

# 18 Day Melbourne to Darwin Safari



## Day 1 : Melbourne to Great Ocean Road

We pass Geelong and check out the surfing town of Torquay and world famous Bells Beach. Our Great Ocean Road journey begins here as we wind our way along one of the most spectacular coastal roads in Australia. At Kennett River we spot for koalas and watch and listen to the abundant birdlife. Next we hit the cool temperate rainforest of the Otway National Park, where we spend time at the Otway Fly Tree Top Walk (included) then watch the sun set over the Twelve Apostles. (D)

## Day 2 : Twelve Apostles to Grampians National Park

We walk down the Gibson Steps on to the beach for a different view of the Twelve Apostles, or there's time for a helicopter ride (at own expense). Next up is Loch Ard Gorge, London Bridge, the Bay of Martyrs and Bay of Islands. Watch for whales (seasonal) as we pass through Warrnambool, then head inland to the Grampians National Park. Hikes today include The Pinnacle and Reeds Lookout. You'll sleep well tonight at our private accommodation. (BD)

## Day 3 : Halls Gap to Adelaide

Get your legs working this morning with hikes at Hollow Mountain and the amazing MacKenzie Falls before we farewell The Grampians and travel via Horsham into South Australia. See rare White Western Grey Kangaroos at Bordertown, then cross the Murray River before arriving into Adelaide. (B)

## Day 4: Adelaide

A free day in Adelaide. Overnight accommodation included (meals at own expense).

## Day 5 : Adelaide to Quorn

We travel through the Clare Valley arriving in Quorn in time for lunch. This afternoon we hike to the summit of Dutchman's Stern for stunning 360° views of Quorn, Spencer Gulf and the Flinders Ranges! Our home for the next two nights is private accommodation at the historical 'Mill'. Get ready for tonight's BBQ dinner – it doesn't get any more Aussie than this! (LD)

## Day 6 : Flinders Ranges and Wilpena Pound

Wilpena Pound is a natural amphitheatre located in a huge stone crater and you will spend the morning hiking and exploring its wonder! After lunch, it's a short walk to Yourambulla Caves to view Aboriginal rock paintings then stop at the ruins of Kanyaka Homestead. At peaceful Warren Gorge, there's an opportunity to spot for the shy and elusive Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby. (BLD)

## Day 7 : Quorn to Coober Pedy

It's time to go underground! We journey north through Port Augusta, Glendambo (population 30!) and visit ancient salt lakes which are the remnants of an inland sea. We show you around Coober Pedy on a town and mine tour... watch an opal cutting demonstration and try your luck 'hoodling' for opals! Our bunkhouse for tonight is – you guessed it – underground. (BLD)

## Day 8 : Coober Pedy to Uluru

Driving through the rugged desert country, we reach Yulara in time for infamous Uluru (Ayers Rock) sunset. Tonight, lend a hand as we cook dinner at our permanent campsite then consider the option to sleep under the outback stars in a traditional 'Aussie swag'. (BLD)

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## THINGS TO REMEMBER

You need to reconfirm your tour on 1800 068 886 at least 48 hours before departure.

Your luggage **MUST** be kept to a maximum of 15kgs, except on tours to Kakadu, where the maximum is 10kgs.

Drink lots of water, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is participating!

Max People: 16/24



Tour Code: MAPBTAN

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

**LUGGAGE:** Luggage must be kept to a MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS (except KAKADU tours which are MAXIMUM 10KGS) in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

**MEALS:** Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. We cater for vegetarian and gluten intolerance – please advise at time of booking.

**FITNESS & PARTICIPATION:** Our tours are active and most require a reasonable level of fitness. Tours graded '3 boots' are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your clients please check with our reservations team as we reserve the right to assess suitability to participate at check-in. Passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed.

**INSURANCE:** Travel insurance is NOT included. We strongly recommend that passengers have their own travel insurance against illness, injury, loss/damage to personal belongings and not being able to travel on the confirmed departure date.

**PRICING, FEES AND LEVIES:** Rates are quoted in AUD and are correct at time of publication. Prices can be subject to alteration due to extreme external economic pressure. No responsibility is accepted by the Adventure Tours Australia Group for unforeseen omissions or misrepresentation of our code-share partners. Fees and levies are charged in AUD per person and subject to change. Refer to our website for fees and levies on your specific tour.

**Fuel Levy:** Should the price of diesel increase by more than we regard as a reasonable increase a fuel surcharge levy may be introduced. This will be at a maximum of \$20 per person per tour.

**Sleeping Bags:** Tours in the Northern Territory and between Darwin and Adelaide require sleeping bags, which can be hired for \$20 per person. Safaris between Exmouth (WA) and Darwin require sleeping bags, which can be hired at \$30 per person. Sleeping bags can be purchased for \$50 each.

**CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:** Adventure Tours reserves the right to alter the route or itinerary of any of its tours and arrange alternative carriers to those advertised if necessary. No refunds will be given in these circumstances or in the event of any delay, curtailment or alteration of a trip resulting from any cause including severe weather conditions or mechanical failure. Adventure Tours can't guarantee pick up or drop off times and are not liable for passenger failure to connect with other services or any costs associated in such delays. We accept no responsibility for loss or damage to personal belongings or baggage. The Aboriginal components of our Top End tours are subject to cultural conditions. Participants may be absent due to cultural commitments with little prior notification and Adventure Tours reserves the right to amend the itinerary in these circumstances and no refunds will be given. Components of our trip are weather dependant and we cannot be held liable if they are not available on the day of travel.

**LIABILITY:** Whilst we make every effort to safeguard our clients, we cannot be held responsible for personal injury or sickness to any customer or damage or loss of property due to events which are beyond our control. Passengers should note that adventure travel involves a higher than normal risk and a signed release will be required from all participants before tour departure. We also take no responsibility for any act of neglect by any company whose services are used as part of our packages including but not limited to activity and accommodation providers.

**PASSENGER NUMBERS:** A minimum number of passengers is required to operate each tour. It may therefore be necessary to cancel a scheduled departure and to offer an alternative or full refund for that tour.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellation of a booking or part thereof may incur fees, see our website for more details. Once travel has commenced, no refunds will be made for any unused services and clients will be responsible for their travel arrangements from that point onward.

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## Highlights

Melbourne to Alice Springs  
Great Ocean Road  
Grampians National Park  
Flinders Ranges  
Coober Pedy  
Uluru (Ayers Rock)  
Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)  
Kings Canyon  
Alice Springs to Darwin  
Devils Marbles  
Daly Waters  
Mataranka Springs  
Katherine Gorge  
Litchfield National Park  
Aboriginal Cultural Experience  
Mary River Wetlands  
Kakadu National Park  
Jim Jim and Twin Falls

### Day 9 : Uluru to Kata Tjuta and Kings Canyon

Sunrise over Uluru is magical and it's an early start to catch it! While the morning's fresh (and your legs are too) take a walk around Uluru's base (unguided) followed by an interpretive walk led by your guide. After visiting Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) we head to Kings Canyon, where we camp for the night. (BLD)

### Day 10 : Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

There's a lot to explore at Kings Canyon, including the Lost City, the lush and ancient Garden of Eden and the sheer outcrops of the North and South Walls. After lunch, relax and enjoy the harsh desert scenery as we travel to Alice Springs. (BL)

### Days 11-12 : Alice Springs

FREE time to explore Alice Springs. Accommodation is included (meals at own expense).

### Day 13 : Alice Springs to Banka Banka

We pass by the Tropic of Capricorn then stop at the Barrow Creek Pub, home to a telegraph station – catch a glimpse of what outback telecommunication used to be like! Precariously balanced on their rocky perch are the Devils Marbles, a site sacred to its traditional owners. Last stop for today is our camp at Banka Banka Cattle Station. (LD)

### Day 14 : Banka Banka to Katherine Gorge

Today includes a visit to the famed Daly Waters pub, a quintessential outback roadhouse. Mataranka lies in the heart of the 'never-never', and you'll feel a million miles from anywhere as you soak in the steamy thermal springs. As the day draws to a close, we reach our overnight camp at stunning Katherine Gorge. (BLD)

### Day 15 : Katherine Gorge to Darwin

The gorge is all yours this morning, with a half day to spend canoeing or cruising (seasonal) the spectacular waters or maybe view it from above (activities at own expense). We'll head to Darwin after a stop at idyllic Edith Falls. Overnight accommodation included – 18 Day package only. (BL)

### Day 16 : Darwin to Mary River

A refreshing start to your day checking out the waterfalls of Litchfield National Park. Travel west into Woolna Country and receive a Cul Cul or unique 'Welcome to Country' by the traditional owners of the land, the Limilngan – Wulna people. Experience the local Aboriginal culture including cooking bush tucker, playing the didgeridoo, basket weaving and spear throwing. To finish the day we head to the spectacular Mary River Wetlands, where birds aren't the only wildlife abundant; keep a watch for lurking crocodiles on our private river cruise! A secluded campsite at Point Stuart Wilderness Lodge is where we'll stay tonight. (LD)

### Day 17 : Mary River to Kakadu

Discover ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr and clamber to the top of a rocky lookout for fabulous views over the Nardab floodplain. Next it's on to Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) where a hike is rewarded with a reviving swim in the plunge pools. Tonight we stay at our permanent camp within Kakadu National Park. (BLD)

### Day 18 : Kakadu to Darwin

Get ready for some 4WD action today on our way to Jim Jim Falls! Once we get there, we'll hike to the base of the falls before continuing on to Twin Falls. Feel the beauty of the stunning gorge and powerful falls from the National Park operated boat and boardwalk experience. The impressive scenery will continue to amaze you as we journey back to Darwin in the afternoon. (BL)

### Tropical Summer Itinerary (December to May)

Day 16  
: Litchfield National Park  
: Cultural Experience  
: Crocodile Cruise  
: Overnight Camp Point Stuart (LD)

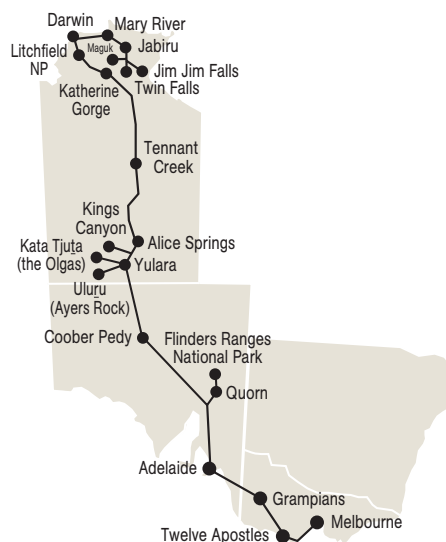
Day 17  
: Mamukala Wetlands (seasonal)  
: Ubirr or Nourlangie Rock (seasonal)  
: Bowali Visitor Centre  
: Walk to Gubara Springs  
: Overnight camp Kakadu (BLD)

Day 18  
: Cathedral Termite Mounds  
: Boulder Creek Falls  
: Hike to Motor Car Falls  
: Return to Darwin (BL)

**Bring:** Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), hat and sunscreen, towel and toiletries, warm clothing in winter, water bottle, torch, insect repellent/net, camera, pillow, sleeping bag (can be hired for AUD\$20) and money for some meals and optional activities.

**Included:** Experienced guides, meals as indicated, accommodation transfers (Adelaide, Alice Springs, Darwin), camping fees and equipment, Opal Mine tour, hostel dorm accommodation where stated (or upgrade to twin/double ensuite), entry to Otway Fly Tree Top Walk.

**Note:** Upgrade accommodation is budget style (except the Desert Cave which is 4 star) and may be located on different premises (not necessarily underground) to hostel accom. For further information on upgrade accom., please refer to: [adventuretours.com.au/upgrades](http://adventuretours.com.au/upgrades). This is a combination safari so you may travel with a different guide and passengers during each section. Tropical Summer Program applies December to May.



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