

## 10 Day Melbourne to Alice Springs Overland



### Itinerary

#### Day 1: The Great Ocean Road

Departing cosmopolitan Melbourne, hit the road west to Geelong and the famous surf town of Torquay. From there, begin the journey along one of Australia's most beautiful and famous drives, the Great Ocean Road. Stop in at Kennett River for some koala spotting, then break for lunch in Apollo Bay. Continue on to the Twelve Apostles and Loch Ard Gorge, spending the night in Warrnambool.

Note: Total driving time today is about six and a half hours (approximately 450kms)  
Total walking time will be about two hours (approximately 2kms)

#### Included Activities

- 12 Apostles & London Bridge
- Koala spotting - Great Ocean Road
- Melba Gully Walk - Otway Ranges
- Swim at Lorne (Summer months)

## Meals Included

- Lunch

## Day 2: The Grampians

Begin the day checking out more of the Great Ocean Road's wonders, then drive into the Grampians National Park – an area rich in Aboriginal culture and beautiful landscapes. We'll visit the Brambuk Aboriginal Culture Centre to learn about the period known as the Dreaming, then hike up to the Pinnacles for impressive views across the Grampians. Tonight we enjoy a traditional Aussie BBQ in Halls Gap.

Note: Total driving time today is about six hours (approximately 400kms)  
Total walking time will be about four hours (approximately 5kms)

## Included Activities

- Brambuk Culture Centre
- Loch Ard Gorge
- Mackenzie Falls - Grampians
- Pinnacles Walk - Grampians

## Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Dinner

## Day 3: The Grampians to Adelaide

Hike up to McKenzie Falls, the highest waterfalls in the Grampians, and check out other sights such as The Balconies and Reeds Lookout. Leaving the Grampians, pass through the town of Horsham before crossing the famed mighty Murray River and making the last leg of the journey into Adelaide.

Note: Total driving time today is about seven and a half hours (approximately 550kms)  
Estimated time of arrival into Adelaide is 7.30pm.  
Total walking time will be about two and a half hours (approximately 3.5kms)

## Included Activities

- Reeds Lookout (The Balconies) & Boroka Lookout

## Meals Included

- Breakfast

## Day 4: Adelaide - Flinders Ranges

Barely 100 clicks north of Adelaide lies the Clare Valley, an undulating sprawl of vineyards, wine cellars and quaint bluestone cottages. Renowned for its production of world-class Rieslings, this is one of Australia's oldest wine regions – and one of its prettiest too. On the drive through to Wilpena Pound you'll be treated to some extraordinary views of the Flinders Ranges, which, stretching for over 430 km across South Australia, are the state's biggest mountain range. Arriving at our campsite there'll be time for hike before snuggling down in a swag.

Total driving time takes around five hours.

Accommodation

- Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

- Wilpena Pound

Meals Included

- Lunch
- Dinner

## Day 5: Oodnadatta Track/William Creek

Leaving the flinders Ranges, we cruise north towards the tiny town of Lyndhurst, where the entrance sign proclaims 'Welcome to Lyndhurst. Pop. 30 (most days)'. Hitting the famous Oodnadatta Track, we'll make a stop by Lake Eyre (Australia's largest salt lake), before arriving at our campsite in William Creek – base for the night.

Total driving time today is approximately 8 hours

Accommodation

- Camping (with basic facilities) (1 night)

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## Day 6: Coober Pedy

Covering an area of six million acres, Anna Creek Station is the world's largest working cattle station. The estate was founded in 1899 by Sir Sidney Kidman, a distant relative of Nicole who set from home out on a one-eyed horse at age 13 to make his fortune. By

mid afternoon we'll have reached the opal-mining town of Coober Pedy. The weather here is so hot that life's better lived underground. After taking a guided tour of this subterranean society, and checking into an underground bunkhouse, you'll have the afternoon at leisure. Try your luck 'noodling' for opals, or finish the day at Josephine's Kangaroo Orphanage to see what's hopping about.

Total driving time today is approximately 6.5 hours

Accommodation

- Underground Multishare (1 night)

Included Activities

- Anna Creek Station
- Coober Pedy Mine tour
- Josephine's Gallery and Kangaroo Orphanage

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## Day 7: Coober Pedy / Yulara

We'll be honest, there's a fair bit of driving today. From Coober Pedy we travel across the Moon Plains, past the Dingo Fence, past Breakaways Reserve, and into Yulara. Make sure you have your Ipod fully charged and your neck cushion handy.

Today driving time will be about 8.5 hours.

Accommodation

- Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities

- Dingo Fence

Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## Day 8: Yulara/Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Rise early this morning and be rewarded with a glorious Uluru sunrise. While the day is still fresh, enjoy a walk around the base of 'the rock', which is of great spiritual

significance to the Anangu people. We walk to the cave paintings near Mutitjulu Waterhole at the base of Uluru where you will be in the hands of an Anangu guide who will share the stories of this unique landscape and explain the Art, the Culture and connection to Land. This exclusive experience will give you an exclusive insight to the meaning behind Anangu art and traditional culture. The on-site Cultural Centre also houses an extensive collection of indigenous arts and crafts for you to browse. . Head back to camp for lunch. In the afternoon, see the landscape from a different angle, perhaps from a helicopter flight over Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. This is optional and come at an additional cost.

There isn't much driving today, about an hour in total between destinations. You will walk approximately 5km.

#### Accommodation

- Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Uluru & Kata Tjuta National Park Entrance
- Uluru Base Walk
- Uluru Cultural Centre
- Kata Tjuta

#### Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

### Day 9: Uluru/Kings Canyon

Uluru isn't Coober Pedy, but it still gets pretty hot here come midday. If you're keen to beat the heat on a walk around the rock's base, we recommend an early rise. Uluru holds great significance to the local Anangu people, and appreciating this is key to appreciating Uluru itself. An indigenous guide will explain a little about the land during a cultural interpretative walk, after which there's the opportunity to learn more at the onsite Cultural Centre. Later in the day there's also the opportunity of taking a helicopter flight over Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park before we hit the road again for Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon).

Today, driving time is about four hrs and walking is up to ten kilometres.

#### Accommodation

- Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (1 night)

#### Included Activities

- Watarrka National Park Entry Fees

## Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Dinner

## Day 10: Kings Canyon/Alice Springs

With its 300-metre high sandstone walls, hidden waterholes, fern forests, chasms, canyons and caverns, Watarrka National Park is central Australia's answer to an oasis. The highlight attractions here are the Garden of Eden, the Amphitheatre and the Lost City – all sites you'll get to visit on the Rim Walk. Following lunch it's back on the road for the onward drive to Alice Springs, where this adventure concludes.

Driving time today is approximately 5 hours back to Alice Springs, and the Rim Walk is approximately 6km.

## Included Activities

- Kings Canyon Rim Walk

## Meals Included

- Breakfast
- Lunch

## Inclusions

### Meals

8 breakfasts, 8 lunches, 7 dinners

### Transport

All Terrain vehicle, Private vehicle

### Accommodation

Camping (with basic facilities) (2 night), Camping (with shared facilities) (1 night), Dormitory (2 nights), Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (3 nights), Underground Multishare (1 night)

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