

## Trip Dossier

### 15 Day Alice Springs to Perth Camping Expedition



**Camping Small Group Tour - Max 10 passengers**  
(6 passengers in 2 x 4WD's & 4 passengers in 2 tag along vehicles )

**Alice Springs - Perth 15 - 29 August 2019**

#### **Itinerary Highlights:**

- West McDonald Ranges - Stanley Chasm, Ormiston, Glen Helen and Redback Gorges.
- Visit Aboriginal Community of Papunya.
- Sandy Blight Junction Road - many ranges, dunes and desert oaks and spectacular scenery.
- Great Central Highway - plenty of time to explore the areas we pass through, looking for wildlife, historic markers and aboriginal history.
- Lake Ballard - discover some of the many Antony Gormley's inside Australia statues
- Southern Cross via mining towns of Kalgoorlie & Coolgardie - explore man made water catchments surrounded by wildflowers.

Explore some of the most remote areas in Central Australia at a relaxed pace with a small group of like-minded people.

The focus of the trip is the arid zone plants, birds and other wildlife along with the diverse geology and the history of the tracks themselves.

Our visits to remote Aboriginal communities and the occasional bores providing water in the heart of the desert country add other interesting experiences.

We will spend time on some walks exploring the geology and wildlife of the West MacDonnell Ranges.

Using back tracks we travel from the West MacDonnell's to the Great Central Road via the Sandy Blight Junction Road, which is one of the most picturesque tracks in outback Australia. Len Beadell considered this road to be his showcase of the Central Australian outback. We will have plenty of time to explore its many dunes, Desert Oaks and spectacular scenery.

The Great Central Road has been described as one of Australia's best short cuts but this will be a short drive for us as we will have many stops to explore the wonderful botanical displays, the history and enjoying the total outback experience.

At Lake Ballard we'll discover Antony Gormley's Inside Australia art works. There are a total of 51 sculptures all of which were derived from laser scans of residents from the local town of Menzies.

The wildlife should be plentiful, and the scenery and sunsets spectacular.

## Itinerary

### **Day 1 Alice Springs to Ormiston Gorge**

Leaving Alice Springs early this morning we will spend the day exploring the West MacDonnell Ranges. We will spend time at Stanley Chasm and Ormiston Gorges.

Accommodation: Campsite Ormiston Gorge LD

### **Day 2 Ormiston Gorge**

Today we will explore Ormiston and Glen Helen Gorge. The area offers great walks, plentiful wildlife and spectacular scenery.

Accommodation: Campsite Ormiston Gorge BLD

### **Day 3 Ormiston Gorge - Redbank Gorge - Mt Liebig Area**

Today will be an early start as we take time to explore Redbank Gorge before leaving the West MacDonnell Ranges and move onto our bush camp on the Garry Junction Road. We will travel via the Aboriginal Community of Papunya to our camp in the Mt Liebig area.

Accommodation: Bush camp Mt Liebig Area BLD

### **Day 4 Mt Liebig area to Sandy Blight Junction Road Area**

This morning we continue on the Garry Junction road onto Kintore (Walungurra) to refuel and re-stock before we travel on down the Sandy Blight Junction Road.

Accommodation: Bush camp BLD

### **Day 5 - 8 Sandy Blight Junction Area - Great Central Highway**

The next four days will be spent travelling and camping along the Sandy Blight Road. This is one of the highlights of the trip and with its many ranges, dunes and desert oaks and spectacular scenery was called by Len Beadell his Central Australian Showcase. The four days spent here will provide us with plenty of time to fully experience and enjoy this wonderful area.

Accommodation: Bush camps BLD

**Day 9 Sandy Blight Junction Road to Giles (Warakurna) Great Central Highway**

We will have an early start today as we head onto the Great Central Highway and our campsite at the Warakurna Roadhouse. There will be time here to have a look at the weather station and to enjoy a long overdue shower.

Accommodation: Campsite at Warakurna Roadhouse BLD

**Day 10 - 12 Giles (Warakurna) - Warburton - Laverton**

The next three days we continue our westward journey on the Great Central Highway as we make our way to Laverton. Accommodation during this section of the trip will be a mixture of bush camps and roadhouse campsites. The three days will provide plenty of time to explore the areas we pass through, looking for wildlife, historic markers and aboriginal history.

Accommodation: Bush & Roadhouse campsites BLD

**Day 13 Laverton - Lake Ballard**

This morning we move onto Lake Ballard where we set up camp and spend the afternoon discovering some of the many Antony Gormley's inside Australia statues. The statues were derived from laser scans of residence of Menzies.

Accommodation: Bush camp BLD

**Day 14 Lake Ballard - Southern Cross**

Leaving lake Ballard behind we head towards Southern Cross. Our journey will take us via the mining towns of Kalgoorlie and Coolgardie. There should be time to explore a couple of the man made old water storage areas and the wildflowers that are found around them. Dinner tonight will be at a local Hotel (At participants own expense).

Accommodation: Motel Southern Cross BL

**Day 15 Southern Cross to Perth**

Today we continue down the Great Eastern Highway into Perth and the end of this magnificent adventure. Our arrival into Perth is expected to be Mid to Late afternoon. On arrival in Perth you will be transferred to your chosen Perth city hotel

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NOTE: the above itinerary may be varied according to conditions and advice.



## Tour Costs

Cost:	\$5,675.00 per person, twin share
	\$ 2,155.00 per person in own vehicle (Max 2 participants per vehicle)
Departs:	Alice Springs 15 August 2019
Finishes:	Perth 29 August 2019
Max No. Of Participants:	6 in vehicle passengers two lead vehicles, 2 Tag along vehicles & 2 crew

## Tour Payments

Deposit:	At time of booking \$500.00 per person
Final Payment:	On or before 15 July 2019

Note: The final payment is non refundable if canceled within 30 days of the departure date.  
Travel Insurance covering all payments is available and is strongly recommended.

## Special Offers

### Early Bird Bookings

**Save \$150.00 per person** if booked and deposited by 15 January 2019

### Book Multiple Tours

**Save 5% per person** on the second and subsequent tours if more that one tour is booked in the same year.  
Applies to the cheaper tours.

**Please note:** Discounts cannot be combined;  
Discounts are only available on bookings

## Included

- Coates tour leader/ driver;
- Coates Naturalist leader/driver ;
- Two well-maintained, air-conditioned vehicles with front-facing, seat-belted seats;
- Easy to erect tents and camp chairs with armrests;
- A self-inflating air mattress and stretcher bed;
- All eating utensils;
- Meals as per itinerary
- Morning tea each day & fruit on-board the vehicle throughout the day;
- All national park entrance fees.
- Campsite fees;
- Travel permits as required;
- **Tag Along Participants:** We can supply tents, armchairs and eating utensils which will need to be carried in your own vehicle. Please request when booking.

## Not Included

- Alcoholic & carbonated drinks (you are welcome to bring your own. See note below);
- Pillows;
- Sleeping bags (can be hired for \$55.00 each with prior notice);
- Travel insurance (very strongly recommended);
- Travel expenses to Alice Springs and from Perth;
- Pre and post tour accommodation;
- All other private expenses.
- Entrance fees or activity costs other than those included above.

**NOTE:** Due to the Federal Government's intervention with Aboriginal communities alcohol has been totally banned on all Aboriginal land. Much of this trip will be spent traveling through these lands and we are required to abide by these laws.

## **Tour Information**

Naturalist Guide: TBA

Driver Guide: TBA

### **Vehicle & Equipment:**

Two Toyota 4WD Prado's with trailers or similar. All the necessary camping equipment is provided. Passengers are to supply their own sleeping bags and pillows. (Sleeping bag can be hired for \$55.00).

### **Accommodation:**

Is a combination of bush camps, campsites and motel accommodation.

Bush camps are at locations chosen by the tour guide for their suitability and natural benefits.

There are usually no facilities other than a long drop bush toilet there. We do carry adequate water for washing.

Private campsites vary - from providing full facilities which include ablution blocks, to sites which have only a long drop toilet.

### **Meals:**

Meals as per the tour itinerary are included. i.e.(B) breakfast, (L) lunch, (D) dinner and morning tea.

There will also be a plentiful supply of fresh fruit available throughout the day. Special dietary requirements can usually be catered for where prior notice is given. Please contact the office if you have a special dietary requirement as a surcharge may apply.

### **Trek Grading:**

We will undertake light bush walking on most days. All walks are optional and will be able to be conducted at your own pace. There may also be some optional rock scrambling.

### **Weather:**

Days are expected to be dry and hot with temperatures around 28 degrees Celsius. The nights can be cold, with minimum temperatures around 2-10 degrees Celsius.

### **Clothing:**

A suggested list of items to bring on tour will be included with our pre-departure information, sent to you on full payment of tour costs. Generally, comfortable, casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts and T-shirts are appropriate for during the day and warmer jumpers and jackets may be required for the evenings. Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes or boots are essential.

**To make a booking or further information please contact**

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## Terms and Conditions

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Tour participants should be in reasonable health and fitness and be carrying all required medications in ample quantities. A medical clearance from a registered medical practitioner may be required for participants wishing to join some tours. Scenic flights, boat cruises, helicopter flights etc. These activities are not operated by the tour operator, nor by persons or companies associated with the tour operator. These activities involve inherent risk of injury, death, accident and loss. Passengers assume all risks with regard to any misadventure death, injury or loss which occurs during or as a result of any such activity.

Should the tour operator deem it desirable for climatic or other reasons whatsoever to amend or vary any itinerary it may do so by shortening or varying the trip in which case no objection or claim for compensation will be made by the participant.

The tour operator and its employees are unable to guarantee exact arrival and departure times, and are not liable for any failure to make connections with any other services.

The tour operator does not own or operate any third party suppliers of air transportation, hotels, restaurants, cruise craft or local sightseeing companies. The tour operator is not responsible for any loss or expense due to overbooking of flights, accommodations, default of any third parties or any other cause beyond its control. The tour operator takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators, it cannot accept responsibility for the operators conduct or the conduct of their employees or agents or for any ramifications of that conduct.

Whilst all care is taken, The tour operator do not accept liability for loss or damage to baggage, sickness or injury, or additional expenses caused by factors beyond their control.

All care has been taken to ensure this brochure is correct at the time of printing. Prices and services as shown in this brochure are however subject to change or withdrawal without notice.

### BOOKING DETAILS

DEPOSIT: See the relevant trip dossiers for the amount required.

FINAL PAYMENT: In most cases, final payment is required at least 30 days prior to departure. However some tours may require payment up to 4 months prior to departure. Please refer to the tour's trip dossier for exact details.

### CANCELLATIONS

Coates Wildlife Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour in the event of minimum numbers not being reached, in which case all moneys will be refunded in full.

In respect of cancellations by a passenger, some tours have specified cancellation times and penalties, this specific information is available on the respective tours, trip dossier. Where no specific cancellation time or penalties are in place the following levies plus any costs charged by other parties involved with the tour will apply:-

#### Where written notice is received

- 61 days or more prior to departure; \$250.00
- 60 - 31 days prior to departure; \$500
- 30 days or less prior to departure 100%
- No refunds are considered from the day the tour starts.

### INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that travel insurance against imposition of cancellation fees, loss or damage to baggage and extra costs arising from injury or illness be effected.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

EQUIPMENT:- Transport by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach or mini bus which ever is appropriate for the tour. Camping equipment suitable for each tour (except Sleeping bags and pillows) is provided. A second vehicle may accompany the group on tours to remote areas. In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances effecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

### GENERAL INFORMATION CONT.

SEAT ALLOCATION:- Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy forward positioned and window seats we have incorporated a daily seat rotation system.

LUGGAGE:- Please note that due to health and safety requirements luggage on tour is limited to one medium sized, soft sided bag per person. The sum of its length, width and height is not to exceed 140 cm. The maximum weight of the bag should not to exceed 15 kilograms. A small day pack is also permitted. International tours, some island tours and the Kimberley Coastal Cruises luggage limits may vary, please see the respective tours trip dossier for specific weight maximums.

WILDLIFE:- Sighting of birds, or animals mentioned in the itineraries can not be guaranteed as they are wild and therefore free to come and go as they please.

WILDFLOWER DISPLAYS:- Can not be guaranteed as they are dependent on seasonal rains.

MEAL SYMBOLS:- B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

### GROUP SIZES

Minimum and maximum numbers apply to all tours. Generally tours have a maximum of 12 passengers. A camp cook and a naturalist leader will accompany camping groups with more than 6 passengers.