

# Birdsville to Alice Adventure

10 Days



Back to Back with our Red Heart Tour & Save!!!



## Day 1: Home—Narrabri (LD)

We pick up guests at Strathfield and Hornsby, Tuggerah and the Hunter. Travelling via Scone and Gunnedah, we arrive in Narrabri mid afternoon.

**Southern Cross Motor Inn 02 6792 3838**

## Day 2: Narrabri—Roma (BLD)

We will travel through Moree stopping briefly at the border town of Mungindi which is in both New South Wales and Queensland. Lunch will be at the pretty agricultural town of St George. At Roma we have time to photograph the stately bottle trees lining the streets.

**Explorers Inn 07 4620 1400**

## Day 3: Roma—Ray Station, Quilpie (BLD)

This morning we will visit Roma's famous Clay Mural. This striking mural containing 17 local elements is interpreted by means of an audio and moving light presentation. We then make our way to Mitchell, and then Charleville for Lunch. Our accommodation tonight is near Quilpie, in the heart of Boulder Opal country. Enjoy a unique Australian experience during our stay at Ray Station with dinner and entertainment around a campfire. The station is only open to groups, and provides rustic themed outback styled accommodation, themed to the original use, however clean, with all new beds, mattresses and linen, with reverse cycle air conditioning. Rooms have shared toilet facilities, however there are two ensuited cabins. Single rooms are not available at this property.

**Ray Station 07 4656 4737 (2 nights)**

## Day 4: Ray Station (BLD)

Following a hearty breakfast experience the inspiring 'Tully Durack story' as told by the family of the original owners. Ray station's 600 square kilometres remains one of a select few properties in Australia never to have changed hands since white settlement. Ray Station was settled in 1874 by great grandparents Patsy and Sarah Tully nee Durack. Sarah's brother the famous Patsy Durack (Kings in Grass Castles) settled in the Kimberley. We spend the day touring the property, and experiencing life on a remote and massive station, where life has not changed too much since pioneering days, and our generous hosts are keen to share this unique experience.

## Day 5: Quilpie—Birdsville (BD)

This morning it's off to the tracks where Birdsville's annual race meeting sees the population grow from 120 to 6,000 in two days each September. Birdsville is a small outback town situated on the banks of the Diamantina River between the sands of the Simpson Desert and the gibbers of Sturt's Stony Desert. European settlement in the late 1870s and beyond. The Hotel is Australia's most legendary outback pub, an Australian icon. Built in 1884, the hotel offers air-conditioned ensuited motel rooms with television, and clock radios.

**Birdsville Hotel 07 4656 3244 (2 nights)**

## Day 6: Birdsville (BLD)

This morning travel out to see "Big Red", the first of 1140 sand hills (heading west) which run north-south for hundreds of kilometres. Big Red is believed to be the highest sand hill in the desert. A slow walk up will ensure you appreciate its mammoth height. At the Birdsville Bakery we enjoy a sample of one of the many varieties of pies including the Award Winning Camel Pie if you are game enough! We spend this afternoon looking around at the racetrack and town at leisure.

## Day 7: Birdsville—Maree (BLD)

This morning we start to travel along the Birdsville Track into some of Australia's most remote country. Our lunch break today is at the Mungerannie Hotel, once a supply point for drovers travelling north to Queensland. This afternoon, we look around Maree, founded around a series of artesian springs by wheat, sheep and cattle farmers in the 1870s. Afghan camel drivers also made it their home, and many of their descendants still live here today. There may be a possibility of an optional scenic flight over Lake Eyre. A fun night in a very remote area.

**The Maree Hotel 08 8675 8344**

## Day 8: Maree—Coober Pedy (BLD)

We stop at Woomera, for morning tea. This town was created in the 1950s for rocket testing. Lunch will be at the little town of Glendambo. We arrive in Coober Pedy in time for a guided tour, visiting an underground home and church, and the chance to see and purchase some opal.

**Mud Hut Motel 08 8672 3003**

## Day 9: Coober Pedy—Alice Springs Camel Ride (BLD)

We stop at Marla for morning tea, before making our way to the border where we will stop for a photo. We then stop at Eildunda for lunch, before arriving at Stuart's Well for a camel ride. We then make our way into Alice Springs, going to the Anzac Hill Lookout for good views over the town.

**Lasseter's Hotel Casino 08 8950 7777**

## Day 10: Alice Springs—Home (B)

This morning we make our way to the Airport to fly back to Sydney. Alternatively, you can extend your stay in Alice Springs by joining our Red Heart Tour. There is a multi-tour discount available for guests choosing to do two or more tours together.