

KOOKABURRA TAGALONG TOURS



CAPE YORK | ARNHEM LAND | SIMPSON DESERT | HAY RIVER TRACK
THE MADIGAN LINE | FLINDERS RANGES | OUTBACK PUBS

**Do you have a 4WD
in your garage that
hasn't seen red dust
or white sand?**



**Now is the time to
experience an
AUTHENTIC
AUSSIE OUTBACK
ADVENTURE**

Kookaburra Tagalong Tours offer some of Australia's premier outback 4WD experiences. Ranging from one day excursions out of Brisbane, to extended outback expeditions across the country; our tagalong tours deliver unrivalled adventure.

We are a family owned and operated business and our team members all share a genuine passion for exploring the great outdoors. With 60 years of combined 4WDing experience, our guides endeavour to achieve the highest level of professionalism, expertise, and safety in all aspects of touring.

But four-wheel driving is not the only thing we know; our guides, have a deep appreciation for and knowledge of our local Aussie history and environment. Working in collaboration with the indigenous elders and local communities, Kookaburra Tagalong Tours ensure every route and trail we drive respects the native traditions and customs of the land.

On every Kookaburra Tagalong, our guests are accompanied by experienced 4WD guides, and if you choose to join us on an outback adventure, you will have a unique opportunity to be challenged without being pushed beyond your limit. We cater for all levels of driver experience from first time off-roaders to 4WD veterans, so that everyone can enjoy the remoteness of the Australian Outback with confidence. There is no better way to gain new 4WD skills and experience than on a Kookaburra Tagalong Tour.

When preparing for one of our extended expeditions you will be supplied with a complete information package. This helpful guide shares all the best tips and tricks on how to best prepare yourselves and your vehicle for the trip ahead. Our itineraries are carefully designed to ensure our guests experience the adventure, rugged beauty, and best kept secrets of the Aussie Outback. All permits, camping arrangements and published cultural experiences are included in your package and all you need to do is "tagalong" and soak up the adventure.

Kookaburra Tagalong multi-day tours are self-catered, with camping style rest stops designed to offer the most authentic and engaging experiences possible. With participants supplying their own camping and cooking needs, the cost to our customers is reduced significantly. While you need to be prepared for bush camping that lacks modern facilities, itineraries are designed to include opportunities to stock up on fuel & food supplies.

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work and live, and recognise their continuing connection to land, water and community. We pay respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Ross



Ken & Louise



WHY CHOOSE KOOKABURRA TAGALONG TOURS?

Experience an
authentic
Aussie Outback
Adventure.

Challenge yourself
& develop your
4WDing experience.

Access 60 years
combined
4WD experience.

Reduce your
costs with
self-catering &
camping.

Gain access to
stunning local
communities &
cultural experiences.

Travel in
confidence with
like-minded
company.

Satellite phone &
EPIRB capabilities
for emergency use.

Choose one of
many flexible
itineraries.

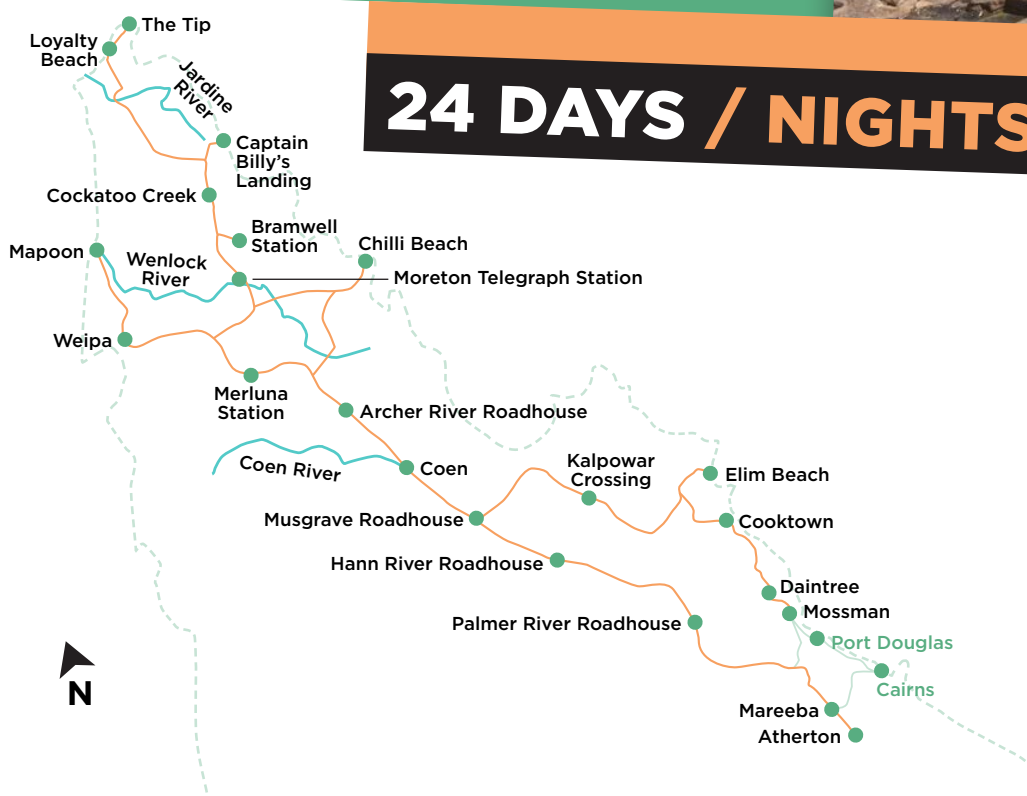
All permits &
camping costs
included.



CAPE YORK

Cape York is on most peoples bucket list. This trip gives you the opportunity to experience a diverse and exciting range of scenery and a variety of driving skills.

After our initial meeting and get to know your fellow passengers in Atherton we take the Mulligan Highway through Mareeba, Palmer River Roadhouse and through to the Development Road turn off. We visit The Regional Cultural Centre and Hahn River Roadhouse. Stopping at Coen for a beer and last minute shopping. We stop at Meluna Station and drive through to Weipa where we have 2 nights to explore this mining town. We look at the famous Telegraph track and watch as others experience Gunshot and Nolans Brook while we take the Chicken tracks. We visit the iconic Crocodile tent to pick up souvenirs while on the way to the 'Tip'. Here we have an opportunity to visit Thursday and Horn Islands and may be able to fly back over the tip. We visit historical gold mining sites and see some great scenery. We see Aboriginal art and have plenty of opportunity for photographs. We visit Cooktown and call into the iconic Lions Den Pub. If the weather is right, we will drive the steep & sonic Creb track with its numerous creek crossings. We drive the Bloomfield track and visit the Daintree while getting to Mossman gorge where we finish our trip.



HIGHLIGHTS

NORTHERN TIP OF QUEENSLAND

LEARN ABOUT THE CULTURE & HISTORY OF THE AREA

COASTAL CAMPSITES & BRILLIANT NIGHT SKIES

FISH, SPOT WILDLIFE, WALK &/OR JUST RELAX

WORLD HERITAGE DAINTEE RAINFOREST

ARNHEM LAND ADVENTURE

This unique journey has been organised in consultation with communities in Arnhem Land, and our experienced guides are able to gain access to several areas off limits to the average 4WD enthusiast. The tour officially begins in Mataranka and we travel on the East Arnhem Road (EAR) to our first camp on beautiful Blue Mud Bay. There will be ample time to fish, relax and participate in some meaningful cultural experiences. We then travel to Nhulunbuy Township for supplies and there will be opportunities to explore this remote community. With two more scenic coastal 3-night camps on our itinerary, we will explore the nearby pristine beaches. There are options to drive and/or walk as there are walking tracks connecting several of the beaches near our campsites. Back on the Stuart Highway, we will travel north to Katherine. There will also be time to experience Kakadu National Park and Jabiru before tackling the famous crocodile infested Cahills Crossing. Garig Gunak Barlu National Park is on the Cobourgh Peninsula and we will camp at Smith Point. Upon our return we will stop at Jabiru and the tour will finish in Katherine after 20 days of spectacular scenery and adventure.



24 DAYS / NIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS

UNIQUE CULTURAL
EXPERIENCES

VISIT ABORIGINAL
COMMUNITIES & GAIN
LOCAL KNOWLEDGE

COASTAL CAMPSITES &
BRILLIANT NIGHT SKIES

OPPORTUNITIES TO FISH,
WALK AND/OR JUST RELAX

MAGNIFICENT SCENERY
& WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS

SIMPSON DESERT

This tour begins in Thargomindah, and our first day of driving off the tar seal takes us west to a bush camp at the site of the famous Burke and Wills Dig Tree. We fuel up at Innamincka before driving Walkers Crossing to connect with the Birdsville Track. A short drive next day takes us north to the outback town of Birdsville, which lies on the Eastern side of the majestic Simpson Desert. With over 1200 sandhills of varying sizes we will pass well known landmarks such as Big Red, Eyre Creek, Poeppel Corner and the Lone Gumtree as we take three days to cross the Simpson Desert. Each night we will gather around the campfire and take in the spectacular night sky. Purni Bore, with its prolific birdlife and Dalhousie Springs where we will luxuriate in the warm artesian waterhole are highlights on route to Mt Dare Hotel. Continuing our journey into Central Australia we will drive the iconic Ghan Railway Track to experience a magnificent sunset at Chamber's Pillar. Alice Springs will provide us with time to gather supplies and an opportunity to explore. Tar seal will take us south to Cadney Homestead before heading east through the Painted Desert to the famous Oodnadatta Pink Roadhouse and on to William Creek. After an optional early morning flight over Lake Eyre, we will take the Birdsville Track to Mungerannie Hotel. Our final day of touring finishes in Birdsville, where no doubt, we will celebrate at the iconic Birdsville Hotel.



16 DAYS / NIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS

CONQUERING SIMPSON
DESERT SANDHILLS

SCENIC CAMPSITES
& BRILLIANT DESERT
SKIES

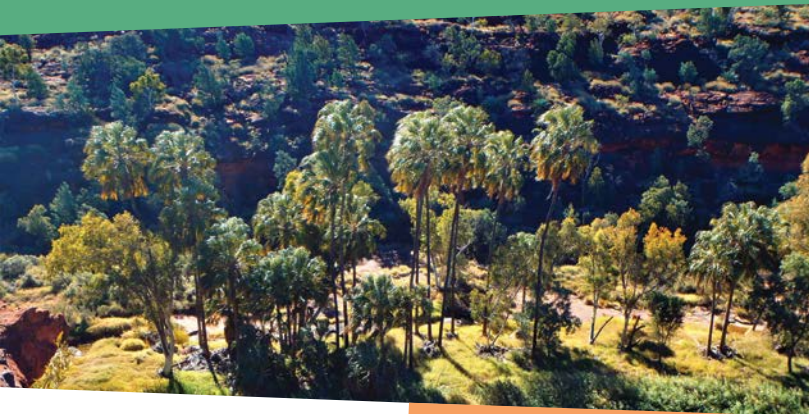
FAMOUS OUTBACK
HISTORICAL SITES

MAGNIFICENT & VARIED
OUTBACK SCENERY

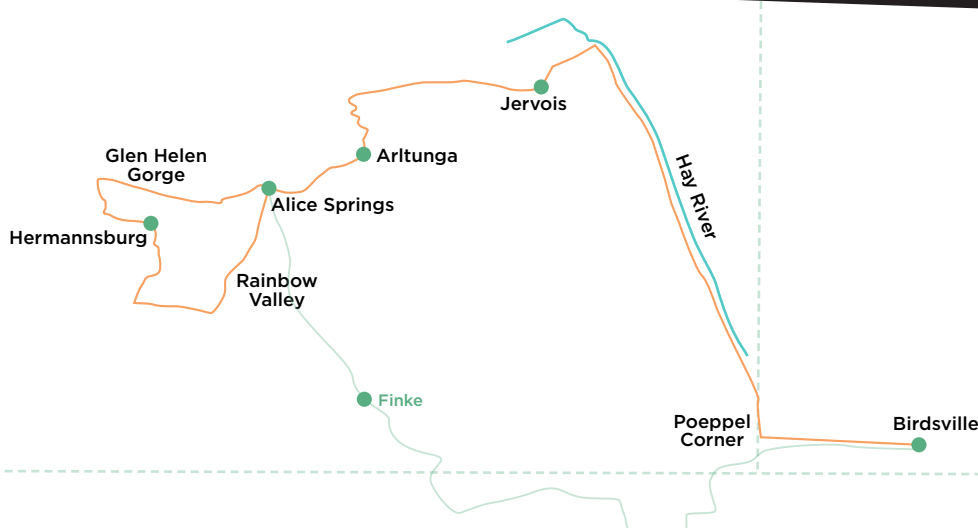
CLASSIC OUTBACK
PUBS & HOSPITALITY

HAY RIVER & CENTRAL AUSTRALIA SCENIC TRACKS

This Journey begins in the iconic outback town of Birdsville, which lies on the eastern side of the majestic Simpson Desert. As we head west across the Simpson Desert, we will experience sand dune driving, including Little Red and Big Red, and the usually dry Eyre Creek, before setting up our first camp under the stars on the QAA Line. Over the next 3 days we will follow the course of the Hay River and each night we will enjoy communal campfires and clear desert skies. Turning west at the Plenty Highway Junction, we will have the luxury of hot showers at Jervois Station. Travelling towards Alice Springs, we will explore highlights of the East MacDonnell Ranges, including Arltunga Historical Reserve and Ruby Gap Nature Reserve. After a rest day in Alice Springs, we have allowed four days to tackle several 4WD tracks in the West MacDonnell Ranges. These include Owen Springs, Rainbow Valley, Finke Gorge and Palm Valley. The tour will finish back in Alice Springs.



12 DAYS / NIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS

AMAZING OUTBACK
LANDSCAPES

CENTRAL AUSTRALIAN
HISTORICAL SITES

AWE-INSPIRING
GORGES

PALM VALLEY

RAINBOW VALLEY
AT SUNSET

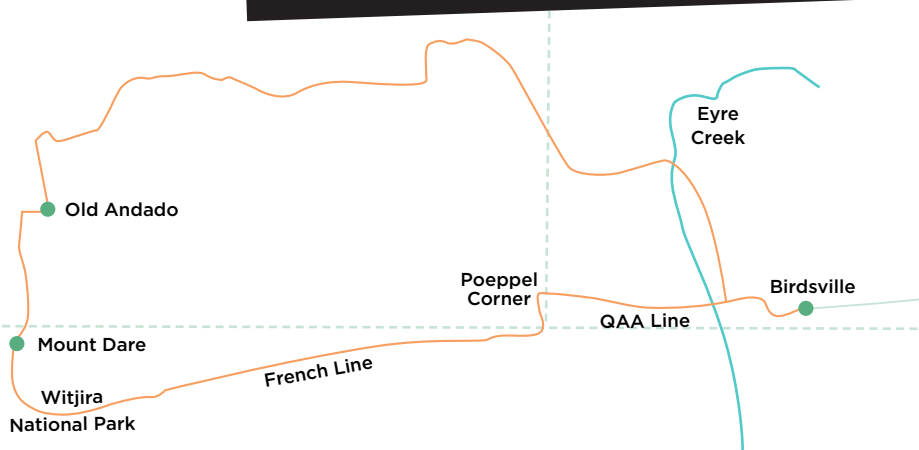
CROSSING THE MADIGAN LINE



We will follow the journey of Dr. Cecil Madigan who led his party of nine men and 19 camels on an amazing trackless and waterless trek EAST across the northern section of the Simpson Desert in 1939. For weeks they battled large sand dunes on their way from Andado Station to Birdsville.

This journey begins in the iconic outback town of Birdsville, which lies on the eastern side of the majestic Simpson Desert. With over 1200 sandhills of varying sizes on the QAA Line & the French Line, we will pass well known landmarks such as Big Red, Eyre Creek and Poeppel Corner as we take three days to cross the Simpson Desert from East to West. Each night we will gather around the campfire and take in the spectacular night sky. Purni Bore, with its prolific birdlife, the warm artesian water of Dalhousie Springs and Dalhousie Ruins are highlights en route to Mt Dare Hotel. Travelling north from Mt Dare to Old Andado Station, we will view the living museum that is Molly Clarke's Homestead. As we head east towards Birdsville, we will call in to the Madigan Camps, identified by special commemorative plaques. This track is not as easily defined as the southern crossing however navigating our way from one camp to the next is all part of the adventure. The final section of the Madigan Line traverses through Adria Station and is home to numerous waterholes and the Annadale Station Ruins. Adria Station has strict bio security rules, and can only be accessed with special permission, so we will make our final camp back on the QAA Line. Our final driving day gives us a better opportunity to explore Big Red and we will finish our Desert Adventure with a celebratory drink at the Birdsville Hotel and the comforts of the caravan park.

13 DAYS / NIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS

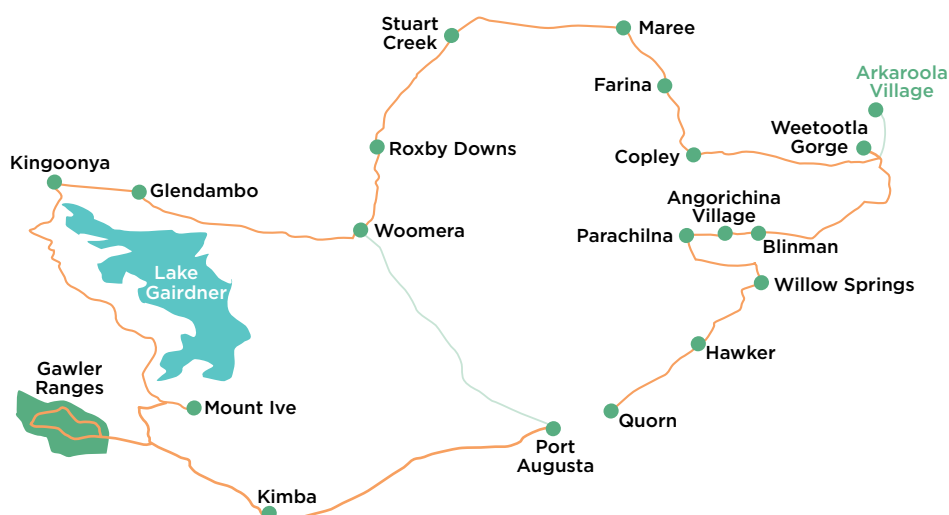
CROSS THE WORLD'S
LARGEST PARALLEL
SAND DUNE DESERT
CECIL MADIGAN'S
HISTORIC CROSSING
WILDLIFE SIGHTINGS
IMMERSE YOURSELF
IN HISTORY AT OLD
ANDADO HOMESTEAD

FLINDERS RANGES & OUTBACK SOUTH AUSTRALIA

We will travel to South Australia and take 13 days to explore the Flinders Ranges as well as numerous highlights in the South Australian Outback. Our tour officially starts in Quorn, where we view an amazing Silo Light Show and check out the historic town. During the next 5 days we will take in the dramatic scenery of the Flinders Ranges and look out for wildlife, as we tackle several 4WD tracks. Our accommodation will be a mix of bush camping with limited facilities and Caravan Parks, where more amenities are available. There will be many opportunities to develop 4WD skills as we explore further afield and visit some iconic South Australian towns that are off the usual tourist trail. Farina offers a unique insight into settlement in days gone by and we will also explore the scenic gorges east of Parachilna. We will visit the Tom Kruse Museum in Maree and at Roxby Downs, there is an opportunity to take a virtual underground tour. We will then experience the country hospitality of an outback pub before visiting another station that has designated 4WD tracks and fabulous amenities. To complete our adventure, we will explore the history and geological features of the Gawler Ranges, where wildlife abounds. Our final day's drive takes us back to Port Augusta.



13 DAYS / NIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS

EXPERIENCE A SILO LIGHT SHOW

SPOT THE RARE YELLOW-FOOTED ROCK WALLABY

SPECTACULAR GORGES AND PANORAMIC VIEWS

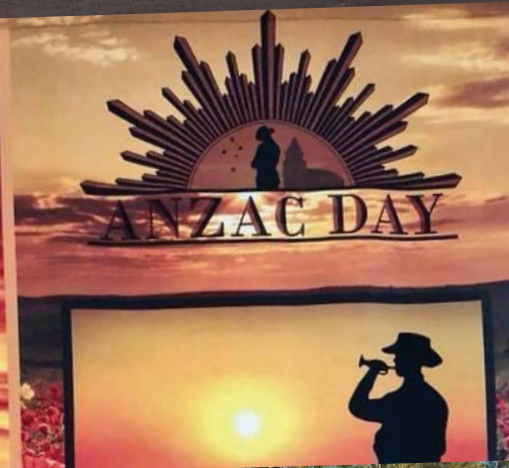
IMMERSE YOURSELF IN FARINA'S HISTORY

EXPLORE MAGIC GAWLER RANGES

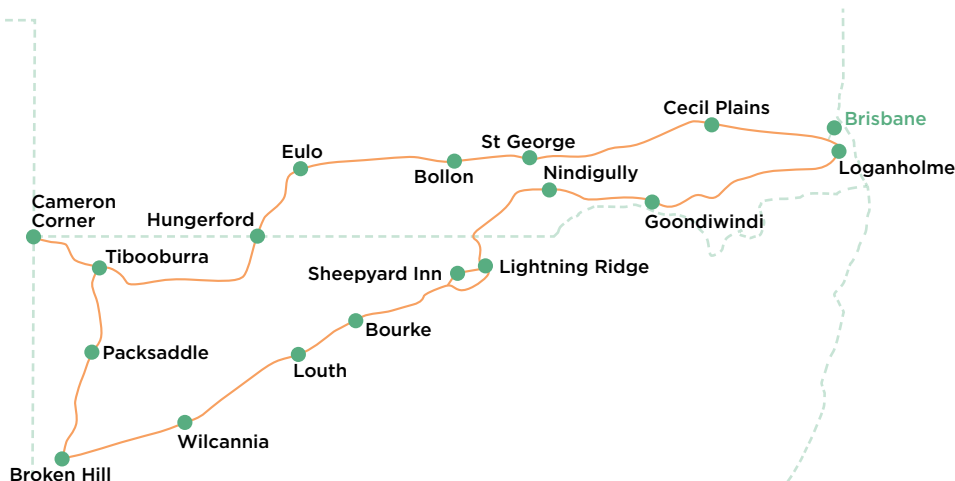
ANZAC DAY & OUTBACK PUBS

Have you often wondered what really makes these outback towns tick? Over our many years of outback travel, we have discovered that a visit to the local watering hole is an authentic way of getting to know the locals and their home territory. We have re-introduced our ANZAC Day & Outback Pubs Tour to give a select group of adventurers a unique Aussie Experience. Our accommodation is strictly camping and will range from bush sites with limited facilities to sites out the back of pubs, or in Caravan Parks with full facilities.

Self-catering is the go however there will be many opportunities for an adult refreshment and a decent pub meal. This itinerary includes a poignant ANZAC Day Service in the opal fields and visits to a minimum of 25 unique "Outback Pubs" many of which are full of history and quirky memorabilia.



12 DAYS / NIGHTS



HIGHLIGHTS

ANZAC DAY IN THE
OPAL FIELDS

AUTHENTIC OUTBACK
HOSPITALITY

CLASSIC BUSH PUBS
FULL OF HISTORY

COMPLETE THE
HISTORIC DARLING
RIVER RUN

MAGNIFICENT OUTBACK
SCENERY

NOTES

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YOUR AUTHENTIC AUSSIE OUTBACK ADVENTURE AWAITS!



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