

out there outback

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Out There Outback offers "boutique" arts-focussed tours, catering to those who yearn for affordable travel with other arty folk. Our tours are quite different from other Central Australian painting tours as we stay in comfortable accommodation - saving your time for the important activities of sightseeing and painting, rather than camping. We base ourselves at Alice Springs in self-contained apartments, Alice on Todd, just ten minutes walk from the city centre, and out of town at the spectacularly situated Glen Helen Resort, each offering a range of accommodation options. Apartments provide opportunity to self-cater for the budget conscious, and we get together for some fun evenings both there, and dining out in Alice's many and varied restaurants. Alice offers so much in terms of dining, culture, shopping – it's a great place to stay and explore when not out in the landscape. At Glen Helen, inexpensive and delicious meals are available at any time of the day with the homestead atmosphere being a unique outback experience – Irish dancing provided very amusing evenings in 2005.

In association with Jol Fleming (Territorian of the Year in 2002) of Direct 4wd Awareness (Alice Springs based), Out There Outback offers the opportunity to learn 4wd techniques, with emphasis on safe touring. Using quality Avis Nissan Patrols (diesel for fuel economy!) we explore unique territory - our tour begins with a half-day introductory course in 4wd handling, plus a presentation on safe outback travel. Licenced drivers aged 25 over have the opportunity to experience outback driving, and there is generally no shortage of volunteers to take the wheel. Your tour staff are experienced 4wd operators who keep a keen eye to ensure safe travel. UHF radio is used to communicate between vehicles as we employ convoy procedure.

What is included:

- Accommodation - please complete accommodation selection sheet over for firm quote.
- Land transport – hire and fuel – however we do need some volunteer licenced drivers aged 25 or over (no upper age limit)
- Morning tea/coffee and snacks
- (the vehicles are available for your personal use at no extra charge when not being used for group purposes – say if you want to go shopping, to a museum, or out to dinner)
- Half-day 4wd course for everyone not just drivers – passengers need to attend this as an introduction to outback travel, plus one evening's illustrated presentation, both these by Jol Fleming of Direct 4wd Awareness.
- 4wd guide on our trip to Palm Valley – the roughest road we will travel – plus highlights pointed out by Jol who has lived all his life in Central Australia
- Information pack including maps, parks information, and coolpack for you to use for your picnic lunches
- Lots of tales, fun, goodwill, chat, companionship and care

What is not included:

- Air travel – our tour begins and ends in Alice Springs
- Food or beverages, other than morning tea/coffee/snacks
- Personal items
- Entry fees to museums or other attractions
- Transfers to/from Alice Springs Airport/Alice on Todd
- Upgrades on accommodation in the case of incompatibility with room/flatmates
- Personal travel insurance (all participants must produce evidence of cover for duration of tour)
- Art tuition

You need to bring:

- Personal items – medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, groundsheet to sit on whilst painting or collapsible chair, your own plastic or metal mug for morning teas/coffees, drinking water on a daily basis.
- Art materials – travel light! There is a chance of sponsorship so art materials may be supplied - wait for update on that!
- Driving licence if you intend to drive hire vehicles

ARTLOVERS TOUR - CENTRAL AUSTRALIA - MONDAY 4 TO FRIDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2006

Alice Springs, Rainbow Valley, Palm Valley, Hermannsburg Mission, Hermannsburg Potters & Ntaria Arts, Glen Helen, Ormiston Gorge, Haast's Bluff, Ikuntji Arts Centre, Ellery Creek Big Hole, Ochre Pitts, Gosse Bluff, Yuendumu, Wurkurlulu Arts Centre, Titjikala Arts Centre, Chambers Pillar, Santa Theresa Keringke Arts Centre, Tjanpi Arts

Day 1 (Mon) Book into Alice on Todd Apartments for 4 night stay. Liz will be available to drop guests into town, and hand out information packs. Stock up on grocery items for picnic lunches/self-cater meals, then meet at Avis office to collect other vehicles at 4pm. All prospective drivers need attend Avis office to register as drivers. Have early dinner and meet at vehicles at 7.10 to depart for 7.30 – 8.30pm presentation by Jol Fleming on 4wd Techniques and Safety at Macdonnell Ranges Caravan Park.

Day 2 (Tue) Half day 4wd training course on Old Ghan Road. visit Titjikala Arts Centre and Chambers Pillar. Lunch snacks available at Maryvale Station Store, or take a picnic.

Day 3 (Wed) Visit Tjanpi Arts Centre, then drive to Rainbow Valley. Take picnic - no shops beyond Alice. Jol will dine with us and talk about early missionary days at Yuendumu as background for our Thursday trip.

Day 4 (Thu) Day trip to Santa Theresa and Keringke Arts Centre. Alice overnight again – pack up and leave excess baggage in storage at AOT as we move base to Glen Helen the next day. You might wish to shop for snacks to take to Glen Helen – luncheon foods/fruit/drinks. We will be at Glen Helen five nights.

Day 5 (Fri) Drive to Yuendumu via Tilmouth Well, then to Glen Helen Resort. Visit Arts Centre and meet with artists and Co-ordinator. Artworks are priced well below Alice or Sydney galleries. This will be a long day but believe me it is worth it!

Day 6 (Sat) Relaxing day - explore Glen Helen Gorge or take one of the vehicles and explore surrounds. Overnight Glen Helen.

Day 7 (Sun) Daytrip to Gosse Bluff - take a picnic lunch. Overnight Glen Helen.

Day 8 (Mon) Ikuntji Arts Centre and Haast's Bluff – a big day with seeing another arts facility, and spectacular Haast's Bluff.

Day 9 (Tue) Visit Ochre Pitts, Ormiston Gorge, and picnic at Ellery Creek Big Hole. Overnight again at Glen Helen.

Day 10 (Wed) Visit Hermannsburg Mission for early morning tea, then Hermannsburg Potters, Ntaria Arts Centre and picnic at Palm Valley. Return to Alice on Todd that evening.

Day 11 (Thu) Explore Alice and attend "Desert Mob" exhibition at Araluen Arts Centre. These shows are legendary and this should prove an absolute highlight.

Day 12 (Fri) Fly home on early pm flight, or continue travels as per your own arrangements.

ALL THIS FOR AS LITTLE AS \$2700 PER PERSON (LAND CONTENT) DEPENDING ON YOUR ACCOMMODATION CHOICES - PLEASE COMPLETE FOLLOWING AND RETURN TO LIZ ASAP FOR FIRM QUOTE.

Extra nights accommodation can be arranged in Alice at either end of tour if you wish to extend your stay.

Liz

Autumn tour 2006

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS – COSTS WILL BE CALCULATED ON A PER PERSON BASIS – PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN FOR FIRM QUOTE ON TRIP.

My name is..... I am a smoker / non-smoker
(please circle)

and I am traveling: a. Alone
circle a. b. or c. b. With my partner whose name is.....
c With friends with whom I would like to share an apartment or bunkhouse. Their names are
.....&.....&.....&.....

I do / do not wish to share with an unknown party of same gender if traveling singly
(please circle)

<u>Alice on Todd</u> Self-contained modern quality apartments 10 minutes walk from centre of town, situated beside Todd River in attractive bush surrounds	<u>Studio</u> apartment (sole occupancy)	<u>Studio</u> apartment (double occupancy – there is only one queen bed in these units).	<u>Single</u> occupancy of twin or queen room in share deluxe two b/r apartment (each bedroom has its own apartment) but others will occupy other bedroom.	<u>Twin or queen/share</u> in deluxe two b/r apartment (each bedroom has its own apartment) but others will occupy other bedroom.
<u>Tick your preference</u> from one of these four options	1	2	3	4
<u>Glen Helen Resort</u>	<u>Single</u> occupancy of Motel suite	<u>Twin or double</u> occupancy of Motel suite	<u>Single</u> occupancy of bunk room (spartan budget level accommodation with share facilities)	<u>Twin</u> occupancy of bunk room (spartan budget level accommodation with share facilities)
<u>Tick your preference</u> from one of these four options	1	2	3	4

TAKE CARE IN CHOOSING ACCOMMODATION THAT WILL SUIT YOU. IF YOU CHOOSE TO SHARE ACCOMMODATION, SHOULD THERE BE SOME INCOMPATIBILITY IN THAT SITUATION, IT IS GENERALLY NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A ROOM CHANGE AS WE TRAVEL IN BUSY TIMES. SHOULD A CHANGE BE POSSIBLE DUE TO VACANCIES AT THE LODGINGS, YOU WILL NEED TO PAY ALL EXPENSES INCURRED IN ORDER TO EFFECT SUCH CHANGE. I AM HAPPY TO PAIR UP SINGLE TRAVELLERS ACCORDING TO GENDER AND WHERE POSSIBLE AGE GROUPS, BUT THERE IS ALWAYS A CHANCE YOU WON'T FIND THIS MATCH SATISFACTORY AND CHANGING ROOMS CAN BE DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE FOR YOU.

