

ARTLOVERS TOUR - CENTRAL AUSTRALIA- MONDAY 20 JULY TO FRIDAY 31 JULY 2009

Alice Springs, Emily, Jessie and Trepina Gorges, Rainbow Valley, Hermannsburg Mission, Hermannsburg Potters & Ntaria Arts, Glen Helen, Ormiston Gorge, Papunya, Ochre Pitts, Gosse Bluff, Titjikala Arts Centre, Chambers Pillar, Santa Theresa & Keringke Arts Centre, Palm Valley

- Day 1 (Mon)** Fly into Alice Springs. Make your way to Alice on Todd Apartments for 5 night stay – rooms will be booked in your names – there is a good airport shuttle service which will drop you at AOT – buy a return ticket as it is cheaper, and ring them the day before you are departing and they will collect you there. Liz, with vehicle will be available to facilitate guests going into town. Stock up on grocery items, breakfast things, drinks, for picnic lunches/self-cater meals. Welcome dinner at Ken Williamson's home – Liz will collect you from AOT gate in Strehlow Street at 6pm.
- Day 2 (Tue)** MEET AT CARS AT 9 AM SHARP. Drive to Rainbow Valley and spend the day painting or taking photographs or walk, relax, read. Take picnic lunch – no shops beyond Alice.
- Day 3 (Wed)** Drive the Old Ghan Road, visit Ewaninga Rock Carvings, Titjikala Arts Centre and Chambers Pillar on edge of the Simpson Desert. MEET AT CARS AT 8 AM SHARP AS WE HAVE A LOT OF DRIVING TO DO TODAY! Take your own picnic lunch or if you wish purchase lunch at our stopover at Maryvale Station Store. Lots of spectacular landscape as we enter the Simpson Desert. DEPART CHAMBERS PILLAR 3 PM - RETURN ALICE 5.30 PM.
- Day 4 (Thu)** Day trip to Santa Theresa and Keringke Arts Centre. MEET AT CARS AT 9 AM SHARP. Take picnic. We will also visit the Santa Theresa Mission Church. DEPART SANTA THERESA 2.30 PM - RETURN ALICE 4.30 PM. Alice overnight again.
- Day 5 (Fri)** Visit Emily, Jessie and Trepina Gorges on the way to N'dhala Gorge and an afternoon's painting. MEET CAR CARS AT 9 AM. This evening pack up and leave excess baggage in storage at AOT as we move base to Glen Helen the next day. DEPART N'DHALA 3 PM – RETURN ALICE 4.30 PM. You may then wish to shop for snacks to take to Glen Helen – luncheon foods/fruit/drinks, although you can purchase fresh sandwiches from Glen Helen if you prefer, and they stock takeaway drinks. We will be at Glen Helen four nights. Accommodation at Glen Helen Resort includes continental breakfast each morning. The resort restaurant serves excellent meals.
- Day 6 (Sat)** Book out of Alice on Todd and drive to Glen Helen Resort, with stops at two lookouts en route – After settling into accommodation, explore Glen Helen Gorge at your leisure. You may wish to take a helicopter flight, or paint, draw, photograph or take one of the vehicles and explore surrounds.
- Day 7 (Sun)** Daytrip to Gosse Bluff via Tylers Pass. DEPART AT 9 AM - take a picnic lunch as we'll spend the day there - good time for painting or just enjoy the landscape. DEPART 3 PM – ARRIVE GLEN HELEN 4.30 PM.
- Day 8 (Mon)** DEPART 9 AM for daytrip to Papunya Tjupi Arts at Papunya. Take picnic lunch to eat at arts centre. Enjoy afternoon drive back to Glen Helen – the hills turn purple in the afternoon light.

- Day 9 (Tue)** **Time to paint at spectacular rock formations north of Glen Helen.** DEPART GLEN HELEN 9.30 AM. This is a special spot with unique rock shapes! DEPART FOR GLEN HELEN 3.30 PM.
- Day 10 (Wed)** **Paint at Ormiston Gorge with afternoon sidetrip to Ochre Pits.** DEPART GLEN HELEN 9 AM. Lunch is available from kiosk at Ormiston Gorge, or you may prefer to take your own. DEPART ORMISTON GORGE 2.30 for OCHRE PITS. LEAVE OCHRE PITS 3.30 PM AND RETURN TO GLEN HELEN 4PM.
- Day 11 (Thu)** **Daytrip to Palm Valley with stop at amphitheatre.** DEPART GLEN HELEN 8.30 AM. Take picnic lunch. Depart Palm Valley around 3pm for return to Glen Helen. Pack up to check out of Glen Helen following morning.
- Day 12 (Fri)** **Drive to Hermannsburg with - Lunch at historic Mission precinct, and visit Hermannsburg Potters and Ntaria Arts.** DEPART GLEN HELEN 8 AM. DEPART HERMANNSBURG 3 PM AND RETURN TO ALICE SPRINGS APPROXIMATELY 4.30 PM WHEN TOUR ENDS. YOU WILL BE DROPPED AT YOUR CHOICE OF ACCOMMODATION.

NOTE: BE AWARE THAT IN REMOTE AREAS CONDITIONS MAY NECESSITATE VARIATIONS IN ITINERARY ALTHOUGH THIS IS RARE.

IF YOU WISH TO STAY AT ALICE ON TODD APARTMENTS FOR NIGHTS PRECEEDING OR FOLLOWING TOUR PLEASE ADVISE LIZ TO FACILITATE BOOKINGS. THERE IS MUCH TO SEE IN ALICE SPRINGS AND IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO ALLOW YOURSELF A COUPLE OF DAYS THERE TO EXPLORE EITHER PRIOR TO OR AFTER THE TOUR.

COST OF TOUR PER PERSON TWIN OR DOUBLE SHARE = \$3,500

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUERIES PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL OR EMAIL –
0413130691 OR liz@outthereoutback.com.au

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

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,. 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..

In association with Jol Fleming (Regional 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 gives you instruction and the chance to experience 4wd handling, plus ongoing information 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 organisers 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
 - 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 daily, plus welcome drinks on Day 1
 - (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)
 - 4wd instruction, supervision and the opportunity to drive if you wish
 - 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
- After trip get-together in Sydney

What is not included:

- Air travel – our tour begins and ends in Alice Springs
- Food or beverages, other than morning tea/coffee/snacks (and lunch at Ikuntji)
- 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 are responsible for their own personal travel insurances for duration of tour)
- Formal 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 and pack in check-in luggage as some items are not permitted in carry-on bags
- Driving licence if you intend to drive hire vehicles

Payments and cancellations:

Bookings secure upon receipt of \$700 per person deposit and completed booking and waiver forms. Cheques for balance of \$2,800 should be payable to E. Cuming by 1 June. In the event of cancellation prior to 1 April, full refund of deposit will be paid. In the event of cancellation before 1 June 50% refund will be due and in the case of cancellation after 1 June no refund is payable. Travel insurance is essential as illness or emergency can prevent travel at short notice, or necessitate costly evacuation from remote areas.

BOOKING FORM - Please complete and return by 1 March 2009

I/We..... of.....

.....intend participating in the group trip to Central Australia being organized by Liz Cuming, to take place 20 to 31 July 2009.

My phone numbers are:.....and.....

My email address is:

I / We are licenced drivers and wish to be drivers during the trip Yes / No

Please contact
in case of emergency during travel.

Please be aware of the following allergies/medical conditions.....
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I / We agree to sign the attached Waiver of Indemnity and return with this form. I / We will ensure we hold suitable travel insurances for the period of travel.

Signed.....and.....

WAIVER OF INDEMNITY

I / We.....and..... will participate in a trip to Central Australia in July 2009 organized by Liz Cuming for a group of friends to provide the opportunity to explore the Central Australian Landscape, and visit indigenous communities and arts centres. I am entirely responsible for all risks to myself and my belongings associated with this trip, and those that I may pose to others. I hold appropriate personal travel insurance to cover myself for any expenses or loss during the period of travel, and understand that no other member of the group, including the said organizer, holds or could be deemed liable to hold any indemnity towards myself or my belongings, or on behalf of any action by myself. I agree as a participant in this project to abide by the belowmentioned parameters regarding use of vehicles hired and premises occupied.

VEHICLES:

Drivers to be licenced and registered with Avis as authorized drivers on any vehicle driven. All care must be taken to ensure safe operation. Vehicles must be locked when unattended or insurance is void. Overhead/roof/bonnet damage to vehicles is not covered so extra care must be taken not to collide with awnings, low ceilings in carparks, overhanging trees. No heavy objects, persons to be placed on bonnet or roof of vehicles. Tyre damage to be avoided. Do not drive if over .5 alcohol limit or insurance is void. Beware reversing – this is another insurance grey area – get out and look if you are unsure what is behind you, whether in the bush or town carparks – many have sail shades which have stanchions which protrude into parking spaces! On unsealed roads drive in tracks to avoid tyre damage, and take care to prevent scratches to paintwork by contact with roadside vegetation. Drivers whose actions cause issue of parking/driving infringements are responsible for payment of fines and any subsequent consequences.

ACCOMMODATION:

Outside doors to be kept locked. Premises to be left tidy and free of rubbish. Conduct to not offend other guests or management.

Signed.....and dated.....