



Coates Wildlife Tours

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## Trip Dossier

### 10-Day South Australian Lake Eyre & Flinders Range Tour



Camping/Accommodated Small Group Tour - Max 10 passengers

Alice Springs to Adelaide 14 - 23 May 2024

(Max. 6 passengers in 2 lead vehicles, 4 participants in 2 tag along vehicles)

#### Itinerary Highlights:

- The unique and memorable opal mining town of Coober Pedy, where homes, hotels and churches are built below-ground ('dugouts')
- Lake Eyre - a vast, dry, shimmering salt pan which crosses three state borders and contains the lowest natural point in Australia
- Muloorina Station lies on the banks of the Frome river; a great area for wildlife spotting
- Coward Springs - enjoy a 29°C natural spa under the stars
- Wilpena Pound - an iconic Australian landmark found in the heart of the Flinders Ranges, described as a natural amphitheatre of mountains covering over 8000 hectares
- Flinders Ranges - the largest mountain range in South Australia; dusty red roads wind through towering cliffs and deep craters

This adventure is a must for all who long to experience the Australian outback. From the massive expanse of Lake Eyre, as it spreads out before you, to the striking landscape and impressive ruins of early European settlement in the southern and northern Flinders Range. This adventure showcases some of South Australia's most spectacular outback scenery and unique wildlife.

We will travel on the Oodnadatta Track, steeped in history, natural wonders and rich cultural heritage, it is perhaps one of our most fascinating and historic outback trails.

A trip to the outback would not be complete without a visit to some of South Australia's iconic outback towns, including Maree, William Creek and Coober Pedy.



## Itinerary

### Day 1 Alice Springs - Marla

An early start this morning as we depart Alice Springs and head south for the small community of Marla, with a population of just 70 people.

Accommodation: Motel - Marla LD

### Day 2 Marla - Painted Desert - Coober Pedy

We depart Marla this morning and travel to Coober Pedy, via the Painted Desert (located northeast of Coober Pedy). The area is notable for its distinctive mesas, mountains, and geological formations. The best-known of these geological wonders are the colourful Arckaringa Hills, with many shades of orange, yellow, and white shale on the slopes. Dinner tonight is not included as we will visit a local hotel.

Accommodation: Motel - Coober Pedy BL

### Day 3 Coober Pedy - William Creek

This morning we explore the wonders of Coober Pedy. We discover the underground way of life, including a visit to an underground mine, a church and a look at the above-ground town from the main lookout. Late morning, we will head out of town to William Creek. We will arrive in William Creek in time for any one who wishes to undertake an optional flight over Lake Eyre.

Accommodation: Cabins - William Creek BLD

### Day 4 William Creek - Lake Eyre - Coward Springs

An early start this morning as we visit the banks of Lake Eyre. We travel via an amazing moonscape, arriving at the lake with plenty of time to look for birds and reptiles that inhabit the area around the lake. Wet or dry, the lake is an amazing sight. Returning back to William Creek, We will rejoin Oodnadatta Track in the afternoon and head south to Coward Springs.

Accommodation: Campsite - Coward Springs BLD



## Tour Costs

Cost: \$7,455.00 per person in lead vehicles  
\$375.00 Single Supplement  
\$3,585.00 per person in own tag along vehicle

Departs: Alice Springs 14 May 2024

Finishes: Adelaide 23 May 2024

Max No. Of Participants: 6 passengers in 2 lead vehicles & 4 passengers in 2 tag along vehicles

## Tour Payments

Deposit: At time of booking \$500.00 per person

Final Payment: On or before 14 April 2024

Note: Deposit is non-refundable. 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

### Book Multiple Tours

If you travel with Coates twice in the same calendar year, you will receive a 5% discount off the cheaper tour.

### Loyalty Program

Save \$100 per person on your second, third and fourth tour. Save \$150 per person when you have travelled on 5 or more tours. Tours must be operated by Coates Wildlife Tours.

*Please note: Loyalty discount can be combined with other offers. Discounts are only available on bookings made directly with Coates on tour within Australia.*

## Included

- 2 crew members consisting of a naturalist guide and driver/cook;
- Well maintained vehicles with front-facing, seat-belted seats;
- Easy-to-erect tents and camping chairs with armrests;
- A self-inflating air mattress and stretcher bed;
- All eating utensils;
- Meals as per itinerary: breakfast (B), lunch (L), dinner (D);
- Fruit for snacking throughout the day;
- Accommodation as per the itinerary;
- Campsite and accommodation fees;
- Morning tea each day;
- All national park entrance fees;

## Not Included

- Alcoholic & carbonated drinks (you are welcome to bring your own);
- Pillows (while camping);
- Sleeping bags (can be purchased for \$125.00 each);
- Travel insurance (very strongly recommended);
- Travel expenses to Alice Springs and from Adelaide;
- Pre and post tour accommodation;
- All other private expenses (e.g. laundry, telephone calls, camera batteries);
- Entrance fees or activity costs other than those included above;
- Optional William Creek flight.

## Tour Information

### Vehicle & Equipment:

Our vehicles for the tour will consist of two Toyota 4WD Prados with trailers or similar. All the necessary camping equipment is provided. Passengers are required to supply their own sleeping bags and pillows, or a sleeping bag can be purchased from us for \$125.00. Purchased sleeping bags can be taken home after the tour or they can be given back to us and we will donate them to charity.

### Accommodation:

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

**Bush camps** are at locations chosen by the tour guide for their suitability and natural benefits. There are usually no facilities available, other than a long drop bush toilet. We do carry adequate water for washing.

**Private campsites** vary. Some provide full facilities including ablution blocks, other sites only have a long drop toilet.

**National Park campsites** are operated by National Park managers. They have a mix of flushing or long drop toilets, fire rings and clearly defined camping areas. Some provide showers.

**Cabin/Motel accommodation** is privately run accommodation that varies in comfort level, but all will have clean rooms with bedding and hot showers.

### Meals:

Meals as per the tour itinerary are included. i.e. breakfast (B), lunch (L), dinner (D) 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. Please contact the office if you have a dietary requirement, as a surcharge may apply.

### Trek Grading:

We undertake moderate to challenging bushwalking on most days. All walks are optional and will be able to be conducted at your own pace. There will also be some rock scrambling on a few of the walks.

### Weather:

The weather at this time of the year is usually dry, with a minimum average daily temperature around 17-20 degrees Celsius. The nights are much cooler and have been known to drop to approx. 3-5 degrees Celsius. There may also be a risk of showers in the Flinders and as we head into Adelaide.

### Clothing:

A suggested list of items to bring on tour will be included with our pre-departure information. This will be sent to you about one month before departure. Generally, comfortable, casual clothing is recommended. Light shirts and T-shirts are appropriate for during the day and warmer jumpers and jackets may be needed for the evenings. Don't forget your bathers. Sturdy and comfortable walking shoes are a necessity and an old pair of sneakers or reef style boots which can be worn in the water are highly recommended.

For detailed **Terms and Conditions** please visit the FAQ page on our website.

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