

Brisbane to Alice Springs

6 Days Camping Safari

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Holiday Season Schedule 2010

Highlights Brisbane to Alice Springs or vice versa



Carnarvon National Park



Not all roads lead to Alice!



Flat out like a lizard drinking!



Star gazing in the outback

BRISBANE TO ALICE SPRINGS

Tour Code BAT 06

THE NEW DESERT WANDERER OUTBACK TREK 2009/10

Day 1 Sat: Brisbane to Carnarvon Gorge

(LD) T

Depart Brisbane at 8am. Pick-ups at selected backpacker accommodation venues by arrangement 7am to 7.45am. Travel west through Ipswich to Toowoomba, gateway to the great Darling Downs. Onto Miles and Roma. Our destination is spectacular Carnarvon National Park. Here we will establish camp for 2 nights.

Day 2 Sun: Exploring Carnarvon Gorge

(BLD) T

The rugged 16,000ha Carnarvon Gorge section of Carnarvon National Park is the most popular destination in Queensland's central highlands. Remnant rainforest flourishes in the sheltered side-gorges while endemic cabbage tree palms '*Livistona nitida*', ancient cycads, ferns, flowering shrubs and gum trees line the meandering main gorge. Time to walk explore and enjoy.

Day 3 Mon: Carnarvon Gorge to Longreach

(BLD) T

Join the Capricorn Highway at Emerald, then visit Gem Field country with the small settlements of Anakie, Alpha and to Jericho. At Barcaldine learn about the tree of knowledge, the shearers strike and the good old days. Our destination is Longreach - home of the Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Museum. It is here that the Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services began - Q.A.N.T.A.S. An option for an evening cruise on the Long Rech of the Thomson River.

Day 4 Tues: Longreach to Boulia

(BLD) T

A morning visit to the Stockman's Hall of Fame, Queensland's most important outback tourist attraction. Lunch at Winton, it was here that Australia great poet Banjo Patterson composed Waltzing Matilda. Now we are heading through the back of beyond following the Kennedy Developmental Road. We travel through Middleton and Hamilton, it is here where the famous Min Min Lights may be seen, a mystery of the outback. We will camp tonight in the vicinity of Boulia.

Day 5 Wed: To the Northern Territory and the Simpson Desert

(BLD) T

An extremely interesting day as we cross the Northern Territory/Queensland border and join a sandy bush track called the Plenty Highway - a dirt road crossing the northern side of the Simpson Desert. This is one of the most isolated journeys across the Australian outback. Camp out in the bush tonight - campfire and a million stars. Journey subject to weather and road conditions.

Day 6 Thu: Simpson Desert to Alice Springs

(BL) D

What an experience! Our last night in the outback together, life long memories. Did you pitch your tent or just lay out under the outback sky? Our journey along the Plenty Highway today takes us through the Harts Range - a popular fossicking spot for the rock-collecting enthusiast. Join the Stuart Highway and soon we have arrived in Alice. A complementary dorm bed is provided tonight. Maybe you should consider joining an Austour Desert Wanderer 1, 2, or 3 day tour to Uluru (Ayers Rock) and/or Kings Canyon.

NOTE: This itinerary operates in reverse from Alice Springs to Brisbane, covering all features of the itinerary above and includes complementary dorm bed in Brisbane on arrival. Tour Code ABT 06

ALICE SPRINGS TO BRISBANE

THE NEW DESERT WANDERER EAST-BOUND TREK 2010

Tour Code BAT 06

Day 1 Sat: Alice Springs to Simpson Desert Bush Camp

(LD) T

Depart Alice Springs at 7am. Pick-ups at selected accommodation venues by arrangement 6am to 6.45am. Our adventure begins as we travel north along the Stuart Highway turning east along the Plenty Highway, or is it a dirt track? This road one day will be called the Outback Highway and connect Queensland to Perth by a bitumen road, but not yet. What a great experience to travel along this dirt road skirting the northern edge of the Simpson Desert and camping out under the stars at a bush camp and yes a campfire. The Plenty Highway route is subject to change due to weather and road conditions.

Day 2 Sun: Bush Camp to Boulia

(BLD) T

This morning we will cross the Northern Territory/Queensland border as we journey towards the first signs of civilization, our first outback town, the quaint settlement of Boulia, The Channel Country. A visit to their small outback museum and maybe a night out with the locals.

Day 3 Mon: Boulia to Longreach

(BLD) T

This is the land of the mysterious Min Min lights. We will tell you more about this as we travel through the small settlements of Middleton and Hamilton. Lunch at Winton where Australia's great poet Banjo Patterson composed Australia's national song 'Waltzing Matilda' in the 1890's. It's today that we cross from beef country to sheep country. This afternoon our destination is Longreach - Home of the Stockman's Hall of Fame and the Qantas Museum. It is here that the Queensland and Northern Territory Air Services began - Q.A.N.T.A.S. An option for an evening cruise on The Long Rech of the Thomson River.

Day 4 Tue: Longreach to Carnarvon National Park

(BLD) T

We are following the Tropic of Capricorn east through Barcardine - a fascinating and historic town. Continue through Jericho to the gem-field towns of Anakie, Alpha and Emerald. Our destination is the rugged 16,000ha Carnarvon Gorge the most popular destination in Queensland central highlands. Ancient cycads, ferns, flowering shrubs and gum trees line the main gorge. Camp for two nights.

Day 5 Wed: Exploring Carnarvon Gorge

(BLD) T

A day of exploration. A great place for walking through and photographing this magnificent National Park. It's here you will see a remnant rainforest that strangely exists in the sheltered side-gorges along with other ancient vegetation, perhaps see a platypus or so. Truly something different.

Day 6 Thu: Carnarvon Gorge to Brisbane

(BL) D

What an experience this new route from the outback to the east coast has provided, so many changes of scenery. Today we will journey through Roma, Toowoomba and Ipswich to the Capital of Queensland Brisbane. A complementary dorm bed is provided tonight. So there is a great chance for you and your new friends to have a last night together.

NOTE: This itinerary operates in reverse from Brisbane to Alice Springs, covering all features of the itinerary above and includes complementary dorm bed in Alice Springs on arrival. Tour Code BAT 06

Highlights Brisbane to Alice Springs or vice versa






Your Campsites: 1&2. Carnarvon NP. 3. Longreach. 4. Middleton. 5. Bush Camp Simpson Desert. 6. Dorm Bed Alice. EX Alice 1. Bush Camp Simpson. 2. Middleton. 3. Longreach. 4&5. Carnarvon. 6. Dorm Bed Brisbane



Includes: All meals, camping fees, entry & camp fees, camping gear except sleeping bags, 1 night dorm bed Alice Springs and/or Brisbane.

Bring: Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), sunscreen & hat, toiletries & towel, swimming gear, warm clothing for winter, water bottle, torch, camera etc

The rest: Travel by small 12 to 20 Safari wagon, friendly driver, 'a great mate'.

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