

# **BIRDSVILLE / INNAMINCKA RUN**

**22<sup>nd</sup> August and 19<sup>th</sup> September 2008**

**Cost: \$1987.00 Per Person (twin share) Single Supplement \$315.00**

**~~Booking conditions apply~~ Non-Smokers only~~**

## **Friday(dinner)**

Arrive Charleville 12.00pm and begin your adventure to the Outback. Enjoy lunch at Charleville Airport and a scenic flight over Charleville with Pete. This afternoon visit historic Hotel Coronas for a very informative tour before we go to the multi million-dollar Cosmos Centre for a totally unique galactic experience. Dinner at the RSL before returning to the Cosmos Centre for the Night Sky Show in the Observatory. Overnight accommodation at the Warrego Motel.

## **Saturday (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)**

8.30am – Depart from the Warrego Motel and travel west to Quilpie, with smoko along the way at. Whilst in Quilpie we will have a short town tour and lunch before heading to Windorah for our overnight stay at the Western Star Motel/Cooper Cabins.

## **Sunday (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)**

After a leisurely start, we'll depart Windorah and head to Birdsville with lunch enroute. Arrive in Birdsville late this afternoon, famous for its annual outback horse race meeting and the Birdsville Hotel. 2 nights accommodation at the Birdsville Hotel/Motel.

## **Monday (breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

After breakfast we will visit the Birdsville Working Museum run by John Menzies – it's a walk down memory lane, with many unusual items on show in working order. We'll do a tour of this little town including the famous Birdsville Racetrack. Enjoy lunch before some free time to visit the Warrarri Information Centre, or maybe enjoy a coffee at Big Red Café in the Blue Poles Gallery where you will see a collection of local artist Wolfgang's stunning watercolours of the Simpson Desert and channel country or perhaps chat to a local over a cold drink in the Birdsville Hotel! Dinner this evening at the Birdsville Hotel.

## **Tuesday (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)**

Have you ever wanted to know what it feels like to be an explorer? Following an early breakfast it's off to Innamincka via scenic Cordillo Downs. Although a little rough in places, there is a surprise around almost every corner! Late this afternoon, arrive at Innamincka, South Australia. Innamincka is one of the most remote tourist facilities in the world and is rich with history of early Australian explorers, most notably Burke & Wills. 2 nights at the Innamincka Hotel/Motel.

## **Wednesday (breakfast, morning tea, lunch & dinner)**

Highlights of your visit to Innamincka will include Burke's Grave, Kings Marker where you will hear the Burke and Wills Story, the Australian Inland Mission Building, Innamincka Trading Post, Innamincka Racetrack and the Hot Fractured Rock Project. See Cooper Creek, which has an incredible amount of birdlife and natural beauty while we enjoy sunset chardonnay and nibbles.

## **Thursday (breakfast, lunch & dinner)**

After an early departure from Innamincka, travel through Nappa Merrie Station and over the Burke and Wills Bridge where we will visit Australia's most famous coolibah tree - the Burke and Wills Dig Tree. This Coolibah tree is believed to be over 200 years old and still has the three blazes on the trunk put there over 140 years ago by the base camp party that Burke and Wills missed by 6 hours. Continue heading east crossing over the massive flood plain of Cooper Creek and passing by Jackson Oil Field, Australia's largest onshore oilfield before lunch at historic Noccundra Hotel. After lunch we will continue on over the Gray Range, through the Dingo Barrier Fence to Thargomindah for our overnight stay.

## **Friday (breakfast, morning tea & lunch)**

After a short tour of Thargomindah we travel east to Cunnamulla via the unique town of Eulo. Enjoy cappuccino and cake outside the famous Eulo Store, where you will also have time to look through the store and the Arts & Crafts Gallery before visiting Nan & Ian at the Date Farm to taste fresh dates and sample some unique date wine. Travel onto Cunnamulla for a look around and lunch before we head to Charleville where your tour concludes.

## **Tour inclusions:**

- ✓ Local owner/operator Graham and Deb and their modern airconditioned bus
- ✓ All accommodation
- ✓ All meals (continental breakfasts, lunches and 2-course dinners) plus morning teas along the way.
- ✓ Cosmos Centre Stargazing
- ✓ Birdsville Racetrack and Birdsville Working Museum
- ✓ Chardonnay and nibbles at Innamincka
- ✓ All touring around Innamincka including Burke's Grave, Kings Marker, Australian Inland Mission Building
- ✓ The famous Burke and Wills Dig Tree
- ✓ Travel past a number of large gas and oil installations and see the Hot Fractured Rock Project
- ✓ And a few other surprises !!!