



OUTBACK TRACK TOURS

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REMOTE SERIES

Simpson Desert Wanderer

4WD 15 DAYS

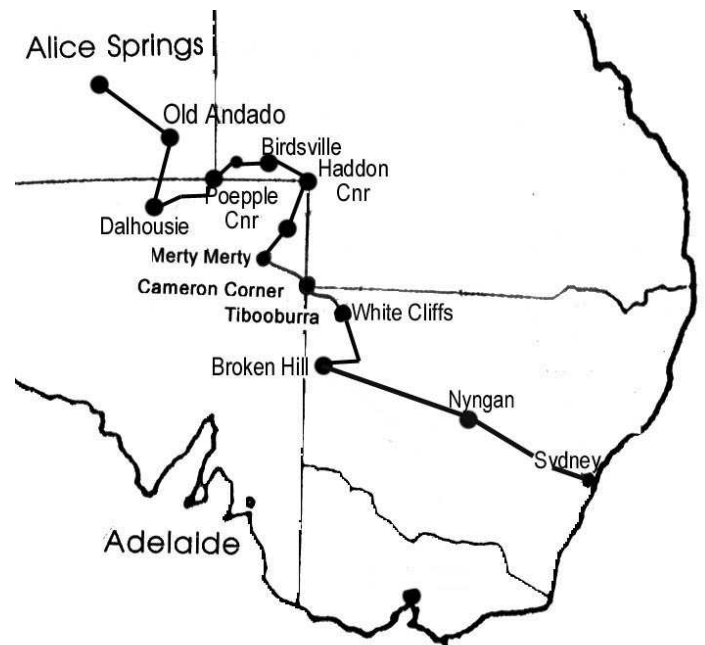
15th Aug 2008 Ex Alice Springs - Sydney

**OLD ANDADO – DALHOUSIE SPRINGS – SIMPSON DESRT – POEPPLE CORNER –
BIRDSVILLE – INNAMINCKA – FORT GREY – WHITE CLIFFS**

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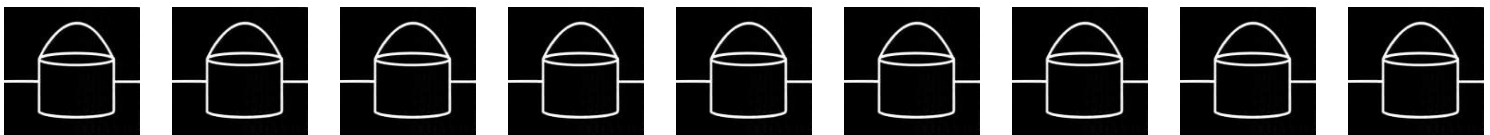
We follow the **French Line** and cross over 1200 dunes, experiencing the isolation of our early explorers.

The Simpson offers many surprises, such as native animals, beautiful wildflowers, and the immense artesian bores that provide the water 'lifeline' for this barren land. This area was formed millions of years ago, when extensive fresh water lakes dried up leaving vast deposits of oil and gas and creating spectacular desert landscape of the Simpson. We follow the remote tracks, established by teams searching for oil and mineral wealth, into the heart of the desert, where 20m high sand dunes, expanses of barren sand salt pans, sand drifts and herd of wild camels are not uncommon sights.



BOOKINGS: Can only be confirmed with the payment of \$250 deposit. Final payment falls due 45 days before departure. Cheques are to be made payable to 'Outback Track Tours Pty Ltd'. We also accept VISA, MASTERCARD and BANKCARD. All credit card transactions over \$250.00 will attract a 3% fee.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: We strongly recommend travel insurance against loss of possessions, accident and cancellation through unforeseen circumstances. Insurance is available at the office. **PLEASE NOTE:** If weather, road conditions or other circumstances necessitate a change in itinerary, the decision to make such changes is solely that of the Tour Guide.



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DEPARTURE DATE:
15th August, 2008

FARES: \$3,600ppts
Ex Alice Springs – Sydney
Min: 12 Pax

Tagalong price: \$2,700 per vehicle.
(Includes driver and passenger in vehicle
and all food as per itinerary)
Deposit \$300

4WD TOURING Note that this tour is a rigorous
4WD tour that has 11 days of bush camping.
Persons not tolerant of outback conditions should
not consider this holiday.

INCLUDED IN FARE:

- Travel by air-conditioned OTT 4WD vehicle. Note that we will be driving four passengers in each 4WD car for this tour.
- This tour includes use of a support vehicle for crew.
- All meals unless specified denoted as B – breakfast, L- lunch & D – dinner, some assistance with preparation is required
- All National Park entrance fees.
- All camping fees.
- All camping gear including two-person tents, foam sleep mats, tables and chairs.
- Any additional flights, cruises & side excursions are optional extras.
- Note on the itinerary, "Bush Camps" do not have facilities; "Camps" are at Caravan Parks with full facilities, National Park campsites have limited facilities.

ACCOMMODATION IN ALICE SPRINGS

We recommend that you stay at Heavitree Gap Resort. We can book this for you, just notify us. There will be an opportunity to meet fellow passengers and your crew for dinner at your own expense on the eve of our departure.

DAY 1 (15 AUG)

ALICE SPRINGS – OLD ANDADO

Meet your crew at Heavitree Gap Resort at 7.45AM for an 8.00AM departure. If you require collection please advise on booking. We will start our trek south east of Alice on little known tracks to the station of Old Andado. The Station belies a history of pastoral activities on the edge of the stark and remote Simpson Desert. We will spend our first night under the stars in a bush camp.

BUSH CAMP: OLD ANDADO (LD)

DAY 2 (16 AUG) DALHOUSIE SPRINGS

We trek across the remote Desert to the SA/NT border and down to Dalhousie Springs, an oasis in the center of Witjira National Park, comprising a group of about

80 mound springs. Dalhousie is a spot not to be missed! You can invigorate yourself in the warm waters and is a romantic sport at dawn and dusk, with the surrounding date palms silhouetted against the sky.

BUSH CAMP: DALHOUSIE SPINGS (BLD)

DAY 3 (17 AUG) SIMPSON DESERT

The 3,656,200ha Witjira National Park is a fascinating place. Apart from the seemingly endless red sand dunes it contains salt lakes, tracts of Spinifex and Gidgee woodland. Wildlife is surprisingly abundant - you'll often spot grass wrens, zebra finches, bustards, hopping mice, marsupial moles and woma pythons. The sand dunes of the Simpson Desert give a unique grandeur, especially in the early or late sunlight and provide travelers with a vast array of magical experiences while camping in the solitude of this vast brooding silence. We follow the French Line and cross over 1200 dunes, experiencing the isolation of our early explorers.

BUSH CAMP: SIMPSON DESERT (BLD)

DAY 4 (18 AUG)

SIMPSON – POEPPLE CORNER

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BUSH CAMP: POEPPLE CORNER (BLD)

DAY 5 (19 AUG)

POEPPLE CORNER - EYRE CREEK

From Poeppel Corner, we cross the antiquated rabbit-proof fence and the floodplain of Eyre Creek, which occasionally carries flood waters through the desert.

BUSH CAMP: EYRE CREEK (BLD)

DAY 6 (20 AUG)

EYRE CREEK – BIRDSVILLE

Right on the edge of the desert lays a final, spectacular feature of the Simpson -- an enormous sandhill known as Big Red. We arrive at Birdsville, a welcoming outback town with a great pub.

CAMP: BIRDSVILLE (BLD)

DAY 7 (21 AUG) BIRDSVILLE

Today we have the chance to explore Birdsville, with visits to the local art gallery, owned by a local character. Option to visit John Menzies at the 'Birdsville Working Museum'. Tonight we experience a dinner at

the local Birdsville Pub (own expense).

CAMP: BIRDSVILLE (BL)

DAY 8 (22 AUG)

BIRDSVILLE – HADDON CORNER

We traverse tracks to Haddon Corner.

BUSH CAMP: HADDON CORNER (BLD)

DAY 9 (23 AUG)

HADDON CORNER - INNAMINCKA

From Haddon Corner we traverse outback tracks via many bores to Innamincka, on the banks of the Cooper Creek.

BUSH CAMP: INNAMINCKA (BLD)

DAY 10 (24 AUG) INNAMINCKA

Its diverse wildlife and extensive wetlands offers a compelling experience of the Australian outback. Boat along the gum-shaded Cooper Creek (optional extra), explore historic sites and swim in one of the areas many waterholes.

BUSH CAMP: INNAMINCKA (BLD)

DAY 11 (25 AUG)

INNAMINCKA – FORT GREY

Today we depart Innamincka and travel down the Strzelecki Track. We turn off the Track and visit remote Merty Merty Dune. We then drive across the red rolling undulations before reaching Cameron Corner - the point where three borders meet, and across to the Sturt National Park. Flood plains dotted with occasional trees give way to small rocky gorges and dry creek beds the "jump-up" country is where the flat topped mesa rise up to 150 metres above the surrounding plains. Further west the gibber plains are replaced by the sand hills of the Strzelecki Desert.

BUSH CAMP: FORT GREY (BLD)

DAY 12 (26 AUG) WHITE CLIFFS

We travel through remote outback NSW on outback tracks on our way to White Cliffs, a remote opal mining community with character.

CAMP: WHITE CLIFFS (BLD)

DAY 13 (27 AUG) BROKEN HILL

We travel from White Cliffs south to Wilcannia and across the Barrier Highway to Broken Hill, our overnight stop.

CAMP: BROKEN HILL (BLD)

DAY 14 (28 AUG) BROKEN HILL - NYNGAN

We travel from Broken Hill to Nyngan, where we end our desert crossing and experience the lushness of the fruit growing area. This will be our last night under the stars and we will have the chance to reflect on our crossing of the Simpson Desert!

CAMP: NYNGAN (BLD)

DAY 15 (29 AUG) NYNGAN - SYDNEY

We end our outback adventure at Sydney and aim to arrive back at Central for drop off between 5pm – 6pm.

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