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EXCEPTIONAL

all-inclusive features



- Australian owned and operated – backed by over 20 years of experience and unmatched local knowledge
- Travelling on board luxury, air-conditioned All Terrain 4WD Mercedes Benz 30 seater vehicles
- Great combination of accommodation styles from 5 star hotels to wilderness lodges and tented cabins – each chosen to suit the region you're in
- All meals including delicious breakfasts, lunches and dinners each day whilst on tour
- Morning and afternoon teas included on most days
- All 'must-see' attractions and sights built into each itinerary
- Innovative itineraries which highlight the best of what Australia has to offer
- Many 2 night stays for a leisurely paced holiday and to allow you to get a feel for the destination
- Fully escorted by experienced and professional Outback Discovery Tour Manager and Driver on all tours
- All-inclusive touring with no hidden extras
- Exclusive airport transfers
- An Outback Discovery Kit including a backpack, bush hat, water bottle, map, ticket wallet and torch



DISCOVER

Australia's Outback *in comfort*



Vast horizons, remote townships and quirky characters are the essential qualities of the great Australian outback. Come exploring with Outback Discovery and you'll learn that this land has so much more to reveal. Uluru, Cape York and the Kimberley are the undisputed icons, but to make your journey even more special we also venture into incredible national parks, visit many lesser-known sites and stay in unique places. Backed by Scenic Tours' more than 20 years of experience, Outback Discovery has built an enviable reputation as the experts in touring holidays throughout Australia's outback.

Our tours are truly all-inclusive so that you receive exceptional value for money whilst enjoying an unforgettable holiday. You'll gain an intimate experience of Australia on our small group 4WD adventures, and a wide choice of innovative itineraries will take you to parts of the country which are inaccessible to many. Our modern fleet of All Terrain 4WD luxury Mercedes Benz vehicles provides the ultimate in safety and comfort. Accompanying you all the way are our Tour Managers and Drivers, who are the best in the business and who will ensure you have the holiday of a lifetime.

And we're pleased to announce that guests who travel with Outback Discovery in 2010 will be automatically enrolled in the Scenic Club rewards program. For full details please refer to page 15. Come and experience the real Australia with Outback Discovery. We look forward to welcoming you onboard soon!



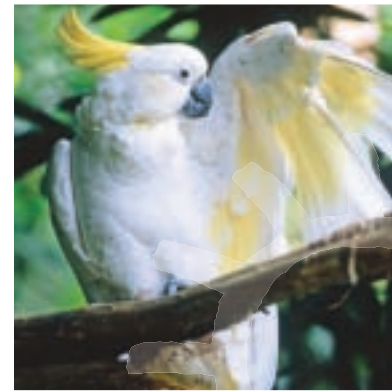
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SMALL GROUP TOURING

provides many advantages



Our All Terrain 4WD smaller coaches have been specially designed to carry up to only 30 guests. A major benefit is that you'll feel like you're part of a family, not on a group tour. At every step of the way, you will enjoy the more intimate experience and added attention from your crew. Even better, our smaller coaches can access places that larger coaches can't.

The Journey of a Lifetime Travel in Australia's outback is enormously rewarding, but the isolation and huge distances that make it unique can often be unforgiving for individual travellers. Outback Discovery has planned each itinerary meticulously so that getting into remote areas is easy. Our holidays also represent great value for money with all meals and sightseeing included. You won't need to worry about a thing, and you will return home having seen and experienced more than you could ever achieve on your own.

Taking Care of Everything Outback Discovery guarantees that an experienced team of a Driver and a Tour Manager will escort you on every tour. Every Outback Discovery holiday is fully inclusive so that you get to visit all of the 'must-see' sights and important attractions, rather than just driving past. We have included all breakfasts, lunches and dinners, so you don't have to continually dip into your own pocket. On most days, we also include morning or afternoon tea. And you'll stay in a wonderful range of accommodation types, each chosen to suit the region you're in.

Complimentary Airport Transfers* If you travel on the first and last day of your tour or if you have purchased Outback Discovery pre or post tour accommodation, you will be provided with complimentary return airport transfers.

*For full terms and conditions please refer to pages 56-57.



YOUR SUPPORT CREW

Dedicated, experienced, passionate



Best in the Business Outback Discovery provides the best itineraries, luxury off-road vehicles and all-inclusive touring, and that's just the start of our service to you. What really sets us apart is our guaranteed crew of two on every departure who will make everything happen as planned. We believe that's what's needed to create the experience of a lifetime. The Driver will get you to each destination safely and comfortably, while your Tour Manager co-ordinates smooth check-ins, sightseeing, meal arrangements and much more. They have been specially recruited by us and are highly trained.

Bringing the Outback to Life While you're on the road, your Tour Manager is working tirelessly behind the scenes to pull everything together so you don't need to worry about a thing. Their down to earth and friendly personality will show from day one and they'll be happy to share their inside knowledge of Australia's outback with you. Their dedication to the job extends to making sure everyone gets to know each other and that firm friendships are forged by the end of your holiday.

You're in the Best Hands Your Driver has a perfect driving record and a great sense of responsibility, so that you're always in safe hands. Years of experience have resulted in lots of regional knowledge and this will often be conveyed to you with an amusing tale or two. Expert commentary from both of your crew reveals their passion for this fascinating continent. We're sure you'll agree it's a great team!



EXPLORE IN STYLE

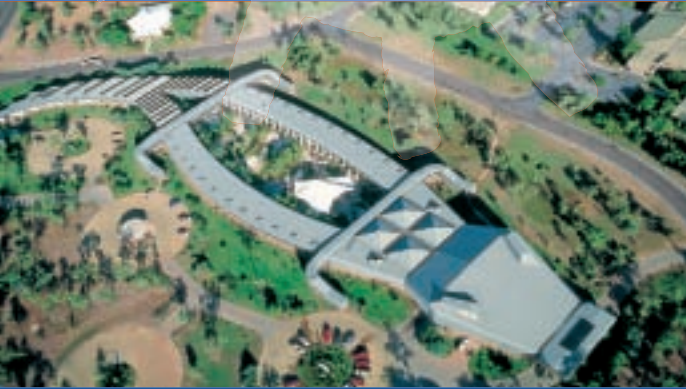
on a purpose-built vehicle



A Great Way to Discover the Outback You feel as though you can reach out and touch the best views in the world through the large tinted windows aboard our fleet of luxury All Terrain 4WD Mercedes Benz coaches. These state-of-the-art vehicles are the newest fleet around and were specifically designed to handle tough outback conditions. It won't take long to appreciate the special touches we've added to your 5 star Mercedes Benz vehicle. Stretch out in the spacious legroom between you and the seat in front, and settle back into your plush seat. Although we make regular rest stops, you'll be pleased to know that our onboard restroom is there whenever you need it. And in the event of extreme outdoor temperatures, our industrial-strength air-conditioning will keep you very comfortable on board at all times.

Some of the great features of our fleet of Mercedes Benz vehicles include:

- Spacious legroom
- Plush upholstered reclining seats, with footrests
- Advanced safety features
- Fully ducted air-conditioning
- Onboard restroom
- Large panoramic tinted windows
- 'Roadcam' fitted to the roof of all vehicles allows constant and unimpeded views of our route on TV monitors
- Video, DVD player and 5 television monitors for excellent viewing from all seats
- State-of-the-art satellite communication
- GPS Navigation
- State-of-the-art PA system
- Overhead luggage racks for your personal belongings
- Carpeted interior to ensure a quiet ride



OUTBACK HOSPITALITY

Genuine Aussie charm



After living your days to the full out in the Australian wilderness, you will be delighted to know that the accommodation we have selected highlights the region that you're in.

A Great Mix of Places to Stay You will experience a fantastic combination of accommodation styles – from 5 star hotels and resorts to wilderness lodges and deluxe tents. We have included many 2 night stays so that your holiday has a leisurely pace and you can really get a feel for each destination.

Emma Gorge Resort at **El Questro Wilderness Park** is set amongst native trees, palms and landscaped gardens on the banks of a shady creek. Your deluxe tented cabin has an airy raised roof, private ensuite bathroom and crisp linen. You'll drift off to sleep to the sounds and scents of the tropics. Dine in the open air on the restaurant's spacious verandahs and take a dip in the swimming pool or the huge turquoise waterhole.

At the **Bellburn Safari Camp** in the Bungle Bungles you'll agree that there's nothing quite like sitting around a camp fire under the vast outback sky after a full day of exploring. Despite its extremely remote location, this family-owned bush camp features permanent tented safari cabins, hot showers and enclosed dining facilities. Hearty appetites are catered for with delicious meals prepared by the on-site cook.

The **Cape Tribulation Resort & Spa** is perfectly situated between the World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest and the wonders of the Great Barrier Reef. Guests unwind to the sounds of native birdsong in the spacious accommodation set amidst the most exquisite natural surroundings. You will enjoy uninterrupted vistas of the rainforest just a short stroll from the deserted white beach, where the rainforest truly does meet the reef.



RECOGNITION

Rewards and Savings



Travel just once with Outback Discovery or Scenic Tours and you will be eligible for all the benefits of Scenic Club, the exclusive loyalty club providing special recognition, service and savings for Outback Discovery and Scenic Tours guests.

After your first tour you will qualify as **Scenic Club Gold**. Membership is free and remains valid for life. Gold benefits include a priority member's Help Desk for all your inquiries, special member only tour savings with both Outback Discovery and Scenic Tours, member only events, competitions and more.

After you have completed five tours or 50 days touring with Outback Discovery and/or Scenic Tours you will automatically receive **Scenic Club Platinum** status. Additional Platinum benefits include complimentary Platinum luggage, free limousine transfers linked with your tour and a complimentary additional night for tours over 20 days. After 10 tours or 100 days touring in your life you will qualify for **Scenic Club Diamond** – especially for our most regular Outback Discovery and Scenic Tours guests – with even more benefits and special recognition. For full details of Member benefits, terms and conditions of Scenic Club membership please see www.outbackdiscovery.com.au/scenicclub.

Your Outback Discovery Kit Before you travel we will send you a comprehensive and practical touring pack exclusive to Outback Discovery guests. This includes a backpack, as well as a bush hat, water bottle, map, ticket wallet and torch.

Special savings for Group or Multi Tour Bookings and Single Travellers* Generous Group Discounts* apply for groups of over 9 guests. Also when 1 person books 2 Outback Discovery tours at the same time, they will receive a special \$100 per person Multi Tour Discount* on the cost of the 2nd tour. Single Travellers* who are happy to share a room with another guest of the same gender can avoid the single supplement and save up to \$2,315.

*For full terms and conditions please refer to pages 56-57 or contact our office for details.



THE KIMBERLEY

and Top End



The Kimberley sprawls across the far north-west of Western Australia and its vast landscapes are barely touched by man's activities. This is one of the world's last great wilderness regions and its appeal is in its spectacular natural beauty, timeless Aboriginal culture and the friendly, down-to-earth people who live and work here today.

In-depth Discoveries Our Kimberley Spectacular delves into the best of the Kimberley for 15 days, roundtrip from Broome, travelling along the entire legendary Gibb River Road through some of the most rugged country on earth. Or, combine the Kimberley and Top End on our 15 day exploration from Broome into the Northern Territory to Darwin, via Katherine Gorge and World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park. New for 2010, the opportunity to extend your holiday with a 10 night Kimberley cruise, which is a great complement to your land-based adventures.

Natural Wonders Your travels will reveal a pristine environment framed by endless horizons, ancient gorges, incredible geological formations and inviting freshwater swimming holes. Walk into the Bungle Bungles amidst immense orange-and-black striped rocks. Cruise past Lake Argyle's dramatic cliffs, home to freshwater crocodiles and thousands of wetland birds. The beauty of Geikie Gorge will take your breath away. Here you'll see multi-coloured cliff faces perfectly reflected in the river below.

Exotic Broome Once the pearling capital of the world, multi-cultural Broome drew people from around the world in search of a fortune. Today it's a lively town where locals and visitors are a happy mix. Pure white Cable Beach is just the spot to watch a fiery sunset over the ocean. At Gantheaume Point you can walk in the footsteps of dinosaurs and see their 130 million-year-old footprints preserved in rock.

KIMBERLEY SPECTACULAR

15 days



Waterlily



Wolfe Creek Meteorite Crater

DAY 1 • BROOME

On arrival in Broome you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy some free time before meeting your Outback Discovery crew and fellow travellers during your welcome dinner this evening. **Overnight Stay:** Cable Beach Club Resort or Broome Sanctuary Resort.

DAY 2 • BROOME – FITZROY CROSSING

This morning we travel to Fitzroy Crossing on the border of the vast Kimberley and the Great Sandy Desert. This afternoon relax on a cruise through the sanctuary that is Geikie Gorge, where 30 metre steep limestone walls laid down over a period of 50 million years were formed by fossilised coral reefs. If you look carefully, you can see the markings of vastly different water levels during the dry season and the 'Big Wet'. Tonight we stay in lush green surroundings at the Fitzroy River Lodge on the banks of the Fitzroy River. **Overnight Stay:** Fitzroy River Lodge.

DAY 3 • FITZROY CROSSING – HALLS CREEK

The highlight of today's touring is a foray into the Great Sandy Desert along the famous Tanami Track where we will visit Wolfe Creek Crater, the second largest meteorite crater on earth. A short walk to the rim of the crater reveals an expansive view of the perfectly round impact site, which is 60 metres deep and nearly a kilometre wide. Then we continue on to Halls Creek for the night. Located on the boundary of the Kimberley and Tanami Desert, this outback town is the site of Western Australia's first commercial gold discovery. **Overnight Stay:** Comfort Inn Kimberley Hotel.

DAY 4 • HALLS CREEK – BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning explore the old stone buildings at the Old Halls Creek town site and then on to the 'Great Wall of China', a 6 metre high quartz outcrop running along a line of hills to a river valley. Our vehicle turns off the Great Northern Highway and into World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park, home to one of Western Australia's most fascinating landmarks, the Bungle Bungle range. We head to the southern end of the Bungle Bungle range for a walk into majestic Cathedral Gorge, an acoustically magnificent natural amphitheatre. **Two Night Stay:** Bellburn Safari Camp.

DAY 5 • BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning there is the opportunity of taking an optional helicopter flight over the magnificent Bungle Bungle range (at own expense). Seeing these incredible rock formations from the air gives a true sense of the scale of this incredible National Park. Today we drive to the northern end of the Bungle Bungle range for a memorable day of walks into two of the Park's best attractions. The first walk is into Echidna Chasm through a narrow gorge that reveals something new at every bend – it's like walking through a huge gap in the landscape with sunlight bouncing off the flaming red hues of the rock walls. After lunch, we set off along a creek bed into Mini Palms to a platform atop a scenic amphitheatre for views of verdant palm trees and the valley beyond.

DAY 6 • BUNGLE BUNGLES – KUNUNURRA

Shortly after rejoining the Great Northern Highway, we journey through the rugged red Carr Boyd Range. We then follow the Cockburn Range before reaching the port of Wyndham. A visit here is not complete without taking in the panoramic views of the region at the Five Rivers Lookout. You'll see for miles out across the Cambridge Gulf and the five rivers that flow into it - the Ord, Pentecost, Durack, King and Forrest. Continuing to Kununurra we will follow the Carr Boyd Range. Kununurra is a vibrant town at the centre of the fertile Ord River Irrigation Scheme which ships huge volumes of fruit and fresh produce to Australian and overseas markets. **Two Night Stay:** The Kimberley Grande.

DAY 7 • KUNUNURRA

We start this exciting day with a cruise from Lake Kununurra down the spectacular Ord River. Next we drive to the rebuilt homestead of the Durack family – Argyle Downs. After a visit to the homestead that is now a museum, we visit the Hoochery, the State's only licensed distillery where rum is produced from local sugar.

DAY 8 • KUNUNURRA – EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

Today our destination is El Questro Wilderness Park, a working cattle station set on a million acres. After we arrive, enjoy a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge, a freshwater hole enclosed

by a towering escarpment and home to incredibly diverse flora and fauna. This afternoon there is the chance of taking an optional helicopter flight over some of El Questro's many gorges and waterfalls (at own expense – subject to availability). Then it's on to the thermal pools at Zebedee Springs for a relaxing dip in this natural day spa surrounded by sheer cliffs and Livistona Palms. **Overnight Stay:** Emma Gorge Resort or Station Township.

DAY 9 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK – MOUNT ELIZABETH STATION

This morning, enjoy the peaceful surroundings on an early morning walk to Emma Gorge. We then leave El Questro and travel along the Gibb River Road, originally a stock route across the Kimberley and more recently one of Australia's most challenging 4 wheel drive adventures. We'll cross the Pentecost River and many creeks on this journey to the family-owned Mount Elizabeth Station. This is a unique outback experience and your hosts will share their deep appreciation for the surrounding country and the knowledge gained from a lifetime spent living and working on a cattle station in this remote area of Australia. **Overnight Stay:** Mount Elizabeth Station.

DAY 10 • MOUNT ELIZABETH STATION – MOUNT HART

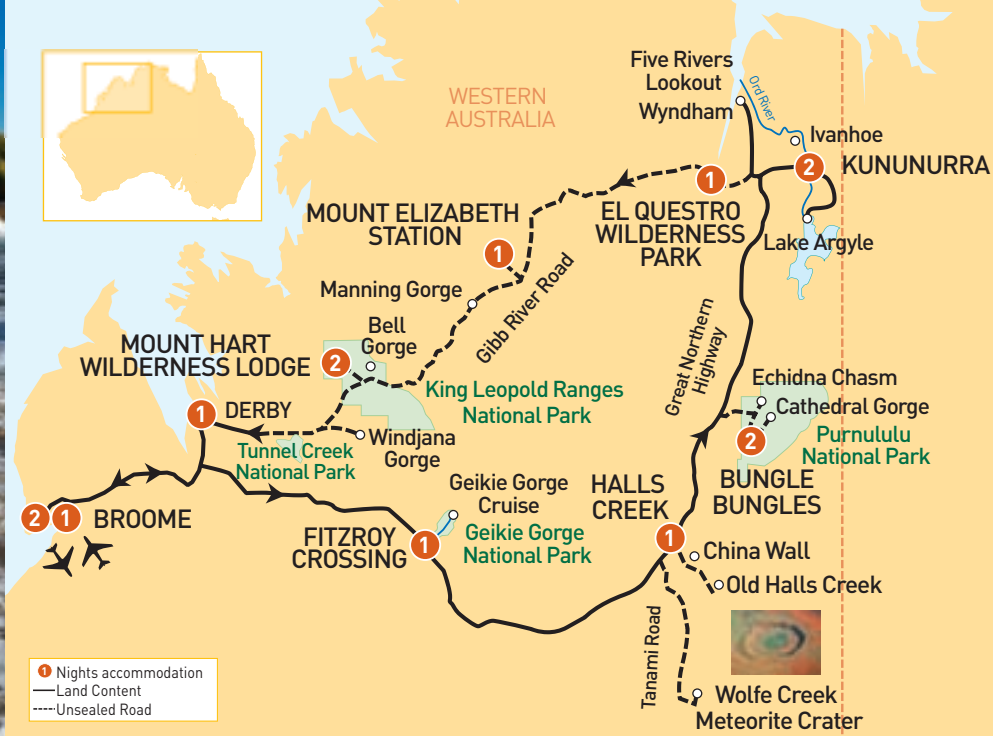
As we continue our journey along the Gibb River Road, enjoy a stop at Manning Gorge. Our drive then takes us past Silent Grove and on to spectacular Bell Gorge, located about 300 metres above sea level and the beginning of a series of waterfalls that descend to the ocean. Then we enter the King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park, home to Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge, set on a 10 acre oasis of beautiful lush tropical gardens and surrounded by stunning geological features, spectacular scenery, abundant wildlife and rare flora and fauna. **Two Night Stay:** Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge.

DAY 11 • MOUNT HART

Join your crew this morning on a walk to Mt Matthew Gorge. Here you can experience spectacular cascading waterfalls, explore the beautiful swimming holes or admire the fascinating array of bird and plant life. This afternoon is at leisure to relax and enjoy the peaceful surrounds of Mount Hart.



The Ord River



1 Nights accommodation
 — Land Content
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DAY 12 • MOUNT HART – DERBY

This morning it's back to the Gibb River Road and we visit Windjana Gorge, home to a large population of Johnston freshwater crocodiles which inhabit the waterhole. From here it's on to Tunnel Creek where you will enjoy a walk into Western Australia's oldest cave system. We continue to Derby, the main base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in the Kimberley. **Overnight Stay:** King Sound Resort.

DAY 13 • DERBY – BROOME

On the road to Broome this morning, we will visit the famous Boab Prison Tree and Myall's Bore, where stockmen would take turns in watering their stock before loading them onto ships for export. During a guided tour and cruise at Willie Creek Pearl Farm, you will discover how the rare and beautiful Australian South Sea Pearl is produced. **Two Night Stay:** Cable Beach Club Resort or Broome Sanctuary Resort.

DAY 14 • BROOME

This morning enjoy a tour of the sights of Broome. Stop at Gantheaume Point for a great photo opportunity looking back across Cable Beach. We then visit the Broome Jetty and the Japanese Cemetery, a testament to the dangerous early days of the pearling industry as over 900 divers are buried here. View the Old Courthouse before your tour at the Pearl Luggers' Museum where you will learn of the perils of the deep and what made the pearl divers life so hazardous. This afternoon, wander through the old buildings in Chinatown where many indigenous art galleries and pearl showrooms can be found. There is also the opportunity of taking an optional scenic flight over the picturesque Buccaneer Archipelago (at own expense). This evening's dinner is time to relive many memorable holiday moments and say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers.

DAY 15 • BROOME

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.

Opportunity to add a Kimberley Cruise to this holiday. Please see page 52 for full itinerary.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay 3 nights at luxurious Cable Beach Club Resort or Broome Sanctuary Resort in Broome
- Cruise through the amazing Geikie Gorge
- Stay 2 nights in the World Heritage listed Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park
- Walk into Cathedral Gorge, a natural amphitheatre and Echidna Chasm in the Bungle Bungles
- Exciting cruise down the spectacular Ord River
- Overnight stay in the rugged El Questro Wilderness Park
- Travel along the Gibb River Road
- Stay 2 nights in the heart of the Kimberley at Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge
- Explore King Leopold Ranges Conservation Park, home to many breathtakingly beautiful gorges
- Visit spectacular Windjana Gorge, home to Johnston freshwater crocodiles
- Broome sightseeing tour including a guided tour at Willie Creek Pearl Farm

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles which make the most of what each region has to offer - from 3.5 to 5 star hotels to wilderness lodges and tented cabins. Some of the remote outback areas we have chosen are more about being there and the experiences and memories you can take with you rather than the accommodation itself.

- Day 2 – your overnight stay at Fitzroy River Lodge is in either motel rooms or in the permanent safari lodges with private ensuites
- Day 4 & 5 – your 2 night stay at Bellburn Safari Camp is in permanently tented safari cabins, comfortable beds with shared or private facilities (enquire at the time of booking)
- Day 8 – your overnight stay at El Questro Wilderness Park is at Emma Gorge in deluxe tented cabins with private ensuites or at the Station Township in permanent tents with shared facilities
- Day 9 – your overnight stay at Mount Elizabeth Station has shared facilities
- Day 10 & 11 – your 2 night stay at Mount Hart Wilderness Lodge has shared facilities

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES

A number of great walks are included on various days throughout this tour. The following walks are considered moderate to difficult and a good level of fitness will especially be required for these walks:

- Cathedral Gorge • Echidna Chasm • Mini Palms • Emma Gorge • Bell Gorge • Tunnel Creek

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

- 41 superb meals including 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	May 12, 29	2011	May 11, 28	15 Day Tour	Tour Code: OBB
	Jul 07, 21, 29		Jul 06, 20, 28	Broome to Broome	\$6,745
	Aug 11, 26, 29		Aug 10, 25, 28	Single Supplement	\$1,555
	Sep 08, 22		Sep 07, 21		

All prices are per person, twin share in AUD. Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, accommodation and meals as specified. Additional activities are at own expense and unless otherwise stated must be booked on tour. Tour itinerary and pricing valid from 01 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. Enquire for itinerary and pricing that fall outside this period. Flights are not included. Tour Maps: Any maps or other route depictions are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon. Please refer to terms and conditions clause 13. For full terms and conditions, please see pages 56-57.

KIMBERLEY & TOP END EXPLORER

15 days Broome to Darwin



Kookaburra



Katherine Gorge Cruise

DAY 1 • BROOME

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DAY 2 • BROOME

This morning enjoy a tour of the sights of Broome. Stop at Gantheaume Point for a great photo opportunity looking back across Cable Beach. We then stop at the Broome Jetty before we visit the Japanese Cemetery, a testament to the dangerous early days of the pearling industry as over 900 divers are buried here. View the Old Courthouse and enjoy a tour at the Pearl Luggers' Museum where you will learn of the perils of the deep and what made the pearl divers life so hazardous. This afternoon, wander through the old buildings in Chinatown where many indigenous art galleries and pearl showrooms can be found. There is also the opportunity of taking an optional scenic flight over the picturesque Buccaneer Archipelago (at own expense, must be pre-booked*).

DAY 3 • BROOME – DERBY

After checking out of our hotel, we travel to Willie Creek Pearl Farm where you will discover, during a guided tour and cruise, how the rare and beautiful Australian South Sea Pearl is produced. We then continue to Derby, stopping en-route at the famous Boab Prison Tree that for many years was used by police as a convenient lock-up for prisoners. **Overnight Stay:** King Sound Resort.

DAY 4 • DERBY – FITZROY CROSSING

This morning we travel along the Gibb River Road to Windjana Gorge where a large population of Johnston freshwater crocodiles inhabit the waterhole. From here it's on to Tunnel Creek for a guided walk into Western Australia's oldest cave system. We then take a cruise along magnificent Geikie Gorge. This sanctuary was formed by layers of fossilised coral reefs that formed 30 metre steep limestone walls over a period of 50 million years. **Overnight Stay:** Fitzroy River Lodge.

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DAY 5 • FITZROY CROSSING – BUNGLE BUNGLES

Our journey this morning takes us into World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park, home to one of Western Australia's most fascinating landmarks, the Bungle Bungle range.

Two Night Stay: Bellburn Safari Camp.

DAY 6 • BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning there is the opportunity of taking an optional helicopter flight over the magnificent Bungle Bungle range (at own expense). Today we drive to the northern end of the Bungle Bungle range for a memorable day of walks into two of the Park's best attractions. The first walk is into Echidna Chasm through a narrow gorge that reveals something new at every bend – it's like walking through a huge gap in the landscape with sunlight bouncing off the flaming red hues of the rock walls. After lunch we set off along a creek bed into Mini Palms to a platform atop a scenic amphitheatre for spectacular views of verdant palm trees and the valley beyond.

DAY 7 • BUNGLE BUNGLES – EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

After breakfast we travel to the southern end of the National Park for a walk into Cathedral Gorge, an acoustically magnificent natural amphitheatre. We then leave Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park and make our way through the rugged landscape of the Carr Boyd Range before arriving at El Questro Wilderness Park, a working cattle station set on a million acres. **Two Night Stay:** Emma Gorge Resort.

DAY 8 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

Enjoy the peaceful surroundings on your early morning walk into Emma Gorge before our cruise on Chamberlain Gorge. This freshwater hole is enclosed by a towering escarpment and home to incredibly diverse flora and fauna. This afternoon there is the chance of taking an optional helicopter flight over some of El Questro's many gorges and waterfalls (at own expense – subject to availability). Then it's on to the thermal pools at Zebedee Springs for a relaxing dip in this natural day spa surrounded by sheer cliffs and Livistona Palms.

DAY 9 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK – KUNUNURRA

We reboard our coach this morning to follow the Cockburn Range before reaching the port of Wyndham. A visit here is not complete without taking in the panoramic views of the region at the Five Rivers Lookout. You will see for miles out across the Cambridge Gulf and the five rivers that flow into it – the Ord, Pentecost, Durack, King and Forrest. Continuing to Kununurra we will follow the Carr Boyd Range then cross the diversion dam that was built to stem the waters of the Ord River. Kununurra is a vibrant town at the centre of the fertile Ord River Irrigation Scheme. Before our orientation tour of Kununurra, we'll stop at the Zebra Rock Gallery where you will see works carved by local residents from the patterned stone unique to the region. **Two Night Stay:** Kununurra Country Club Resort or The Kimberley Grande.

DAY 10 • KUNUNURRA

We start this exciting day with a cruise from Lake Kununurra down the spectacular Ord River. Next we drive to the rebuilt homestead of the Durack family – Argyle Downs. After a visit to the homestead that is now a museum, we visit the Hoochery, the State's only licensed distillery where rum is produced from local sugar. We then make our way to Ivanhoe Crossing, the original crossing across the Ord River.

DAY 11 • KUNUNURRA – KATHERINE

Today we leave the Kimberley and Western Australia and enter the Northern Territory. We will pass by Bullo River Station, made famous by top-selling author Sara Henderson whose books vividly described station life. On to the mighty escarpment country in the Victoria River region, one of the most picturesque areas in the Northern Territory. We'll travel through Timber Creek and near the Victoria River Crossing, we'll pass by the Victoria River Downs Station which was once the largest land holding on earth. The Victoria River, known by locals as 'The Vic', was a key influence on Aboriginal heritage and today is a lifeline for pastoral properties. **Overnight Stay:** All Seasons Katherine.

DAY 12 • KATHERINE – JABIRU

Start the day with a cruise through stunning Katherine Gorge. At the Nitmiluk Visitors'



The Bungle Bungles



Centre you will see informative displays outlining the geology, landscape and Aboriginal history of the national park. At spectacular Edith Falls we'll take a swim in the large pandanus fringed waterhole at the base of the falls. We then drive on to Kakadu National Park, 20,000 square kilometres of savannah woodland, ancient escarpments and tropical wilderness inhabited by a multitude of flora and fauna. Depending on time and availability you might choose to take a scenic flight over the wetlands of Kakadu (at own expense). **Overnight Stay:** Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn.

DAY 13 • JABIRU – DARWIN

This morning enjoy a cruise on the Yellow Waters Billabong where it is possible to see estuarine crocodiles in their natural habitat. One third of Australia's bird species is represented in Kakadu National Park with at least 60 species found in these wetlands. Then it's on to Ubirr to view Aboriginal rock art galleries that date back thousands of years. After a climb up onto the escarpment, you will be rewarded with panoramic views you will never forget. In the heart of crocodile, buffalo and barramundi country, we will stop briefly at the quirky Bark Hut Inn. Our journey then takes us to the laid-back tropical city of Darwin. **Two Night Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 14 • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK – DARWIN

We'll spend our last touring day in Litchfield National Park where numerous waterfalls cascade from a sandstone plateau called the 'Tabletop Range'. View intriguing magnetic termite mounds. We then travel to the extraordinarily beautiful Wangi Falls for the chance to swim in the pool at the base of the falls, which is one of the Top End's most popular swimming spots. After lunch we'll spend the afternoon at the Territory Wildlife Park where you can get close to the birdlife in the dome aviary or walk through the aquarium tunnel as barramundi and turtles swim overhead. Our dinner this evening is time to say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers.

DAY 15 • DARWIN

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay 2 nights at luxurious Cable Beach Club Resort or Broome Sanctuary Resort in Broome
- Broome sightseeing tour including a guided tour at Willie Creek Pearl Farm
- Visit spectacular Windjana Gorge, home to Johnston freshwater crocodiles
- Walk into Tunnel Creek, Western Australia's oldest cave system
- Cruise through the amazing Geikie Gorge
- Stay 2 nights in the World Heritage listed Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park
- Walk into majestic Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm in the Bungle Bungle range
- 2 night stay in the rugged El Questro Wilderness Park at Emma Gorge Resort
- Panoramic views of the surrounding area at Five Rivers Lookout
- Exciting cruise down the spectacular Ord River
- Guided cruise through stunning Katherine Gorge
- Enjoy a swim in the pandanus fringed waterhole at spectacular Edith Falls
- Explore World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
- Visit beautiful Wangi Falls in Litchfield National Park

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles which make the most of what each region has to offer - from 3.5 to 5 star hotels to wilderness lodges and tented cabins. Some of the remote outback areas we have chosen are more about being there and the experiences and memories you can take with you rather than the accommodation itself.

- Day 4 – your overnight stay at Fitzroy River Lodge is in either motel rooms or in permanent safari lodges with private ensuites
- Day 5 & 6 – your 2 night stay at Bellburn Safari Camp is in permanently tented safari cabins, comfortable beds with shared or private facilities (enquire at the time of booking)
- Day 7 & 8 – your 2 night stay at El Questro Wilderness Park is at Emma Gorge in deluxe tented cabins with private ensuites

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES

A number of great walks are included on various days throughout this tour. The following walks are considered moderate to difficult and a good level of fitness will especially be required for these walks:

- Tunnel Creek • Echidna Chasm • Mini Palms • Cathedral Gorge • Emma Gorge

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

41 superb meals including 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	May	06, 29	2011	May	05, 28	15 Day Tour	Tour Code: OBD
	Jun	12		Jun	11	Broome to Darwin	\$6,555
	Aug	17		Aug	16	Single Supplement	\$1,665

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KIMBERLEY & TOP END EXPLORER

15 days Darwin to Broome



Mini Palms in the Bungle Bungles



Cockburn Ranges

DAY 1 • DARWIN

On arrival in Darwin you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy some free time before meeting your Outback Discovery crew and fellow travellers during your welcome dinner this evening. **Two Night Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 2 • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK – DARWIN

We'll spend our first touring day in Litchfield National Park where numerous waterfalls cascade from a sandstone plateau called the Tabletop Range. View intriguing magnetic termite mounds. We then travel to the beautiful Wangi Falls for the chance to swim in the pool at the base of the falls. After lunch we'll spend the afternoon at the Territory Wildlife Park where you can get close to the birdlife in the dome aviary or walk through the aquarium tunnel as barramundi and turtles swim overhead.

DAY 3 • DARWIN – JABIRU

Today we make our way out along the Arnhem Highway and stop briefly at the quirky Bark Hut Inn in the heart of crocodile, buffalo and barramundi country. We drive into Kakadu National Park, 20,000 square kilometres of savannah woodland, ancient escarpments and tropical wilderness inhabited by a multitude of flora and fauna. Then it's on to Ubirr to view Aboriginal rock art galleries that date back thousands of years. After a climb up onto the escarpment, you will be rewarded by panoramic views of scenery you will never forget. Depending on time and availability you might choose to take a scenic flight over the wetlands of Kakadu (at own expense). **Overnight Stay:** Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn.

DAY 4 • JABIRU – KATHERINE

This morning enjoy a cruise on the Yellow Waters Billabong where it's possible to see estuarine crocodiles in their natural habitat. One third of Australia's bird species is represented in Kakadu National Park with at least 60 species found in these wetlands. Our route south takes us through the old gold mining town of Pine Creek that was established after a brief gold rush period during the 1870's. At Edith Falls we'll stop for a swim in the large pandanus fringed waterhole at the base of the falls. **Overnight Stay:** All Seasons Katherine.

DAY 5 • KATHERINE – KUNUNURRA

Start the day with a cruise through stunning Katherine Gorge which takes in two of thirteen gorges carved through ancient sandstone by the Katherine River. At the Nitmiluk Visitors' Centre you will see informative displays outlining the geology, landscape and Aboriginal history of the national park. We'll pass by the Victoria River Downs Station which was once the largest land holding on earth. The river is known by locals as 'The Vic' and was a key influence on Aboriginal heritage and today is a lifeline for pastoral properties. We will pass by Bullo River Station, made famous by top-selling author Sara Henderson whose books vividly described station life. We leave the Northern Territory and enter Western Australia and the Kimberley where our hotel at Kununurra awaits.

Two Night Stay: Kununurra Country Club Resort or The Kimberley Grande.

DAY 6 • KUNUNURRA

Kununurra is a vibrant town at the centre of the fertile Ord River Irrigation Scheme which ships huge volumes of fruit and fresh produce to Australian and overseas markets. To start this exciting day we take a cruise from Lake Kununurra down the spectacular Ord River. Next we drive to the rebuilt homestead of the Durack family – Argyle Downs. After a visit to the homestead that is now a museum, we visit the Hoochery, the State's only licensed distillery where rum is produced from local sugar. We then make our way to Ivanhoe Crossing, the original crossing across the Ord River.

DAY 7 • KUNUNURRA – EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

On our way out of Kununurra we will stop at Zebra Rock Gallery to see works carved by local residents from the patterned stone unique to the region. We reboard our coach to follow the Cockburn Range before reaching the port of Wyndham. A visit here is not complete without taking in the panoramic views of the region at the Five Rivers Lookout. You will see for miles out across the Cambridge Gulf and the five rivers that flow into it - the Ord, Pentecost, Durack, King and Forrest. We'll then backtrack to join the famous Gibb River Road which takes us to El Questro Wilderness Park, a working cattle station set on a million acres of untamed Kimberley wilderness.

Two Night Stay: Emma Gorge Resort.

DAY 8 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

Enjoy the peaceful surroundings on your early morning walk into Emma Gorge before our cruise on Chamberlain Gorge. This freshwater hole is enclosed by a towering escarpment and home to incredibly diverse flora and fauna. This afternoon there is the chance of taking an optional helicopter flight over some of El Questro's many gorges and waterfalls (at own expense – subject to availability). Then it's on to the thermal pools at Zebedee Springs for a relaxing dip in this natural day spa surrounded by sheer cliffs and Livistona Palms.

DAY 9 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK – BUNGLE BUNGLES

We travel south along the Great Northern Highway as we follow the rugged red Carr Boyd Range before our vehicle turns off the highway and into World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park, home to one of Western Australia's most fascinating landmarks, the Bungle Bungle range. **Two Night Stay:** Bellburn Safari Camp.

DAY 10 • BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning there is the opportunity of taking an optional helicopter flight over the magnificent Bungle Bungle range (at own expense). Today we drive to the northern end of the Bungle Bungle range for a memorable day of walks into two of the Park's best attractions. The first walk is into Echidna Chasm through a narrow gorge that reveals something new at every bend – it's like walking through a huge gap in the landscape with sunlight bouncing off the flaming red hues of the rock walls. After lunch we set off along a creek bed into Mini Palms to a platform atop a scenic amphitheatre for spectacular views of verdant palm trees and the valley beyond.

DAY 11 • BUNGLE BUNGLES – FITZROY CROSSING

After breakfast we travel to the southern end of the National Park for a walk into Cathedral Gorge, an acoustically magnificent natural amphitheatre. We then leave Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park and rejoin the Great Northern Highway to Halls Creek on the boundary of the Kimberley and Tanami Desert. Halls Creek is a thriving service centre for pastoralists, Aboriginal communities and mining camps. Our destination this afternoon



Wangi Falls, Litchfield National Park



is the Fitzroy River Lodge located on the banks of one of the highest volume rivers on earth.

Overnight Stay: Fitzroy River Lodge.

DAY 12 • FITZROY CROSSING – DERBY

This morning we'll take a cruise along magnificent Geikie Gorge. From here it's on to Tunnel Creek for a guided walk into Western Australia's oldest cave system, made famous in 1897 as a hideout for the Aboriginal leader Jandamarra. We'll then continue to Windjana Gorge where a large population of Johnston freshwater crocodiles inhabit the waterhole. Before arriving at our hotel in Derby, we stop at the town's jetty, built to handle huge 10 metre tidal flows. **Overnight Stay:** King Sound Resort.

DAY 13 • DERBY – BROOME

We leave Derby for Broome this morning. On our way out of town we will visit the famous Boab Prison Tree that for many years was used by police as a convenient lock-up for prisoners. We then travel to Willie Creek Pearl Farm where you will discover, during a guided tour and cruise, how the rare and beautiful Australian South Sea Pearl is produced. **Two Night Stay:** Cable Beach Club Resort or Broome Sanctuary Resort.

DAY 14 • BROOME

This morning enjoy a tour of the sights of Broome. Stop at Gantheaume Point for a great photo opportunity looking back across Cable Beach. We then stop at the Broome Jetty before we visit the Japanese Cemetery, a testament to the dangerous early days of the pearling industry as over 900 divers are buried here. View the Old Courthouse and enjoy a tour at the Pearl Luggers' Museum where you will learn of the perils of the deep and what made the pearl divers life so hazardous. This afternoon, wander through the old buildings in Chinatown where many indigenous art galleries and pearl showrooms can be found. There is also the opportunity of taking an optional scenic flight over the picturesque Buccaneer Archipelago (at own expense). This evening's dinner is time to relive many memorable holiday moments and say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers.

DAY 15 • BROOME

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit beautiful Wangi Falls in Litchfield National Park
- Explore World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
- Enjoy a swim in the pandanus fringed waterhole at spectacular Edith Falls
- Guided cruise through stunning Katherine Gorge
- Exciting cruise down the spectacular Ord River
- 2 night stay in the rugged Kimberley at El Questro Wilderness Park at Emma Gorge Resort
- Stay 2 nights in the World Heritage listed Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park
- Walk into the majestic Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm in the Bungle Bungles
- Cruise through the amazing Geikie Gorge
- Walk into Tunnel Creek, Western Australia's oldest cave system
- Visit spectacular Windjana Gorge, home to Johnston freshwater crocodiles
- Stay 2 nights at luxurious Cable Beach Club Resort or Broome Sanctuary Resort in Broome
- Broome sightseeing tour including a guided tour at Willie Creek Pearl Farm

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- Emma Gorge • Echidna Chasm • Mini Palms • Cathedral Gorge • Tunnel Creek

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DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	Apr 20	2011	Apr 19	15 Day Tour	Tour Code: ODB
	Jun 11, 18*		Jun 10, 17	Darwin to Broome	\$6,555
	Jul 06, 30		Jul 05, 29	Single Supplement	\$1,665
	Aug 31		Aug 30		

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QUEENSLAND

The Outback and Tropics



Queensland is Australia's favourite holiday state, but there's so much more than sun, surf and beaches. Venture inland or north to tropical Cape York, and you'll discover Queensland's unique outback.

Unforgettable Experiences There are unexpected adventures at every turn and Outback Discovery's Queensland holidays are packed with them. The Savannah Way stretches from Cairns to Broome and is 4,000 kilometres of iconic outback experiences. Travel from Cairns north through the inland to tropical Cape York and Thursday Island. Or come with us on the Outback Queensland Adventure to the 'big country' around Winton and Longreach in the far west of the state, then north to the shores of the Gulf of Carpentaria and Cairns.

Where else but Queensland On or off the beaten track, the true character of Queensland awaits in wide open spaces, tiny outposts and classic pubs. Tour the world's longest system of ancient lava tubes at Undara, visit Riversleigh Fossil Site to marvel at well-preserved dinosaur remains, try your hand at fossicking for gems in Emerald or stand at Australia's most northerly point, on the beach at the tip of Cape York. Stop for a beer or lemon squash at the Walkabout Creek Hotel, ride the historic Gulflander Train from Normanton in remote Gulf Country or join a guided walk through beautiful Carnarvon Gorge National Park.

Cruise the Great Barrier Reef Guests on our Cape York Expedition have the option of taking a four night cruise aboard the Coral Princess. You'll cruise past stark white coral cays along the Barrier Reef to Lizard Island. Whether you see the reef by glass bottom boat, snorkelling or diving, an incredible underwater world hides just beneath the water's surface.

GULF SAVANNAH WAY

25 days Cairns to Broome



The Savannah Way



The Gulflander Train

DAY 1 • CAIRNS

On arrival at Cairns airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy some free time exploring Cairns, browsing in the shops along the esplanade or relaxing by the pool. This evening meet your Outback Discovery crew and get together with fellow travellers during your welcome dinner. **Overnight Stay:** Cairns Hilton Hotel.

DAY 2 • CAIRNS – UNDARA

It's the first day of our great adventure across the Savannah Way, a network of roads stretching over 4,000 kilometres joining Cairns in Queensland with Broome in Western Australia. We farewell Cairns and drive through the rainforests of the Great Dividing Range to the tablelands farming town of Atherton. This is the start of the outback and we drive to Undara on the eastern edge of the ruggedly beautiful Gulf Savannah region, arriving in the afternoon. You'll take a guided tour of the Undara Lava Tubes formed some 190,000 years ago when a volcano erupted, its molten lava flowing down a dry riverbed. As the top layer quickly cooled and crusted, the fiery magma below continued to flow through the tubes taking it further and further from the volcano. After dinner tonight, have some fun around the campfire swapping tales. **Overnight Stay:** Undara Lava Lodge, in unique specially restored railway carriages.

DAY 3 • UNDARA – KARUMBA

Start the day with a true Aussie breakfast surrounded by birds and the bush before leaving Undara and driving west to Georgetown. At the Terrestrial Centre you will view the multi award-winning Ted Elliott Mineral Collection. This collection, which is all the work of one man, contains over 4,500 mineral specimens in a myriad of fascinating colours and shapes from the region and throughout the world. We'll stop in the historic village of Croydon, which was once a booming gold town. We'll then travel to the gulf town of Karumba, where a huge prawn trawling fleet is based. It was near Karumba that the Bourke and Wills expedition reached the top end of Australia. **Overnight Stay:** End of the Road Motel, Karumba or Gulfland Motel, Normanton.

DAY 4 • KARUMBA – ADEL'S GROVE

This morning we board the Gulflander Train for a ride back in time. This historic little train takes you on a journey with a difference through the tough and inhospitable Gulf Country to Critters Camp. Your driver is waiting to take you to the Leichhardt River, which was named after the great explorer who went missing without a trace. We'll pass through the historic settlements of Burketown and Gregory Downs and then on to Adel's Grove for two nights at the gateway to Lawn Hill National Park. **Two Night Stay:** Adel's Grove.

DAY 5 • ADEL'S GROVE

This morning we travel a short distance to the Riversleigh Fossil Site. This is one of the few fossil sites around the world that has been listed as a World Heritage site. We then continue our adventure in Lawn Hill National Park where you will take guided walks with your crew, swim in the spring-fed waters of the gorge or explore aboard a canoe. We'll return to Adel's Grove in time to relax with friends before dinner.

DAY 6 • ADEL'S GROVE – MOUNT ISA

Today we travel to the Burke and Wills Roadhouse before turning south to Cloncurry where we will visit John Flynn Place Museum. The exhibits here trace the inspirational story of the origins of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Our final destination today is Mount Isa, known as the 'Oasis of the Outback', nestled among the ochre-red Selwyn Ranges on the banks of the Leichhardt River. We'll make a brief stop at the Mount Isa Lookout to view the town and mine below. **Overnight Stay:** All Seasons Mount Isa Verona Hotel.

DAY 7 • MOUNT ISA – BARKLY HOMESTEAD

We'll spend some time this morning at the Outback at Isa complex, which incorporates Outback Park and Visitor Information Centre. The award-winning Riversleigh Fossil Centre is located within the centre and is a great place to visit to get a clear explanation of what you saw at the Riversleigh Fossil Site near Lawn Hill. Before departing Mount Isa, we will take a drive around the town and

pass the huge Mount Isa Mine, the world's largest single producer of copper, silver, lead and zinc. The Barkly Highway takes us west to Camooweal and the Northern Territory border. The road is now almost perfectly straight and leads us to our overnight destination. **Overnight Stay:** Barkly Homestead.

DAY 8 • BARKLY HOMESTEAD – DALY WATERS

We drive north along the Tablelands Highway passing through the Northern Territory's largest pastoral lease, Brunette Downs Cattle Station. As we cross the vast plains of Mitchell and Flinders grass you will get a true understanding of the long distances between settlements in this remote region. We'll stop at Cape Crawford, the only roadhouse for hundreds of kilometres. The next stop will be well received as it is at the colourful Daly Waters Pub. **Overnight Stay:** Daly Waters Pub.

DAY 9 • DALY WATERS – KATHERINE

Today our route takes us along the Stuart Highway towards Mataranka and Katherine. On the way we will call into the Elsey Cemetery to see the grave of Aeneas Gunn and several other characters from 'We of the Never Never' written by Jeannie Gunn. At Mataranka's Hot Springs take a dip in the warm thermal pools which are fed by water that originates in Papua New Guinea. This afternoon we take a leisurely cruise through Katherine Gorge. The cruise takes in two of thirteen gorges carved through ancient sandstone by the Katherine River. At the Nitmiluk Visitors' Centre you will see informative displays outlining the geology, landscape and Aboriginal history of the national park. **Overnight Stay:** All Seasons Katherine.

DAY 10 • KATHERINE – JABIRU

Spectacular Edith Falls is our first stop today where you can take a swim in the large pandanus fringed waterhole at the base of the falls. We'll stop at Pine Creek, the Northern Territory's first gold mining town. We drive on to Kakadu National Park, 20,000 square kilometres of savannah woodland, ancient escarpments and tropical



wilderness inhabited by a multitude of flora and fauna. This afternoon enjoy a cruise on the Yellow Waters Billabong where it's possible to see estuarine crocodiles in their natural habitat. One third of Australia's bird species is represented in Kakadu National Park, with at least 60 species found in these wetlands. Whistling ducks, jabiru, brolga and magpie geese are the most abundant. **Overnight Stay:** Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn.

DAY 11 • JABIRU – DARWIN

Depending on time and availability, you might choose to take a scenic flight over the wetlands of Kakadu (at own expense). Alternatively a visit to the excellent Bowali Visitors' Centre will provide you with plenty of information about this complex region. Then it's on to Ubirr to view Aboriginal rock art galleries that date back thousands of years. After a walk up onto the escarpment you will be rewarded by panoramic views of scenery you will never forget. In the heart of crocodile, buffalo and barramundi country, we will stop briefly at the quirky Bark Hut Inn. Our journey then takes us to the laid-back tropical city of Darwin. **Three Night Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 12 • DARWIN

You have a day of leisure in Darwin today to explore on your own. The harbour foreshore area is a great place to discover the city's maritime links, with museums and markets.

DAY 13 • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK – DARWIN

We will spend today touring in Litchfield National Park where numerous waterfalls cascade from a sandstone plateau called the Tabletop Range. View intriguing magnetic termite mounds. We then travel to the extraordinarily beautiful Wangi Falls for the chance to swim in the pool at the base of the falls, which is one of the Top End's most popular swimming spots. After lunch we'll spend the afternoon at the Territory Wildlife Park where you can get close to the birdlife in the dome aviary or walk through the aquarium tunnel as barramundi and turtles swim overhead.

The majority of fauna found in the Top End is represented in this Park which covers 400 hectares.

DAY 14 • DARWIN – KATHERINE

After breakfast travel to the small settlement town of Adelaide River which was the base for 30,000 Australian and American soldiers during World War II. Visit the war cemetery for the hundreds of servicemen and civilians who were killed by air raids in Darwin. Continue on via Pine Creek to Katherine. This evening we head out to a nearby stock camp to dine on traditional bush tucker under the clear star studded sky. After a delicious meal, sit back and enjoy the humorous yarns and stories of the local area. **Overnight Stay:** All Seasons Katherine.

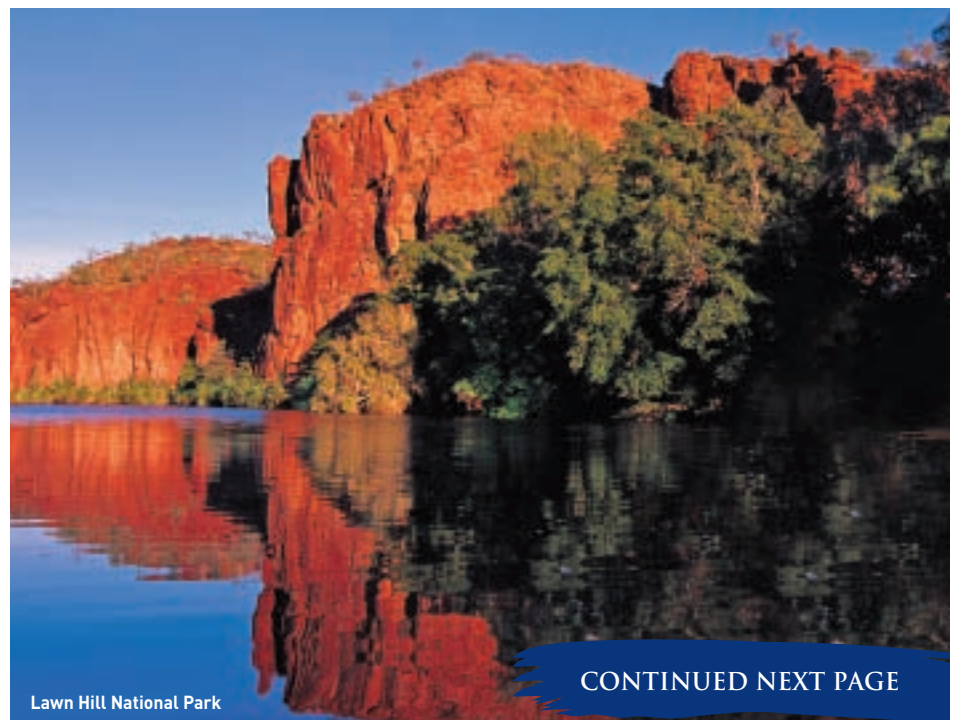
DAY 15 • KATHERINE – KUNUNURRA

This morning we'll visit the Katherine Outback Heritage Museum. Originally constructed as an air terminal for the region during WWII, it now contains an eclectic

collection of artefacts, photographs, maps and pioneer memorabilia in an informative museum. Our journey will then take us past the Victoria River Downs Station which was once the largest land holding on earth. Victoria River crossing is our lunch stop. The river is known by locals as 'The Vic' and was a key influence on Aboriginal heritage and today is a lifeline for pastoral properties. We'll travel through Timber Creek, named in 1855 when the explorer Augustus Gregory used timber from the banks of the creek to repair his expedition's boat. We will pass by Bullo River Station, made famous by top-selling author Sara Henderson whose books vividly described station life. We leave the Northern Territory and enter Western Australia and the Kimberley. **Two Night Stay:** Kununurra Lakeside Resort.

DAY 16 • KUNUNURRA

Kununurra is a vibrant town at the centre of the fertile Ord River Irrigation Scheme which ships huge volumes of fruit and fresh



Lawn Hill National Park

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Daly Waters Pub



Crocodiles

produce to Australian and overseas markets. To start this exciting day we take a cruise from Lake Kununurra down the spectacular Ord River. Next we drive to the rebuilt homestead of the Durack family – Argyle Downs. After a visit to the homestead that is now a museum, we visit the Hoochery, the State's only licensed distillery where rum is produced from local sugar. We then make our way to Ivanhoe Crossing, the original crossing across the Ord River.

DAY 17 • KUNUNURRA – EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

On our way out of Kununurra we will stop at Zebra Rock Gallery to see works carved by local residents from the patterned stone unique to the region. We reboard our coach to follow the Cockburn Range before reaching the port of Wyndham. A visit here is not complete without taking in the panoramic views of the region at the Five Rivers Lookout. You will see for miles out across the Cambridge Gulf and the five rivers that flow into it - the Ord, Pentecost, Durack, King and Forrest. We'll then backtrack to join the famous Gibb River Road which takes us to El Questro Wilderness Park, a working cattle station set on a million acres of untamed Kimberley wilderness. **Two Night Stay:** Emma Gorge Resort.

DAY 18 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

Enjoy the peaceful surroundings on your early morning walk into Emma Gorge before our cruise on Chamberlain Gorge. This freshwater hole is enclosed by a towering escarpment and home to incredibly diverse flora and fauna. This afternoon there is the chance of taking an optional helicopter flight over some of El Questro's many gorges and waterfalls (at own expense – subject to availability). Then it's on to the thermal pools at Zebedee Springs for a relaxing dip in this natural day spa surrounded by sheer cliffs and Livistona Palms.

DAY 19 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK – BUNGLE BUNGLES

We travel south along the Great Northern Highway as we follow the rugged red Carr Boyd Range before our vehicle turns off the highway and into World Heritage listed

Purnululu National Park, home to one of Western Australia's most fascinating landmarks, the Bungle Bungle range. **Two Night Stay:** Bellburn Safari Camp.

DAY 20 • BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning there is the opportunity of taking an optional helicopter flight over the magnificent Bungle Bungle range (at own expense). Seeing these incredible rock formations from the air gives a true sense of the scale of this incredible National Park. Today we drive to the northern end of the Bungle Bungle range for a memorable day of walks into two of the Park's best attractions. The first walk is into Echidna Chasm through a narrow gorge that reveals something new at every bend – it's like walking through a huge gap in the landscape with sunlight bouncing off the flaming red hues of the rock walls. After lunch we set off along a creek bed into Mini Palms to a platform atop a scenic amphitheatre for spectacular views of verdant palm trees and the valley beyond.

DAY 21 • BUNGLE BUNGLES – FITZROY CROSSING

After breakfast we travel to the southern end of the National Park for a walk into Cathedral Gorge, an acoustically magnificent natural amphitheatre. We then leave Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park and rejoin the Great Northern Highway to Halls Creek on the boundary of the Kimberley and Tanami Desert. Halls Creek is a thriving service centre for pastoralists, Aboriginal communities and mining camps. Our destination this afternoon is the Fitzroy River Lodge located on the banks of one of the highest volume rivers on earth. **Overnight Stay:** Fitzroy River Lodge.

DAY 22 • FITZROY CROSSING – DERBY

This morning relax on a cruise through the sanctuary that is Geikie Gorge, where 30 metre steep limestone walls laid down over a period of 50 million years were formed by fossilised coral reefs. From here it's on to Tunnel Creek for a guided walk into Western Australia's oldest cave system, made famous in 1897 as a hideout for the Aboriginal leader Jandamarra. We'll then continue to Windjana Gorge where

a large population of Johnston freshwater crocodiles inhabit the waterhole. Before arriving at our hotel in Derby, we stop at the town's jetty, built to handle huge 10 metre tidal flows. **Overnight Stay:** King Sound Resort.

DAY 23 • DERBY – BROOME

We leave Derby for Broome this morning. On our way out of town we will visit the famous Boab Prison Tree that for many years was used by police as a convenient lock-up for prisoners. We then travel to Willie Creek Pearl Farm where you will discover, during a guided tour and cruise, how the rare and beautiful Australian South Sea Pearl is produced. **Two Night Stay:** Cable Beach Club Resort.

DAY 24 • BROOME

This morning enjoy a tour of the sights of Broome. Stop at Gantheaume Point for a great photo opportunity looking back across Cable Beach. We then stop at the Broome Jetty before we visit the Japanese Cemetery, a testament to the dangerous early days of the pearling industry as over 900 divers are buried here. View the Old Courthouse and enjoy a tour at the Pearl Luggers' Museum where you will learn of the perils of the deep and what made the pearl divers life so hazardous. This afternoon, wander through the old buildings in Chinatown where many indigenous art galleries and pearl showrooms can be found. There is also the opportunity of taking an optional scenic flight over the picturesque Buccaneer Archipelago (at own expense). This evening's dinner is time to relive many memorable holiday moments and say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers.

DAY 25 • BROOME

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.



Kakadu National Park



Willie Creek Pearl Farm

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Overnight stay at the Cairns Hilton, ideally located in the heart of Cairns and on the waterfront
- Guided tour of the 190,000 year old Undara Volcanic Lava Tubes
- Ride aboard the historic Gulflander Train from Normanton to Critters Camp
- Travel through the Savannah Wetlands
- Explore Lawn Hill National Park on a guided walk
- Visit John Flynn Place Museum in Cloncurry for an insight into the beginnings of the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Visit the World Heritage listed Riversleigh Fossil Site
- Guided cruise through stunning Katherine Gorge
- Enjoy a swim in the pandanus fringed waterhole at spectacular Edith Falls
- Explore World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
- 3 night stay at the 5 star Crowne Plaza Hotel in Darwin
- Visit beautiful Wangi Falls in Litchfield National Park
- Exciting cruise down the spectacular Ord River
- 2 night stay in the rugged Kimberley at El Questro Wilderness Park at Emma Gorge Resort
- Enjoy a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge
- Stay 2 nights in the World Heritage listed Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park at the Bellburn Safari Camp
- Walk into the majestic Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm in the Bungle Bungles
- Cruise through the amazing Geikie Gorge
- Walk into Tunnel Creek, Western Australia's oldest cave system
- Visit spectacular Windjana Gorge, home to Johnston freshwater crocodiles
- Stay 2 nights at luxurious Cable Beach Club Resort in Broome
- Broome sightseeing tour including a guided tour at Willie Creek Pearl Farm and at the Pearl Luggers' Museum

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles which make the most of what each region has to offer. Some of the remote outback areas we have chosen are more about being there and the experiences and memories you can take with you rather than the accommodation itself.

- Day 2 – your overnight stay at Undara Lava Lodge is in unique specially restored railway carriages with some carriages having shared facilities
- Day 4 & 5 – your 2 night stay at Adel's Grove is in comfortable but basic permanent safari tents with shared facilities. The standard and style of tents may vary
- Day 7 – your overnight stay at Barkly Homestead is basic but comfortable, all rooms have private ensuites
- Day 8 – your overnight stay at the colourful Daly Waters Pub is basic but comfortable with some rooms having shared facilities
- Day 17 & 18 – your 2 night stay at El Questro Wilderness Park is at Emma Gorge in deluxe tented cabins with private ensuites
- Day 19 & 20 – your 2 night stay at Bellburn Safari Camp is in permanently tented safari cabins, comfortable beds with shared or private facilities (enquire at the time of booking)
- Day 21 – your overnight stay at Fitzroy River Lodge is either in motel rooms or in permanent safari lodges with private ensuites

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES

A number of great walks are included on various days throughout this tour. The following walks are considered moderate to difficult and a good level of fitness will especially be required for these walks:

- Emma Gorge • Echidna Chasm • Mini Palms • Cathedral Gorge
- Tunnel Creek

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

71 superb meals including 24 breakfasts, 23 lunches and 24 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

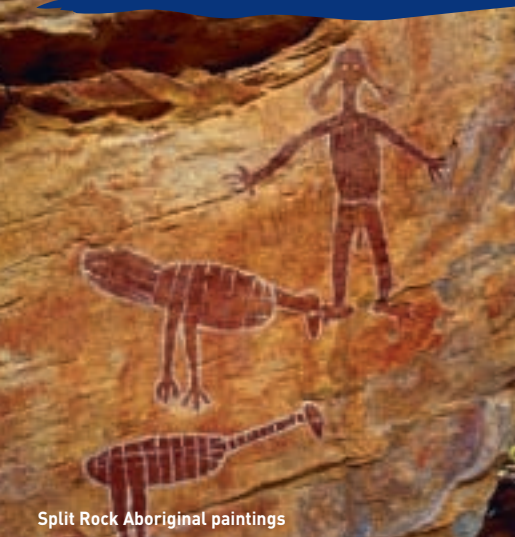
DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	Apr 18 May 02	2011	Apr 17 May 01	25 Day Tour Cairns to Broome Single Supplement	Tour Code: OGCB \$9,595 \$2,025
Clients also have the option of taking this itinerary in reverse					
2010	Jun 29 Sep 14	2011	Jun 28 Sep 13	25 Day Tour Broome to Cairns Single Supplement	Tour Code: OGBC \$9,595 \$2,025

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CAPE YORK EXPEDITION

11 days Cairns to Cairns Northbound



Split Rock Aboriginal paintings



Bloomfields Falls

DAY 1 • CAIRNS

On arrival at Cairns you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy some free time exploring the city, browsing in the shops along the esplanade or relaxing by the pool. This evening meet your Outback Discovery crew and get together with fellow travellers during your welcome dinner. **Overnight Stay:** Cairns Hilton Hotel.

DAY 2 • CAIRNS – CAPE TRIBULATION

Departing Cairns this morning, we drive north along the Captain Cook Highway to Hartley's Crocodile Adventures, the best place to see crocodiles and native wildlife in the tropical north. Take a boat ride on Hartley's Lagoon for a unique eco adventure and guaranteed sightings of crocodiles in their own habitat. Continuing north to Port Douglas you'll see some of Australia's best scenery where isolated beaches and the Coral Sea are fringed by hills covered in rainforest. We'll take a drive to the sophisticated holiday town of Port Douglas before continuing to Mossman, a quaint sugar cane town and the gateway to the Daintree River ferry crossing. Once across the river you will be in the oldest rainforest on earth, which was confirmed as a World Heritage listed area in 1988. At the Daintree Discovery Centre there is a wealth of information on the area's birds, butterflies and crocodiles. On the cleverly designed aerial walkway and canopy tower, you may be lucky enough to spot a cassowary on the banks of the creek below. **Overnight Stay:** Cape Tribulation Resort and Spa.

DAY 3 • CAPE TRIBULATION – COOKTOWN

Today we'll take the Bloomfield Track to Cooktown. Along the way you can see where the wet tropical rainforest literally meets the reef at the edge of the ocean. The drive is exhilarating with steep climbs and many creek crossings. We take a short diversion into the rainforest to see Bloomfield Falls, a roaring wall of water dropping 40 metres over the escarpment. We will be joined by a local Aboriginal guide from the Wujal Wujal Community who will share the spiritual links between this land and the people. Beyond the rainforest is the Lions Den Hotel, our lunch stop for today. This timber and iron hotel is a local landmark which has enjoyed a rich history since 1875. We'll stop to inspect the unusually formed black granite boulders of

the Black Mountain Range before arriving at Cooktown. Cooktown has over two centuries of rich history, starting with Captain James Cook beaching the Endeavour for repairs after striking the reef in 1770. A century later, the town's population increased massively during the gold rush. You will visit the James Cook Museum, housed in a 120 year old convent building and widely regarded as the best regional museum in Australia. At the Botanic Gardens you will see the exotic plant section, a 'palmetum' and native plants unique to this area. Our hotel is conveniently located on the main street, perfect for a late afternoon stroll. **Overnight Stay:** Sovereign Resort Hotel.

DAY 4 • COOKTOWN – LOTUS BIRD LODGE

UNESCO rates Cape York's Quinkan region among the world's top 10 prehistoric rock art areas. We'll visit a fine example this morning at the Split Rock Aboriginal art site near Laura. We then drive to Old Laura and the abandoned homestead, a rare surviving example of an early Cape York Peninsula pastoral station. The house, outbuildings and yards are still structurally sound and in original condition. Further north we enter Lakefield National Park. The Park is renowned for its vast river systems and spectacular wetlands and the landscape is of major Aboriginal cultural significance. This afternoon you'll see the ruins at Breeza Plains before we arrive at Lotus Bird Lodge for some true Cape York country hospitality. You will stay in individual pole style cabins set amongst shady eucalypts along the inner bank of a large horseshoe shaped billabong. Tonight we'll have dinner overlooking the billabong. **Overnight Stay:** Lotus Bird Lodge.

DAY 5 • LOTUS BIRD LODGE – WEIPA

After leaving Lotus Bird we rejoin the Peninsula Developmental Road at Musgrave and drive north, passing through the town of Coen that grew up around a repeater station along the Overland Telegraph Line. We'll have lunch at the Archer River Roadhouse before crossing the river and continuing our journey to Weipa. Weipa is a mining town built to house employees and support staff who work at the largest bauxite deposit in the world. **Overnight Stay:** Albatross Bay Resort.

DAY 6 • WEIPA – MORETON TELEGRAPH STATION

Today you'll join a guided tour of the Weipa Township and mine, which gives an informative overview of the mining and shipping process. You'll see the bauxite operations, the enormous mining equipment, trucks, trains and other plant employed at Weipa. We'll then continue travelling north to the historic Moreton Telegraph Station, which was built in 1886 as part of the Overland Telegraph Line and converted to a homestead during the 1920's. Today, Moreton Telegraph Station offers comfortable safari tented accommodation set in peaceful surroundings located on the banks of the beautiful Wenlock River. **Overnight Stay:** Moreton Telegraph Station.

DAY 7 • MORETON TELEGRAPH STATION – PUNSAND BAY

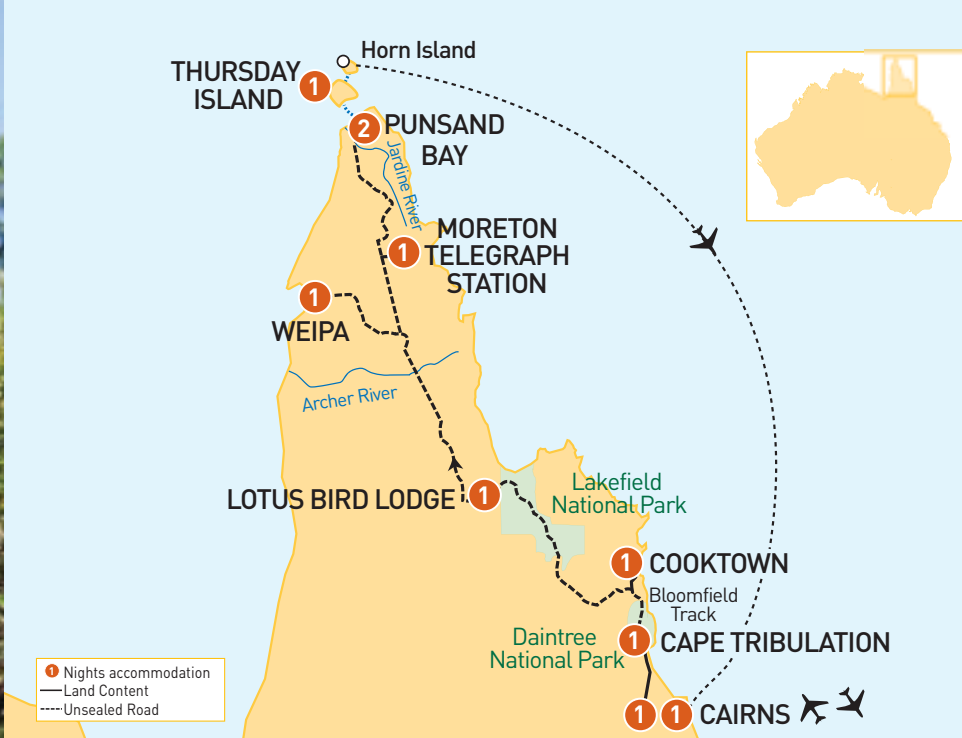
The track we take today is the Bamaga Road, as the original Old Telegraph Track is not always suitable for travel. After a bush morning tea stop we will travel to picturesque Fruit Bat Falls where you can take a plunge into the crystal clear spring-fed water or just relax on shore. We'll cross the Jardine River by ferry. The river is named after the great pioneering cattle family that began at a government outpost in 1864 when John Jardine was the police magistrate. As we take the short ferry trip across the river, keep an eye out for the huge crocodiles that inhabit the rivers in the Cape York region. We then travel through the Aboriginal communities of Injinoo and Umagico before we reach Punsand Bay Camping Resort which is ideally situated with 10 kilometres of beachfront where you can watch the sun rise over the Coral Sea in the South Pacific Ocean and set over the Arafura Sea in the Indian Ocean. **Two Night Stay:** Punsand Bay Camping Resort.

DAY 8 • PUNSAND BAY – TIP OF CAPE YORK

A short drive followed by a moderate walk is well rewarded today as you stand at the tip of Cape York, which is the northernmost point of the Australian continent and the surrounding peninsula, a wild and sparsely populated wilderness area. Its rugged coastline points towards New Guinea, while the eastern side is fringed by the Great Barrier Reef.



Cooktown



This afternoon we will visit The Croc Tent where you can find all sorts of Cape York memorabilia and information on the area. See the Lockerbie Ruins and World War II aircraft wreck site before returning to our accommodation for time at leisure before dinner.

DAY 9 • PUNSAND BAY – THURSDAY ISLAND

This morning board your ferry to Thursday Island. The island is 35 kilometres from the mainland and is the administration centre for the Torres Strait Islands. The heart of Thursday Island (traditionally known as 'Waiben') is its harbour, which was once home to a fleet of 150 pearl luggers. Commercial fishing and prawning are the main livelihood today. You'll enjoy a guided tour of the island and a highlight is the Gab Titui Cultural Centre that houses historical artefacts and tools, as well as both modern and traditional Torres Strait art. **Overnight Stay:** Jardine Motel.

DAY 10 • THURSDAY ISLAND – CAIRNS

A short ferry trip to Horn Island is a relaxing way to start the day. The island is just south of Papua New Guinea and the local lifestyle is a fusion of Melanesian and Australian Aboriginal cultures. On arrival you will be taken on a guided tour of the island and learn about its history. Horn Island came into prominence during World War II when it suffered eight Japanese air raids. Today, the island's small population relies on pearling and fishing. Your tour will visit the museum and art gallery in the small town of Wasaga, as well as some World War II sites. This afternoon board your flight from Horn Island to Cairns (included in tour fare). This evening's dinner is time to relive many memorable holiday moments and say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers. **Overnight Stay:** Cairns Hilton Hotel.

DAY 11 • CAIRNS

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.

Opportunity to add a Great Barrier Reef Cruise to this holiday. Please see page 53 for itinerary.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel in a small group of up to 20 passengers
- 2 night stay at the Cairns Hilton Hotel, ideally located in the heart of Cairns and on the waterfront
- Tour the award-winning Hartley's Crocodile Adventure where you are guaranteed to see crocodiles in their own habitat
- Visit the Daintree Discovery Centre for an excellent insight into the oldest continuous rainforest on earth
- Overnight stay in Cape Tribulation at Cape Tribulation Resort and Spa, situated between the World Heritage listed Daintree Rainforest and the Great Barrier Reef
- Travel along the Bloomfield Track to Cooktown including a guided visit to the Bloomfield Falls with a local Aboriginal custodian
- Explore historic Cooktown including a visit to the James Cook Museum and the Botanic Gardens
- Discover the spectacular wetlands of Lakefield National Park
- Guided tour of Weipa Township and the Comalco Bauxite Mine
- Visit the picturesque Fruit Bat Falls and enjoy a refreshing swim in the crystal clear waters
- Stand at the tip of Cape York
- Guided tour of Thursday Island including a visit to the Gab Titui Cultural Centre
- Guided tour of Horn Island with a visit to the museum and some of the historic World War II sites
- Flight from Horn Island to Cairns

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles which make the most of what each region has to offer - from 3.5 to 5 star hotels to wilderness lodges and tented cabins. Some of the remote outback areas we have chosen are more about being there and the experiences and memories you can take with you rather than the accommodation itself.

- Day 6 – your overnight stay at Moreton Telegraph Station is in permanent, comfortable safari tented accommodation with shared facilities
- Day 7 & 8 – your 2 night stay at Punsand Bay Camping Resort is in permanent tented cabins with private ensuites

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

29 superb meals including 10 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 10 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	May 24	2011	May 23	11 Day Tour	Tour Code: OCYN
	Jun 14		Jun 13	Cairns to Cairns	
	Jul 07, 30		Jul 06, 29	Northbound	\$5,595
	Aug 24		Aug 23	Single Supplement	\$1,015

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CAPE YORK EXPEDITION

11 days Cairns to Cairns Southbound



Rainbow Lorikeets



The Bloomfield Track

DAY 1 • CAIRNS

On arrival at Cairns airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy some free time exploring the city, browsing in the shops along the esplanade or relaxing by the pool. This evening meet your Outback Discovery crew and get together with fellow travellers during your welcome dinner.

Overnight Stay: Cairns Hilton Hotel.

DAY 2 • CAIRNS – THURSDAY ISLAND

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DAY 3 • THURSDAY ISLAND – PUNSAND BAY

The heart of Thursday Island (traditionally known as 'Waiben') is its harbour, which was once home to a fleet of 150 pearl luggers. Commercial fishing and prawning are the main livelihood today. You'll enjoy a guided tour of the island and a highlight is the Gab Titui Cultural Centre that houses historical artefacts and tools, as well as both modern and traditional Torres Strait art. This afternoon your ferry to the coastal village of Seisia sails from Thursday Island. **Two Night Stay:** Punsand Bay Camping Resort.

DAY 4 • TIP OF CAPE YORK – PUNSAND BAY

A short drive followed by a moderate walk is well rewarded today as you stand at the tip of Cape York, which is the northernmost point of the Australian continent and the surrounding peninsula, a wild and sparsely

populated wilderness area. Its rugged coastline points towards New Guinea, while the eastern side is fringed by the Great Barrier Reef. This afternoon we will visit The Croc Tent where you can find all sorts of Cape York memorabilia and information on the area. See the Lockerbie Ruins and World War II aircraft wreck site before returning to our accommodation for time at leisure before dinner.

DAY 5 • PUNSAND BAY – MORETON TELEGRAPH STATION

This morning we'll cross the Jardine River by ferry. The river is named after the great pioneering cattle family that began at a government outpost in 1864 when John Jardine was the police magistrate. As we take the short ferry trip across the river, keep an eye out for the huge crocodiles that inhabit the rivers in the Cape York region. At picturesque Fruit Bat Falls we'll have lunch and you can take a plunge into the crystal clear spring-fed water or just relax on shore. This afternoon we will travel to the historic Moreton Telegraph Station, built in 1886 as part of the Overland Telegraph Line and converted to a homestead during the 1920's. Today, Moreton Telegraph Station offers comfortable safari tented accommodation set in peaceful surroundings located on the banks of the beautiful Wenlock River. **Overnight Stay:** Moreton Telegraph Station.

DAY 6 • MORETON TELEGRAPH STATION – WEIPA

Our destination today is Weipa, a mining town built to house employees and support staff who work at the largest bauxite deposit in the world. After lunch you'll join a guided tour of the Weipa Township and mine, which gives an informative overview of the mining and shipping process. You'll see the bauxite operations, the enormous mining equipment, trucks, trains and other plant employed at Weipa. **Overnight Stay:** Albatross Bay Resort.

DAY 7 • WEIPA – LOTUS BIRD LODGE

After leaving Weipa we'll have lunch at the Archer River Roadhouse before crossing the river and continuing our journey south. We'll pass through the town of Coen that

grew up around a repeater station along the Overland Telegraph Line. This afternoon we'll arrive at Lotus Bird Lodge for some true Cape York country hospitality. You will stay in individual pole style cabins set amongst shady eucalypts along the inner bank of a large horseshoe shaped billabong. Tonight we'll have dinner overlooking the billabong. **Overnight Stay:** Lotus Bird Lodge.

DAY 8 • LOTUS BIRD LODGE – COOKTOWN

We farewell Lotus Bird Lodge this morning and travel south to enter Lakefield National Park. The Park is renowned for its vast river systems and spectacular wetlands and the landscape is of major Aboriginal cultural significance. We then drive to Old Laura and the abandoned homestead, a rare surviving example of an early Cape York Peninsula pastoral station. The house, outbuildings and yards are still structurally sound and in original condition. UNESCO rates Cape York's Quinkan region among the world's top 10 prehistoric rock art areas. We'll visit a fine example this afternoon at the Split Rock Aboriginal art site near Laura. Cooktown has over two centuries of rich history, starting with Captain James Cook beaching the Endeavour for repairs after striking the reef in 1770. A century later, the town's population increased massively during the gold rush. Our hotel is conveniently located on the main street, perfect for a late afternoon stroll. **Overnight Stay:** Sovereign Resort Hotel.

DAY 9 • COOKTOWN – CAPE TRIBULATION

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Daintree Rainforest



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- Guided tour of Weipa Township and the Comalco Bauxite Mine
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- Discover the spectacular wetlands of Lakefield National Park
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	Jul	20		Jul	19	Cairns to Cairns	
	Aug	12		Aug	11	Southbound	\$5,595
	Sep	07		Sep	06	Single Supplement	\$1,015

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OUTBACK QUEENSLAND ADVENTURE

16 days Brisbane to Cairns



Gulflander train journey, Normanton



Australian Outback Spectacular presented by R.M. Williams

DAY 1 • BRISBANE

On arrival at Brisbane airport (please book flights to arrive by 12.00pm) you will be met and transferred to your hotel. This afternoon meet your Outback Discovery crew and fellow travellers and join them on a trip to the Gold Coast. We'll drive along the coast's strip of seemingly endless beaches, stopping for photos on the way. This evening you'll attend the Australian Outback Spectacular presented by R.M. Williams – a stirring presentation of outback life with a great cast, 31 talented horses and brilliant special effects. During the show you'll be served a three course Aussie dinner with beer, wine and soft drinks. **Overnight Stay:** Hotel Ibis Brisbane.

DAY 2 • BRISBANE – ROMA

This morning visit Australia Zoo. You will see exciting wildlife shows, chat with friendly zookeepers and get close to many of the different animals. We then drive west over the Great Dividing Range to the Darling Downs and Dalby, the wheat capital of Queensland. We'll pass through Chinchilla and Miles before arriving in Roma on the western slopes of the downs. **Overnight Stay:** Roma Explorers Inn.

DAY 3 • ROMA – CARNARVON GORGE

In 1863 Samuel Bassett brought vine cuttings to Roma and started Queensland's first wine-making enterprise. The town is also famous for its part in Australia's oil and gas industry and this morning we'll visit the Big Rig. Learn about the unique history of the industry from the first discovery of petroleum, through the boom and bust years of oil and gas exploration and on to today's multi-billion dollar industry. At Carnarvon National Park we'll take a guided walk into Carnarvon Gorge. The surrounding park boasts unique wildlife, spectacular scenery and incredible bush walks. **Overnight Stay:** Carnarvon Gorge Wilderness Lodge.

DAY 4 • CARNARVON GORGE – EMERALD

Carnarvon Gorge has over 25 kilometres of walking tracks criss-crossing freshwater streams, meandering through lush tropical gorges with sandstone cliffs, passing by tranquil waterfalls and delving into the deep rock crevices that conceal many significant Aboriginal art sites. After breakfast we'll take another walk in the National Park before

continuing on to Emerald. Despite its name, there are no emeralds to be found in Emerald but it is surrounded by rich gemfields.

Overnight Stay: Emerald Maraboon Motor Inn.

DAY 5 • EMERALD – LONGREACH

From Emerald we drive to Anakie where you can fossick for sapphires and other prized gems. On to Alpha, where many town buildings are adorned with murals painted by local artists. Barcardine was the scene of the Great Shearers' Strike in 1891 which led to the formation of the Australian Labor Party. The Australian Workers Heritage Centre records these historic events and your visit uncovers the rich, heritage history and traditions of all working Australians.

Two Night Stay: Albert Park Motel.

DAY 6 • LONGREACH

Our day starts at the Qantas Founders Outback Museum to inspect the original 1922 hangar used by departing flights, the 747-200 aircraft and the first ever Qantas jet passenger aircraft registered in Australia, the Boeing 707. At the Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame you'll discover the history of this country's brave and intrepid explorers, the stockmen and aborigines of pioneering Australia. This afternoon you'll visit 'Longway Station', a 34,000 acre working sheep and livestock grazing station, and learn about land care in the outback. This evening enjoy a spectacular sunset dinner cruise along the Thomson River.

DAY 7 • LONGREACH – WINTON

Today our journey takes us to Winton where we will visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre, the world's only attraction dedicated to a song and the place where Banjo Paterson wrote Waltzing Matilda. This afternoon at Lark Quarry you'll take a guided tour of the world's only recorded evidence of a dinosaur stampede. You'll see some 3,300 footprints made by nearly 200 dinosaurs 95 million years ago. **Overnight Stay:** Boulder Opal Motor Inn.

DAY 8 • WINTON – MOUNT ISA

Our first stop today is the Combo Waterhole on the upper reaches of the Diamantina River. It is said to be the billabong where the 'Waltzing Matilda' swagman camped more than 100 years ago and was caught with some 'borrowed' mutton, thus inspiring the well-known song. The isolated village of Kynuna seems as

though it's in the middle of nowhere and we'll stop at the only hotel, the famous Blue Heeler Pub. From one legendary outback pub to another, we'll call in at the Walkabout Creek Hotel, known around the world for its role in the movie Crocodile Dundee. In Cloncurry we'll visit John Flynn Place Museum. The exhibits here trace the inspirational story of the origins of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Our final destination today is Mount Isa, known as the 'Oasis of the Outback' nestled among the ochre-red Selwyn Ranges, on the banks of the Leichhardt River. **Two Night Stay:** All Seasons Mount Isa Verona Hotel.

DAY 9 • MOUNT ISA

After breakfast enjoy a guided tour of the huge Mount Isa Mine, the world's largest single producer of copper, silver, lead and zinc. We then visit the Outback at Isa complex and take a brief tour around this vast mining town.

DAY 10 • MOUNT ISA – ADEL'S GROVE

Today we travel to the Burke and Wills Roadhouse and on to the historic town of Gregory Downs where the old hotel is the centre of society. We'll visit the Gregory Downs Pub before our drive to Adel's Grove, the gateway to Lawn Hill National Park.

Two Night Stay: Adel's Grove.

DAY 11 • ADEL'S GROVE

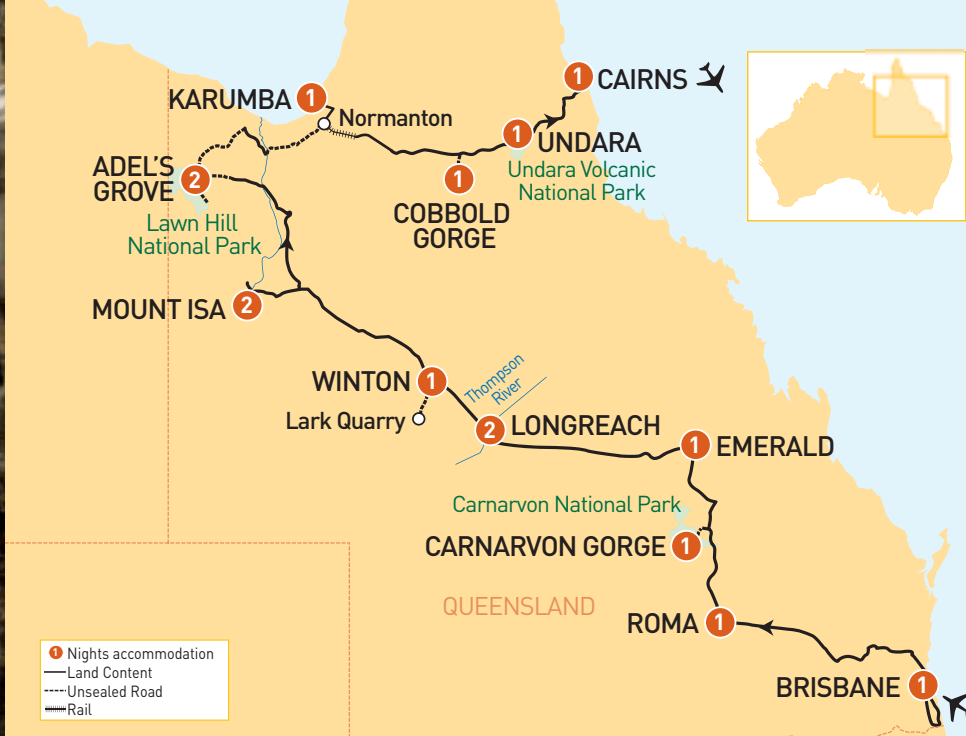
This morning we travel a short distance to the Riversleigh Fossil Site. This is one of the few fossil sites around the world that has been listed as a World Heritage site. We then continue our adventure in Lawn Hill National Park where you will take a guided walk, swim in the spring-fed waters of the gorge or explore aboard a canoe. We'll return to Adel's Grove in time to relax with friends before dinner.

DAY 12 • ADEL'S GROVE – KARUMBA

Our drive today takes us north across the Savannah grasslands to the gulf town of Burketown. We'll then continue to Leichhardt River which was named after the great explorer who went missing without a trace. We will then continue to the gulf town of Karumba, where a huge prawn trawling fleet is based. It was near Karumba that the Bourke and Wills expedition reached the top end of Australia. **Overnight Stay:** End of the Road Motel, Karumba or Gulfland Motel, Normanton.



Cobbold Gorge



DAY 13 • KARUMBA – COBBOLD GORGE

This morning we board the Gulflander Train for a ride back in time. This historic little train takes you on a journey with a difference through the tough and inhospitable Gulf Country to Critters Camp. Your driver is waiting to take you to the historic village of Croydon, which was once a booming gold town. We'll then travel to Georgetown and visit the Terrestrial Centre. Here you will view the multi award-winning Ted Elliott Mineral Collection that contains over 4,500 mineral specimens in a myriad of fascinating colours and shapes from the region and throughout the world. Today's destination is Cobbold Gorge. **Overnight Stay:** Cobbold Gorge.

DAY 14 • COBBOLD GORGE – UNDARA

Cobbold Gorge is hidden away within rugged sandstone formations and is extremely narrow, closing to a mere two metres wide in places, with spectacular 30 metre cliffs on either side. The overall length of the gorge is about six kilometres and consists of a series of waterholes and rock falls. We'll board a flat bottom boat this morning for a guided cruise along the gorge. After lunch at the resort we'll drive to Undara on the eastern edge of the ruggedly beautiful Gulf Savannah region. After dinner tonight, have some fun around the campfire swapping tales. **Overnight Stay:** Undara Lava Lodge, in unique specially restored railway carriages.

DAY 15 • UNDARA – CAIRNS

This morning enjoy a guided tour of the Undara Lava Tubes, formed some 190,000 years ago. We then farewell Undara and drive to the tablelands farming town of Atherton. This afternoon we'll enjoy spectacular views as we drive through the rainforests of the Great Dividing Range down to the coast and Cairns. This evening's dinner is time to relive many memorable holiday moments and say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers. **Overnight Stay:** Cairns Hilton Hotel.

DAY 16 • CAIRNS

This morning after breakfast you'll be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.

Opportunity to add the Cape York Expedition tour to this holiday. Please see pages 30-33 for itinerary.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome dinner and show at the Australian Outback Spectacular presented by R.M. Williams on the Gold Coast
- Visit the famous Australia Zoo and get close to the animals
- Guided tour of the Big Rig Oil Patch
- Enjoy guided walks into spectacular Carnarvon Gorge
- Fossick for gems in Anakie
- Visit the Qantas Founders Outback Museum
- Discover the history of this country's brave explorers at the Longreach Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame
- Visit the Waltzing Matilda Centre in Winton
- Guided tour of the world's only recorded evidence of a dinosaur stampede at Lark Quarry
- Visit John Flynn Place Museum in Cloncurry for an insight into the beginnings of the Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Stay 2 nights in Mount Isa and explore this well known mining town
- Guided surface mine tour of Mount Isa Mines
- Explore Lawn Hill National Park on a guided walk
- Visit the World Heritage listed Riversleigh Fossil Site
- Travel through the wetlands to Karumba
- Guided cruise through spectacular Cobbold Gorge
- Ride aboard the historic Gulflander Train from Normanton to Critters Camp
- Guided tour of the 190,000 year old Undara Volcanic Lava Tubes
- Overnight stay at the Cairns Hilton Hotel, ideally located on the waterfront in Cairns

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles on this tour ranging from 3.5 to 5 star hotels to wilderness lodges and safari tents. Each location has been chosen to make the most of what each region has to offer.

- Day 10 & 11 – your 2 night stay at Adel's Grove is in comfortable but basic permanent safari tents with shared facilities. The standard and style of tents may vary
- Day 14 – your overnight stay at Undara Lava Lodge is in unique specially restored railway carriages with some carriages having shared facilities

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

44 super meals including 15 breakfasts, 14 lunches and 15 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	Mar	26	2011	Mar	25	16 Day Tour	Tour Code: OBC
						Brisbane to Cairns	\$5,995
						Single Supplement	\$1,015
Clients also have the option of taking this itinerary in reverse							
2010	Sep	18	2011	Sep	17	16 Day Tour	Tour Code: OCB
						Cairns to Brisbane	\$5,995
						Single Supplement	\$1,015

All prices are per person, twin share in AUD. Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, accommodation and meals as specified. Tour itinerary and pricing valid from 26 March 2010 to 31 March 2011. Enquire for itinerary and pricing that fall outside this period. Flights are not included. Tour Maps. Any maps or other route depictions are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon. For full terms and conditions, please see pages 56-57.



AUSTRALIA

The Sunburnt Country



New Coast to Coast Adventure In 2010 join Outback Discovery to travel from the shores of the Pacific to the Indian Ocean in an epic 21 day journey through the very heart of our wide, brown land. This holiday from Brisbane to Perth is something that many Australians long to experience, as we'll be travelling to some of the country's most hard-to-reach places as well as Alice Springs and Uluru in the red centre.

Diverse Choices The underlying theme of Australia's outback is constant, regardless of where you travel. You'll find it in the rich Aboriginal culture, deceptively lifeless deserts blooming with wildflowers, craggy mountain ranges, miles of pristine coastline and abundant pastoral properties. Cross the infamous Nullarbor from Perth to Sydney in 17 days via Flinders Ranges National Park and Broken Hill. Our Grand Australia holiday is exactly that – a 33 day journey that winds its way from Sydney to the far west of New South Wales and Queensland, into the red centre and across the Northern Territory to the Kimberley and Broome and north to tropical Darwin. You're welcome to join our Nullarbor crossing and Grand Australia holidays for a shorter segment if your time away is limited.

Wildflowers, Rugged Outback and Sea Lions The southern corner of Western Australia is the focus of our 15 day South West Explorer holiday with the departures timed to coincide with the annual desert wildflower season. From Melbourne we'll take you on a 14 day loop around outback Victoria, South Australia and New South Wales. Exciting highlights include Coonawarra's wine country, the penguins and sea lion colonies on Kangaroo Island, the Flinders Ranges and Arkaroola, the thriving art scene in Broken Hill and World Heritage listed Mungo National Park.

COAST TO COAST ADVENTURE

11/21 days



William Creek



Birdsville

DAY 1 • BRISBANE

On arrival at Brisbane airport (please book flights to arrive by 11.00am) you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Early this afternoon meet your Outback Discovery crew and join them on a trip to Australia Zoo. Tonight there's time to get to know your fellow travellers over dinner. **Overnight Stay:** Hotel Ibis Brisbane.

DAY 2 • BRISBANE – ST GEORGE

This morning your Coast to Coast Adventure starts as we drive west over the Great Dividing Range to Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. On arrival in Dalby enjoy a tour of the Pioneer Park Museum and its collection of working agricultural machinery, minerals and fossils. Continue to the Moonie Cross Roads, where you'll see vivid murals depicting the town's history. Arriving in St George we'll take an orientation drive through the town's wide streets. **Overnight Stay:** Merino Motor Inn.

DAY 3 • ST GEORGE – QUILPIE

Before leaving St George we'll visit The Unique Egg, a world class collection of handcarved illuminated emu eggs. Our destination today is Quilpie, situated in the heart of Boulder Opal country. Experience a unique Australian story during our stay at Ray Station. Tonight enjoy dinner and entertainment around the campfire. **Two Night Stay:** Ray Station

DAY 4 QUILPIE

Following a hearty breakfast experience the inspiring 'Tully-Durack story' told by the family of the original owners. Ray station's 600 square kilometres remains one of a select few properties in Australia never to have changed hands since white settlement. It has been passed down each generation directly from father to son. Ray Station was settled in 1874 by great grandparents Patsy and Sarah Tully nee Durack. Sarah's brother the famous Patsy Durack (Kings in Grass Castles) urged them to follow him to the Kimberley, they declined, surviving the great drought of 1900.

DAY 5 • QUILPIE – BIRDSVILLE

Our first stop today is the cattle town of Windorah, with its giant red sandhills and Cooper's Creek, a Lake Eyre tributary which swells to 100 kilometres wide in flood season. We'll have lunch at Deon's Lookout, a spectacular vantage point above the surrounding plains then it's on to Birdsville, the starting point for the legendary

Birdsville Track between the Simpson Desert and Sturt's Stony Desert. **Two Night Stay:** Birdsville Hotel.

DAY 6 • BIRDSVILLE

This morning we're off to the tracks where Birdsville's annual race meeting sees the population grow from 120 to 6,000 in two days. This afternoon travel out to 'Big Red' – the highest sand dune in the Simpson Desert.

DAY 7 • BIRDSVILLE – MARREE

Our journey today takes us along the Birdsville Track into some of Australia's most remote country. Our lunch break today is at the Mungerannie Hotel, once a supply point for drovers travelling north to Queensland. Marree was founded around a series of artesian springs by wheat, sheep and cattle farmers in the 1870's. Afghan camel drivers also made it their home, and many of their descendants still live here today. **Overnight Stay:** Marree Hotel.

DAY 8 • MARREE – COOBER PEDY

The shores of Lake Eyre is our first photo stop today. Australia's largest inland lake was discovered in 1840 and for more than a century it was thought to be permanently dry until its first recorded flooding in 1949. We'll have lunch at the William Creek Hotel, the legendary 'watering-hole' on the Oodnadatta Track. We continue to Coober Pedy where this evening we will enjoy a gourmet BBQ on the hotel's terrace. **Two Night Stay:** Desert Cave Hotel.

DAY 9 • COOBER PEDY

Coober Pedy has become the 'Opal Capital of the World' since Australia's national gemstone was first found here in 1915. This morning we'll travel out to Moon Plain, a vast rock-strewn landscape. We'll track along part of the Dingo Fence to the Breakaways, where you can stand atop flat-top mesas and imagine that this parched gibber desert was once a huge inland sea. You'll visit the Umoona Opal Mine and Museum, see cutting and polishing demonstrations and view a stunning collection of opals. After dinner this evening, join our star-gazing session as we explore the sparkling beauty of the outback sky.

DAY 10 • COOBER PEDY – ALICE SPRINGS

Today we cross the Northern Territory border and head for Alice Springs, Australia's most famous

outback town, affectionately known as 'The Alice'. **Three Night Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 11 • ALICE SPRINGS

(Clients on the 11 Day tour depart the tour after breakfast. **Tour Code: OBA.**)

The magnificent West MacDonnell Ranges is our destination today. We take a short walk into Simpsons Gap, further along the range we walk into Standley Chasm and on to Ormiston Gorge. To end the day we go to the Gosse Bluff lookout to see the huge crater created by a comet crashing into earth millions of years ago. (Clients on the 11 Day tour join the tour this evening. **Tour Code: OAP.**)

DAY 12 • ALICE SPRINGS

You'll visit all of the sightseeing highlights of Alice Springs today including the school of Distance Education (previously known as the School of the Air), The Alice Springs Desert Park and the Cultural Precinct. We will call in to the Royal Flying Doctor Service to learn how this remarkable lifeline for remote areas operates. This evening you'll dine at the Red Ochre Grill and attend the Sounds of Starlight show.

DAY 13 • ALICE SPRINGS – KINGS CANYON

Before we reach Kings Canyon today, we divert from the highway to Chambers Pillar. Heading back through Maryvale Cattle Station, we rejoin the Stuart Highway until we turn west along the Ernest Giles Road to Kings Canyon. **Overnight Stay:** Kings Canyon Resort.

DAY 14 • KINGS CANYON – ULURU

This morning you have a choice of guided walks within Kings Canyon. We drive to the million acre cattle station, Curtin Springs and on to Uluru. **Two Night Stay:** Desert Gardens Hotel.

DAY 15 • ULURU

It's an early rise today to see the sun come up over Uluru. Spend some time at the Cultural Centre before going to the equally spectacular Kata Tjuta (Olgas). Tonight you'll dine under the stars at the award-winning Sounds of Silence dinner.

DAY 16 • ULURU – WARBURTON

Today we travel along the Gunbarrel Highway which links the Red Centre with Western Australia. We'll stop at Lasseters Cave, named after Harold Lasseter who claimed, in 1929, to have discovered a rich gold reef in this area. This



afternoon there's a visit to the Giles Weather Station on the edge of the Gibson Desert.

Overnight Stay: Warburton Roadhouse.

DAY 17 • WARBURTON – LEONORA

Our travels today reveal scenic ranges, red soil, spinifex, mulga and desert oaks. We stop at Tjukayirla Roadhouse, the most isolated roadhouse in Australia. We'll tour the local indigenous caves and view 5,000 year old rock art. **Two Night Stay:** Leonora Motor Inn.

DAY 18 • LAVERTON

After breakfast we travel to Laverton which a century ago was a gold mining town reputed to be the wildest town in the west. In 1969 nickel was discovered here by the Poseidon Company which famously saw its shares rocket from \$1.20 to \$280 in one day. Step back in time at The Great Beyond – Explorers' Hall of Fame to learn the stories of explorers and pioneers during the Australian gold rush.

DAY 19 • LEONORA – KALGOORLIE

Journey to the gold rush town of Kalgoorlie and follow the Golden Mile. At the Miners Hall of Fame you will have the opportunity to pan for gold, watch gold being poured or even put on your hard hat and go down a mineshaft.

Overnight Stay: Rydges Kalgoorlie

DAY 20 • KALGOORLIE – PERTH

Once the centre of Australia's greatest gold rush, Coolgardie is known as the 'mother of the Western Australian goldfields' and is now the nation's best preserved gold mining town. Just out of town we'll visit the local cemetery and the grave of Ernest Giles, the first European to sight Uluru. We'll drive east into the wheat belt and visit Cunderdin Museum. Farewell new found friends this evening in Perth. **Overnight Stay:** Novotel Langley Perth.

DAY • 21 PERTH

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.

Opportunity to add the Across the Nullarbor or the South West Explorer tour to this holiday. Please see pages 40-41 and 48-49 for itineraries.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Visit the famous Australia Zoo and get close to the animals
- Visit The Unique Egg, a world class collection of handcarved illuminated emu eggs
- 2 night stay at Ray Station in Quilpie to experience the unique Tully Durack Story
- Travel along the legendary Birdsville Track
- Travel along part of the famous Oodnadatta Track
- Discover the 'Opal Capital of the World' when you explore Coober Pedy
- Explore Alice Springs including a visit to the Royal Flying Doctor Service, the award-winning Desert Park and the Old Telegraph Station
- Explore Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the spectacular giant domes of Kata Tjuta (Olgas)
- Experience unique dining under the stars with views of Uluru and Kata Tjuta at the Sounds of Silence dinner
- Take in the atmosphere of Kings Canyon with a walk along the rim or along the canyon floor
- Visit Tjukayirla Roadhouse, the most isolated roadhouse in Australia
- Guided tour and gold panning at the Miners Hall of Fame in Kalgoorlie
- Visit the Cunderdin Museum and take a step back in time as you view displays from the 1968 earthquake that made world news

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles which makes the most of what each region has to offer. Some remote outback areas we have chosen are more about being there and the experience and memories you can take with you rather than the accommodation itself.

- Day 3 & 4 – your 2 night stay at Ray Station in Quilpie is comfortable but basic. Some rooms are with shared facilities
- Day 16 – your overnight stay at Warburton Roadhouse, which is a very remote area of Australia, is comfortable but basic with a variety of room types and configurations. Some rooms are with shared facilities

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

59 superb meals including 20 breakfasts, 19 lunches and 20 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

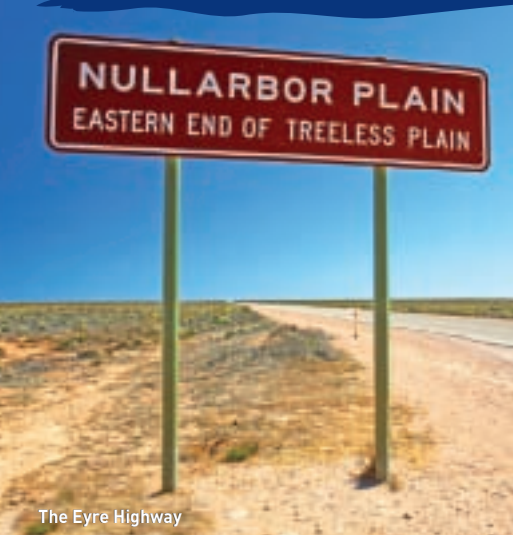
DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	Oct	04*, 11	2011	Oct	03, 10	21 Day Tour	Tour Code: OBP
						Brisbane to Perth	\$8,795
						Single Supplement	\$1,575
2010	Oct	04, 11	2010	Oct	03, 10	11 Day Tour	Tour Code: OBA
						Brisbane to Alice Springs	\$4,655
						Single Supplement	\$475
2010	Oct	14*, 21	2011	Oct	13, 20	11 Day Tour	Tour Code: OAP
						Alice Springs to Perth	\$5,095
						Single Supplement	\$1,095

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ACROSS THE NULLARBOR

9/10/17 days



The Eyre Highway



The Great Australian Bight

DAY 1 • PERTH

This evening meet your Outback Discovery crew and get together with fellow travellers during your welcome dinner. **Overnight Stay:** Novotel Langley Perth.

DAY 2 • PERTH – KALGOORLIE

Settle in aboard your Outback Discovery vehicle for the first day of our crossing of the world's largest island continent. We'll drive west into the wheat belt and through the small town of Meckering that made world news in October 1968 when an earthquake measuring 6.9 on the Richter scale caused widespread destruction but no loss of life. At the Cunderdin Museum you'll see displays depicting the earthquake and many artefacts showing the pioneering spirit of the district. **Two Night Stay:** Rydges Kalgoorlie.

DAY 3 • KALGOORLIE

The gold rush town of Kalgoorlie includes the 'Golden Mile', said to have been the richest square mile of gold bearing earth in the world. Enjoy an orientation tour including the infamous Hay Street. At the Miners Hall of Fame you'll have the opportunity to pan for gold, watch how gold is poured or even put on your hard hat and go down a mineshaft. We then visit the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

DAY 4 • KALGOORLIE – NORSEMAN

This morning we visit the Superpit and travel to the nickel mining town of Kambalda where we will visit Red Hill Lookout for a panoramic view of the nickel operations and Lake Lefroy, one of many huge salt lakes in the west of the Nullarbor Plain. **Overnight Stay:** Great Western Motel.

DAY 5 • NORSEMAN – EUCLA

Today is the start of our two day journey across the Eyre Highway. Our first stop is Balladonia. In July 1979 pieces of Skylab crashed to earth and at the Balladonia Hotel's museum we'll see memorabilia and actual debris from Skylab. From Balladonia we round a bend that marks the start of the longest straight stretch of road on earth, just under 150 kilometres in length. We'll take a break at Cocklebidy and continue on to Madura, where the road descends steeply and is bounded by an escarpment to the north and the seas of the Great Australian Bight to the south. **Overnight Stay:** Amber Hotel/Motel.

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DAY 6 • EUCLA – STREAKY BAY

The adventure continues today as we cross the South Australian border to the most picturesque section of the Nullarbor trip. For many kilometres the country to our left is endless, flat saltbush and to our right sheer cliffs drop into the sea. We'll stop at the Head of the Bight to see ancient cliffs ranging in height from 40-70 metres above the pounding Southern Ocean. The landscape begins to change and sheep properties start to appear until we reach Ceduna at the end of the Nullarbor Plain. **Overnight Stay:** Streaky Bay Hotel Motel.

DAY 7 • STREAKY BAY – PORT LINCOLN

This morning we drive to Point Labatt Conservation Park to a cliff top platform where you'll view a mainland breeding colony of Australian sea lions. We'll continue along the Eyre Peninsula passing through Elliston, a pretty coastal town situated on the shores of Waterloo Bay. With a harbour three times the size of Sydney, Port Lincoln is today's destination. **Two Night Stay:** Port Lincoln Hotel.

DAY 8 • PORT LINCOLN

Enjoy a locally guided tour of Port Lincoln this morning. Tour the city sights, view a spectacular coastal panorama and encounter the rich history of the town. Visit Mikkira Station and Koala Park, a former Head Station of the first sheep run south of Port Lincoln, settled in 1842. Visitors may view the restored original homestead and old gardens or simply relax and admire the abundant and varied birdlife which nest in the Manna gums, where koalas may also be easily found. Visit a winery and the beautiful Roseview Gardens before returning to your accommodation for dinner.

DAY 9 • PORT LINCOLN – ADELAIDE

Today we travel along the coastline of the Eyre Peninsula and Spencer Gulf. We pass through quiet coastal towns of Tumby Bay, Arno Bay and Cowell. We will continue through the towns of Port Augusta and Port Wakefield before arriving in South Australia's capital, Adelaide. Our drive into the city passes generous boulevards, historic churches and elegant architecture which reflect South Australia's strong European heritage. **Overnight Stay:** Adelaide Hilton. **(Clients on the 9 Day tour join the tour this evening. Tour Code: OAS.)**

DAY 10 • ADELAIDE – BAROSSA VALLEY

(Clients on the 10 Day tour depart the tour this morning after breakfast. Tour Code: OPA.)

This morning after breakfast we will do a brief city tour of Adelaide before heading to Haighs Chocolate Visitor Centre for a tasting. Continue on to the Barossa Valley to visit the historic Seppelt Winery which was founded in 1851 and is a national treasure. Head to the Angas Park Fruit Company which, since it was established in 1911, has grown into one of the most successful dried fruit companies in Australia. Afterwards we will continue to enjoy wine tasting at one of the Barossa Valley's well known wineries. **Overnight Stay:** Novotel Barossa Valley Resort.

DAY 11 • BAROSSA VALLEY – WILPENA POUND

Today we farewell the wine country and depart for the Flinders Ranges and the outback. On the way we'll call in at the historic copper mining town of Burra where a local guide will escort you on a tour of the town. Continuing due north we pass through Peterborough and Hawker, after which you'll see the beginnings of the beautifully coloured ridges of the Flinders Ranges. From here we follow the line of the ranges to Wilpena Pound. **Overnight Stay:** Wilpena Pound Resort.

DAY 12 • WILPENA POUND – ARKAROOA

Wilpena Pound is the centrepiece of the Flinders Ranges National Park, recognised as one of the finest landscapes in Australia. It is rich in wildlife that have adapted well to the rugged mountains and gorges. After breakfast we'll take a short transfer up the ridge for spectacular views across the pound. We visit the old mining town of Blinman. The crumbling ruins of old cottages and the Blinman mine now form an historic town set in a sparse hilly landscape. We continue on to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. **Two Night Stay:** Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and Resort.

DAY 13 • ARKAROOA

Today is a day of adventure and exploration. Travelling in a specially constructed open-top 4WD vehicle, you'll take a guided Ridgetop Tour of some of the most spectacularly rugged country on earth. Our local tour guides will share their knowledge of Arkaroola's 1,600 million year geological history as you navigate



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the steep slopes of the famous Ridgetop Track. After dinner take in the millions of stars at the Arkaroola Astronomical Observatory.

DAY 14 • ARKAROOLA – BROKEN HILL

We drive south across the flood plains of one of Australia’s many large salt lakes, Lake Frome. As we make our way across Frome Downs Station, we’ll go through the longest manmade structure on earth ‘The Dog Fence’, built to stop dingoes savaging sheep flocks. We’ll travel along the Barrier Highway into New South Wales and on to Broken Hill, site of the world’s richest deposits of silver, lead and zinc which led to the establishment of BHP. **Two Night Stay:** Silver Haven Motor Inn.

DAY 15 • BROKEN HILL

Today we start at the outback ghost town of Silverton. Spend time strolling around the restored gaol, art galleries and the celebrated Silverton Hotel. At the Day Dream Mine you’ll get a feel for life back in the early mining days. We then visit the Silver City Mint and Gallery to view the Big Picture, the world’s largest acrylic painting on canvas. Later we’ll take a drive out to the spectacular Living Desert Sculptures.

DAY 16 • BROKEN HILL – WEST WYALONG

We gradually begin to leave the outback behind for more populated country along interesting back roads through Menindee, Ivanhoe and Hillston. Our destination today is the historic gold mining town of West Wyalong. **Overnight Stay:** Club Inn Resort.

DAY 17 • WEST WYALONG – SYDNEY

After we leave West Wyalong, we pass through the gold mining town of Grenfell. From the coal-mining town of Lithgow we take the Great Western Highway over the Blue Mountains, stopping for photos at Katoomba’s iconic Three Sisters. We’ll arrive in Sydney late this afternoon, where it will be time to say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers (please book your flights from 7pm onwards).

Opportunity to add the Coast to Coast Adventure or the South West Explorer tour to this holiday. Please see pages 38-39 and 48-49 for itineraries.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Stay 2 nights in the gold mining town of Kalgoorlie and enjoy a guided tour and gold panning at the Miners Hall of Fame
- Overnight stay in Norseman which is located on the edge of the Nullarbor Plain and marks the start of our 2 day adventure across this fascinating land along the Eyre Highway to Streaky Bay
- See the fascinating Australian sea lions and great birdlife in their natural habitat at Point Labatt Conservation Park
- Enjoy 2 nights accommodation in the seaside town of Port Lincoln situated on the banks of beautiful Boston Bay
- Travel along the scenic coastline of the Eyre Peninsula and Spencer Gulf, passing through many quaint coastal towns
- Explore the famous wine growing region of the Barossa Valley
- Stay overnight at the Wilpena Pound Resort located in the heart of the beautifully coloured Flinders Ranges National Park
- Explore the spectacular rugged slopes of the famous Ridgetop Track on your guided open-top 4WD adventure during your 2 night stay at the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary Resort
- Take in the millions of stars at the Arkaroola Astronomical Observatory which provides some of the best viewing conditions in Australia
- Stay 2 nights in the mining town of Broken Hill and get a feel for life back in the early mining days on a guided tour of the Day Dream Mine
- Visit the outback ghost town of Silverton and spend time strolling around the restored gaol and art galleries

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles on this tour ranging from 3.5 to 5 star hotels. Each location has been chosen to make the most of what each region has to offer

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

48 superb meals including 16 breakfasts, 16 lunches and 16 dinners plus morning and afternoon tea on most days

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES			
2010	Oct 24 Nov 13, 17	2011	Oct 23 Nov 12, 16
		17 Day Tour	Tour Code: OPAS
		Perth to Sydney	\$6,295
		Single Supplement	\$1,155
2010	Oct 24 Nov 13, 17	2011	Oct 23 Nov 12, 16
		10 Day Tour	Tour Code: OPA
		Perth to Adelaide	\$3,995
		Single Supplement	\$615
2010	Nov 01, 21, 25	2011	Oct 31 Nov 20, 24
		9 Day Tour	Tour Code: OAS
		Adelaide to Sydney	\$3,795
		Single Supplement	\$555

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GRAND AUSTRALIA

11/17/33 days



Kakadu National Park



Uluru (Ayers Rock)

DAY 1 • SYDNEY – NARRABRI

Depart Sydney this morning and travel north through the Upper Hunter Region to the charming country town of Muswellbrook. Our journey sees us travelling along the New England Highway through quaint rural towns such as Murrurundi and Gunnedah. Our destination today is Narrabri, which is situated in the heart of the Namoi Valley and known for its cotton, beef and wheat production. **Overnight Stay:** Adelong Motel.

DAY 2 • NARRABRI – BOURKE

This morning we travel to nearby Cullgoora to visit the amazing Australian Telescope, established by the CSIRO in 1967, which is also linked to the telescopes at Coonabarabran, Parkes and Tidbinbilla, making it the most powerful in the southern hemisphere. Our journey will then continue on to the edge of the outback, travelling through the interesting towns of Wee Waa and Walgett. This evening we will arrive at the historic river port of Bourke which is situated on the Darling River but surrounded by red dirt plains and scrub. **Overnight Stay:** Darling River Motel.

DAY 3 • BOURKE – WHITE CLIFFS

Today we will board the paddle vessel PV Jandra for a relaxing cruise along the Darling River before driving further inland to Tilpa. Here we will visit the century old Royal Hotel. We then continue on via Wilcannia before arriving at our destination for this evening, White Cliffs. This remarkable opal mining town is famous for its underground accommodation. **Overnight Stay:** White Cliffs Underground Motel.

DAY 4 • WHITE CLIFFS – TIBOOBURRA

Discover the unique pioneer opal town of White Cliffs on a guided tour. Visit the solar power station, opal showroom, art gallery and Jock's Place, an underground dugout home and mine. We then travel north into the outback joining the Silver City Highway, passing through the small settlement of Milparinka before arriving in Tibooburra. Now known to be the most isolated town in New South Wales, Tibooburra was originally established at the height of the gold rush. **Overnight Stay:** Granites Motel.

DAY 5 • TIBOOBURRA – INNAMINCKA

Today we enter South Australia, crossing the border at Cameron Corner that marks the junction of New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland. Here we pass through the longest manmade structure on earth 'The Dog Fence'. We drive through the Strzelecki Desert to the Strzelecki Track and past the Moomba Gas Fields. **Two Night Stay:** Innamincka Hotel.

DAY 6 • INNAMINCKA

This morning we will cross into Queensland and over the Burke and Wills Bridge before stopping at the Dig Tree, where Burke and Wills missed their support party by just nine hours. Also see the resting place of these two explorers as we visit their graves. Head to an oasis known as 'Callyamurra Waterhole', a beautiful stretch of water which has not dried up since it was first seen by Sturt. Return to our accommodation in Innamincka for dinner this evening.

DAY 7 • INNAMINCKA – BIRDSVILLE

Our route today takes us through very remote country. We pass Australia's largest shearing shed at Cordillo Downs and visit the Cadega Ruins before arriving at Birdsville. This town began life as 'Diamantina Crossing' in 1881 and stories of stockmen who passed through the town on the famous Birdsville Track are part of town legend. **Overnight Stay:** Birdsville Hotel.

DAY 8 • BIRDSVILLE – BOULIA

This morning we're off to the tracks where Birdsville's annual race meeting sees the population grow from 120 to 6,000 in two days. We then drive out to the edge of the Simpson Desert for a look at 'Big Red'. This is the first of over 1,000 parallel sand dunes that vehicles must cross to reach the western side of the desert. Travelling via Bedourie we reach Boulia, today's destination which is famous for the Min Min Light. **Overnight Stay:** Boulia Desert Sands Motel.

DAY 9 • BOULIA – JERVOIS

We approach the Northern Territory along a dirt track grandly named the Donohue Highway. As we cross into the Northern Territory we stop at the remote settlement of Tobermorey. We are now on the Plenty Highway which started as a stock route used for cattle droving between states. We continue

on to the remote location of Jervois where we pull out the tents for a night of camping.

Overnight Stay: Jervois Station Camping.

DAY 10 • JERVOIS – ALICE SPRINGS

This morning we'll travel to Gemtree where you will fossick for rich red garnets and sparkling zircons. We'll then join the Stuart Highway, one of the world's longest transcontinental roads, and head for Alice Springs, Australia's most famous outback town. Affectionately known as 'The Alice', your stay here will leave a lasting impression of the local characters and surrounding natural beauty. ANZAC Hill offers a panoramic view of the town and is the starting point for our orientation tour.

Three Night Stay: Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 11 • ALICE SPRINGS

(Clients on the 11 Day tour depart the tour this morning after breakfast. Tour Code: OSA.)

Enjoy a full day sightseeing tour of Alice Springs. At the School of Distance Education (previously known as the 'School of the Air') you will see how the world's biggest classroom is run. Enjoy a walk through different native habitats, see birds of prey in action and observe rare animals in the nocturnal house at the award-winning Desert Park. Visit the Alice Springs Cultural Precinct. Here you can stroll through the original cemetery where you will find the graves of the great Aboriginal artist Albert Namatjira and Harold Bell Lasseter of 'Lasseters Lost Gold' fame. For aviation enthusiasts, the Connellan Hangar houses memorabilia of this pioneering airline. We will call in to the Royal Flying Doctor Service to learn how this remarkable lifeline for remote areas operates and we'll visit the Old Telegraph Station.

DAY 12 • ALICE SPRINGS

The magnificent West MacDonnell Ranges is our destination today. Our first stop is the grave of Reverend John Flynn, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Next we take a short walk into Simpsons Gap for a chance to sight rare black-footed rock wallabies. Further along the range we walk into Standley Chasm and on to Ormiston Gorge for lunch and a refreshing swim in the waterhole. To end the day we go to the Gosse Bluff to see the crater five kilometres wide and 150 metres high, which was created by a comet crashing into earth millions of years ago.



The Dog Fence



DAY 13 • ALICE SPRINGS – KINGS CANYON

Before we reach Kings Canyon, we divert from the highway to Chambers Pillar. Early explorers used this spectacular rock formation as a navigation aid through remote country. Heading back through Maryvale Cattle Station, we rejoin the Stuart Highway until we turn west along Ernest Giles Road to Kings Canyon. **Overnight Stay:** Kings Canyon Resort.

DAY 14 • KINGS CANYON – ULURU

This morning enjoy a choice of guided walks. Take in the atmosphere of Kings Canyon on a moderate walk along the canyon floor. Or, if you're feeling more energetic, a walk along the rim is also available. Rejoin the coach as we drive to Kings Creek Station, a working cattle and camel station which is the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia. We then continue on to the million acre cattle station, Curtin Springs before arriving at the first of our two night stay in Yulara, a small township purpose-built to cater for visitors to Uluru. **Two Night Stay:** Desert Gardens Hotel.

DAY 15 • ULURU

It's an early rise today to see the sun come up over Uluru and then you will have the opportunity to explore this magnificent monolith. You may choose to do the 9.5 kilometre base walk or stay with your crew who will take you into special areas to explain their significance to the local Aboriginal people. Spend some time at the Cultural Centre before we go to the equally spectacular Kata Tjuta (Olgas). Once at Kata Tjuta, you can take a walk between the huge rock domes. No visit to Uluru is complete until you see a sunset. Watch the changing colours of the mighty monolith during pre-dinner drinks before embarking on a unique dining experience at the award-winning Sounds of Silence dinner.

DAY 16 • ULURU – ALICE SPRINGS

This morning you may wish to take an optional scenic flight over Uluru (own expense). Located where the Stuart Highway and the Lasseter Highway meet, we travel to Ertlunda Roadhouse before arriving in Alice Springs early afternoon. Enjoy some free time to explore Alice Springs before returning to the hotel for dinner. **Overnight Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 17 • ALICE SPRINGS – RABBIT FLAT

(Clients on the 17 Day tour depart the tour this morning after breakfast. Tour Code: OSAC.)

We farewell the Red Centre to drive the legendary Tanami Track, one of Australia's longest stock routes. The area is so remote that there are only two roadhouses on the track - Tilmouth Well and Rabbit Flat which will be our campsite for tonight. **Overnight Stay:** Rabbit Flat Roadhouse Camping.

DAY 18 • RABBIT FLAT – HALLS CREEK

Flanked by the Tanami Desert and the Great Sandy Desert, we'll come to the junction of the Canning Stock Route this morning. The Canning was once a favourite route for drovers and is now used by adventurous four-wheel drivers. We'll then continue to Wolfe Creek Crater, the second largest meteorite crater on earth. A short walk to the rim of the crater will reveal an expansive view of the perfectly round impact site, which is 60 metres deep and nearly a kilometre wide. We'll spend the night in Halls Creek, site of Western Australia's first commercial gold discovery. **Overnight Stay:** Comfort Inn Kimberley Hotel.

DAY 19 • HALLS CREEK – BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning explore the old stone buildings at the Old Halls Creek town site and the 'Great Wall of China', a spectacular formation of eroded quartz rock. Our vehicle turns off the Great Northern Highway and into World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park, home to one of Western Australia's most fascinating landmarks, the Bungle Bungle range. We'll head to the southern end of the Park for a walk into Cathedral Gorge, an acoustically magnificent natural amphitheatre. **Two Night Stay:** Bellburn Safari Camp.

DAY 20 • BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning there is the opportunity of taking an optional helicopter flight over the magnificent Bungle Bungle range (at own expense). Today we drive to the northern end of the Bungle Bungle range for a memorable day of walks into two of the Park's best attractions. The first walk is into Echidna Chasm through a narrow gorge that reveals something new at every bend, it's like walking through a huge gap in the landscape with sunlight bouncing off the

flaming red hues of the rock walls. After lunch we set off along a creek bed into Mini Palm to a platform atop a scenic amphitheatre for spectacular views of verdant palm trees and the valley beyond.

DAY 21 • BUNGLE BUNGLES – FITZROY CROSSING

We leave Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park this morning and rejoin the Great Northern Highway to Fitzroy River Lodge which is located on the banks of one of the highest volume rivers on earth and where we will set up camp for the night. **Overnight Stay:** Fitzroy River Lodge Camping.

DAY 22 • FITZROY CROSSING – BROOME

This morning relax on a cruise through the sanctuary that is Geikie Gorge, where 30 metre steep limestone walls laid down over a period of 50 million years were formed by fossilised coral reefs. After the cruise we head west along the Great Northern Highway. Our route along the northern edge of The Great Sandy Desert is dotted with the unusually shaped Boab trees. We'll cross the Fitzroy River that is almost dry at this time of year, but transforms into a mighty torrent over 10 kilometres wide during the wet season. In Broome there will be a brief orientation tour before you check in to your hotel. **Two Night Stay:** Cable Beach Club Resort.

DAY 23 • BROOME

This morning enjoy a tour of the sights of Broome. Stop at Gantheaume Point for a great photo opportunity looking back across Cable Beach. We then stop at the Broome Jetty before we visit the Japanese Cemetery, a testament to the dangerous early days of the pearling industry as over 900 divers are buried here. View the Old Courthouse and enjoy a tour at the Pearl Luggers' Museum where you will learn of the perils of the deep and what made the pearl divers life so hazardous. This afternoon, wander through the old buildings in Chinatown where many indigenous art galleries and pearl showrooms can be found. There is also the

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The Olgas



Boab Tree

opportunity of taking an optional scenic flight over the picturesque Buccaneer Archipelago (at own expense).

DAY 24 • BROOME – WINDJANA GORGE

We leave Broome for Derby this morning. On our way into Derby we will visit the famous Boab Prison Tree that for many years was used by police as a convenient lock-up for prisoners. This afternoon we join the famous Gibb River Road, originally a stock route that was upgraded to carry giant road trains loaded with cattle. At Windjana Gorge a large population of Johnston freshwater crocodiles inhabit the waterhole. We will set up camp before taking a leisurely walk into the gorge to spot some crocodiles basking in the sun. As the sun's last rays light up the mountain range, enjoy a drink with your fellow travellers. **Overnight Stay:** Windjana Gorge Camping.

DAY 25 • WINDJANA GORGE – MANNING GORGE

After packing up the tents we will take you to Tunnel Creek. Here you will enjoy a walk into Western Australia's oldest cave system. Next stop is one of the most picturesque gorges of the West Kimberley, Bell Gorge, where swimming, photography, bushwalking and bird watching can be enjoyed. We will then continue along the Gibb River Road. The day will end at Manning Gorge where after setting up camp we'll enjoy dinner under the stars. **Overnight Stay:** Manning Gorge Camping.

DAY 26 • MANNING GORGE – EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

There are very few populated areas between Manning Gorge and El Questro, so today we will take in the sights and enjoy a picnic along the way. As we travel on, the red escarpment of the Cockburn Range will dominate the landscape and will eventually lead us to El Questro Station, a million acre cattle station that has been declared a conservation reserve. **Overnight Stay:** Emma Gorge Resort or at the Station Township.

DAY 27 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK – KUNUNURRA

This morning enjoy a cruise on Chamberlain Gorge, a freshwater hole enclosed by a towering escarpment and home to incredibly diverse flora and fauna. We then reboard our coach to follow the Cockburn Range before reaching the

Cambridge Gulf and the port of Wyndham where live cattle and sugar are the main exports. A visit here is not complete without taking in the panoramic views of the region at the Five Rivers Lookout. You will see for miles out across the Cambridge Gulf and the five rivers that flow into it - the Ord, Pentecost, Durack, King and Forrest. Continuing to Kununurra we will follow the Carr Boyd Range. Kununurra is a vibrant town at the centre of the fertile Ord River Irrigation Scheme which ships huge volumes of fruit and fresh produce to Australian and overseas markets. During your orientation tour of the town we'll visit the Zebra Rock Gallery where you will see works carved by local residents from the patterned stone unique to the region. **Two Night Stay:** Kununurra Lakeside Resort.

DAY 28 • KUNUNURRA

To start this exciting day we take a cruise from Lake Kununurra down the spectacular Ord River. Next we drive to the rebuilt homestead of the Durack family – Argyle Downs. After a visit to the homestead that is now a museum, we visit the Hoochery, the State's only licensed distillery where rum is produced from local sugar.

DAY 29 • KUNUNURRA – KATHERINE

Today we leave the Kimberley and Western Australia and enter the Northern Territory. We will pass by Bullo River Station, made famous by top-selling author Sara Henderson. On to the mighty escarpment country in the Victoria River region, one of the most picturesque areas in the Northern Territory. We'll travel through Timber Creek, named in 1855 when the explorer Augustus Gregory used timber from the banks of the creek to repair his expedition's boat. Near the Victoria River Crossing, we'll pass by the Victoria River Downs Station which was once the largest land holding on earth. The Victoria River, known by locals as 'The Vic', was a key influence on Aboriginal heritage and today is a lifeline for pastoral properties. When we arrive at Katherine we'll set up camp for the night. **Overnight Stay:** Nitmiluk Caravan Park Camping.

DAY 30 • KATHERINE – JABIRU

You'll agree that our early start is well worth it because the still of the morning is the best time of day to cruise through Katherine Gorge. The cruise takes in two of thirteen gorges carved through ancient sandstone by the Katherine

River. At the Nitmiluk Visitors' Centre you'll see informative displays outlining the geology, landscape and Aboriginal history of the national park. We then drive on to Kakadu National Park, 20,000 square kilometres of tropical wilderness, savannah woodland, ancient escarpments and inhabited by a multitude of flora and fauna. A visit to the excellent Bowali Visitors' Centre will provide you with plenty of information about this complex region. Depending on time and availability you might choose to take a scenic flight over the wetlands of Kakadu (at own expense). **Overnight Stay:** Kakadu Lodge Caravan Park Camping.

DAY 31 • JABIRU – DARWIN

This morning enjoy a cruise on the Yellow Waters Billabong where it is possible to see estuarine crocodiles in their natural habitat. One third of Australia's bird species is represented in Kakadu National Park, with at least 60 species found in these wetlands. Whistling ducks, jabiru, brolga and magpie geese are the most abundant. Then it's on to Ubirr to view Aboriginal rock art galleries that date back thousands of years. After a climb up onto the escarpment you will be rewarded with panoramic views you'll never forget. In the heart of crocodile, buffalo and barramundi country, we'll stop briefly at the quirky Bark Hut Inn. Our journey then takes us to the laid-back tropical city of Darwin. **Two Night Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 32 • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK – DARWIN

We'll spend our last touring day in Litchfield National Park where numerous waterfalls cascade from a sandstone plateau called the 'Tabletop Range'. View intriguing magnetic termite mounds. We then travel to the extraordinarily beautiful Wangi Falls for the chance to swim in the pool at the base of the falls. We then return to Darwin and after an orientation tour the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore this laid back tropical town. Our dinner this evening is time to say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers.

DAY 33 • DARWIN

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.



Katherine Gorge



Pelicans in Kakadu National Park

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Overnight in the outback township of Tibooburra, the most isolated town in New South Wales
- Pass through Cameron Corner where New South Wales, South Australia and Queensland meet
- Travel through the Strzelecki Desert along the Strzelecki Track to Innamincka
- Travel through the Simpson Desert, home to the awesome sand dune 'Big Red'
- Fossicking for red garnets and sparkling zircons at Gemtree
- Discover the outback town of Alice Springs
- Explore the magnificent monolith of Uluru (Ayers Rock) and spectacular giant domes of Kata Tjuta (Olgas)
- Experience unique dining at the Sounds of Silence dinner
- Explore Kings Canyon on a guided walk
- Travel along the legendary Tanami Track, one of Australia's longest stock routes
- Stay 2 nights in the World Heritage listed Purnululu National Park
- Walk into the majestic Cathedral Gorge and Echidna Chasm in the Bungle Bungles
- Cruise through the amazing Geikie Gorge
- Stay 2 nights at luxurious Cable Beach Club Resort in Broome
- Broome sightseeing tour
- Travel the length of the remote Gibb River Road through the centre of the Kimberley Region
- Walk into Tunnel Creek, Western Australia's oldest cave system
- Overnight stay at El Questro Wilderness Park
- Exciting cruise down the spectacular Ord River
- Guided cruise through stunning Katherine Gorge
- Explore World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park
- Visit beautiful Wangi Falls in Litchfield National Park

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES

A number of great walks are included on various days throughout this tour. The following walks are considered moderate to difficult and a good level of fitness will especially be required for these walks:

- Around Uluru • Kings Canyon • Palm Valley • Cathedral Gorge
- Echidna Chasm • Mini Palms • Tunnel Creek • Manning Gorge
- Bell Gorge • Emma Gorge

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

96 superb meals including 32 breakfasts, 32 lunches and 32 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles which make the most of what each region has to offer - from 3.5 to 5 star hotels to wilderness lodges and tented cabins. During this tour enjoy the experience of camping 7 of the 32 nights in your own tent. All equipment, including comfortable off the ground beds, will be provided and our friendly crew will show you the ropes of how to pitch your own tent.

- The following overnight stays are in camp areas which all have toilet and shower facilities - Day 9, 17, 21, 24, 25, 29 and 30
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DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	May 09		33 Day Tour Sydney to Darwin Single Supplement	Tour Code: OSCD \$11,995 \$2,315
2011	May 08			
2010	May 09		17 Day Tour Sydney to Alice Springs Single Supplement OSAC Includes: 4 nights in Alice Springs, 1 night in Kings Canyon and 2 nights in Uluru	Tour Code: OSAC \$6,795 \$1,145
2011	May 08			
2010	May 09		11 Day Tour Sydney to Alice Springs Single Supplement OSA Includes: 1 night in Alice Springs	Tour Code: OSA \$4,395 \$655
2011	May 08			
Clients also have the option of taking this itinerary in reverse				
2010	Sep 25		33 Day Tour Darwin to Sydney Single Supplement	Tour Code: ODCCS \$11,995 \$2,315
2011	Sep 24			
2010	Oct 11		17 Day Tour Alice Springs to Sydney Single Supplement OCAS Includes: 4 nights in Alice Springs, 1 night in Kings Canyon and 2 nights in Uluru	Tour Code: OCAS \$6,795 \$1,145
2011	Oct 10			
2010	Oct 17		11 Day Tour Alice Springs to Sydney Single Supplement OASS Includes: 1 night in Alice Springs	Tour Code: OASS \$4,395 \$655
2011	Oct 16			

All prices are per person, twin share in AUD. Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, accommodation and meals as specified. Additional activities are at own expense and unless otherwise stated must be booked on tour. Tour itinerary and pricing valid from 01 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. Enquire for itinerary and pricing that fall outside this period. Flights are not included. Outback Discovery reserves the right to apply a surcharge to any tour which is accommodated in Darwin during the V8 Supercars (or any other special event), the dates of which had not been declared at the time of printing. Tour Maps: Any maps or other route depictions are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon. Please refer to terms and conditions clause 13. For full terms and conditions, please see pages 56-57.

RED CENTRE, KIMBERLEY & TOP END

18/24 days



Emma Gorge waterfall



Geikie Gorge

DAY 1 • ALICE SPRINGS

Welcome to Alice Springs, Australia's most famous outback town. This evening, meet your Outback Discovery crew and get together with your fellow travellers during dinner.

Three Night Stay: Crowne Plaza Hotel.

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Before we reach Kings Canyon today, we divert from the highway to Chambers Pillar. Early explorers used this spectacular rock formation as a navigation aid through remote country. Heading back through Maryvale Cattle Station, we rejoin the Stuart Highway until we turn west along Ernest Giles Road to Kings Canyon. **Overnight Stay:** Kings Canyon Resort.

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DAY 7 • ULURU – ALICE SPRINGS

This morning you may wish to take an optional scenic flight over Uluru (own expense). Located where the Stuart Highway and the Lasseter Highway meet, we travel to Erldunda Roadhouse before arriving in Alice Springs early afternoon. Enjoy free time to explore Alice Springs before returning to the hotel for dinner. **(Clients on the 18 Day tour join the tour this evening. Tour Code: OABD.) Overnight Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 8 • ALICE SPRINGS – RABBIT FLAT

We farewell the Red Centre to drive the legendary Tanami Track, one of Australia's longest stock routes. The area is so remote that there are only two roadhouses on the track - Tilmouth Well and Rabbit Flat which will be our campsite for tonight. **Overnight Stay:** Rabbit Flat Roadhouse Camping.

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Flanked by the Tanami Desert and the Great Sandy Desert, we'll come to the junction of the Canning Stock Route. We'll then continue to Wolfe Creek Crater, the second largest meteorite crater on earth. **Overnight Stay:** Comfort Inn Kimberley Hotel.

DAY 10 • HALLS CREEK – BUNGLE BUNGLES

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DAY 11 • BUNGLE BUNGLES

This morning there is the opportunity of taking an optional helicopter flight over the Bungle Bungle range (at own expense). Today we drive to the northern end of the Bungle Bungle range for a memorable day of walks. The first walk is into Echidna Chasm and then we set off along a creek bed into Mini Palms.

DAY 12 • BUNGLE BUNGLES – FITZROY CROSSING

We leave Purnululu (Bungle Bungle) National Park and rejoin the Great Northern Highway to Fitzroy River Lodge, where we will set up camp for the night. **Overnight Stay:** Fitzroy River Lodge Camping.

DAY 13 • FITZROY CROSSING – BROOME

Relax on a cruise this morning through the sanctuary that is Geikie Gorge. We then head west along the Great Northern Highway. In Broome there will be a brief orientation tour before you check in to your hotel. **Two Night Stay:** Cable Beach Club Resort.

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We leave Broome for Derby. On our way into Derby we will visit the Boab Prison Tree. This afternoon we join the famous Gibb River Road. At Windjana Gorge we will set up camp before taking a leisurely walk into the gorge to spot some crocodiles basking in the sun. **Overnight Stay:** Windjana Gorge Camping.

DAY 16 • WINDJANA GORGE – MANNING GORGE

After packing up the tents we will take you to Tunnel Creek. Here you will enjoy a walk into Western Australia's oldest cave system. We will then continue along the Gibb River Road to Manning Gorge where after setting up camp we'll enjoy dinner under the stars. **Overnight Stay:** Manning Gorge Camping.

DAY 17 • MANNING GORGE – EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK

As we travel through this remote region today the red escarpment of the Cockburn Range will dominate the landscape and will eventually lead us to El Questro Station. **Overnight Stay:** Emma Gorge Resort or at the Station Township.



Standley Chasm



DAY 18 • EL QUESTRO WILDERNESS PARK – KUNUNURRA

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Two Night Stay: Kununurra Lakeside Resort.

DAY 19 • KUNUNURRA

This morning we take a cruise down the spectacular Ord River. Next we drive to the rebuilt homestead of the Durack family – Argyle Downs which is now a museum. We then visit the Hoochery, the State's only licensed distillery where rum is produced from local sugar.

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Overnight Stay: Nitmiluk Caravan Park Camping.

DAY 21 • KATHERINE – JABIRU

This morning we cruise through Katherine Gorge. We then drive on to Kakadu National Park home to tropical wilderness, savannah woodland and ancient escarpments. Depending on time and availability you might choose to take a scenic flight over the wetlands of Kakadu (at own expense). **Overnight Stay:** Kakadu Lodge Caravan Park Camping.

DAY 22 • JABIRU – DARWIN

This morning enjoy a cruise on the Yellow Waters Billabong. Then it's on to Ubirr to view Aboriginal rock art galleries that date back thousands of years. **Two Night Stay:** Crowne Plaza Hotel.

DAY 23 • LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK – DARWIN

We'll spend our last touring day in Litchfield National Park. We'll travel to the extraordinarily beautiful Wangi Falls before having some time at leisure to explore the tropical town of Darwin. Our dinner this evening is time to say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers.

DAY 24 • DARWIN

This morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the airport for your homebound flight.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore Alice Springs, Uluru (Ayers Rock) and the spectacular domes of Kata Tjuta (Olgas)
- Experience unique dining under the stars at the Sounds of Silence dinner at Uluru
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- Travel along the legendary Tanami Track, one of Australia's longest stock routes
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2011	May 17	Alice Springs to Darwin	\$9,495	2011	May 23	Alice Springs to Darwin	\$6,995
		Single Supplement	\$1,935			Single Supplement	\$1,225

Clients also have the option of taking this itinerary in reverse

2010	Sep 25	24 Day Tour	Tour Code: ODCA	2010	Sep 25	18 Day Tour	Tour Code: ODBA
2011	Sep 24	Darwin to Alice Springs	\$9,495	2011	Sep 24	Darwin to Alice Springs	\$6,995
		Single Supplement	\$1,935			Single Supplement	\$1,225

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SOUTH WEST EXPLORER

15 days



Cape Leeuwin lighthouse



Wildflowers

DAY 1 • PERTH

On arrival at Perth airport you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy time at leisure before meeting your Outback Discovery crew and fellow travelling companions for a welcome dinner.

Overnight Stay: Novotel Langley Perth.

DAY 2 • PERTH – BUSSELTON

This morning a local wildflower expert will take us on a discovery tour of Kings Park. Enjoy hearing all about the wildflowers found throughout Western Australia in preparation for what lies ahead. From Perth we drive to the Forest Heritage Centre. Here you can explore wildflowers and timber getters trails and climb the 11 metre forest canopy viewing platform and series of walkways. We reboard our vehicle to journey along the spectacular coastline to Busselton. **Two Night Stay:** Abbey Beach Resort.

DAY 3 • BUSSELTON

Today we head to Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse on the most south western tip of Australia, where the Indian and Southern Oceans meet. Your local guide will explain how the old lighthouse was manually operated until 1982 by a clockwork mechanism and kero burner, one of the last in the world. Visit Caveworks, a fascinating eco-centre with impressive educational displays. Then enter Mammoth Cave to learn about these spectacular limestone formations. Finish your day with a tasting at a local brewery and winery, for which the Margaret River area is renowned for.

DAY 4 • BUSSELTON – ALBANY

Travel south to the famous Gloucester Tree. Standing at 61 metres tall, the tree is from the Karri family, the world's third tallest tree species. It was pegged in 1946 so that people could climb it and use it as a watchtower for bushfires. Take a breathtaking ride on the Pemberton Tramway through the towering Karri and Jarrah Forests. Continue on to the Valley of the Giants on the Tree Top Walk to view the canopy of the magnificent tingle forest and get a different perspective on the shapes, sounds and movements of the forest. **Two Night Stay:** Comfort Inn Albany.

DAY 5 • ALBANY

This morning tour Torndirrup National Park where the Southern Ocean has moulded the rugged coastline into some spectacular rock formations. One of the most notable is the granite Natural Bridge and the Gap, where the waves rush in and out with tremendous ferocity. Experience Albany's seafaring history at Whaleworld, a fascinating whaling museum located in Australia's last operational whaling station. This afternoon enjoy a Wilderness and Geology Cruise, you may even spot some migratory whales breaching.

DAY 6 • ALBANY – HYDEN

The imposing jagged peaks of the Stirling Range, combined with serene 360 degree views and the breathtaking beauty of the Stirling Range National Park, ensures a truly memorable visit. Travel via the country town of Lake Grace situated on Western Australia's southern wheatbelt. On the way you can expect to see a wonderfully diverse array of wildflowers flowering. Continue on to Hyden for our overnight accommodation. **Overnight Stay:** Wave Rock Hotel Motel.

DAY 7 • HYDEN – ESPERANCE

This morning visit the unusual rock formations of Hippo's Yawn and Wave Rock. Continue to the coastal town of Esperance, home to some of the best coastal scenery in Australia with its squeaky white sand and sparkly turquoise water. **Two Night Stay:** Comfort Inn Bay of Isles.

DAY 8 • ESPERANCE

There are not too many places in Australia where kangaroos sunbake on the beach, but at Cape Le Grand National Park this is just one of the many natural highs on offer. Enjoy this pristine National Park located near Esperance which is known for its wild coastal scenery, rugged granite peaks, sweeping heathlands and idyllic beaches. Return to Esperance for lunch followed by a visit to the Esperance Museum which houses historical displays including the world famous Skylab collection.

DAY 9 • ESPERANCE – KALGOORLIE

Journey to the gold rush town of Kalgoorlie and follow the Golden Mile, said to have been the richest square mile of gold bearing earth in the world. The discovery of gold in the Kalgoorlie Goldfields over one hundred years ago resulted in the influx of thousands, who scoured the red earth in a frenzied search for alluvial gold. Tour Hannan Street and admire several fine old Victorian-style hotels. At the Miners Hall of Fame you will have the opportunity to pan for gold, watch gold being poured or even put on your hard hat and go down a mineshaft. **Overnight Stay:** Rydges Kalgoorlie.

DAY 10 • KALGOORLIE – LEONORA

Visit the Kalgoorlie-Boulder branch of the Western Australian Museum where you are invited to dig into the past and explore the heritage, history, living conditions, cultures and social lives of people living on the Eastern Goldfields in the early years. Continue via Menzies to the historic gold mining township of Leonora with its wide main street and verandah shopfronts. It is a beautiful old town which still houses many of its original old buildings including the Police Station, Courthouse and Fire Station. **Overnight Stay:** Leonora Motor Inn.

DAY 11 • LEONORA – MEEKATHARRA

Travel via the gold mining towns of Leinster and Sandstone to Meekatharra, all situated in the Eastern Goldfields. These towns are described as an oasis in the desert and it is on today's journey that you are likely to see the surrounding red earth transformed by a dazzling array of colourful wildflowers. You may also be lucky enough to see native animals, bungarra lizards or a wedge tailed eagle as they are all prevalent in this area. **Overnight Stay:** Auski Inland Motel.

DAY 12 • MEEKATHARRA – GERALDTON

Today's touring will see us travelling west via Mount Magnet and then towards the coastal town of Geraldton. Geraldton is a key port



Kalbarri National Park



and administrative centre for the mid west region of Western Australia. The town is situated on the beautiful western coastline and combined with the friendly feel of a country town, it makes for a truly memorable holiday experience. **Two Night Stay:** All Seasons Geraldton or Best Western Hospitality Inn.

DAY 13 • GERALDTON & KALBARRI NATIONAL PARK

This morning discover magnificent Kalbarri National Park which covers 183,000 hectares. Marvel at nature's ability to carve the landscape. Explore the depths and heights of the river gorges and sea cliffs and admire the floral beauty of the vast, rolling sand plains. This afternoon enjoy a guided tour of the HMAS Sydney II Memorial which was erected to honour the 645 Australian sailors who were lost off the Western Australian coast during a World War II battle in November 1941.

DAY 14 • GERALDTON – PERTH

Today visit the Western Flora Park and take a tour with internationally recognised wildflower expert Allan Tinker. Described as the 'wildflower wizard' and having three wildflower species named after him, your tour will provide a unique insight into the wonders of Western Australian wildflowers. We then visit Nambung National Park, home of the Pinnacles. These limestone pillars rise up to four metres high out of the sand like ancient ruins. The raw material for the limestone came from seashells which were brought ashore by waves thousands of years ago and then carried inland by the wind to form high mobile dunes. Over time the elements have removed the surrounding sand, leaving the pillars exposed. Continue to Perth where you'll say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers at this evening's dinner. **Overnight Stay:** Novotel Langley Perth.

DAY 15 • PERTH

Your tour concludes after breakfast when you will be transferred to the airport.

Opportunity to add the Coast to Coast Adventure or the Across the Nullarbor tour to this holiday. Please see pages 38-39 and 40-41 for itineraries.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy a guided tour of Perth's Kings Park with a local wildflower expert
- Guided tour of the unique Forest Heritage Centre
- 2 night stay at Abbey Beach Resort situated on the beachfront of Geographe Bay
- Visit to the historic Cape Leeuwin Lighthouse on the south western tip of Australia – a famous landmark over 100 years old
- Guided tour of the fascinating Caveworks and Mammoth Caves
- Tasting at a brewery and winery in the Margaret River area
- Visit the famous Gloucester Tree, the world's tallest bushfire lookout tree
- Take a breathtaking ride on the Pemberton Tramway through the Karri and Jarrah Forests
- Walk along the canopy of the Valley of the Giants in Albany
- Enjoy the coastal scenery of Cape Le Grand National Park
- Guided tour of the Whaleworld Museum in Albany
- Visit beautiful Stirling Ranges National Park
- Guided tour and gold panning at the Miners Hall of Fame in Kalgoorlie
- Photo opportunities of the wildflowers on our journey through the outback towns of Leonora and Meekatharra
- See the unusual rock formations of Hippo's Yawn and Wave Rock
- Explore the unique Pinnacles landscape at Nambung National Park
- Visit the HMAS Sydney II Memorial in Geraldton
- Guided tour with Allan Tinker, an internationally recognised wildflower expert

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles on this tour ranging from 3.5 to 5 star hotels. Each location has been chosen to make the most of what each region has to offer.

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

41 superb meals including 14 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 14 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	Oct 12, 27	2011	Oct 11, 26	15 Day Tour	Tour Code: OWWA
	Nov 02		Nov 01		
				Single Supplement	\$995

All prices are per person, twin share in AUD. Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, entrance fees, accommodation and meals as specified. Tour itinerary and pricing valid from 01 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. Enquire for itinerary and pricing that fall outside this period. Flights are not included. Tour Maps: Any maps or other route depictions are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon. Please refer to terms and conditions clause 13. For full terms and conditions, please see pages 56-57.

KANGAROO ISLAND & FLINDERS RANGES

14 days



Mungo National Park



Wilpena Pound, Flinders Ranges

DAY 1 • MELBOURNE

On arrival in Melbourne you will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy some free time before meeting your Outback Discovery crew and fellow travellers during your welcome dinner this evening. **Overnight Stay:** Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne.

DAY 2 • MELBOURNE – WARRNAMBOOL

We cross the West Gate Bridge and drive along the western shores of Port Phillip Bay to Victoria's largest regional city, Geelong. The holiday town of Torquay is Australia's surfing capital and the official start of the Great Ocean Road. The views are the most spectacular on the winding stretch between Lorne and Apollo Bay. We travel through the hardwood forests of the Otway Ranges rejoining the coast at the Twelve Apostles, giant rock stacks standing like sentinels in the ocean. We're now on the Shipwreck Coast, named for the large number of ships that were lost here. **Overnight Stay:** Country Comfort.

DAY 3 • WARRNAMBOOL – COONAWARRA

As we leave Warrnambool, we'll go koala spotting at Tower Hill, a dormant volcano that last erupted 30,000 years ago. Our next stop is a visit to the fishing town of Port Fairy, one of Victoria's earliest ports which still boasts original colonial architecture. This afternoon we cross the South Australian border into a region renowned for geological features created after extensive volcanic activity. At the Umpherston Sinkhole you'll see the beautiful sunken garden. The streets and houses of Mount Gambier are built around the slopes of an extinct volcano, with the city extending almost to the lip of the famous Blue Lake. We continue to the historic township of Penola and the Mary MacKillop Interpretive Centre and The Woods MacKillop Schoolhouse. **Overnight Stay:** Chardonnay Lodge.

DAY 4 • COONAWARRA – KANGAROO ISLAND

Today we travel past vineyards and grazing properties to Naracoorte where we visit the Naracoorte Caves and the coastal fishing town of Kingston. We'll then follow the waters of the Coorong to Meningie and past Lake Albert and Lake Alexandrina. We'll stop for afternoon

tea on the banks of the Murray River at Taillem Bend. At Cape Jervis we'll board the ferry to Penneshaw on Kangaroo Island. **Two Night Stay:** Kangaroo Island Seafront Resort.

DAY 5 • KANGAROO ISLAND

Kangaroo Island offers a breathtaking diversity of natural environments - secluded beaches, farmland, charming hamlets and dense forests. We'll spend the day with a local guide who will give us a very informative insight into life on this southern island. Our encounters with the island's wildlife will include a walk amongst sea lions lolling on the beach and a visit to Cape De Couedic Lighthouse to see New Zealand fur seals frolicking in the Southern Ocean swell. Tonight we'll watch penguins returning to their burrows after their daily fishing expeditions (colony numbers may vary depending on the season).

DAY 6 • KANGAROO ISLAND – ADELAIDE

We return to the mainland by ferry this morning. We'll enjoy some free time at the coastal township of Victor Harbour which stands on Encounter Bay. We then continue through Goolwa and on to Adelaide. The generous boulevards, historic churches and elegant architecture of Adelaide reflect South Australia's strong European heritage. **Two Night Stay:** Hilton Adelaide.

DAY 7 • ADELAIDE

This morning we'll visit the lookout on Montefiore Hill, site of the life size bronze statue of Adelaide's founding father, Colonel William Light. Then we'll drive to the trendy coastal suburb of Glenelg, Adelaide's most popular beach. Across town we will travel to the Mount Lofty Ranges and the village of Hahndorf, one of the Adelaide Hills' most famous towns and Australia's oldest German settlement. Afterwards we'll enjoy wine tasting at one of the Barossa Valley's prestigious wineries.

DAY 8 • ADELAIDE – WILPENA POUND

Today we leave the city behind for the Flinders Ranges and the outback. On the way we'll call in at the historic copper mining town of Burra where a local guide will escort you on a tour of the town. Continuing due north we pass through Peterborough and Orroroo, after which you'll see the beginnings of the

beautifully coloured ridges of the Flinders Ranges. From here we follow the line of the ranges to Wilpena Pound. This majestic natural amphitheatre is a lost world inside a giant stone crater. **Overnight Stay:** Wilpena Pound Resort.

DAY 9 • WILPENA POUND – ARKAROOLA

Wilpena Pound is the centrepiece of the Flinders Ranges National Park, recognised as one of the finest landscapes in Australia. It is rich in wildlife that has adapted well to the rugged mountains and gorges. After breakfast we'll take a short transfer before our walk up the ridge for spectacular views across the pound. We visit the old mining town of Blinman. The crumbling ruins of old cottages and the Blinman mine now form an historic town set in a sparse hilly landscape. It is gravel road all the way to Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary. Few other places in Australia offer such ease of access to so many sheltered waterholes, deep plunging gorges and breathtaking mountain top views of vast desert plains and distant salt lakes. **Two Night Stay:** Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary and Resort.

DAY 10 • ARKAROOLA

Today is a day of adventure and exploration. Travelling in a specially constructed open-top 4WD vehicle, you'll take a guided Ridgetop Tour of some of the most spectacularly rugged country on earth. Our local tour guides will share their knowledge of Arkaroola's 1,600 million year geological history as you navigate the steep slopes of the famous Ridgetop Track. Back at the resort you will have time to relax or take a stroll in the Wilderness Sanctuary. After dinner take in the millions of stars at the Arkaroola Astronomical Observatory, a rare opportunity to tour the universe from a location that provides some of the best viewing conditions in Australia. Under the expert tuition of Arkaroola's guides you'll have an intergalactic experience that normally isn't available to anyone but astronomers and scientists.

DAY 11 • ARKAROOLA – BROKEN HILL

We drive south across the flood plains of one of Australia's many large salt lakes, Lake Frome. As we make our way across Frome



Kangaroo Island



Downs Station, we'll go through the longest manmade structure on earth 'The Dog Fence'. We'll then join the Barrier Highway into New South Wales and on to Broken Hill, site of the world's richest deposits of silver, lead and zinc which led to the establishment of BHP. **Two Night Stay:** Silver Haven Motor Inn.

DAY 12 • BROKEN HILL

Today we start at the outback ghost town of Silverton, scene of more than 140 films and commercials from Mad Max II to the Royal Flying Doctor Service series. Spend time strolling around the restored gaol, art galleries and the celebrated Silverton Hotel. At the Day Dream Mine you'll get a feel for life back in the early mining days. There's free time to explore the streets of Broken Hill before we visit the Silver City Mint and Gallery to view the Big Picture, the world's largest acrylic painting on canvas. Later we'll take a drive out to the spectacular Living Desert Sculptures.

DAY 13 • BROKEN HILL – MILDURA

This morning we leave Broken Hill for Menindee, an historic small town located on the banks of the Darling River and home to the 'Menindee Lakes'. We then continue our journey into World Heritage listed Mungo National Park. The famous 'Mungo Lunette' was formed by sand swept up from the dried up lake floor and dumped on the shoreline, now the site of the spectacular 'Walls of China', carved from layers of the lunette and quite spectacular to view. **Overnight Stay:** Best Western Boulevard Motor Inn.

DAY 14 • MILDURA – MELBOURNE

We depart Mildura this morning and make our way through typical mallee country with extensive low scrub and open pine woodland. We'll stop in Wedderburn, now a population of just 500, but once a very populous and very rich gold mining settlement and retaining one of Victoria's few remaining active gold mines. In the early afternoon, we'll arrive in Bendigo which is notable for its Victorian architectural heritage and gold mining, for a brief stop. Then it's on to Melbourne, where it will be time to say farewell to your crew and fellow travellers (please book your flights from 7pm onwards).

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel along the spectacular coastline of the Great Ocean Road, home to the Twelve Apostles
- Visit the quaint fishing town of Port Fairy, one of Victoria's earliest ports
- See the beautiful sunken garden at the Umpherston Sinkhole
- Visit the famous Blue Lake of Mount Gambier
- Take a guided tour of the Naracoorte Caves located in South Australia's only World Heritage listed site, the Naracoorte Caves National Park
- Stay 2 nights at Kangaroo Island Seafront Resort located in an idyllic setting at beautiful Penneshaw, in one of the world's most pristine areas
- Enjoy a guided tour of Kangaroo Island including the Remarkable Rocks and Admirals Arch and experience amazing wildlife
- Experience the elegant city of Adelaide during your 2 night stay at the Adelaide Hilton Hotel
- Explore the famous wine growing region of the Barossa Valley
- Stay overnight at the Wilpena Pound Resort located in the heart of the beautifully coloured Flinders Ranges National Park
- Explore the spectacular rugged slopes of the famous Ridgetop Track on your guided open-top 4WD adventure during your 2 night stay at the Arkaroola Wilderness Sanctuary Resort
- Take in the millions of stars at the Arkaroola Astronomical Observatory which provides some of the best viewing conditions in Australia
- Stay 2 nights in the mining town of Broken Hill and get a feel for life back in the early mining days on a guided tour of the Day Dream Mine
- Spend time strolling around the restored gaol and art galleries in the outback ghost town of Silverton
- Visit Menindee Lakes
- Travel through World Heritage listed Mungo National Park

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a great mix of accommodation styles on this tour ranging from 3.5 to 5 star hotels. Each location has been chosen to make the most of what each region has to offer.

OUTBACK DISCOVERY DINING

39 superb meals including 13 breakfasts, 13 lunches and 13 dinners plus morning or afternoon tea on most days

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES							
2010	Nov	18	2012	Jan	17	14 Day Tour	Tour Code: OMM
2011	Jan	18	Feb	02, 21	Melbourne to Melbourne		
	Feb	03, 22			Single Supplement	\$1,145	
	Nov	17					

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KIMBERLEY EXPEDITION CRUISE & TOUR

27 days

- ① Nights accommodation
- Land Content
- Unsealed Road
- Cruise



The Oceanic Discoverer at Raft Point

Outback Discovery invites you to extend your Kimberley touring experience by adding this fabulous 10 night cruise onboard the luxurious Oceanic Discoverer before you start your 15 Day Kimberley Spectacular tour. The cruise will take you on an amazing expedition along Western Australia's spectacular, rugged coastline from Darwin to Broome.

DAY 1 • DARWIN

Board the luxurious Oceanic Discoverer this morning at 10.00am. Departing Darwin Harbour as you cross Cambridge Gulf, your wonderful voyage along the majestic Western Australian coastline begins. This evening meet your fellow travellers and friendly crew during the Captain's Welcome Aboard Cocktails.
10 Night Stay: Oceanic Discoverer.

DAY 2 • KING GEORGE RIVER

Today discover the first of the Kimberley's 'big' rivers, the mighty King George. Aboard the specially designed excursion vessel, explore scenic gorges, and in the inflatable zodiacs you'll cruise close to the base of magnificent King George Falls, the tallest waterfalls in Western Australia towering some 80 metres above the river below.

DAY 3 • BIGGE ISLAND

This morning visit the sea bird rookeries on Low Rocks, followed by a stop at Cape Voltaire for a swim and beach exploration. This afternoon discover the amazing rock art gallery on Bigge Island.

DAY 4 • PRINCE FREDERICK HARBOUR

Cruising into Prince Frederick Harbour you'll anchor at Naturalist Island. You will have the opportunity to take an optional helicopter scenic flight over the Mitchell Plateau for close up views of the mighty four-tiered Mitchell Falls (own expense). This evening, enjoy a spectacular Indian Ocean sunset as you indulge in a gourmet Aussie Beach barbecue.

DAY 5 • CAREENING BAY

Careening Bay was named by Phillip Parker King after his ship, 'HMC Mermaid', was careened during his second voyage of discovery in the Kimberley. The onboard lecturers will lead you to the site of a large boab tree bearing the inscription "HMC Mermaid - 1820", still clearly visible almost 200 years later. This afternoon cruise into the very scenic Prince Regent Basin.

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DAY 6 • PRINCE REGENT RIVER AND KING CASCADES

Cruise the mighty Prince Regent River aboard Xplorer to the breathtaking King Cascades, an unusual and picturesque waterfall cascading over terraced rock formations. Enjoy a picnic lunch at beautiful Camp Creek, where there is time for a leisurely swim in the freshwater pools. The more adventurous may wish to join a nature walk, keeping an eye out for native Kimberley birdlife.

DAY 7 • KURI BAY AND RAFT POINT

Today cruise through Kuri Bay, home of the south sea pearl industry. Travelling ashore at Raft Point visit a secluded and very interesting Aboriginal rock art gallery to view Wandjina art and the mysterious Bradshaw Paintings (Gwion), thought to be the world's oldest indigenous art, dating back over 20,000 years.

DAY 8 • MONTGOMERY REEF AND HORIZONTAL FALLS

Cruise through the Buccaneer Archipelago, home to over 800 islands, and experience two of the unforgettable highlights of the Kimberley Coast. See Montgomery Reef 'rise' out of the ocean as the tide ebbs, before joining a reef walk and marine life study. In Talbot Bay, the region's 12 metre tides create an amazing spectacle, the unique Horizontal Falls. Board the zodiacs for an exhilarating, up-close view of this natural phenomenon.

DAY 9 • KING SOUND AND CROCODILE CREEK

Cruising through King Sound witness the effects of the iron ore mining operations on Koolan and Cockatoo Islands.

DAY 10 • LACEPEDE ISLANDS

Cruising Yampi Sound visit the Lacepede Islands. These islands are situated well offshore and are known for the turtle nestings and booby and frigate bird colonies. This evening farewell new found friends during the Captain's Farewell Cocktail Party.

DAY 11 • BROOME

Your unforgettable cruise along the Kimberley coast concludes in Broome this morning. You will be transferred to your hotel after disembarkation which will commence at approximately 8.00am. The remainder of the day and evening are at leisure. **Three Night Stay:** Cable Beach Club Resort or Broome Sanctuary Resort.

DAY 12 • BROOME

Today is at your leisure to explore the tropical seaside town of Broome.

DAY 13 • BROOME

Today is at your leisure. Meet your fellow travellers and Outback Discovery Tour Manager this evening during a welcome dinner.

DAY 14-27

Please refer to the itinerary on pages 18-19 for full itinerary details for the Kimberley Spectacular tour.



Oceanic Explorer

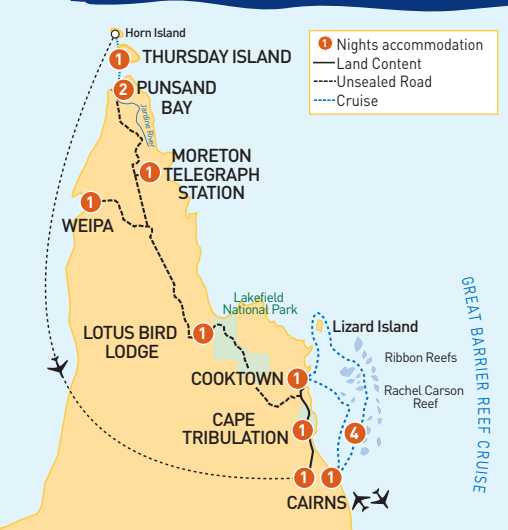
DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	27 Day Tour	Tour Code: OBBC
Jul 09, 30	Tour and Cruise	\$15,295
Sep 10	Single Supplement	\$5,825

All prices are per person, twin share in AUD. Prices are based on Main Deck (Category A) cabin. Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, accommodation and meals as specified. Tour itinerary and pricing valid from 01 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. Enquire for itinerary and pricing that fall outside this period. Flights are not included. Days 1-13 are not escorted by an Outback Discovery Tour Manager. The cruise must be booked in conjunction with the 15 Day Kimberley Spectacular tour. *Dinner on Day 11, lunch and dinner on Day 12 and lunch on Day 13 are not included and are at additional expense. The cruise fare includes the majority of sightseeing however there are opportunities to purchase additional short excursion. Tour Maps: Any maps or other route depictions are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon. Please refer to terms and conditions clause 13. For full terms and conditions, please see pages 56-57.

GREAT BARRIER REEF CRUISE & CAPE YORK

15 days



The Coral Princess II

Extend your Cape York Expedition tour and explore beautiful Tropical North Queensland further by adding this unforgettable 4 night cruise onboard the Coral Princess II before or after your tour. This award-winning cruise will take you into the very best parts of the reef and island sites inaccessible to most other vessels.

DAY 1 • CAIRNS

Embark the Coral Princess II at 4.00pm, ready for a 5.00pm departure from Cairns. This evening, join your crew and travelling companions on the top deck for a glass of champagne as you cruise northward from Cairns, passing Double Island and the pretty beachside village of Palm Cove. **Four Night Stay:** Coral Princess II.

DAY 2 • COOKTOWN – GREAT BARRIER REEF

Enjoy the morning discovering historical Cooktown at your own pace. Cooktown is steeped in history with most stone buildings dating back almost a century. It was here that the famous explorer Captain James Cook took refuge during his voyage of discovery after claiming Australia as a British colony in 1770. This afternoon visit one of the remote uninhabited islands of the Great Barrier Reef. Join your marine biologist for a glass bottom boat tour over the colourful coral gardens and discover some of the 1,500 species of tropical fish that call the reef home. You may wish to enjoy your first snorkelling opportunity for an up-close view of the hundreds of varieties of coral growing on this section of reef. Your experienced crew will be on hand to provide assistance, advice and guided snorkelling tours for less experienced swimmers.

DAY 3 • LIZARD ISLAND – RIBBON REEF NO. 9

This morning you will awaken moored beside beautiful Lizard Island. The energetic may join the guides on a walk to Cook's Look on the island's peak (hiking boots or sneakers are recommended). It was from here, the highest lookout on this part of the reef, that Captain Cook was able to navigate a safe passage back through the treacherous waters after repairing the Endeavour near Cooktown over 200 years ago. This truly is a photographer's delight as the views from the Lookout over the World Heritage listed reef and surrounding tropical islands are magnificent. Lizard Island's fringing reef, in the shallow waters just metres off the beach, offers some fantastic snorkelling opportunities. Simply relax on the beach, join the Marine Biologist for a glass bottom boat tour, or accompany the onboard Dive Instructor on an unforgettable SCUBA dive. The choice is yours! This afternoon cruise to Ribbon Reef No. 9, a spectacular and seldom visited part of the reef where the activities will include more snorkelling opportunities and glass bottom boat tours with the Marine Biologist.

DAY 4 • RIBBON REEF NO. 3 – RACHEL CARSON REEF

The Great Barrier Reef is not actually one continuous reef, but a series of thousands of individual coral cays stretching over 1,800 miles

between the town of Bundaberg and the tip of Australia at Cape York. Spend today visiting two of the most spectacular sections of the reef, Ribbon Reef No. 3 and Rachel Carson Reef. Explore the coral gardens and marine life with guided snorkelling and glass bottom boat tours. Your Marine Biologist will explain the natural history and evolution of the reef and help you discover the local wildlife, which includes sea turtles, giant clams, rays and over 200 different species of native birds.

DAY 5 • CAIRNS

Bid farewell to your Captain, crew and new found friends before disembarking your vessel at Trinity Wharf in Cairns at 8.00am. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Meet your fellow travellers and Outback Discovery Tour Manager this evening during a welcome dinner.

DAY 6-15

Please refer to the itinerary on pages 32-33 for full itinerary details for the Cape York Expedition tour.

Other dates available, please ask for details. Please see pages 30-33 for full itinerary details for the Cape York Expedition tour. Depending on the tour departure, extra nights in Cairns may be required at additional cost. Please see page 55 for our special rates for accommodation in Cairns.



Coral Princess II Stateroom

DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR PRICES

2010	15 Day Tour	Tour Code: OCCS/OCSC*
Jul 16, 20*	Tour and Cruise	\$7,795
	Single Supplement	\$1,565

All prices are per person, twin share in AUD. Prices are based on the Stateroom category. Fully inclusive of all sightseeing, accommodation and meals as specified. Tour itinerary and pricing valid from 01 April 2010 to 31 March 2011. Enquire for itinerary and pricing that fall outside this period. Flight from Horn Island to Cairns is included. *Tour operates in reverse direction. The cruise is not escorted by an Outback Discovery Tour Manager. The cruise must be booked in conjunction with the 11 Day Cape York Expedition tour. The cruise fare does NOT include: shore excursions and entrance fees in Cooktown, costs associated with SCUBA diving and the Government Environmental Management Charge (EMC). Tour Maps: Any maps or other route depictions are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon. Please refer to terms and conditions clause 13. For full terms and conditions, please see pages 56-57.



ADDITIONAL *Activities*

You will have the opportunity to enhance your touring experience with the following fabulous additional activities. All of the options focus on the highlights of the region which will truly add to your holiday experience.



HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER THE BUNGLE BUNGLES

This helicopter flight is a must when you are in the Purnululu National Park and it provides a perfect opportunity to take photos of this amazing landscape. Take a close up look at the gorges you have walked through and see spectacular areas inaccessible from the ground. Views include Piccaninny Gorge and Creek, Deep Gorge, Y Gorge, The Western Wall and much, much more!

Duration: 30 minutes. Tour cost: \$295 per person



EL QUESTRO SCENIC HELICOPTER FLIGHTS

Views of El Questro, denied to the earthbound! Seeing El Questro Wilderness Park from above is breathtaking and from an open-door helicopter, it's exhilarating. It is the only way to access distant waterholes and scenic areas where travel by land is virtually impossible. Enjoy a scenic journey over some of El Questro's many gorges and waterfalls and views of the majestic Cockburn Ranges.

Duration: 20 minutes. Tour cost: Price on application



BUNGLE BUNGLE DOMES SPECIAL

Board your helicopter and depart Bellburn airstrip for the south west tip of the Bungle Bungles where you will view Y Gorge before flying across the top of the massif for the mouth of spectacular Piccaninny Gorge. Return to Bellburn along the southern face of the range with plenty of time to view and photograph the famous beehive domes of the Bungle Bungles.

Duration: 18 minutes. Tour cost: \$205 per person



SCENIC FLIGHT OVER KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

Enjoy the views from the comfort and safety of your fixed wing aircraft as you embark on a spectacular scenic flight over World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park. As you fly over the remarkable landmarks and attractions within the Park, you will see just how complex and vast this ancient landscape really is.

Duration: 30 minutes. Tour cost: \$130 per person



HALF DAY BUCCANEER ARCHIPELAGO FLIGHT

Descending over King's Sound in your fixed wing aircraft, hundreds of the thousand islands in the Buccaneer Archipelago appear. Not the least of these photo opportunities is the Horizontal Waterfall. Flying on to Talbot Bay, hundreds of lines of pearl shells belonging to the famous Paspaley Pearling Empire can be seen. Then on to Cape Leveque where, after landing, you are free to bathe in temperate, turquoise waters. Tour departs from Broome.

Duration: Half day. Tour cost: Price on application



SCENIC FLIGHTS OVER ULURU & KATA TJUTA

Board your aircraft for an informative flight which offers spectacular views of Uluru and the magnificent red desert that surrounds it. Choose from one of the following exciting flights for a bird's eye view of this ancient monolith and the unusual orange-tinted domes of Kata Tjuta. You are guaranteed a window seat on the aircraft.

Fixed wing flight

Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Duration: 40 minutes. Tour cost: \$185

Uluru

Duration: 20 minutes. Tour cost: \$95

Helicopter flight

Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Duration: 30 minutes. Tour cost: \$250

Uluru

Duration: 15 minutes. Tour cost: \$135

PRE & POST TOUR

Accommodation

Why not make the most of your holiday and extend your stay at these great hotel options.

SYDNEY

Sofitel Sydney Wentworth	
Twin Share	\$160
Single	\$290

ALICE SPRINGS

Crowne Plaza Hotel	
Twin Share	\$80
Single	\$140

DARWIN

Crowne Plaza Hotel†	
Twin Share from	\$120*
Single from	\$215*

PERTH

Novotel Langley	
Twin Share from	\$150
Single from	\$265

BROOME

Cable Beach Club Resort†	
Twin Share from	\$181
Single from	\$329

BRISBANE

Hotel Ibis Brisbane	
Twin Share	\$110
Single	\$195

CAIRNS

Hilton Hotel	
Twin Share	\$125
Single	\$215

MELBOURNE

Rendezvous Hotel Melbourne	
Twin Share	\$120
Single	\$215

ADELAIDE

Hilton Hotel	
Twin Share	\$125
Single	\$240

All prices are per person in AUD inclusive of full buffet breakfast. †Prices are 'from' and are based on the lowest 2010 season price. *Supplements may apply during special events, you will be advised at the time of booking. Rooms are subject to availability.



OUTBACK DISCOVERY **GreenChoice**

OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT

As an industry leader, we are committed to taking responsibility for the greenhouse emissions associated with the day to day operations of an international touring business.

Climate Neutral Offices

Since the start of 2007 Outback Discovery have partnered with Climate Friendly to make our offices and sales team climate neutral. We have also formed a committee dedicated to reducing our environmental impact and increasing the efficiency of our operations.

Carbon Credits

Outback Discovery purchases the equivalent amount of carbon credits as our office administrations produce in emissions each year. These credits are purchased from Climate Friendly and fund the renewable energy industry.

Partnerships – Climate Friendly

Climate Friendly have been neutralising carbon emissions since 2003, they help Outback Discovery and our guests neutralise the carbon emissions from their travel by contributing to the clean energy industry.



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Carbon Neutral Touring & Cruising

From just \$4.50* per person per day you can neutralise your Holiday. Simply let your travel agent know that you wish to take the GreenChoice option and Outback Discovery will add GreenChoice to your booking. For more information visit www.scenictraveltours.com/climatefriendly.

Carbon Neutral Flights

Neutralising your international flights can be done directly through Climate Friendly. Please visit www.climatefriendly.com/flight.



*Your payment goes directly to Climate Friendly in exchange for Carbon Credits for renewable energy projects. Outback Discovery does not profit in any way from these payments. Please visit our website www.scenictraveltours.com/climatefriendly for more information about how the carbon offset program works.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

IMPORTANT The terms, conditions and limitation of liability under which the Tours operate are set out in these terms and conditions and the payment of the Security Deposit or Tour Price represents acceptance by You of the following:

In the event of any inconsistency between these terms and conditions and the Tour Brochure, the terms and conditions will prevail to the extent of that inconsistency.

Definitions and interpretation

1. In these terms and conditions, unless the context otherwise requires: capitalised words have the meanings given in the dictionary in clause 65; and these terms and conditions must be interpreted in accordance with clause 66.

2. The tours in the Tour Brochure are co-ordinated by Outback Discovery a division of Scenic Tours Pty Limited (Company).

Bookings

3. Any booking is made pursuant to these terms and conditions.

4. It is a condition of booking that You are fit and able to take care of Yourself for the duration of the Tour.

5. The Company may, if in the opinion of any representative of the Company or Carrier, either refuse to allow You on the Tour or expel You from the Tour if Your mental or physical condition is such as to render You: incapable of caring for Yourself; likely to become objectionable to other passengers; or a hazard to Yourself or other passengers. The Company will not be liable for any expenses arising from such persons being precluded from completing the Tour for any such reason.

6. Each booking is conditional on the Company securing the minimum number of bookings required to operate the Tour and to ensure an enjoyable group atmosphere. Where sufficient numbers cannot be achieved, the Company reserves the right to cancel or suspend a scheduled departure. The Company will endeavour to make any decision to cancel or suspend the Tour within 60 days prior to the scheduled Tour departure date.

7. Any booking made within 21 days prior to the scheduled Tour departure date will incur the Late Booking Fee.

8. If Your booking is not a twin-share booking You must pay the Single Supplement Rate for the Tour at time of booking. At Your request, the Company will endeavour to match You with another single traveller of the same gender. If the Company is successful, You will be refunded the Single Supplement Rate within 2 weeks of completion of the Tour. The Company otherwise accepts no responsibility for the suitability of the rooming partner and it is a condition of travel that single passengers willing to share accommodation and accept the rooming partners allocated by the Company. If a passenger at any time during the tour considers the rooming partner to be unsuitable, the Company will, using the pre-paid single supplement and subject to availability, attempt to arrange single accommodation for the remainder of the tour.

9. If You have any special requirements (including dietary requirements) You must notify those requirements to the Company at the time of booking and reconfirm your request with the Outback Discovery Tour Manager upon arrival. Special requests are a request only.

Tour Features

10. The features of the Tour are set out in the Tour Brochure.

11. The Company makes no representation about the features of any Tour other than those expressly set out in the Tour Brochure and these terms and conditions.

Brochure Validity

12. The Tour Brochure and these terms and conditions are valid for the departure dates as stated in the Tour Brochure unless otherwise indicated.

13. **Tour and Cruise Maps:** Any maps or other route depictions contained in this brochure or any brochure issued by Outback Discovery are intended as an indication only and should not be relied upon as the actual route being taken by the coach or vessel. Outback Discovery is not liable for any loss suffered by You as a result of You relying on the map or other route depiction contained in any documentation provided by Outback Discovery.

Variation and Cancellation by the Company

14. The Company reserves the right to: alter or change the accommodation, Carriers or vessels at any time for any reason; and cancel or alter the itinerary and/or Tour at any time without notice as the Company considers necessary for any reason whatsoever including road, weather or traffic conditions, non performance of suppliers, industrial action, operational conditions and requirements, water level problems, excessive winds or Force Majeure event.

15. Where a Tour is cancelled prior to the departure date, the Company will use its reasonable endeavours to offer the nearest possible alternative tour (subject to a refund or payment to cover any tour price difference) or, if this is not acceptable to You, refund the Tour Price or such portion of it as the Company considers appropriate.

16. In the event of industrial action affecting air, rail, cruise or tour related transportation the Company will make every effort to contact the client and advise alternative arrangements. The Outback Discovery after hours emergency number is +61 400 009 575.

17. You acknowledge the Company is often not the provider of attractions, excursions and/or optional tours (Tour Inclusion). Accordingly, You agree the Company may, where it is required to do so, suspend or cancel any Tour Inclusion where that Tour Inclusion is not available or, in the opinion of the Company, inadvisable or unsuitable.

18. You agree the Company is not liable for, and You discharge and release the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents or subcontractors absolutely and unconditionally from all Claims arising from or in connection with the Company exercising its rights under clauses 14-19.

19. Any expense incurred by You as a result of the Company exercising its rights under clauses 14-18 will be Your sole responsibility.

Variation or Cancellation by You

20. If You request a variation to Your booking, the Company may choose to accept or reject that request at its sole discretion. If the Company accepts Your request, You must pay the Variation Fee.

21. You may cancel Your booking by notice to the Company in writing and payment of the Cancellation Fee.

Security Deposit

22. To secure any booking, You must pay the Security Deposit within 7 days of making the reservation.

23. Any Security Deposit paid will automatically be credited towards the Tour Price at the time of final payment, unless otherwise requested.

24. Security Deposits are non-transferable and non-refundable.

Tour Price and Payment

25. The Company reserves the right to vary the Tour Price advertised or printed to cover any increase in air fare, fuel price, Government taxes and charges, exchange rate fluctuations, or other Tour related tariffs and costs.

26. While travel agents can forward deposits and other payments on Your behalf, they are not the Company's agent for the purpose of receipt of monies. Delivery to a travel agent of the Security Deposit or any part of the Tour Price does not constitute receipt by the Company and the Company is not liable in respect of any money paid to Your travel agent until such monies are received by the Company. You acknowledge portions of the Tour may be provided by Carriers and accordingly accept that the Company may pass on any surcharge or other increase imposed by a Carrier without notice and You must pay that surcharge or increase as part of the Tour Price.

27. **Late Booking Fee:** A fee of \$50 per file is payable for bookings made within 21 days of departure.

28. **Variation Fee:** A fee of \$50 per file is payable for each change to the client's original booking to cover communication and administration cost.

GST

29. If GST becomes payable by a party (the Supplier) in relation to any supply that it makes to the other party (the Recipient) under or in connection with these terms and conditions, the parties agree that: any consideration provided for that supply under these terms and conditions other than under this clause or any value deemed for GST purposes in relation to that supply (Agreed Amount) is exclusive of GST; an additional amount will be payable by the Recipient equal to the amount of GST payable by the Supplier in relation to that supply and the additional amount is, subject to having received a correctly rendered tax invoice from the Supplier, payable at the same time as any part of the Agreed Amount is to be provided for that supply; and the Supplier must provide the Recipient with a tax invoice in accordance with the GST Act.

30. Where, under the terms of these terms and conditions, one Party is required to indemnify another, the amount by which the indemnifying party indemnifies the other does not include any amount for which the indemnified party (or an entity grouped with the indemnified party for GST purposes) has claimed, or is entitled to claim an input tax credit under the GST Act.

Warranties

31. Where the Company is the sole provider of the Tour, the Company warrants the Tour will be carried out with due care and skill in a competent manner and according to generally applicable industry standards.

32. To the extent permitted by law, all other express or implied warranties, representations or terms other than those expressly contained in these terms and conditions are expressly excluded.

33. Where law implies any condition or warranty which cannot be excluded, then the Company's liability for any breach of such implied condition or warranty is limited, at the Company's absolute discretion, to one or more of the following: in the case of goods, any one or more of the following: the replacement of the goods or the supply of the equivalent goods; the repair of the goods; the payment of the cost of replacing the goods or of acquiring equivalent goods; the payment of the cost of having the goods repaired; or in the case of services: the supplying of the services again; or the payment of the cost of having the services supplied again.

Liability

34. Despite any other provision in these terms and conditions, and to the extent permitted by law, the Company's total liability to You or any third party for any Claims made by You or any third party (including Claims in negligence) relating to the Tour, will not exceed the Tour Price actually paid by You.

35. The Company will not be liable for any loss of profit, savings or revenue or interest or any other consequential, indirect, incidental, special or punitive loss, damage or expenses even if the Company has been advised of their possible existence and even if such loss, damage or expense is caused by the Company's negligence or the negligence of Carriers.

36. Nothing in these terms and conditions will operate to exclude, restrict or modify the application of any provision of the Trade Practices Act 1974 or any equivalent Australian State or Territory legislation, the exercise of a right conferred by such a provision, or any liability of the Company for a breach of a condition or warranty implied by such a provision, where it is unlawful to do so.

37. You agree the Company is not liable for, and You discharge and release the Company and its directors, officers, employees, agents or subcontractors absolutely and unconditionally from: any loss suffered by You directly or indirectly arising from any Tour failing to arrive or depart at the times stated in the Tour Brochure (including accommodation expenses and missed travel connection expenses); any non-performance, change of itinerary or delays in departure or arrival times of other suppliers or Carriers; reliance by You on any representation made by the Company directly or indirectly (including any photographs or images in a Tour Brochure) which is not expressly stated in the Tour Brochure or these terms and

conditions; or loss of enjoyment experienced by You in connection with the Tour.

Carriers

38. The Carriers (including airlines, rail carriers and sea carriers used in association with the Tours) are not responsible for statements in the Tour Brochure or any of its features.

39. The applicable conditions of sale in use by the Carriers will constitute the sole contract between the Carriers and You and You acknowledge You have received and agreed those conditions.

Force Majeure

40. The Company will not be liable for any delay or for failure to perform its obligations under these terms and conditions, resulting from or as a consequence of Force Majeure.

41. If a delay or failure of the Company to perform its obligations is caused or anticipated due to Force Majeure, then performance by the Company of its obligations are suspended.

42. If a delay or failure by the Company to perform its obligations due to Force Majeure exceeds 60 days, the Company may immediately terminate these terms and conditions by giving written notice of termination to You.

43. The Company will endeavour to book the most appropriate airfare for the Tour but accepts no liability in regards to the airfare or any loss suffered by You in connection with it.

44. You should consult Your travel agent regarding the terms and conditions of any airfares.

Risk and Insurance

45. The Company discloses: there are risks associated with the Tour and its activities (including Tour Inclusions); certain risks and dangers may arise beyond control of the Company including but not limited to events of Force Majeure, hazards of travelling in undeveloped areas, travel by boat, train, automobile, aircraft or other means of transportation, forces of nature, political unrest and accident, illness, epidemics or pandemics in regions without means of rapid evacuation or medical facilities; and baggage is entirely at Your risk during the Tour.

46. **Safety:** The carrier companies and Outback Discovery will not have liability regarding provision of medical care or the adequacy of any care that may be rendered. It is understood that Outback Discovery will use their best efforts to ensure that adequate measures are taken. Clients must make their own enquiries regarding safety warnings and government warnings in relation to the destinations they are travelling to. These change quite regularly and can be found through the Department of Foreign Affairs. Outback Discovery can accept no responsibility for the actions of terrorism in certain locations.

47. Despite any other provision in these terms and conditions, You agree the Company is not liable for, and You discharge and release the Company from all Claims arising from or in connection with any loss or harm suffered by You arising from any risk identified to You referred to in clause 45 or any other risk which You should have reasonably recognised.

Itinerary Changes

48. During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered if possible.

Insurance - Booking

49. **Travel Insurance:** We strongly advise clients to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise (including, but not limited to; cancellation fees, loss of luggage, early return following death of a relative as defined in the respective proposal forms).

50. It is Your sole responsibility to obtain suitable insurances for the Tour. Outback Discovery recommends passengers investigate all Department of Foreign Affairs warnings regarding the safety of travelling to certain destinations listed in this brochure.

Smoking

51. Smoking is not permitted inside tourist coaches and onboard vessels and such other places prohibited by law.

52. The Company will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure there are frequent stops during the coach trips for smoking but the Company cannot guarantee these facilities will be available.

Baggage Allowance

53. Due to limited space available on the vehicle and in accordance with the airlines, clients are entitled to carry one suitcase per person with the total sum of its length, width and height not exceeding 140cm (55 inches) and weight 20kg (42 lbs.). Personal items such as make-up, cameras etc. should be carried in a travel bag which is not to exceed 4kg per person (9lbs). Clients are to ensure that luggage meets the weight requirements as overweight items will be left behind.

54. You must ensure luggage meets the weight requirements and acknowledges the Company (or Carrier as the case may be) may elect not to carry overweight items.

55. Excess baggage is at Your cost.

Young Travellers

56. We do not accept children under 15 years of age on these tours as we have found they are too young to enjoy these types of holidays.

Dispute Resolution

57. A party may not commence any court or arbitration proceedings relating to a Dispute unless it complies with clauses 57-61 except where the party seeks urgent interlocutory relief.

58. A party claiming that a Dispute has arisen under or in relation to these terms and conditions must give written notice to the other party specifying the nature of the Dispute (Dispute Notice).

59. On receipt of a Dispute Notice from the other party, the parties must endeavour in good faith to resolve the Dispute expeditiously using informal dispute resolution techniques such as mediation, expert evaluation or determination or other techniques agreed by them.

60. If the parties do not agree within 7 days of receipt of the Dispute Notice (or any further period agreed in writing by them) as to: the dispute resolution technique and procedures to be adopted; the timetable for all steps in those procedures; and the selection and compensation of the independent person required for such technique, then the parties must mediate the Dispute in accordance with the Mediation Rules of the Law Society of New South Wales. The parties must request the President of the Law Society of New South Wales or the President's nominee to select the mediator and determine the mediator's remuneration.

61. If the Dispute is not resolved within 30 days of the date of a Dispute Notice, then any party which has complied with the provisions of clauses 57-61 may in writing terminate any dispute resolution process undertaken pursuant to clauses 57-61 and may then commence Court proceedings in relation to the Dispute.

Governing Law and Jurisdiction

62. The laws applicable in New South Wales govern these terms and conditions.

63. The parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of New South Wales and any courts competent to hear appeals from those courts.

Survival

64. Any indemnity in these terms and conditions is independent and survives termination of the Tour. Any other term which by its nature is intended to survive termination of these terms and conditions survives termination.

Dictionary

65. Cancellation Fee means: the fee calculated in accordance with: Carrier means a provider of Tour related services retained or otherwise contracted by the Company to provide all or part of a Tour.

Claim means any allegation, debt, cause of action, liability, claim, proceeding, suit or demand of any nature howsoever arising and whether direct or indirect, consequential, present or future, fixed or ascertained, actual or contingent and whether at law, in equity, under statute or otherwise.

Company means Outback Discovery a division of Scenic Tours Pty Limited.

Dispute means a dispute arising out of, or relating to the Tour including without limitation a dispute as to interpretation, breach or termination of these terms and conditions or as to any claim in tort, in equity or pursuant to any law.

Force Majeure means any act of God, war, terrorism, fire, flood or any other extreme weather conditions, loss of power, epidemics or pandemics, industrial disputes, slow-downs or other strike activities, riots or civil disturbances, acts of government, semi-government or other authorities, inability to obtain any necessary license or consent and delays caused by subcontractors and suppliers (including telecommunication carriers), material shortages or any other disruption to the provision of the Tour.

GST has the meaning given to it in the GST Act.

GST Act means A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 (Cth).

Late Booking Fee means a fee of \$50.

Security Deposit means in the case of any Tour as showing in the brochure a minimum security deposit per person is payable within 7 days of booking (refer to individual tour prices for security deposit).

Single Supplement Rate means the rate determined by the Company from time to time for single occupancy.

Tours means a tour coordinated under these terms and conditions by the Company.

Tour Brochure means the brochure as released by the Company from time to time setting out the specific details of the Tour.

Tour Manager means a tour manager employed OR contracted by the Company.

Tour Inclusion includes activities such as trekking, climbing, exploring, swimming, and snorkelling which are set out in the Tour Brochure and undertaken by You.

Tour Price means the price for the Tour as set out in the Tour Brochure from time to time.

Variation Fee means a fee of \$50.

You means each person who makes a booking with the Company for a Tour.

Interpretation

66. In these terms and conditions:

(documents) a reference to these terms and conditions or another document includes any document which varies, supplements, replaces, assigns or novates these terms and conditions or that other document; (references) a reference to the background, a party, clause, paragraph, schedule or annexure is a reference to the background, a party, clause, paragraph, schedule or annexure to or of these terms and conditions; (headings) clause headings and the table of contents are inserted for convenience only and must not be used when interpreting these terms and conditions; (person) a reference to a person includes a natural person, corporation, statutory corporation, partnership, the Crown and any other organisation or legal entity; (natural person) a reference to a natural person includes their personal representatives, successors and permitted assigns; (rights and obligations) a reference to a right or obligation of a party is a reference to a right or obligation of that party under these terms and conditions; (including) 'including' and 'includes' are not words of limitation; (rules of construction) neither these terms and conditions nor any part of it is to be construed against a party on the basis that the party or its lawyers were responsible for its drafting; (legislation) a reference to any legislation or provision of legislation includes all amendments, consolidations or replacements and all regulations or instruments issued under it; (writing) a reference to a notice, consent, request, approval or other communication under these terms and conditions means

a written notice, request, consent, approval or agreement; (replacement bodies) a reference to a body (including an institute, association or authority) which ceases to exist or whose powers or functions are transferred to another body is a reference to the body which replaces it or which substantially succeeds to its power or functions; and (corresponding meanings) where a word or phrase is defined, its other grammatical forms have a corresponding meaning.

67. Group Discounts: Group discounts cannot be combined with any other offer. Please contact our office for full details.

68. Multi Tour Discounts: Discount will only apply when full payment has been received.

69. Special Diets: Clients requiring special diets such as vegetarian or diabetic must inform Outback Discovery at time of reservation. Special requests are a request only. Outback Discovery will do all possible to accommodate requests but cannot guarantee special requests can be met in all instances.

70. Cancellations are not effective until received by the Company. Days of notice are based on the first date on which clients commence arrangements booked through the Company, including pre-tour accommodation and flights. Days of notice commence from the day notice is received (during office hours not being weekend or public holiday) by the Company. The following fees apply to each individual person on cancellation:

CANCELLATION FEES

DAYS OF NOTICE: FEE PER PERSON

65 days and over Loss of Deposit

64 days to 14 days 50% of tour fare

13 days to 8 days 75% of tour fare

7 days or less 100% of tour fare

Please note: Transferring to another date is treated as a cancellation and cancellation fees will apply.

For tours including Kimberley and/or Great Barrier Reef Cruising with Coral Princess Cruises the following Cancellation Fees apply:

65 days and over Loss of Deposit

64 days to 30 days 50% of fare

29 days or less 100% of fare

Please note: Transferring to another date is treated as a cancellation and cancellation fees will apply.

71. AUTO CANCELLATION

Please note: Bookings will be **AUTOMATICALLY CANCELLED** if deposit is not received by Outback Discovery **within 7 days of booking.**

72. SECURITY DEPOSIT

A minimum security deposit of \$250 per person is payable within 7 days of booking to ensure a place on the tour is held for the client. Any security deposits paid will automatically be credited towards the tour price at the time of final payment, unless otherwise requested. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. Deposits stated above are correct unless otherwise stated in promotional offers.

For tours including Kimberley and/or Great Barrier Reef Cruising with Coral Princess Cruises a 10% deposit is required within 7 days of booking to ensure a place on the cruise is held for the client. Any security deposits paid will automatically be credited towards the tour price at the time of final payment, unless otherwise requested. Deposits are non-refundable and non-transferable. Deposits stated above are correct unless otherwise stated in promotional offers.

73. PAYMENT OF TOUR PRICE

The total tour price must be paid no later than **65 days prior to departure TO CONFIRM BOOKINGS** unless otherwise stated in promotional offers. It is the sole responsibility of clients to pay the tour price by the due date.

For tours including Kimberley and/or Great Barrier Reef Cruising with Coral Princess Cruises: The total cruise price must be paid no later than 65 days prior to departure to confirm bookings unless otherwise stated in promotional offers. It is the sole responsibility of clients pay the tour price by the due date.

74. Tour Price and Duration: All prices in this brochure are quoted in Australian currency and include tour preparation, operation and marketing costs. All prices in this brochure are current at time of printing but are subject to change without notice. The number of days duration stated in each itinerary includes day of departure and day of return.

75. Included in Your Fare: All coach travel, service of a Tour Manager, airport transfers, meals, accommodation, sightseeing and admissions as indicated in the itinerary.

76. NOT Included in Your Fare: Airfares (unless specified on itinerary pages), meals not specified in the itinerary, drinks, laundry, optional activities and items of a personal nature. Changes to flight schedules may require additional overnight accommodation at either commencement or completion of tour, which is at client's own expense.

77. Airfare Conditions: Discounted airfares are subject to availability and conditions apply. Your Outback Discovery reservations consultant will book the most appropriate fare for your tour. Please note that some discounted airfares have conditions which make them unsuitable to be used in conjunction with these tours. Full details and conditions may

be obtained from your travel consultant. Changes to original tickets will incur amendment fees, are subject to availability and surcharges may apply. Please note: All airfares are subject to routing restrictions. Airfares and applicable taxes are subject to increase without notice due to fare and tax changes, surcharges dependent on class available at time of booking and other factors outside our control. Please contact your travel consultant for the applicable rules and regulations.

78. Airport Transfers: Domestic airport transfers are included.

They are only available on the day of the tour's departure and the day the tour terminates at designated times. Transfers outside these times will be at the client's expense and arrangements. Clients who have purchased Outback Discovery pre and post tour hotel accommodation will be provided Airport transfers to/from their hotel to the airport. If your airline booking is not made by Outback Discovery, you must ensure your flight details are provided to Outback Discovery (this can be entered by Tour Personaliser at www.outbackdiscovery.com.au). Please note: No refund will be given for unused transfers. Transfers cannot be routed to other pick-up points or destinations. Clients who miss the pre-booked transfer will be responsible for making their own way to/from the hotel at own expense. Transfers must be booked and flights advised to Outback Discovery a minimum of 60 days prior to travel otherwise transfers cannot be guaranteed.

79. Hotel Accommodation: It may be necessary to substitute a hotel of a similar standard than the advertised hotel. IMPORTANT: Overnight accommodation required to meet tour and/or flight connections is not included in the tour price and is at clients' own expense.

80. Tour Participation: Outback Discovery welcomes passengers with disabilities or special needs provided they are accompanied by a companion capable of providing all assistance required. Any special requirements must be advised at time of booking. The Company reserves the right to refuse to carry any person who it deems cannot fully care for themselves on Tour without assistance. Wheelchairs and walkers cannot be carried on motorcoaches, due to space limitations. Wheelchair passengers should be aware of these limitations. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance to a passenger for walking, dining, getting on and off motorcoaches or other transportation vehicles, or other personal needs. Travellers who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion.

81. Health & Fitness: Tours include up to 1 - 5 kilometre walks over steps and uneven ground and in some cases can be during high temperatures. For client safety and enjoyment you should be in good physical condition to participate in all tours. Some walks vary in degree of difficulty from moderate to difficult.

82. Medical Equipment: Please note that in some remote outback locations electric power may not be available 24 hours per day.

83. Itinerary Changes: During local or national holidays, certain facilities such as museums and restaurants, sightseeing tours and shopping may be limited or not available. Alternatives will be offered if possible. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances, Outback Discovery reserves the right to charter the services of other transport companies and to make any other changes as required to ensure the smooth and safe operation of the tour.

84. Images, Photographs and Information: The photographs in the brochure and information provided represent typical scenes and descriptive detail for each tour, but it is possible that the subject matter may not be seen or experienced whilst on tour. Some pictures may have been digitally enhanced.

85. Single Accommodation: A limited number of single rooms are available at a Single Supplement Rate for each tour. In some locations, single rooms are smaller than twin rooms.

86. Seat Rotation: To ensure all clients have the opportunity to enjoy front and window seats, a daily seat rotation system is employed.

87. Additional Optional Activities: are not included in the tour cost and incur an additional charge. Tours are subject to availability, operational and seasonal factors. A minimum number of people are required for some activities to operate and must be booked on tour unless stated otherwise on individual itinerary pages.

88. Scenic Club Loyalty Program: This program was launched in 2008 and clients travelling on any tour with Outback Discovery after the 1st January 2010 will also be eligible. This program offers a range of benefits to members. For full details of qualification for; and terms and conditions of membership; please see www.outbackdiscovery.com.au/scenicclub. This program replaces any prior offered loyalty rewards such as past passenger discounts, which no longer apply. The program presently only applies to Australian residents but will be rolled out to residents of other countries when processes and systems allow.

89. Book with Confidence Plan: The 'Deposit Protection Plan' fee is \$55 (including GST). The fee is not refundable and must be paid at the time of booking your tour. If you cancel your tour, the Deposit Protection Plan applies. Outback Discovery will hold the deposit paid by you for Outback Discovery products only (i.e. not products provided by third parties e.g. air travel, Great Barrier Reef or Kimberly Cruise) and will credit that portion of the deposit on alternative Outback Discovery products booked within 24 months of the cancellation, after which time the amount will be forfeited. THE DEPOSIT PROTECTION PLAN DOES NOT REPLACE TRAVEL INSURANCE WHICH WE STRONGLY ADVISE BE OBTAINED AT THE TIME OF BOOKING.

90. Kimberley and Great Barrier Reef Cruising with Coral Princess Cruises: A full schedule of terms and conditions and general information for Coral Princess Cruises is available on request or can be accessed online at www.outbackdiscovery.com.au. This is essential information which will help you plan your journey. Shore excursions are not included and are at additional expense.

91. These Terms and Conditions may be subject to further changes by the Company from time to time and are shown on the Company website.