



12 Day Flinders Ranges Central Australia 2017

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School / Group

Day 1: D
Melbourne to Renmark

Get up and get on the Road. Adventure waits for no one. Board our 5-star Rockleigh Tours coach, as we travel north to **Renmark**. Our Chefs will cook up a feast.

O/ night Renmark Riverfront Caravan Park
(NB: lunch at own expense)

Day 2: B/L/D
Renmark to Wilpena Pound

This morning we travel via the historic copper township of **Burra**, and then maybe catch a glimpse of the Indian Pacific as we travel thru **Peterborough**, before heading into desert country and home for the next two nights at **Wilpena Pound Campground** (park entry included)

O/night Wilpena Pound Campground



Day 3: B/L/D
Flinders Ranges National Park

This extraordinary landscape is over 800 million years old and has been home to Adnyamathanha people for tens of thousands of years. It is a rugged 58,136ha region with varied terrain and flora, with some 100 bird and 35 reptile species plus red and grey kangaroos, euros and yellow footed rock wallabies.

Wilpena Pound is the greatest single formation in the ranges and contains several walking tracks. Today we will enjoy the hike into **Wangara Lookout**. (optional hike **St Mary's Peak**)



O/night Wilpena Pound Campground

Day 4: B/L/D
Wilpena Pound to Bush Camp

Artificial sunrise sees us depart **Wilpena Pound** and travel further into Central Australia, passing along the east coast of the Spencer Gulf. **Port Augusta** is well known as the "Crossroads of Australia", combining a seaport and railway junction. It's a great place for brekkie. No need for DVDS or videos on tour, "the ever-changing views of the country side is AWESOME". Maybe it's not "Rocket Science", does **Woomera** have the answers? Take time to stretch out and explore as we have morning smoko. Next, we pass by the Opal mining town of **Coober Pedy** before setting up **Bush Camp** to sleep under the stars for the Night.

O/Night Bush Camp Painted Desert
(near Cadney Park Stn.)

Day 5:

B/L/D

Bush Camp to Yulara

Another beautiful morning, we continue north via the Stuart Highway, before leaving **S.A** bordering into the **Northern Territory**. (make sure your camera's charged). Don't forget to check out the Emus at **Erlidunda Roadhouse**.

Are we there yet, are we there yet? Who's the first to see **Uluru**? Are you sure it's not **Mt Conner**?

A Chance to unpack your swag for 2 night's. We camp at **Voyages Resort**. Before dinner enjoy the, must do visit to "**Sunset Strip**" and witness the beauty as the sun sets over **Uluru**.

O/Night Ayres Rock Campground



Day 6:

B/L/D

Uluru

No wonder **Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park** is Heritage listed. Located in Australia's Red Centre, the ancient landscapes are rich in Australian indigenous culture and spirituality. No tour is complete without a visit to the **Cultural Centre**. It's then onto **Uluru**— a gigantic monolith which rises over 348 metres above the plain.

Here we have the option of a morning climb (*subject to school Policy*) or a **guided base walk tour** of **Uluru**. For those that reach the top, there are great photo opportunities including a distant view of **Kata Tjuta**. Time to cool off and maybe take a plunge in the resort pool (subject to school policy).

O/Night Ayres Rock Campground

Day7:

B/L/D

Uluru to Kings Canyon



This morning we visit **Kata-Tjuta** "many heads"— some 36 great domes which rival **Uluru** as a spectacle.

The **Anangu people**, have inhabited the area for more than 22,000 years. **Kata-Tjuta** holds many deeply sacred mysteries. Our cultural tour helps uncover some of those mysteries.

Here groups have the choice of two walks, the easier "**Walpa Gorge Walk**" (1 hour) or the "**Valley of the Winds**" walk (approx. 3 hours).

Still wanting more of this rugged yet beautiful landscape, we head to **Watarrka National Park**.

O/Night Kings Creek Station.

(option Kings canyon resort)

Day 8:

B/L/D

Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

Enjoy an early morning climb of the **Canyon** as we do the **Rim walk**. This spectacular scenery, sees ancient red canyon walls soar over 100m above **Kings Creek**. View rugged sandstone cliffs, natural rock pools, lush vegetation including Cycads in the **Garden of Eden** and the **Lost City**.



Close your eyes and imagine the life of the early explores and adventures. We follow their path via **Stuart's Well** (optional camels ride at own expense), travelling to the famous outback town of **Alice Springs**.



We arrive in Alice to set up for our two-night stay. This evening we get to see another unbelievable sunset at **Anzac Hill look out** over looking Alice.

O/Night MacDonnell Ranges Holiday Park.

Day 9: **B/L/D**

Alice Springs

Early this morning we head to **Simpsons Gap** an important spiritual site to the **Arrernte Aboriginal** people. It's a place that's associated with Perentie (goanna), Eagle and Rock Wallaby Dreaming's. Will your photos do justice to this stunning gorge carved out of the **West MacDonnell Ranges** by Roe Creek?



Not enough excitement yet? Then try your luck holding a Python or being kissed by a blue tongue at the **Alice Springs Reptile Centre**. Enjoy a guided tour before lunch.

Time to explore **Alice** or maybe post a post card, (some of us oldies still love getting postcards from young adventurers), in the **Todd Mall**. Who wants to go to **School of the Air**? You can't hide in the World's largest class room. It covers more than 1.3 million sq klms. That's a big playground.

O/Night MacDonnell Ranges Holiday Park.

Day 10: **B/L/D**
Alice Springs to Coober Pedy

This morning we bid farewell to "**Alice**" and begin our journey home, travelling south via the **Stuart Highway**. Again, crossing the border into South Australia before arriving into **Coober Pedy**. "Aboriginal for "white men in a hole". There are over 45 different nationalities living in this small mining community.

Visit an **underground mine**, plus an opal cutting and polishing demonstration at **Umoona opal mine**.

Time to give it a go and try your luck at **Noodling**, before dinner.



O/Night Bunk Underground at Umoona

Day 11:

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Coober Pedy to Melbourne

All good things must come to an end. It will be sad to say goodbye to new friends. Today we pack up for our express journey back to **Melbourne** travelling from Coober Pedy via **Adelaide** along the western highway to Melbourne. Meals on express are at own costs.



Day 12:

HOORAY!! Safely home after the best adventure ever. Time to say a teary farewell to everyone.

Price:

Based on 44 paying students \$1230 + 4 F.O.C

Based on 35 paying students \$1330 + 4 F.O.C

Based on 30 paying students \$1470 + 3 F.O.C

Inclusions:

Luxury travel in Air-Conditioned Coach.
Reclining Seats.
Rest room equipped coach.
Seat Belt Equipped.
Road Camera.
Admissions to attractions as per itinerary
Experienced driver tour guide.

Accommodation:

Camping,
Twin share in three man tents.
(Fully Accommodated is optional)
Umoona is Bunk House.
Self-inflating Mattresses are provided.
Stretchers for teachers.
Camp stools.
Camp tables.

Meals:

Meals supplied are of the highest quality.

All meals as specified:

- B – Breakfast
- L – Lunch
- D- Dinner

Prepared by our experienced cook

Specialist safari trailer with on board refrigeration.

What's not included:

Pillow, Bed Linen or sleeping bag, towels, toiletries.

All cutlery, plates, cups and bowls.

Travel Insurance. *(It is recommended that this be obtained and is the responsibility of each passenger)*

Spending money.

Group duties:

Students are requested to participate in the day to day running of camping tours:

- Erecting and Dismantling tents.
- Assisting cook with meal preparation & clearing up
- Washing and drying of personal dishes.
- Help with loading, unloading and cleaning coach
- We would suggest groups of 4 students.

Wet Weather:

Wet weather may affect a safari tour and conditions can become uncomfortable due to extended periods of rain. If this occurs, your coach captain will make every effort to find alternative accommodation. i.e. church or scout hall or similar, or he may need to change the itinerary around to suit weather conditions. Should the group require accommodation in vans, bunkhouse, motels, etc. or need to change destinations, this additional cost must be paid by the group. Some campsites will not give a refund, or may charge cancellation fees, for cancelling due to weather, therefore the school will be required to pay the additional camping fees to camp or be accommodated elsewhere.

Booking Conditions:

(The Legal stuff)

Prices are not final until full payment is received

Amendment & cancellation fees and charges will apply

Student & escort/s names must be exactly the same as the passenger's Birth Certificate

Prices

Prices are based on your quoted itinerary including coach transfers and multi-share accommodation as indicated in your personalised itinerary. We will amend the price to reflect our costs at the time you request a quote.

Pre-payable charges including insurance levies and fuel surcharges are included in the total package price, subject to change. The tour price does not include travel insurance, personal expenses and excess baggage charges.

Coach fares are subject to change without notice at any time prior to full payment.

Statutory charges and levies are subject to change at any time without notice.

All verbal quotes are only an estimate of the price and written quotes are indicative with the final price subject to advice on full payment and receipt of a signed Rockleigh Tours booking form.

Mandatory Booking Requirements

We are not liable for any loss or expenses caused by your failure to comply with these requirements. You must, at the time of booking, advise the correct names for all passengers including students and escorts. Name changes after tickets have been issued will result in the issue of new tickets and incur amendment charges, and may require a higher fare to be paid. Rockleigh Tours can accept no responsibility for any additional charges, or inability to travel as a result of incorrect notification of passenger names.

Deposits & Payments

A non-refundable deposit is payable to confirm your reservation with full payment required 45 days prior to departure. GST will be charged on the full payment. A booking fee of \$300 per student. Bookings may be automatically cancelled if payment is not received.

Changes & Amendments

If you change your booking after final payment we will charge a \$150 amendment fee for each change plus any additional pre-payable taxes, levies or charges. As prices

are indicative only, details of particular tours or hotels in our brochures may have changed since publication date.

Cancellations & Refunds

A cancellation fee equal to 100% of the amount paid will apply until 45 days prior to departure. Bookings cancelled within 30 days of departure will be charged a fee equal to 100% of the land content price.

Ground handling companies, hotels, hostels, restaurants and tour operators may impose additional cancellation fees within 65 days of departure.

We will not refund any unused part of your itinerary including accommodation, transfers, tours. Cancellations will only be accepted in writing. The price of your tour is not guaranteed until full payment has been received.

Travel Insurance

We strongly recommend comprehensive travel insurance for students & escorts. This should be valid for the full duration of your itinerary.

Luggage

A luggage limit of one Sausage/Sports bag or medium size suitcase plus one school or travel bag applies per person. Sausage/Sports bags are the most suitable luggage for camping tours, as the sleeping bags can be packed inside, along with clothes. The school/travel bag is useful inside the coaches for day to day items (e.g. lunch on first day, camera, towel, eating utensils, torch and games, etc.). Metal framed Rucksacks or Backpacks are not accepted. Please note a maximum luggage weight of 20 kg per passenger applies for all coach travel.

Law of Contract

Rockleigh Tours and its suppliers do not accept liability in contract or in tort (actionable wrong) for any injury, damage, loss, delay, additional expense or inconvenience caused directly, or indirectly by force majeure or other events beyond our control, or which are not preventable by reasonable diligence on its part including, but not limited to, war, civil disturbance, fire, flood, unusually severe weather, acts of God, acts of Government or other authorities, accident to or failure of machinery or equipment, or industrial action (whether or not involving its employees and even though such action may be settled by acceding to the demands of a labour group). Rockleigh Tours cannot accept responsibility for subsequent changes or withdrawal of prices, details or services which are subject to change without notice. This contract is governed by the law of the State of Victoria.