

Lake Eyre & East MacDonnells



This tour starts in the spectacular East MacDonnell Ranges, studded with sheer quartzite cliffs and gum lined waterholes. Exploring this area on foot is a great way to absorb its natural beauty. We also visit Mt Chambers, seen by explorer John McDouall Stuart in 1860 on his first attempt at crossing the continent.

When we head south on Binns Track we pass old Andado Station on the edge of the Simpson Desert, to visit a rare stand of Acacia Peuce. Further south is Mt Dare and Witjira NP then Oodnadatta. We look at the history of the Ghan railway and the telegraph line all through this region. We visit the vast expanse of Lake Eyre, Australia's largest lake & visit ancient mound springs which are an oasis for wildlife.

LAKE EYRE & EAST MacDONNELL RANGES: 12 Day Itinerary (Alice Springs > Adelaide)

- Day 1 Departing Alice Springs about 8am we head for Ruby Gap nature reserve for a 2 night camp.
- Day 2 We walk and explore Glen Annie Gorge.
- Day 3. A day exploring the Arltunga Historic area on our way to Ross River. (3 night camp)
- Day 4 A day walk from John Hayes rockhole to Trepkina Gorge including the Chain of Ponds walk. (12km/6.5 hours)
- Day 5. A day trip to Chamber's Pillar Historic reserve.
- Day 6 We travel the Binns track to Old Andado homestead and visit the Mac Clark Conservation Reserve . bush camp
- Day 7 We continue on to Mt Dare and Witjira NP stopping at Dalhousie Springs.
- Day 8 South to Oodnadatta before spending the night at Peake. We explore the Peake Historic Site in the afternoon. bush camp
- Day 9 From Peake to William Creek (extra - the chance of a Lake Eyre flight if your keen) before heading on out to the edge of Lake Eyre to camp. bush camp
- Day 10 An easy drive to Coward Springs then a day birding and relaxing at Coward springs with a visit to some Ancient Mound Springs. camping ground
- Day 11 We travel further south to Marree then on to the old ghost town of Farina to explore. bush camp
- Day 12 We travel back to Adelaide arriving late in the afternoon/evening.

NB: Please book onward flights for the next day as road conditions on the tour could seriously affect our time of arrival in Adelaide.