakadu Learn about Aboriginal culture from the area's original owners, the Limilngan-Wulna

people. Cruise the Mary River Wetlands and arrive in Ubirr in time to admire Aboriginal rock paintings and a classic Top End sunset. Day 6 Kakadu Jump into a 4x4 and drive to Twin Falls. After a post-lunch riverbank laze and a scenic cruise, embark on a challenging hike to the base of Jim Jim Falls. Take refreshing dips in the pleasantly cool plunge pool. Day 7 Kakadu/Katherine Hike to the top of either Gunlom Falls or Maguk for a swim in another pristine waterhole. Stop in at the old gold-mining town of Pine Creek. Camp on the doorstep of Nitmiluk National Park. Day 8 Nitmiluk National Park Admire the colours of Katherine Gorge. Travel on to Edith Falls, a hidden oasis of clear water surrounded by bronze boulders. Day 9 Litchfield National Park/ Darwin Discover Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and the Buley Rockholes in Litchfield National Park. Stroll through rainforest, dip in a swimming hole, then return to Darwin.



STYLE **BASIX** TRIP CODE **POBOC**

PHYSICAL

Maximum group size 24



Permanent tented camp with shared facilities (6 nts), multishare hostel (2 nts)



6 Breakfasts, 7 Lunches, 6 Dinners



All-terrain vehicle, plane









3 Day Kakadu Litchfield Adventure

3 DAYS, DARWIN TO DARWIN

CARBON



Cruise through the Mary River Wetlands, an enormous billabong home to the world's highest concentration of saltwater crocodiles.

Examine 20,000 year-old Indigenous art on a cultural interpretive walk along the rock walls of Ubirr.

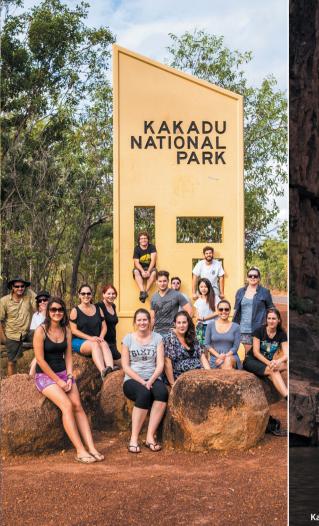
Take an optional fixed-wing flight over the Arnhem Land Escarpment for some truly next-level views of the landscape.

Day 1 Darwin Welcome to the Northern Territory! Your adventure begins in the tropical city of Darwin. Set off from Darwin and head south to Litchfield National Park, a huge sandstone plateau with dozens of waterfalls. Explore Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and the Buley Rockholes. After a picnic lunch, take a stroll through balmy rainforests and cool off with a dip in one of Litchfield's delightful swimming holes. The day draws to an end with a wildlife cruise in the Mary River Wetlands, a network of waterways home to crocodiles and native bird species. Enjoy an Aussie pub meal before climbing into bed at the secluded Mary River campsite. All tents are twin-share and come with a proper bed. Day 2 Mary River Marvel at the ancient Aboriginal rock art (or gunbim, as it's known traditionally) at Ubirr in Kakadu National Park. Then climb to the top of a lookout for a bird's-eye view over the wide expanse of

the Nardab Floodplain. Travel on to Maguk (Barramundi Gorge), where a hike through lush vegetation and over rocks is rewarded with a reviving swim in the cooling plunge pools. Kick back and relax poolside, then enjoy some dinner with the rest of the group at the Jabiru campground bistro. Day 3 Darwin Given that Kakadu covers approximately the same amount of land as Slovenia, the sky's a pretty good place to see it all from. This morning you'll have the option of taking a scenic flight over the billabongs, bushlands, floodplains and Arnhem Land escarpment that make up this ruggedly beautiful region. Later, spend time exploring Kakadu's other major Aboriginal rock art site - Nourlangie (Burrunggui). While here you guide will also provide a glimpse into how the local Aboriginal people live. Break for lunch, then begin your journey back to Darwin, where you'll arrive back in the afternoon.









4 Day Kakadu, Katherine, Litchfield Adventure

4 DAYS, DARWIN TO DARWIN

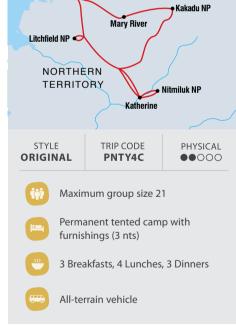
Hike through the rich greenery of Litchfield National Park, cooling off with swims in Florence Falls, Wangi Falls, and Buley Rockholes.

Enter the Top End's best-known national park, Kakadu, and savour incredible views over the Nardab Floodplains, before enjoying a dip in a pristine waterhole.

Cruise the waters of Katherine Gorge by boat or canoe, then get an insight into traditional bush living during an intercultural experience.

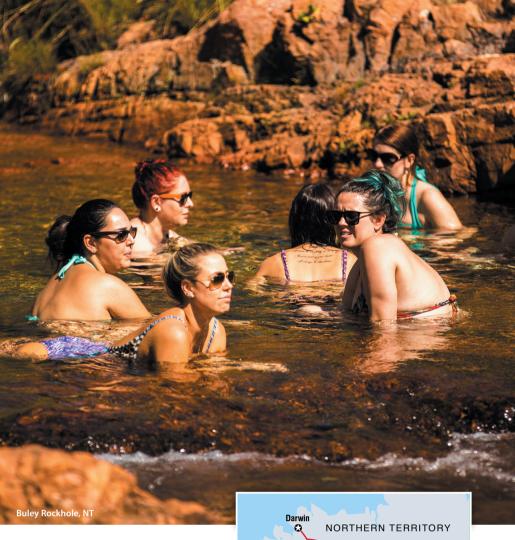
Day 1 Darwin Leaving Darwin, head to Litchfield National Park and explore Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and Buley Rockholes. Enjoy a picnic lunch, stroll through steamy rainforests and cool off with a dip in one of Litchfield's picture-perfect swimming holes. The day comes to an end with a cruise in the gorgeous Mary River Wetlands – a vast waterway brimming with crocs and native bird species - before turning in for the night at the campsite. Day 2 Kakadu/Katherine Marvel at Ubirr's ancient Aboriginal rock art in Kakadu National Park, then ascend a lookout for a bird's-eye view over the Nardab Floodplains. Next up is Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) where a hike through lush vegetation is rewarded with a swim in pleasantly cool plunge pools. Alternatively you might pay a visit to Gunlom Falls - another beautiful escarpment waterfall and plunge pool. Tonight, kick back and relax by the pool at the Kakadu campground

and enjoy a group dinner at the site's bistro. Day 3 Mary River Perhaps start the day getting an idea of Kakadu's true scale with an optional scenic flight over its vast floodplains, tranquil billabongs and the Arnhem Land escarpment. Heading south, make a stop at the historic gold mining centre of Pine Creek. Travel on through Katherine to the night's campsite on the border of Nitmuluk National Park. Drift off to sleep amid the chatter of the outback night. Day 4 Darwin Depending on the season, choose to cruise down through the red rock walls of Katherine Gorge by boat or canoe. Clocking in at over 23 million years old, this natural marvel is one of the Top End's true wonders. Enjoy a Top Didj Aboriginal cultural experience today, learning about Aboriginal life, painting, and bush living, and then head back to Darwin. Farewell your fellow travellers as this trip comes to an end.









5 Day Top End Adventure





5 DAYS, DARWIN TO DARWIN

Learn the way of the land from the Limilngan-Wulna people during bushtucker talks, didgeridoo demonstrations and a basket weaving demonstration.

Climb up Ubirr's rocky outcrop for expansive views across the Nardab Floodplain and an unforgettable sunset.

Rumble through Kakadu National Park on a 4x4 adventure, stopping in to check out the spectacular Twin Falls and Jim Jim Falls.

Day 1 Darwin/Kakadu Begin this journey with a history lesson in Aboriginal culture from the area's original owners, the Limilngan-Wulna people. Gain an insight into this ancient culture with bush tucker talks, didgeridoo and basket weaving. Later, head out on a cruise through the Mary River Wetlands, scanning the waters for the crocodiles that live here in astonishing numbers. Arrive in Ubirr in time to admire Aboriginal rock paintings, which date back thousands of years, and catch a classic Top End sunset. Day 2 Kakadu Take on the rough terrain of the Aussie Outback in a 4x4 on the drive towards Twin Falls. After a post-lunch laze on a riverbank and a scenic cruise, embark on a challenging hike to the base of Jim Jim Falls. Spend the rest of the day indulging in refreshing dips in a pleasantly cool plunge pool. Day 3 Kakadu/Katherine Hike to the top of either Gunlom Falls or Maguk for a swim in another pristine

waterhole. Soak up the astounding views of the valley from the top of the pools before a quick stop in the old gold-mining town of Pine Creek. Spend the night at a private campsite on the doorstep of Nitmiluk National Park. Day 4 Nitmiluk National Park Admire the rich colours of Katherine Gorge, perhaps by canoe or on a boat tour. Travel on to Edith Falls, a hidden oasis of clear, cool water surrounded by bronze boulders. After a quick swim in the huge rock pools, settle into tonight's camp. Day 5 Litchfield National Park/Darwin Awash with dense tropical rainforest and peppered with gorgeous waterholes, Litchfield National Park is a true Top End highlight. Visit Florence Falls, Wangi Falls and the Buley Rockholes, then tuck into a picnic lunch before strolling through steamy rainforests for a cooling dip in one of the park's swimming holes. In the afternoon, make the twohour drive back to Darwin, where your trip ends.





Maximum group size 21



Permanent tented camp with shared facilities (3 nts), camping with shared facilities (1 nt)



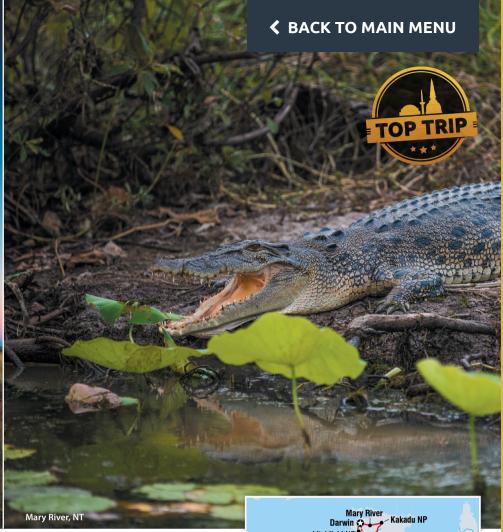
4 Breakfasts, 5 Lunch, 4 Dinners



All-terrain vehicle







Northern Territory Encompassed Southbound

9 DAYS, DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

DEPARTURE GUARANTEED CARBON

After exploring the wilds of Kakadu by foot, perhaps opt for a scenic flight to take in the billabongs, cascades and Arnhem Land escarpment from above.

Watch as the verdant terrain of the Top End gives way to the red dust of the Outback on a flight from Darwin to Alice Springs.

Camp out in Watarrka National Park, waking early to explore the many sites of Kings Canyon: the Lost City, North and South Walls, Amphitheatre and Garden of Eden.

Day 1 Darwin/Litchfield/Mary River Head south to the beautiful Litchfield National Park, where waterfalls flow all year round. Finish the day with an afternoon wildlife cruise through the spectacular Mary River Wetlands, followed by a bistro meal. Day 2 Kakadu National Park Hear the stories behind the ancient Aboriginal rock art of Ubirr on an interpretive cultural walk through the different rock art galleries. Take in expansive views over the Nardab floodplain from a rocky lookout. Day 3 Kakadu/Katherine Perhaps kick off the day with an optional scenic flight over Kakadu's lush topography. Day 4 Darwin Depending on the season, choose to set out on a cruise or canoe between the red rock walls of Katherine Gorge. Day 5 Darwin/Alice Springs Catch a flight from Darwin to Alice Springs. Day 6 Alice Springs/ Kata Tjuta/Uluru Explore the 36 domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) on a walk through the domes. At the day's

end, sit down to a leisurely outback repast - the famous 1,000 Star Dinner. Day 7 Uluru/Kings Canyon Wake early and join a local guide for an exploration around the base of Uluru, discovering its many caves and rock art sites. Browse Aboriginal arts and crafts at the cultural centre, then travel to your campsite in Watarrka National Park. Day 8 Kings Canyon/Alice Springs Set out on foot along the Rim Walk to discover the remarkable landscapes of Kings Canyon. Wander past the park's ochre-coloured rock walls, visit the famous sites of the Lost City and the Amphitheatre, and relax by the Garden of Eden's shaded pool. Day 9 Alice Springs/Western MacDonnell Ranges See Ormiston Gorge, swim in Ellery Creek and watch the colours of the Western MacDonnell Ranges change under the setting sun. Perhaps see it from the back of a camel with an optional hour-long ride before your trip comes to an end.



STYLE **ORIGINAL** TRIP CODE **PKOSC**

PHYSICAL ••000

Maximum group size 24



Permanent tents with furnishings with shared facilities (6 nts), motel (2 nts)



6 Breakfasts, 8 Lunches, 6 Dinners



Private vehicle, plane









Broome to the Bungle Bungles

5 DAYS, BROOME TO BROOME





Spend a full day in Purnululu National Park walking between the massive Bungle Bungle domes, weaving through Echidna Chasm and entering Cathedral Gorge.

Be guided by a local Gooniyandi guide through the ancient fossils and Indigenous rock art found in the Mimbi Caves.

Day 1 Geikie Gorge & Fitzroy Crossing Leave the beaches of Broome and set out for Geikie Gorge. Take an afternoon cruise, then camp by Fitzroy River with a BBQ dinner. Day 2 China Wall & Purnululu National Park Travel through the old gold rush town of Halls Creek, stopping for a gander at Australia's version of the China Wall. Arrive in Purnululu National Park. Day 3 Bungle Bungles Wander amid the striped 'beehives' of the Bungle Bungles, perhaps also opting for a scenic flight over them. Weave through Echidna Chasm's steep walls and enter Cathedral Gorge. Day 4 Fitzroy Crossing Explore the Mimbi Caves, a sanctuary of crystal-clear pools and ancient rock art, then share billy tea and damper with the owners of Gooniyandi Country. Day 5 Windjana Gorge & Tunnel Creek Tour Tunnel Creek and hear the story of Aboriginal freedom fighter Jandamarra from your guide. Look for freshwater crocs at Windjana Gorge before returning to Broome via the Gibb River Road.

VIEW DATES AND PRICES





Cape Leveque and the Kimberley Coast

2 DAYS, BROOME TO BROOME





Get an insight into coastal Kimberley industries on guided tours of the Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm and an acquaculture hatchery.

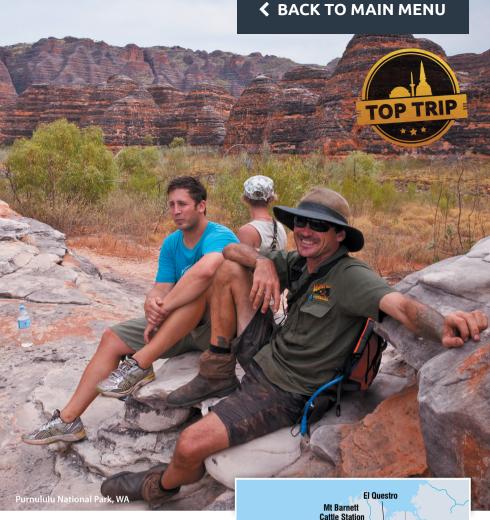
Cruise between the Islands of the Giant Tides with a local Indigenous guide, spending the night at an isolated island safari camp.

Day 1 Beagle Bay Visit the shimmering pearl shell altar at the Beagle Bay Church before arriving at remote Cygnet Bay Pearl Farm. After a picnic lunch, get an insight into this industry on a farm tour, then cruise the extraordinary Islands of the Giant Tides with a local guide. Spend the evening at an exclusive safari camp nestled on the beach overlooking the bay. Go for a swim or explore the nearby mangroves before sunset. Day 2 Cape Leveque/Broome Return to One Arm Point to visit their aquaculture hatchery at the tip of the Dampier Peninsula. Share a damper cooked over the fire and learn about traditions, lifestyle and culture. Stop in at Kooljaman at Cape Leveque and enjoy a swim or perhaps head out on a trail walk. Alternatively, choose to enjoy the beaches and see the famous rugged red coastline for which Cape Levegue is renowned. Drive back through dusk to arrive in Broome.









Wild Kimberley Overland

DEPARTURE

10 DAYS, BROOME TO BROOME

Delve into the legend of the Indigenous freedom fighter Jandamarra on a tour through the caves of Tunnel Creek with your guide.

Discover the great natural beauty of the El Questro Wilderness Park with plenty of free time to discover Emma Gorge, Chamberlain Gorge and Zebedee Springs.

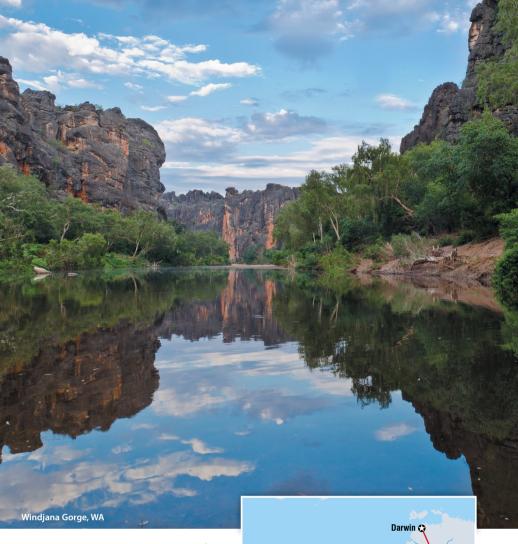
Unbelievably, nobody but the local Indigenous knew of the Bungle Bungles until the early 1980s. Discover this incredible range for yourself on a visit to Purnululu NP.

Day 1 Tunnel Creek Leave Broome at sunrise and travel through the beautiful Kimberley landscape to Tunnel Creek. Visit the Boab Prison Tree near Derby and in the afternoon explore Western Australia's oldest cave system at Tunnel Creek. Walk down Windjana Gorge to find some freshwater crocodiles. Day 2 Bell Gorge/Mt Barnett Station Travel along the Gibb River Road to Bell Gorge. This tranquil collection of waterfalls and pools is the perfect spot to while away a few hours with some bushwalking or swimming. Day 3 Mt Barnett Cattle Station Head further up Gibb River Road to the lily-filled waters of Galvans and Adcock Gorge. Continue to Manning Falls for a swim before returning to Mt Barnett Cattle Station. Days 4-5 El Questro Take a morning trek to Manning Falls. Set amid sandstone ranges, lush forest and cascading waterfalls, El Questro is a delight to

explore. Spend two days getting to know the reserve at your own pace, perhaps with swims in Zebedee Springs, cruises through Chamberlain Gorge, or bush tucker walks. Day 6 Kununurra/Lake Argyle Spend a few hours exploring Kununurra before travelling on to Lake Argyle. Part of the Ord River Irrigation System, the formerly dry region is now a croc-filled oasis. Days 7-8 Purnululu National Park Visit Echidna Chasm and take a short walk into Cathedral Gorge. In the afternoon there'll be the chance to take a scenic flight over the Bungle Bungle range. Day 9 Fitzroy Crossing Visit the China Wall, a remarkable vein of quartz stretching across the countryside. Stop for lunch at Mary Pool and visit the Yiyili Aboriginal Community. Day 10 Geikie Gorge/Broome Take a morning cruise through Geikie Gorge, looking out for sea eagles and crocodiles, before returning to Broome.







The Kimberley Trail Broome to Darwin

14 DAYS, BROOME TO DARWIN



Take on the rugged terrain of the Mitchell Plateau. This extraordinary area is home to the four-tiered Mitchell Falls – a stunning testament to the power and scale of nature.

Uncover a hidden highlight of the West Kimberley with a stop in the idyllic retreat of Bell Gorge.

Climb aboard a Nitnit Dreaming Cultural Cruise through the inspiring natural wonder of the Nitmiluk Gorge – made up of 13 different chasms carved by the Katherine River.

Day 1 Windjana Gorge Leave Broome for the remote and beautiful Kimberley landscape. After morning tea and a visit to the Boab Prison Tree, explore Windjana Gorge and Western Australia's oldest cave system at Tunnel Creek. Day 2 Bell Gorge/Silent Grove Travel along the Gibb River Road to idyllic Bell Gorge. This tranquil hideaway of waterfalls and pools is the perfect spot to while away a few hours. Day 3 Galvans Gorge/Mount Elizabeth Enjoy the oases of the lily-laden Galvans Gorge and the retreat of Adcock Gorge. Camp in classic Kimberley cattle country at Mount Elizabeth Homestead. Days 4-5 Mitchell Plateau Veer off-road for a real highlight camping in the remote Mitchell Plateau National Park. See the magnificent four-tiered Mitchell Falls, swim at Little and Big Merten Falls, view ancient rock art, and maybe see it all by helicopter. Day 6 Drysdale Station

Covering more than 1 million acres, this station offers another sense of the Australian Outback's scale. Set out for walks, or experience Outback pub culture with a 'coldie' at the 'local'. Days 7-8 El Questro Enjoy two days of idyllic isolation. Explore stunning gorges by foot or watercraft, or just soak up the solitude. Days 9-10 Purnululu National Park Discover the striped Bungle Bungle rock domes of Purnululu, unknown to the outside world before 1980. Take two days to explore, taking in Echidna Chasm and Cathedral Gorge. Days 11-12 Kununurra Head to the heart of the East Kimberley. Board a boat and cruise along vast Lake Argyle and the Ord River. Day 13 Katherine Cross into the Northern Territory. Day 14 Nitmiluk National Park/Darwin Take a cruise through Nitmiluk Gorge and discover the customs of the area's traditional custodians. Dip into Edith Falls, then end in Darwin.





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Maximum group size 20



Camping with basic facilities (10 nts), furnished tents (1 nt), cabin with ensuite (2 nts)



13 Breakfasts, 4 Lunches, 10 Dinners

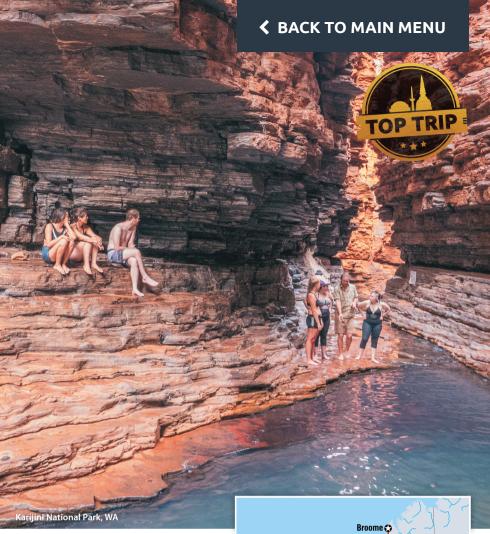


All-terrain vehicle









Perth to Broome Overland @GARBON &COLERATURE





10 DAYS, PERTH TO BROOME

Peer into Ningaloo Marine Park's underwater wonderland on a glass-bottom boat cruise, snorkelling tour, or on an excursion to swim with whalesharks or manta rays.

Listen to the stirring of nocturnal wildlife from our exclusive campsite along Yardie Creek, in the ruggedly beautiful Cape Range National Park.

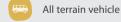
Wander along dry river beds, shimmy down polished rock corridors, and swim in the natural rockpools of Weano Gorge and Hancock Gorge in Karijini National Park.

Day 1 Perth Welcome to sunny Perth. Drive out to the famous spire-filled desert landscape of Nambung National Park. Give sandboarding a shot on the massive sand dunes of Jurien Bay, then hit the road to Kalbarri. Day 2 Kalbarri National Park/Shark Bay After time spent exploring rugged Kalbarri National Park, stop by breathtaking Shell Beach for a stroll. Day 3 Shark Bay/ Coral Bay Trek down to the beach and come eye-to-eye with the Monkey Mia dolphins. The unique stromatolites at Hamelin Pool are another must-see on the way to captivating Coral Bay. Day 4 Coral Bay/Yardie Creek Today is free to do what you like. Perhaps strap on a snorkel for an underwater exploration of Coral Bay in the Ningaloo Marine Park, an ocean sanctuary home to whale sharks, dugongs, manta rays, sea turtles and more. In the evening, take a short drive to Yardie Creek - the perfect base for exploring beautiful Turquoise Bay.

Day 5 Exmouth/Cape Range National Park Make the most of a free day. Perhaps venture out to sea on a whale shark expedition, or return to Turquoise Bay and spend the day on the reef, paddling about in the shallows with a snorkel. Days 6-8 Karijini National Park Head inland through vast cattle stations and sweeping plains to Karijini. Swim in idyllic waterholes, take showers under waterfalls, and witness the beauty of an area billions of years in the making. Visit the Fern Pool and hear your voice echo around the natural amphitheatre. Descend into Hancock Gorge for a paddle in its serene rock pool. Day 9 Pilbra Region Journey towards Port Hedland for a quick tour of the bustling port town, then continue on to Pardoo for an overnight stay on an outback station. Day 10 Broome Take a stroll along Eighty Mile Beach and then drive to Broome. Catch a stunning final sunset at Cable Beach before this trip comes to an end.

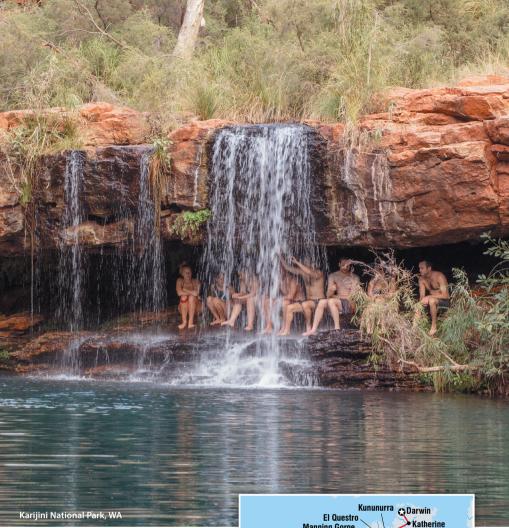












Perth to Darwin Overland





22 DAYS, PERTH TO DARWIN

Snorkel about in search of manta rays, reef sharks, sea turtles and possibly even whale sharks off Ningaloo Marine Park.

Witness the scale and raw beauty of Karijini National Park. Its isolated location means you have the many gorges, waterfalls and pools all to yourself.

Wind through the narrow passageway of Echidna Chasm and test out the natural acoustics of Cathedral Gorge in the Bungle Bungle Range.

Day 1 Perth Start the trip with a wander through the Pinnacles of Nambung National Park. Day 2 Kalbarri National Park/Shark Bay Hike around some of Kalbarri's natural attractions, including Murchison Gorge and Nature's Window, then journey up to Shark Bay. Day 3 Shark Bay/Coral Bay Come eye-to-eye with the dolphins of Monkey Mia. Day 4 Coral Bay/Yardi Creek Swim, snorkel or scuba dive among the turtles, sharks and rays of Ningaloo Marine Park. Day 5 Exmouth/Cape Range National Park Swim with whale sharks (at own expense). Days 6-8 Karijini National Park Spend the next two days exploring the almighty gorges, beautiful waterfalls and freshwater rock pools of Karijini National Park. Day 9 Pilbra Region Spend a night on an outback station. Day 10 Broome Stop for a stroll along the long sands of Eighty Mile Beach. Days 11-12 Broome Relish the small-town vibe of Broome. Day 13 Broome/

Windjana Gorge Join your guide for a walk through Tunnel Creek. Day 14 Bell Gorge Visit the cascading falls of Bell Gorge. Day 15 Windjana Gorge/Gibb River Road Stop by Windjana Gorge to spy freshwater crocodiles, then travel the famous Gibb River Road into the Kimberley. Day 16 Gibb River Road/El Questro Spend hours lolling about in the clear waters of Manning Gorge. Day 17 El Questro Station Explore the unspoilt frontier country of El Questro Wilderness Reserve. Day 18 Purnululu National Park (Bungle Bungle) Drive into the rugged Purnululu National Park for sunset over the Osmond Ranges. Day 19 Bungle Bungles Walk through Echidna Chasm and check out Cathedral Gorge. Day 20 Bungle Bungles/Lake Argyle Set up camp by Lake Argyle. Day 21 Lake Argyle/Katherine Cruise along the vast expanse of Lake Argyle. Day 22 Darwin Your overland journey ends in Darwin.



STYLE **BASIX** TRIP CODE PD22

PHYSICAL



Maximum group size 20



Multishare (7 nts), camping (11 nts) camping with basic facilities (3 nts)



16 Breakfasts, 18 lunches, 16 Dinners



All-terrain vehicle



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Perth to Esperance Overland

6 DAYS, PERTH TO ESPERANCE

DEPARTURE GUARANTEED

Witness the phenomenon that is Wave Rock, an enormous granite inselberg that resembles a long pitching wave.

Travel to the pristine beaches of Cape Le Grand National Park, one of the country's most naturally stunning regions.

Learn about the Dreamtime and Australia's Aboriginal culture with Koomal Dreaming in Ngilgi Cave.

Day 1 Perth to Fitzgerald National Park Start this Esperance adventure in laidback Perth, one of the world's most isolated state capitals. Drive through the Darling Ranges to magnificent Wave Rock - a natural rock formation that strongly resembles a breaking wave. Set up camp in the Fitzgerald River National Park and get a taste of Western Australia's rugged coastal beauty. Day 2 Fitzgerald River National Park/Cape Le Grand National Park Admire more stunning coastal scenery on the drive to Esperance. Enjoy the glorious white sand beaches and crystal clear waters of Cape Le Grand National Park. Savour the remarkable views across the Recherche Archipelago on a late afternoon walk up to Frenchman's Peak. Day 3 Cape Le Grand National Park/Stirling Ranges Enjoy a free morning to get to know this exceptionally picturesque area whichever way you like. Set out on

any number of good walks on offer, go for a swim, hit the waves by bodyboard or just bask on the beach in the company of wild kangaroos. Day 4 South West of Western Australia Get hiking in the pristine natural wilderness of the Stirling Ranges. There's no shortage of spectacular scenery in this region, so make sure camera batteries are fully charged and memory sticks have plenty of space. Day 5 Margaret River Encounter a different side of Western Australia's natural flora upon entering the state's southern eucalypt forests. Perhaps get a bird's-eye view of these ancient Red Tingle trees as you climb 'the Fire Tree' to experience life at the top of a forest. Day 6 Margaret **River/Perth** Sample bush tucker, see how traditional tools were crafted and learn about the Dreamtime and Australia's Aboriginal culture during a unique information session at Ngilgi Cave.





CONVICTS AND COLONIALS

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Perth to Adelaide Overland

9 DAYS, PERTH TO ADELAIDE

Nullarbor Plain, WA



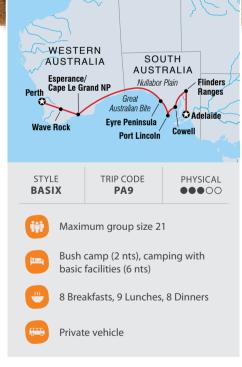
Sign up for a boat cruise out into Baird Bay and the chance to swim with friendly dolphins and sea lions, or even for a cage dive with Great White Sharks.

Get a feel for the incredible scale of the Outback on an Australian rite of passage – a drive across the Nullarbor Plains

Spend a night camped out in Mikkira Station, a small homestead and koala sanctuary surrounded by manna gums and giant yakka plants.

Day 1 Fitzgerald River National Park Set out from Perth through the Darling Ranges. See Wave Rock and discover the natural wonders of Fitzgerald River National Park. Day 2 Esperance Travel through Esperance to Cape Le Grand National Park. Enjoy bush and beach hikes, or go for a swim or snorkel. Day 3 Cape Le Grand National Park Start the morning with a hike up Frenchman Peak for stunning views across the islands and bays of the Recherche Archipelago. Days 4-5 Nullarbor Plain/The Great Australian Bight See the old telegraph town of Eucla and explore the Nullabor's vast expanses of karst limestone. Drive onto the Nullarbor Plain, passing the dingo fence and Yalata Aboriginal lands. At Ceduna Arts and Cultural Centre, learn more about the different styles and meanings behind Aboriginal art. Day 6 Coodlie Park Farm Retreat Perhaps head

out to sea for a swim with the dolphins and sea lions of Bairds Bay. Wonder at the curious formations of Murphy's Haystacks and explore the Talia caves before sandboarding down some nearby sand dunes. Day 7 Mikkira Station Travel on toward Elliston for a last look at the amazing cliffs of the bight at Lock's Well. Tonight's camp is at Mikkira Station, where koalas can usually be spotted in every tree. Day 8 Port Lincoln Visit the spectacular Australian coastlines of the Whalers Way Conservation Park. If lucky, you might get to see some kangaroos and emus in this privately owned flora and fauna reserve. After a day of action, kick back and enjoy your last night on this incredible trip. Day 9 Adelaide Journey into a land of rusty, rugged gorges, abandoned homesteads and ghost gums of the Southern Flinders Ranges National Park before finishing the adventure in Adelaide.









Kangaroo Island Adventure

2 DAYS, ADELAIDE TO ADELAIDE

CARBON



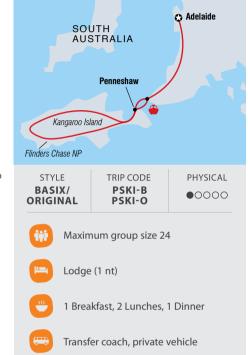
Trudge to the top of Little Sahara's chalky white dunes, then whizz your way down on a sandboard.

Clamber about the bizarre sculptures of Remarkable Rocks and peer out at the ocean through the overhang of Admirals Arch.

Day 1 Adelaide/Kangaroo Island Travel to Cape Jervis and hop aboard the Sealink Ferry for the journey out to Kangaroo Island - make sure to keep your eyes peeled for dolphins surfing along in the bow's wake. Pay a visit to the local sea lions of Seal Bay, then hit the white sand dunes of Little Sahara and try your hand at sandboarding. Perhaps spend the spare hours before dinner kayaking in Harriet River, trail-bike riding or exploring the area's numerous hiking tracks in search of kangaroos, possums and Tamar Wallabies. Day 2 Kangaroo Island/ Adelaide After breakfast, head out to the Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary in search of wild koalas nodding off in their eucalyptus-tree hideouts. Continue to Flinders Chase National Park and take in the superb coastal views from Remarkable Rock. Watch the local fur seals frolic offshore at Cape Du Couedic, and see Admirals Arch before returning to the mainland.

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Melbourne to Adelaide Adventure

3 DAYS, MELBOURNE TO ADELAIDE





Settle in for a spectacular drive along Victoria's Great Ocean Road, passing through thick forest and quaint coastal villages to Loch Ard Gorge and the Twelve Apostles.

Get a taste of the Australian bush in the Grampians, a national park famous for its waterfalls, Indigenous rock art and craggy, mist-cloaked mountains.

Day 1 The Great Ocean Road Set off for Victoria's west coast and its centrepiece attraction – the Great Ocean Road. Pass through the surfing hub of Torquay and its famous Bells Beach break, then enjoy one of the world's most scenic coastal drives. Spy some koalas at Kennett River, stop for lunch in Apollo Bay, and take in the commanding views across the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge. Day 2 The Grampians Check out more Great Ocean Road wonders, then drive into the Grampians National Park – rich in Aboriginal culture and beautiful landscapes. Become versed in local Indigenous culture at the Brambuck Cultural Centre before hitting a trail up the Pinnacles. Tonight, enjoy a traditional Aussie BBQ in Halls Gap. Day 3 The Grampians to Adelaide Hike up to McaKenzie Falls, the highest in the Grampians, and see The Balconies and Reeds Lookout. Leave the Grampians, pass through Horsham, then cross the mighty Murray River for the final stretch into Adelaide.











Southern Ocean Wildlife Adventure

3 DAYS, ADELAIDE TO ADELAIDE





Meet some of Australia's most iconic marsupials, like kangaroos and koalas, then head out to sea for a white-knuckle encounter with a monster of the deep.

Cruise out to Hopkins Island for a watery play-date with some friendly Australian sea lions, the so-called 'puppy dogs of the sea'.

Day 1 Adelaide/Port Lincoln Leaving Adelaide early morning, drive north to the Eyre Peninsula – an area teeming with some of the country's best wildlife experiences. After arriving in Port Lincoln, head out to Mikkira Station and spy wild koalas in Manna Gums. Day 2 Whalers Way Conservation Park/Port Lincoln National Park Today's your chance to come face-to-face with the ocean's most feared predator, the Great White Shark. An optional activity, this excursion will see you hopping in a cage and being lowered into the ocean depths for a wildlife encounter as scary as they come. For those feeling less extreme, the day can be spent walking a variety of trails, Day 3 Hopkins Island/Adelaide Perhaps cruise out to Hopkins Island for a swim with Australian sea lions. Totally wild but far from shy, these 'puppies of the sea' never fail to entertain as they dive, duck, swirl, roll and race through the water.

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Eyre Peninsula Overland





6 DAYS, ADELAIDE TO ADELAIDE

Take in expansive views of the Flinders Ranges from Dutchman's Stern, then settle into camp in Warren Gorge – a favourite haunt of the yellow-footed rock wallaby.

Dive at the opportunity to swim with sea lions and dolphins, or even sign up to head underwater and come face-to-face with a Great White Shark.

Day 1 Adelaide/Flinders Ranges Set out from Adelaide for the Southern Flinders Ranges, walk Alligator Gorge, then stop for lunch before testing the legs on a walk up to Dutchman's Stern. Day 2 Flinders Ranges/Coodlie Park One of Australia's best-kept secrets, the Eyre Peninsula is made up of incredible red-rock landscapes, a huge diversity of wildlife and very few travellers. Day 3 Coodlie Park/Baird Bay Perhaps head to Baird Bay for a swim with ever-playful sea lions and dolphins. Marvel at the sculpted pink granite boulders of Murphy's Haystacks and explore the ocean-eroded Talia Caves. Day 4 Coodlie Park/Mikkira Station Camp at Mikkira Station, a private campground surrounded by eucalyptus trees and neighbourly koalas. Day 5 Port Lincoln/ Coastal Camp Sign up for a Great White Sharks cage dive or search for kangaroos and emus in Whalers Way Conservation Park. Day 6 Coastal Camp/Adelaide Stop by the Wadlata Cultural Centre, then return to Adelaide.





BIKE ABOUT TOUR

Biking in Melbourne is all the rage, what with the perfectly cruisey parks, cycle paths and easy city streets. Join the cool kids on a Melbourne tour that gives the middle finger to big, old tour buses and embraces pedal power.

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Adelaide to Alice Springs Overland

7 DAYS, ADELAIDE TO ALICE SPRINGS





The red and dusty Oodnadatta Track, an unsealed 620 kilometre road passing between Marree and Marla, is the quintessential image of the Australian outback.

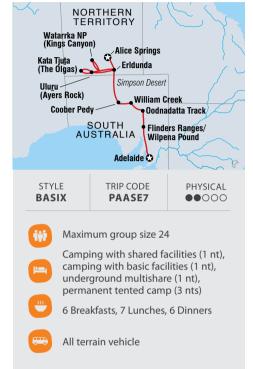
Try your luck noodling for mineral wealth in the desert outpost of Coober Pedy, a place of such extreme weather that the locals have taken to living underground.

Day 1 Adelaide/Flinders Ranges Travel through wine country en route to the Flinders Ranges, stopping for lunch and hiking at Wilpena Pound. Day 2 Oodnadatta Track/William Creek Travel along the historic route of the old Ghan railway, then take the renowned Oodnadatta Track. Pass Lake Eyre, Australia's largest salt lake, before stopping at William Creek – population: six, Day 3 Coober Pedy Cross the world's largest cattle station and see red sand dunes, salt pans and gibber plains. Tour Umoona Opal Mine and learn why residents live underground. Hop into a local kangaroo orphanage. Day 4 Coober Pedy/Yulara Experience the incredible landscape of Moon Plains and see the world's longest fence. Day 5 Yulara/Uluru Catch an Uluru sunrise and deepen your understanding with an Aboriginal-led Mala interpretative walk. Day 6 Uluru/Kings Canyon Explore Kata Tjuta, then travel to Kings Canyon. Day 7 Kings Canyon/Alice Springs Take the stunngin 6 km Kings Canyon Rim Walk, then travel on to Alice Springs.

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Adelaide to Melbourne Adventure

2 DAYS, ADELAIDE TO MELBOURNE





Learn about the Aboriginal people's close connection with the land on a visit to the Brambuck Cultural Centre in the Grampians National Park.

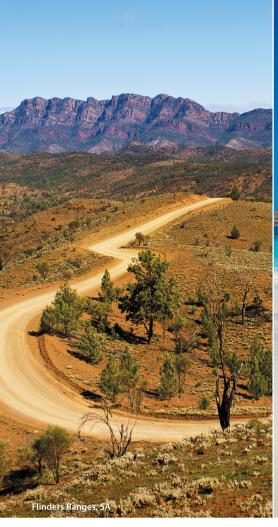
The locals call them the Twelve Apostles even though these now only eight, but you'll forgive them for losing count when you see these stunning mouments for yourself.

Day 1 Adelaide/The Grampians Leaving Adelaide in the morning, drive across the state border into Victoria and enter the Grampians. Go for a walk to view the Jaws of Death, hike down to McKenzie Falls, and take in the incredible views from Reeds Lookout. Gain an insight into the customs of the land's traditional owners during a stop-in at the Brambuck Cultural Centre. The last stop of the day will be a spot in the Grampians National Park where kangaroos, wallabies and koalas are often spotted. Day 2 The Grampians/Melbourne Start the onwards journey to the Great Ocean Road. Explore Port Campbell National Park – savour the ever-changing but always stupendous coastal vistas offered by the route, culminating in arrival at the Twelve Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge and London Bridge. Stop off briefly to see some koalas at Kennett River and to make the most of a great photo opportunity at some famed surf locations, then hit the highway - final destination, Melbourne.











Adelaide to Perth Overland

10 DAYS, ADELAIDE TO PERTH





Keep your eyes peeled for Yellow-Footed Rock Wallabies while exploring the ghost gum forests of the Flinders Ranges.

Don't pass up the chance to splash about with friendly sea lions and dolphins off the stunning Eyre Peninsula.

With its impossibly blue waters and untouched beaches, secluded Esperance is the perfect place to unwind, far from the madding crowd.

Day 1 Flinders Ranges National Park Journey into the rusty, rugged gorges and ghost gums of the Southern Flinders Ranges, then admire The Narrows and The Terraces on a walk in Alligator Gorge. Overnight at Warren Gorge. Days 2-3 Coodlie Park/ Eyre Peninsula The Eyre Peninsula is teeming with wildlife but fairly unknown to travellers, making it one of Australia's best kept secrets. Travel to the seaside town of Venus, then look out for wave-cresting dolphins on a coastal walk. Next, hang on for a spot of extreme sandboarding, then take an optional wildlife encounter to swim with dolphins and sea lions. Day 4 Great Australian Bight Head through Yalata Aboriginal lands to the sheer cliffs of the Great Australian Bight. See the Dingo Fence and travel to the Outback town of Eucla. Day 5 Nullarbor Plain/ **Great Australian Bight** Take in the endless horizons

of the Nullarbor on this big day of driving, ending in Esperance. Days 6-7 Esperance/Cape Le Grand National Park Leave the desert behind for the wilds of Cape Le Grand National Park. Stroll though rocky outcrops, dense bush and along sandy beaches. Keep eyes peeled for inquisitive kangaroos. Hike at Frenchmans Peak, lunch at Lucky Bay, and explore one of the numerous national parks. Day 8 Stirling Ranges See Western Australia's version of the Great Ocean Road, then take a treetop walk in towering old growth forest. Spend the night in Shannon National Park. Day 9 South West Coast Exlore the forestry area, then head back to the ocean and the Margaret River. Day 10 Perth Stop at the surfer's paradise of Yallingup, visit Ngilgi caves, then get some cultural insight from the local Aboriginal people. Perhaps end this epic tour with a taste of Perth's restaurant culture or nightlife.









BEAUTIFUL CAIRNS

Cairns is so much more than a launch pad to Olkola Country. Spend a day exploring the city's incredible views, steamy hiking trails and beachside pools, then relax with a dreamy night getting massaged and eating tapas.

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BACK TO MAIN MENU

Journey into Olkola Country was a country wa





6 DAYS, CAIRNS TO CAIRNS

Be part of a very special adventure, exploring the ancestral homelands of the Olkola people.

Support the Olkola people on their quest to unearth and preserve the history and knowledge of their traditional culture.

Day 1 Cairns/Olkola Country From Cairns travel to Laura on North Queensland's Cape York Peninsula. Meet your hosts and be treated to a delicious dinner at Killarney homestead. Day 2 Olkola Country Take 4WDs to lagoons and waterways for a traditional Olkola welcome to country. Learn about the meaning of certain places and life here in the cattle mustering years. Day 3 Olkola Country Explore the escarpment country, a landscape etched with the symbols and signs from the ancient Olkola culture. Be taught traditional bush medicines and treatments, and perhaps spot the rare Alwal (Golden Shouldered Parrot). Day 4 Olkola Country Head to the lush, spring-fed stream of Jungle Creek. See recently discovered rock art and take a dip in a shady pool before your final Olkola country sunset. Day 5 Cooktown Head east to Laura, spending the night in a local guesthouse. Day 6 Cairns Discover Cooktown this morning, then enjoy a spectacular coastal rainforest drive back to Cairns.

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Olkola people would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land in which we travel through and our partnership with Eastern Ku Ku Yalanji, Rinyuirru and the AngarraTraditional Owners.





Camping with basic facilities (4 nts), guesthouse (1 nt)

5 Breakfasts, 6 Lunch, 4 Dinners

4WD vehicle

Reef to Rock





7 DAYS, ALICE SPRINGS TO CAIRNS

Take the road less travelled on a 4WD adventure across an extremely isolated part of Australia.

Watch as the lush wetlands and rainforests of Queensland's Atherton Tablelands gradually transform into the Red Centre's rust-coloured sands.

Day 1 Alice Springs/Uluru Set out from Yulara to Kata Tjuta and pay a visit to The Olga's 36 immense boulders. Toast the magic of Uluru at sunset and watch as the rock's colour changes. Day 2 Kata Tjuta/ Kings Canyon Learn about the traditions of the Mala people on a cultural walk led by an Indigenous guide. Day 3 Kings Canyon/Alice Springs Trek across the dusty face of the Kings Canyon Rim, then descend the Stairway to Heaven to the leafy oasis of the Garden of Eden. Day 4 Alice Springs Enjoy a free day to explore town at your own pace. Day 5 Alice Springs/Boulia Pass rocky escarpments, barren scrubland and herds of wild camel on a drive to the Queensland border. Day 6 Boulia/Hughenden Hit the road and stop in at Winton – the first home of QANTAS. Day 7 Hughenden/Cairns Stop for a frothy at Australia's smallest pub, then take a dip in Millstream Falls. This outback adventure finishes up on arrival in Cairns early evening.













6 DAYS, HOBART TO HOBART

Drive up to Mt Wellington lookout for the panoramic views across Hobart's harbour, then head down and check out the oddball artworks on display at MONA.

In addition to the must-see attractions Cradle Mountain and the Bay of Fires, this trip also calls in at lesser-known sights like Hogarth Falls and St Helens.

Enter the Tarkine, a pristine reserve of temperate rainforest, wild rivers and coastal heathes home to echidnas, parrots, bandicoots and Tasmanian Devils.

Day 1 Mount Wellington/Central Plateau Kick this Tassie trip off with an early morning drive from Hobart up to Mt Wellington. Look down on the stunning scenery of Hobart and greater Tasmania before heading to MONA to view some very unusual artworks. En route to the UNESCO-listed Great Lake and Central Plateau, make stops at Bothwell and the Ouse River. Day 2 Lake St Clair/Queenstown After breakfast, head to Bronte Park and then Lake St Clair for a meander by the water. Drive through Queenstown to Ocean Beach, where a brisk breeze blows in straight from Antarctica. Day 3 The Tarkine Travel past the Henty Sand Dunes, the historic town of Zeehan and into the Tarkine. This stunning natural wonder of uninterrupted wilderness is interwoven with rivers and rainforest. Hike, stroll, kayak or cruise the area, then travel on to the World Heritage site of Cradle Mountain National Park, before passing

Savage River and stopping at Philosopher Falls. Day 4 Cradle Mountain Take it easy with a leisurely stroll around Dove Lake, challenge yourself with a hike to Marion's Lookout, or perhaps head underground in Mole Creek to explore some impressive caves. Continuing on, visit the Trowunna Wildlife Sanctuary to learn about the 'Tassie Devil' and other native creatures. Stroll the rugged Alum Cliffs and bunk down for the evening in Launceston. Day 5 Bicheno/Bay of Fires Today's trip includes a cheesy stop at the Pyengana dairy, where you can purchase local cheese and crackers. Motor on to St Helens and then spend some time exploring the Bay of Fires at your own pace. In the evening, perhaps head to Bicheno to see Little Penguins waddling ashore. Day 6 Wineglass Bay Rise early to beat the throngs for that picture-perfect shot of Wineglass Bay. Chill out on the beach or hike up Mt Amos before returning to Hobart.







The Kokoda Track





11 DAYS, PORT MORESBY TO PORT MORESBY

Trek the famous Kokoda Track with a local cooperative that ensures local villages and communities benefit directly.

Hike up the spines of mountains and through valleys of lush rainforest. This adventure invites you to confront your own physical and mental limits.

Day 1 Port Moresby Arrive in Papua New Guinea's capital. Day 2 Kokoda Take a flight over jungle canopies and craggy peaks then drive to Kokoda, where the trek begins. Day 3 Isurava Strap on sturdy boots and stride out on the first leg of the Kokoda Track, starting through palm oil and rubber tree plantations and ending with a steep climb. Day 4 Templeton's Crossing II Begin the day with a stirring visit to the Isurava Battlefield. Day 5 Diggers Camp Reach the highest point of the trek, Mt Bellamy. Day 6 Efogi Head downhill towards the friendly village of Efogi. Day 7 Menari Climb to Mission Ridge and follow the path taken by the retreating Australian soldiers, which ultimately lead to the ambush on top of Brigade Hill. Day 8 Nauro Set off from Menari Ridge for some spectacular views towards Nauro, Day 9 Uaule Tackle the Nine False Peaks to the top of Maguli Ridge on a serious uphill trek. Days 10-11 Owers' Corner/Port Moresby Return to Port Moresby.

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Papua New Guinea Adventure

9 DAYS, RABAUL TO KOKOPO



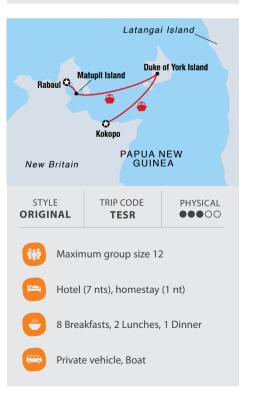


Marvel at an active volcano, tuck into a shoreline barbeque and experience a traditional sing-sing in the Duke of York Islands.

Discover how the World Wars played out in the Pacific. Visit the War Museum in Rabaul and head underground for a tour of the Japanese tunnels in Kokopo.

Day 1 Rabaul Arrive in 'the Pearl of the Pacific'. Day 2 Bail Village Kinavai/Rabaul Witness a ceremonial reenactment of the landing of the Tolai People, then take an afternoon tour of Rabaul's Old Town. Day 3 Matupit Island Arriving at Matupit Island, be greeted by the island locals with frangipani leis (garlands) and taken on a village tour. Days 4-5 Duke of York Islands Cruise around the Duke of York islands. Enjoy a traditional welcome, sing-sing (tribal cultural performance) and a barbeque lunch. Learn about the local history, and keep an eye out for dolphins and dugongs out on the turquoise water, before returning to the mainland. Day 6 Kokopo Tour the Bitapaka War Cemetery for a versing in the conflicts that took place here. Day 7 Kokopo Spend the day swimming, snorkelling and dolphin-spotting. Day 8 Kokopo/Bainings Fire Dance Head to a village to watch men of the Bainings clans dancing through flames. Day 9 Kopoko End this adventure with a transfer to the airport.







The Land of the Long White Cloud is one of Mother Nature's true triumphs. Soaring white-capped mountains and volcanoes give way to lush rainforests, which are reflected in sparkling fjords filled with dolphins and orca whales. While New Zealand's natural landscapes might be the ultimate playground for budding photographers, the island nation's metropolitan cities, wondrous wineries, geothermal parks and organic blend of contemporary culture and tribal tradition are just as inspiring.



New Zealand has rightly earned a reputation as a thrill-seeker's paradise. Visit Taupo on the North Island or Queenstown in the south and get ready for screaming good fun (pg 39-40).



Don't be surprised by the sulphur aroma. Rotorua has plenty of volcanic fun to offer. Settle into a mud bath or wander through the area's unique geothermal wonderlands (pg 39).

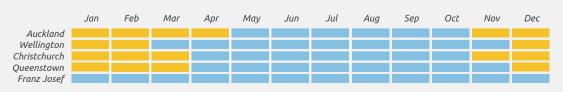


The Lord of the Rings would only have been half as great without the South Island's stunning mountain vistas, glassy lakes and lush meadows. See it for yourself on a country roadtrip to Franz Josef Glacier (pg 40).

WHERE IN THE WORLD

New Zealand





- Monsoon 25-35°C
- Very hot & dry 35°C+
- Hot & dry **25-35°C**
- Hot & wet **25-35°C**
- Pleasantly warm 20-30°C
- Warm & wet 20-25°C
- Cool 10-20°C
- Cold & dry **0-15°C**
- Cold & wet 0-15°C
- Below freezing **-0°C**





North Island Explorer





12 DAYS, AUCKLAND TO CHRISTCHURCH

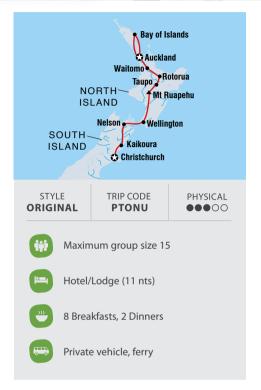
Don't forget to look up inside Waitomo's limestone caves, where thousands of glow worms form a convincing impression of a starry night sky.

Visit Lake Taupo, where you can bungee jump, jetboat to the impressive Huka Falls, or conquer the famous Tongariro Alpine Crossing.

Day 1 Auckland Make yourself at home amid the cosmopolitan cafe scene of New Zealand's largest city. Days 2-3 Bay of Islands See forests of ancient Kauri and other native trees before arriving in the legendary Bay of Islands. Day 4 Waitomo An optional black-water rafting expedition is the perfect way to explore the limestone caves of Waitomo. Day 5 Rotorua Famous for its steaming geysers and gurgling mud pools, the resort town of Rotorua also boasts a fine selection of restaurants and cafes. Days 6-7 Taupo/Mt Ruapehu Stop by the beautiful Huka Falls en route to Taupo, perhaps taking the opportunity for a bungee jump or jet boat ride. Day 8 Wellington Take the cable car up to the Botanic Gardens for spectacular views across Wellington city and the harbour. Days 9-10 Nelson Cruise through the spectacular Marlborough Sounds to the South Island, making sure to visit Abel Tasman National Park. Day 11 Kaikoura Travel to Kaikoura, a haven for wildlife. Day 12 Christchurch Finish the adventure in Christchurch.

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South Island Explorer





11 DAYS, CHRISTCHURCH TO CHRISTCHURCH

Franz Josef Glacier is every adventurer's dream. Take a guided hike across the glacier, head out on a quad bike ride, or enjoy unrivalled views on a scenic flight.

With plenty of nature hikes, adventure activities and stunning views in every direction, Queenstown is in a class of its own.

Day 1 Christchurch Discover the funky new development of Re:START, a shopping mall and cafe strip set up almost exclusively in old shipping containers. Day 2 Greymouth Cross the Southern Alps and watch the landscape change into open green countrysides. Days 3-4 Franz Josef Glacier Select from an array of optional activities at Franz Josef Glacier, including guided glacier hikes, kayak outings and guad biking adventures. Days 5-8 Queenstown/Doubtful Sound Jet boat, bungee jump, paraglide, kayak or travel by Skyline Gondola up to Bob's Peak, where incredible panoramas over the Queenstown surrounds are waiting. Take time out from all the adventuring with an overnight cruise around majestic Doubtful Sound. Days 9-10 Mt Cook Hike through the meadows, lakes, streams and glaciers at the base of Aoraki (Mt Cook) - New Zealand's highest mountain. The world's only alpine parrot exists here, the kea, so keep eyes peeled. Day 11 Christchurch Travel back to Christchurch, where it's time to farewell new friends.

