

# **Top End Tours Australia**

## **11 day Alice springs - Toowoomba Tour**

**(Icons of the desert Tour)**

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### **Tour highlights**

- Visit to Hermannsburg
- Goose bluff meteorite site and Mereenie loop
- Kings Canyon rim walk
- Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- Eyre Basin Catchment
- Cross the Simpson Desert
- Visit Birdsville
- Coopers creek

### **Tour overview**

Leaving Alice we take the well traveled tourist run to Hermannsburg, the home of the famous Australian artist Albert Namatijira, and learn about his life and the Lutheran churches involvement in this area. We continue for Kings canyon on the not so traveled Mereenie loop, where we will walk the rim of this spectacular rock formation. Hoping we travel in a good season we will see fields of wildflowers as we make our way to Curtin Springs, Yalara, Uluru and Kata Tjuta where there is always something different to learn and see.

After a few walks and stories we leave this area for the desert country of the Finke river and Simpson desert. For the 400 km crossing and 1200 sand dunes of the Simpson desert. Another area that has so much to offer, after back to back raise in the desert, it will leave you in awe of its beauty.

Arriving in Birdsville with a well earned thirst we will visit its famous hotel. Before making our way across to the inland rivers and basins of outback Queensland , to finish our tour in Toowoomba.

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## **Day 1 Alice Springs - Kings canyon**

We will collect you from your accommodation at 7 am. Today we are traveling out of Alice Springs towards Hermannsburg (most famous as the birthplace of Albert Namatjira), a remote Aboriginal community and Lutheran mission. We will travel the Mereenie Loop road and walk the rim of the Goose Bluff meteorite, and then on to our camp in the Watarrka National Park. (Kings Canyon)

**B.L.D.T.S.C.**

## **Day 2 Kings canyon**

Today we are going to walk the 6 km rim walk of the Kings Canyon. This is a grade 4 walk with spectacular views of the canyon and surrounding area. Then we will return to our camp for a meal under the stars.

**B.L.D.T.S.C**

## **Day 3 Kings canyon - Uluru**

Pack up camp and drive to, for some, the long awaited first sighting of Uluru, one of Australia's most famous landmarks and the second biggest monolith in the world. We will visit the cultural center and hope to get a taste of this amazing connection to the land and the local Yulara Aboriginal people.

## **Day 4 Uluru**

This morning we will get up Early for a sunrise over the Rock, then walk the Rim. We do not recommend anyone to climb this impressive structure but would hope we would walk the circumference of this wonderful Rock. (10.6KM walk) **B.L.D.T.S.C**

## **Day 5 Uluru - Kata Tjuta**

Today we will see the western side of the national park and walk the Kata Tjuta land formation. We will be in the area all day so hope that we all walk the Valley of the Winds (7.4km). Return to Yalara for a sunset over the Rock. We will spend another night at Uluru National Park

**B.L.D.T.S.C**

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## **Day 6 Uluru - Mt Dare station**

After packing camp we will be following the Finke river out into the Simpson Desert to make our camp on the edge of this desert at Mt Dare Station. Here you will be pleasantly surprised by where we are camped.

**B.L.D.T.BS.C**

## **Day 7 Mt Dare - Simpson Desert**

An early start today with some spectacular sand dunes to cross and a few hundred kms of desert to travers. Visit Dalhousie springs for a swim in the artesian waters. Our night will be spent in one of Australia's remote places, the Simpson Desert, you can only imagine the star show.

**B.L.D.BS.C**

## **Day 8 Simpson Desert**

Another day and night in the desert, on Walkandi track. We will experience the remoteness of this area and to see the beauty it has to unfold.

**B.L.D.BS.C**

## **Day 9 Simpson desert - Birdsville**

Continuing along the French line and onto Poeppels corner (QLD, NT, SA). We will climb "big red" and onto Birdsville for a well earned thirst quenching ale.

**B.L.D Full Facilities**

## **Day 10 Birdsville - Quilpie**

We will explore this local area, and continue towards Quilpie visiting some of the remote townships along the way. Our night will be spent at the newly renovated Brick Hotel.

**B.L.D.T.S.C**

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## Day 11 Charleville - Toowoomba

A driving day today with a chance to visit some of the interesting places along the way on our route to Toowoomba, where our tour will end.

### **B.L.**

Depending on the condition of the Simpson Desert road, this tour may require another day in the desert

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FARE: \$4,550pp – Minimum 3 People Ex Alice to Toowoomba

INCLUDED IN FARE:

- Travel by 4WD Vehicle.
- All meals unless specified.
- All National Park Entrance Fees.
- All Camping Fees.
- All Camping Gear including stretcher tents, self inflating sleep mats, tables and chairs.
- Any additional flights, cruises and side excursions are optional extras, and need to be booked before departure from Alice Springs.

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- All accommodation options can be organised by TETA, happily, but are subject to availability.

B.L.D.S.T.BS.C: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Showers, Toilets  
.Bush Shower, Camping

## What to bring

Even though our days will be perfect weather the nights can drop in temperature, and it is very unlikely that we will experience rain.

Keep your luggage to a minimum

Torch with spare batteries (Head torches are perfect) Warm jacket, Pillow, sleeping bag or sheet and good blanket, Good walking shoes with ankle support, Thongs or sandals, Brimmed straw hat is best. 3 sets of casual clothes, 1 set of smart casuals, Toiletries, Swimmers and towel, Backpack and water bottle, Binoculars / camera Tropical strength repellent, Sun screen, Phone service will be available in certain areas so you can stay in touch with the outside world.

## What will be available for your use

A solar powered refrigerator will be available for any medicine. In-car chargers can be used for charging appliances and also opportunities for 240 volt charging.

We will provide pegs and line for hanging clothes and buckets to wash in Bush shower, toilet paper, hand sanitiser and fresh drinking water, Esky for keeping drinks and alcohol cold, Cutlery, crockery and glassware

First aid kit Maps and reference books Satellite phone for emergency use.

Please remember that we are traveling through a beautiful remote part of Australia, as safety is our first thought, this is an adventure you will never forget.