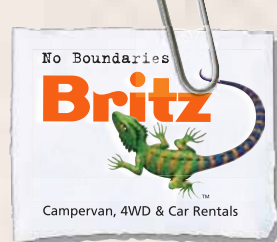




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BANKSIA, BRITZ 7 DAY TAG A LONG TOUR ITINERARY

Be the driver in your own epic Australian adventure.

Join the best of both worlds, self drive and be lead by professional guides through the grand Australian outback. Travel in the comfort of your own Britz Bushcamper.



Day 1

Depart Adelaide 07:30 am

This **Banksia Adventure** takes you north along Highway 1, with the waters of the gulf on one side and the **magnificent ranges** on the other. You pass **historic ports** and can reflect on the importance of this trade route in by-gone days, as you travel towards **Port Augusta**. After lunch and some last minute shopping for fresh supplies, it is time to head to Mount Ive Station for our first overnight stay.

There will be time to explore some of the **4WD tracks** on the property including **"The Flight Path"**, **"Billy Can Drive"** and **"Mt. Scott"**. These old mustering tracks on the station are moderate to challenging 4WD tracks. They welcome travellers to stay on their property to explore the unique landscapes with ancient rhyolite columns and see the stunning views over **Lake Gairdner**. Mount Ive Station provides the only public access to this large glistening salt lake that forms the northern boundary of the property.

O/n Mount Ive Station

Accommodation - Shearer's Quarters or Campground

Day 2

Rise and shine, it's time to get moving again! Today we travel north from Mount Ive Station along 4WD tracks to **Coober Pedy**. Shortly after leaving Mount Ive, we will travel along the **Lake Gairdner National Park Public Access Route**. Continue your journey along these tracks to **Kingoonya** and shortly after you will meet the bitumen road and continue along the Stuart Highway to Coober Pedy. We stay here for two nights to allow plenty of time to explore the region, including opal mines & the **Breakaways**.

O/n Coober Pedy Desert Cave Hotel or Caravan Park

Accommodation - Motel or Campground



Day 3

Today we will travel to **The Breakaways**, which are a striking and unique example of arid scenery. From the flat-topped mesas to the stony gibber desert, remnants of millions of years provide a wealth of geological interests and breath taking views.

There will be time this afternoon to take a tour through the township, visit **underground opal mines** and meet with the **characters** of this region. There will also be an opportunity to explore **Coober Pedy's** many **opal retail outlets**.

O/n Coober Pedy Desert Cave Hotel or Caravan Park

Accommodation - Motel or Campground

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Day 4

Leaving Coober Pedy, we set off through the **real Australian Outback** to see all the **BIG** icons. Crossing the **Moon Plains** you will see the longest fence in the world, the **Dog Fence**, which stretches more than **5300 kilometers** from the Great Australian Bight to the foothills of Queensland's Bunya Mountains and separates the native dog, the **dingo**, from the sheep flocks.

We drive through **Anna Creek** cattle station, the **largest** cattle station (single land holding) in the **World** some **24,000 square kilometers**. Anna Creek is described as "**bigger than Belgium**". See **Lake Cadibarrawirracanna**, and get your tongue around the **longest place name** in Australia. Then we travel onto **William Creek**, keeping watch in case we miss it, because this is said to be Australia's **smallest town**.

Following the **Oodnadatta Track** (original Old Ghan Line) we see the **artesian mound springs** (water volcanoes, in fact) and Australia's **largest salt lake, Lake Eyre** around 10 times the size of Singapore. From here we head towards **Marree** (previously Hergott Springs), which is at the junction of the famous **Birdsville Track** stock route and up to **Muloorina Station** for an overnight stay.
O/n Muloorina Station
Accommodation - Shearer's Quarters or Campground

Day 5

Travel to **Level Post Bay** where **Lake Eyre South** meets **Lake Eyre North** and then to Marree. Once known as **Hergott Springs**, Marree has a rich history. It was a staging post for the large **camel trains** that carried wool and supplies in the early days before being eventually replaced by the **Ghan Railway**. This town is at the start of the **famous Birdsville Stock Route** (Birdsville Track). Gradually, in the distance, the **Flinders Ranges** rise up out of the vast plains of the desert.

We travel through the picturesque **tree-lined Brachina Gorge** then **marvel** at the **changing colour** as we travel through the "**corridor in time**". You will be guided through the habitats of **Emus, Kangaroos and Reptiles** where you may also spot the **rare and beautiful Yellow Footed Rock Wallabies**. See the **earliest living animal fossils (630-million-years-old)** in the World. Tonight we stay at **Rawnsley Park Station**.

O/n Rawnsley Park Station
Accommodation - Eco Villa or Campground

Day 6

Today is yet another unforgettable adventure as we set forth on the breath taking "**Skytrek**". This is the highest place you can take a 4WD in South Australia, **Mount Caernarvon**, 921 metres above sea level, affording sweeping view over the surrounding ranges.

The track takes you through majestic river gum lined creeks, rugged mountain valleys and groves of native pines and black oak, before travelling south to Rawnsley Park Station.
O/n Rawnsley Park Station
Accommodation - Eco Villa or Campground



Day 7

The final day will take you to **Arkaroo Rock**, where you will have an opportunity for a short walk. You continue your journey down to the more gentle scenery of the **Southern Flinders Ranges**, visiting the quaint historic town of **Melrose** at the foot of **Mt Remarkable**.

The destination for this afternoon is the delightful **Clare Valley**. Full of old-world charm and settler history, the hidden glades and valleys here are home to some of Australia's most **famous winemakers**. After exploring this truly unspoiled gem of the Australian countryside, it is time to head for home.

You arrive back in Adelaide, completing your journey into **Australia's greatest wildlife and wilderness region**.

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