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Please note: Passenger baggage to be a maximum of 15kg. per person

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SECTOR 1: PORT MACQUARIE TO DARWIN



**18 days
Tuesday 26 July to
Friday 12 August 2022**

PORT MACQUARIE TRAVEL

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Day 1 (D): PORT MACQUARIE TO DUBBO – Tuesday 26 July, 2022

Welcome to our very special tour – virtually around Australia! Our incredible tour features the very best of Australia from the famous Red Centre to tropical Darwin across the epic Kimberley and follows the gorgeous WA coastline before taking us across the vast Nullarbor before arriving home. We are in for an incredible adventure. Today is a travel day so sit back and enjoy as we commence our tour. We depart the Port Macquarie Coach Terminal at 8.00am stopping along the way to purchase lunch before arriving into our overnight accommodation in Dubbo (dinner in motel).

Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon, Dubbo (PH: 02 6882 4444)

Day 2 (BLD): DUBBO TO BROKEN HILL – Wednesday 27 July, 2022

This morning we drive to Nyngan for our morning break and then onto Cobar, a modern and highly productive mining town. From Cobar we travel west across the vast outback plains of NSW and on to Broken Hill, a place of huge skies and a sprawling desert landscape (breakfast and dinner at the motel).

Desert Sand Motor Inn, Broken Hill (PH: 08 8088 4122)

DAY 3 (BLD): BROKEN HILL TO PORT AUGUSTA – Thursday 28 July, 2022

Dominating the town is the “Line of Lode” which sits side by side with the Miners Memorial. Crossing the border into South Australia, we make our way to Peterborough for our lunch stop. We arrive mid-afternoon into Port Augusta. On arrival we stop in at the award winning Wadlata Outback Centre. Through impressive exhibits and audio-visual presentations, the culture of the outback, local history and incredible achievements of both the Aboriginal and European people who lived here are displayed. We make our way to our accommodation to settle in before dinner (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Railway Hotel).

Standpipe Golf Motor Inn, Port Augusta (PH: 08 8642 4033)

Day 4 (BLD): PORT AUGUSTA TO COOBER PEDY – Friday 29 July, 2022

Our morning’s journey takes us to Woomera, a once closed defence town. Now open to the public, we gain an insight into its intriguing past at the nearby Woomera Rocket Range before visiting the Heritage Centre. We enjoy lunch at Glendambo roadhouse before continuing to Coober Pedy. Many of the residents of this opal-mining residents of this opal mining town live underground to escape the extreme heat in summer and stay cosy in

Day 16 (BLD): LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK – Wednesday 10 August, 2022

Today we visit Litchfield National Park. With untouched rainforests, stunning waterfalls and magnificent scenery, Litchfield has gained the reputation as the jewel of the Northern Territory’s crown. We enjoy lunch at Litchfield Café before spending some time exploring the park. There are some great photo opportunities as we stop to see the magnetic anthills and see the cascading Florence Falls. For anyone looking for a swim – take a dip in the Wangi Falls plunge pool. Dinner tonight will be on board the Spirit of Darwin as we watch the sun set on the harbour (breakfast in hotel | lunch at Litchfield Café | dinner on Spirit of Darwin).

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

DAY 17 (B): DARWIN AT LEISURE – Thursday 11 August, 2022

We have a day at leisure in Darwin today. Some suggestions include a visit to Crocosaurus Cove and Aquascene or you may like to book a day tour. This evening we have the opportunity to explore the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets. With the multicultural background of Darwin, be tempted by the delicious smells of food stalls featuring cuisine from across the world including Sri Lankan, Turkish and Greek. After dinner (own expense), find the perfect gift among the arts and craft stalls or be entertained by the fire twirlers, musicians and street performers. At a pre-arranged time, our coach will transfer us back to our hotel (breakfast in motel).

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

DAY 18 (BLD): DARWIN TO KATHERINE – Friday 12 August, 2022

For some of us, our holiday has come to an end. After breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight home (breakfast in motel).

COST: \$7195.00 per person
(based on twin/double share accommodation)
Single Supplement: \$1900.00

A deposit of \$850.00 per person is required upon booking with the final payment being 30 April 2022

Please advise correct spelling of your name (as per identification) and any dietary requirements upon booking

TOUR INCLUSIONS—please see separate list
Air fares and optional tours are to be added to the tour cost

Day 13 (BLD): MATARANKA TO KAKADU – Sunday 7 August, 2022

A more leisurely start today as we head north, stopping in Katherine for our morning break. Lunch is in Pine Creek before we are set to experience the magic of Kakadu National Park, one of the world's greatest natural wonders with remarkable scenery and unique flora and fauna. Settling into our hotel in Coinda we'll have time to relax and soak up the peaceful surrounds and maybe enjoy a dip in the pool. Late afternoon we board our magical Yellow Water Sunset Cruise. Glide along the tranquil waters of the billabong, keeping an eye out for the native wildlife and hopefully a crocodile or two (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Mayse's Cafe).

Kakadu Lodge Coinda, Kakadu National Park (Ph: 08 8979 0145)

Day 14 (BLD): KAKADU TO DARWIN – Monday 8 August, 2022

Our first stop this morning is to explore the incredible rock art galleries, Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock. The walls of this rock have served as canvases for thousands of years, providing windows to a rich spiritual tradition. After our walk, we begin our journey back to Darwin, stopping at the Bowali Visitor Centre to pick up our lunch. At Adelaide River, we step aboard the thrilling Jumping Croc Cruise. With our knowledgeable guides leading the way, we learn more about these magnificent creatures while watching them as they propel themselves high out of the water to snatch their food from the safety of our boat. We continue to Darwin (breakfast and dinner in motel | packed lunch included).

For passengers joining today, you'll be picked up from the airport and transferred to the hotel before meeting your new travel buddies for dinner (dinner in motel)

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

Day 15 (BD): EXPLORE DARWIN – Tuesday 9 August, 2022 **DRIVERS DAY OFF******

Today we uncover the fascinating sites and interesting past of Darwin with a local expert. Many people aren't aware of the importance of Darwin during World War II so we'll take a look at the city and learn the history of the bombings of Darwin. On our guided tour, we'll see visible reminders and relics left behind after the bombing devastated Darwin and seriously threatened Australia. On our tour we'll also visit the Darwin Military Museum. With an afternoon at leisure, we enjoy a delicious seafood dinner in Cullen Bay (breakfast in motel | dinner at Seafood on Cullen).

DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin (PH: 08 8943 3600)

winter. It's also known as the opal capital of the world so you may like to browse the gift shops (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Glendambo Shell Roadhouse).

Opal Inn Hotel Motel, Coober Pedy (PH: 08 8672 5054)

Day 5 (BD): EXPLORING COOBER PEDY – Saturday 30 July, 2022

Our day begins with a visit to the Umoona Opal Mine. Our local guide will introduce us to the region's history of Aboriginal and European settlement, view the story of the opal in an underground theatre and see fossil remains from the inland sea that once covered the area. Golf enthusiasts will enjoy the tour as we visit Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Course, the only course in the world with reciprocal rights to Saint Andrews (the home of golf) in Scotland. Our sightseeing continues with the Big Winch Lookout and an underground church. After an interesting morning, we have time to wander the town to purchase lunch before heading to the Breakaways. This reserve consists of spectacular flat-topped, colourful mounds that have risen from the desert floor. Dinner tonight will be at John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant (breakfast in motel | dinner at John's Pizza Bar & Restaurant).

Opal Inn Hotel Motel, Coober Pedy (PH: 08 8672 5054)

Day 6 (BLD): COOBER PEDY TO YULARA – Sunday 31 July, 2022

We have a long travel day as we head across the border into the Northern Territory. Look out the window at the seemingly endless horizon where you truly get a sense of how vast this area is. As we travel west from Erldunda through the desert country dotted with spinifex and desert oaks, Mt Connor will be on our left. This sandstone mesa is often confused as Ayers Rock. We then make our way to Yulara, the gateway to the World Heritage Listed Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park. The rock itself rises 348 metres from the desert floor and has a girth of 9.4km. This evening we head out to the Sunset Strip for an experience of a lifetime as we watch the changing colours of this magnificent rock as the sun sets. Uluru puts on a remarkable light show as it changes from red to orange to lilac in a matter of minutes. We enjoy this special experience with a glass of sparkling wine and some nibbles before returning to the resort for dinner (breakfast and dinner at hotel | packed lunch included).

Voyages Desert Gardens Hotel, Yulara (PH:08 8957 7714)

Day 7 (BD): EXPLORING ULURU AND KATA TJUTA – Monday 1 August, 2022

After breakfast, we are joined by our accredited guide who will enlighten us. First is the Mala Walk where we'll learn about Aboriginal perceptions of Uluru, its powerful spiritual significance and how Anangu traditional owners and rangers are looking after the park

together. This afternoon we head straight to Kata Tjuta or place of many domes. There are excellent views from an observation deck then plenty of time to walk among the ancient domes. Once at the Valley of the Winds lookout, we take some time to gaze out over the central valley of Kata Tjuta before returning to our hotel. As darkness falls, the incredible Field of Light illuminates. Created by internationally renowned artist Bruce Monroe the 50,000 spindles of light illuminate the desert floor as far as the eye can see (breakfast and dinner in motel).

Voyages Desert Gardens Hotel, Yulara (PH:08 8957 7714)

Day 8 (BLD): YULARA TO ALICE SPRINGS – Tuesday 2 August, 2022

We say goodbye to Uluru National Park after breakfast and travel to Curtin Springs for some time to stretch our legs and look through the gift shop. We stop for lunch in Ertlunda before arriving in Alice Springs. Nestled between the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, “Alice” is famous for its beautiful desert landscapes and colourful outback characters (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Desert Oaks Resort Roadhouse).

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (PH: 08 8950 7777)

Day 9 (BD): EXPLORING THE ALICE – Wednesday 3 August, 2022

We take in the sights of Alice Springs with a visit to ANZAC Hill for panoramic views of the town and the surrounding area. We take a look at the School of the Air, a service dedicated to educating students in remote areas before visiting the Old Telegraph Station and the original Alice Springs. With incredible indoor and outdoor displays, the story of the connection of Australia and the rest of the world through telegraph communication unfolds. After time to wander down Todd Mall to purchase lunch (own expense) we visit the Royal Flying Doctor Base. Hear the incredible history of one of the largest and most comprehensive aeromedical organisations in the world. Using the latest in aviation, medical and communications technology, it delivers extensive primary health care and 24-hour emergency service to those who live, work and travel throughout Australia. Tonight, we head to Earth Sanctuary – a World Nature Centre at Quandong Homestead to enjoy a mouth-watering bush BBQ. We’ll be treated to music and entertainment and experience the spirit of the outback through stories of the Aboriginal Dreamtime. We even learn how to cook a swagman’s damper! (breakfast at hotel | dinner at Earth Sanctuary).

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (PH: 08 8950 7777)

Day 10 (BLD): THE WESTERN MACDONNELL RANGES – Thursday 4 August, 2022 **DRIVERS DAY OFF******

This morning we take in the majestic Western McDonnell Ranges. The landscape in this area is outstanding! We stop at Simpsons Gap to see the soaring cliffs and enduring water hole before travelling to see the towering walls of Standley Chasm. Admire the glow from the reflecting sunlight to create a breathtaking display of colour, making it a must-see experience. We return to Alice Springs where we spend the rest of the afternoon is spent immersing ourselves in the cultural and heritage of Central Australia through visual and performing art at the Araluen Cultural Precinct. Learn about the Aboriginal dreaming and discover the local identities that helped shape and develop Alice Springs (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Standley Chasm).

Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (PH: 08 8950 7777)

Day 11 (BLD): ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK – Friday 5 August, 2022

Sit back and relax as we have a full day’s drive to Tennant Creek. On our travels, we cross the Tropical of Capricorn and pause at Central Mount Stuart, the geographical centre of Australia. We stop to visit the Karlu Karlu Devil Marbles, steeped in aboriginal legend as the eggs of the sacred rainbow serpent. We have time to marvel at the collection of massive granite boulders, that formed millions of years ago before continuing to Tennant Creek, a modern outback mining town, whose minerals include copper, gold and tin. We have time to settle into our motel and freshen up before dinner (breakfast and dinner in hotel | packed lunch included).

Bluestone Motor Inn, Tennant Creek (PH: 08 8962 2617)

Day 12 (BLD): TENNANT CREEK TO MATARANKA – Saturday 6 August, 2022

An early start this morning to make the most of our stay in Mataranka. Our journey today takes us through Renner Springs and Elliot to Daly Waters where we stop for lunch at the pub - a well-known spot for many of the air personnel who served in the Pacific during World War II. This afternoon, we continue onto Mataranka where we can enjoy the fantastic mineral pools (breakfast and dinner in motel | lunch at Daly Waters Pub).

Territory Manor, Mataranka (PH: 08 8975 4516)