# **Outback Explorer**

Depart Cairns 31st August at 11.30AM arrive Adelaide 2.15PM – Jetstar

Commence the following tour with AAT Kings in Adelaide on the 31st August and ending in Alice Springs on the 9th September

## Day 1 Welcome to Adelaide

On arrival today, explore the major sights of this picturesque city. Later, join a local food expert for a guided tour of the vibrant 140-year-old Adelaide Central Market where you'll meet the traders and sample some local culinary delights. Relax this evening at a Welcome Reception at Luna10 Bar, and dinner at Koomo Restaurant and Bar with your Travel Director and fellow travellers.

**Hotel:** Crowne Plaza Adelaide **Included Meals:** Dinner with Wine

Day 2 Adelaide - Flinders Ranges

Today, drive through the rolling hills of the Clare Valley for a wine-tasting at Sevenhill Cellars, the region's oldest winery before stopping at the township of Clare for lunch. This afternoon your journey continues to Hawker, home of the Jeff Morgan Gallery where you'll get to meet Jeff and experience his spectacular 30 metre panoramic painting of the Flinders Ranges! Your last stop for the day is at Wilpena Pound Resort, nestled in the shadows of this remarkable natural amphitheatre.

Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

#### Day 3 Flinders Ranges - Port Augusta

Take a walk with your Travel Director this morning to the faithfully restored Hills Homestead and Wangarra Lookout which affords panoramic views over Wilpena Pound. Journey through Pichi Richi Pass and historic Quorn to Port Augusta. Visit Wadlata Outback Centre before venturing out for a delicious dinner at a local restaurant.

Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

# Day 4 Port Augusta - Coober Pedy

Visit a former rocket-testing site at Woomera before travelling through salt-lake country to isolated Coober Pedy, regarded by many as the opal capital of the world. View an opal demonstration with a local expert, who'll then lead you through some of the town's iconic underground buildings. Tonight, enjoy dinner at Umberto's Restaurant.

**Hotel:** Desert Cave Hotel

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

#### Day 5 Coober Pedy - Uluru

Cross the border into the Northern Territory and continue to Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park. Enter the dual world heritage listed National Park to enjoy nibbles and sparkling wine at the Uluru sunset viewing area, 'Sunset Strip'. Get your camera ready as the sun sets over the western horizon, the evening sky brings out the many shades of colour for which Uluru is renowned.

Hotel: Desert Gardens Hotel, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

#### Day 6 Kata Tiuta

See the Red Centre set alight by the morning's first rays of sunlight. After sunrise tour the base of Uluru. You may like to take a self-guided stroll around the 11km base of 'The Rock' or enjoy a guided walk with your Travel Director to Mutitjulu Waterhole. You'll view Aboriginal rock paintings as your Travel Director interprets their meaning and significance. You'll also learn about the flora, fauna and cultural traditions of traditional owners, the Anangu. Visit Uluru - Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre where there is time to purchase some locally made Aboriginal art and learn more about the Western Desert region. This afternoon, visit the spectacular domes of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and walk through Walpa Gorge, following the natural creek-bed between two of the main domes. Take in a magnificent outback sunset at Kata Tjuta while you enjoy sparkling wine and nibbles.

Included Meals: Breakfast

#### Day 7 Uluru - Kings Canyon

This morning you might choose the optional extra of seeing the Field of Light at Sunrise or enjoy a sleep in. After breakfast you will travel to Kings Canyon Resort. On the way, marvel at Atila (Mt. Conner), the 'forgotten wonder of Central Australia' and stop for a lunch break at Kings Creek Station. Originally vacant crown land, the station now runs cattle and is the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia. Why not taste one of their famous camel burgers for lunch? You don't want to miss out! Now get ready for spectacular sightseeing. You're off on a 6km rim walk exploration of Kings Canyon, which will reward you with marvellous views of Watarrka National Park, where you'll be able to see as far as the horizon and get a real feel for the grand scale of this natural wonder. An easier walk along the boulder-strewn canyon floor is also available.

Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

## Day 8 Kings Canyon - Alice Springs

Your Outback Adventure continues today as you journey past vast cattle stations as the landscapes rises to the spectacular MacDonnell ranges that surround Alice Springs. In Alice Springs you explore the historic Telegraph Station that was established in 1872. It first served as one of 12 stations positioned along the Overland Telegraph Line that stretches between Adelaide and Darwin. Your last stop for the day is Anzac Hill for reflection and the panoramic views that give you an appreciation for Alice Springs.

Hotel: Mercure Alice Springs Resort, 2 nights

Included Meals: Breakfast

# Day 9 Alice Springs

This morning you will learn about the life of the local indigenous Arrente People before experiencing the Royal Flying Doctor Service tourist facility. Here you will learn how the facility brings first class health services to people living in the bush. This evening 'Be My Guest' with the Falzon family for an Australian BBQ dinner at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre. Join them as they share stories of self-sufficient living and astronomy and even lead you on a sing-a-long accompanied by the didgeridoo and guitar. It will be a night to remember!

Included Meals: Breakfast, Be My Guest Dinner

#### Day 10 Farewell from Alice Springs

Your holiday through the Outback concludes after breakfast. You'll receive a complimentary transfer to Alice Springs Airport for your onward flight

Included Meals: Breakfast

Depart Alice Springs 9th September at 5.15PM arrive Darwin 7.15PM – Qantas

Accommodation: Mantra Pandanas IN: 9th September OUT: 11th September

Depart Darwin 11th September at 5.40PM arrive Cairns 8.35PM – Jetstar

Cost per person \$5785.00 and includes the following:

Airfares
Airport taxes
10 day tour including meals and sightseeing as per itinerary
2 nights accommodation in Darwin