

ADELAIDE TO ALICE TRIP NOTES

MARCH 7 - MARCH 19, 2021



THE HADAGUTFUL DIFFERENCE

Remote Australian destinations are our idea of 'getting away'. If you share that same dream, let us make it happen. Our aim is to provide as much freedom as you, our 'fellow adventurers', need to come back feeling refreshed and rejuvenated... call it 'Real Life Expedition Therapy'.

Hadagutful Expeditions provide personally guided off-road Australian adventures. With Hadagutful you will venture to extraordinary and idyllic Australian locations. We specialise in 5-18 day Overland Expeditions exclusively for just one, two or three guests. Hadagutful provides all equipment, catering and planning to ensure that your Expedition travels are truly extraordinary.

Hadagutful is different from other tour operators. Our Expedition travel is a 'hands-on' experience. You will get involved with camp set-up, building fires, and daily adventures. Choose to stay a little longer and not be on the go all the time. The Expedition will feel like it's your 'own', allowing you to have input into where you go and what we do.

AFTER ALL, HAVEN'T YOU HADGUTFUL?



ADELAIDE TO ALICE SPRINGS

EXPEDITION SUMMARY

You get yourself to Adelaide and we'll get you to Alice.

2400km of pure Australian Outback, passing through the Flinders Ranges before hitting the famous Oodnadatta Track. This trip departs Adelaide and ends in Alice Springs, along the rough and dusty roads of the South Australian Outback? The wineries of Clare Valley beckon before entering Wilpena Pound and exploring the Flinders Ranges.

It's mandatory to stop at the iconic Prairie Hotel to sample the feral food menu before heading to Arkaroola, where you'll experience night skies and scenery like never before.

On to Marree and Muloorina Station before turning northwest up the Oodnadatta Track. We'll do a scenic flight at William Creek to get an aerial perspective of Lake Eyre and Marree Man, washed down afterwards with a beer at the one and only pub in town.

We'll bounce our way towards the famous Oodnadatta Pink Roadhouse, passing Lake Eyre South before entering the truly spectacular Painted Desert. Never heard of it? Well you won't believe its beauty, rivalling any desert landscape in the world. It's then on to Mt Dare, Finke, Chambers Pillar, Ooraminna Homestead before finally arriving in Alice Springs.

IT DOESN'T GET ANY BETTER THAN THAT?



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TRIP NOTES

FISHING | DESERT | COASTAL | OUTBACK | 4WD | CAMPING | ADVENTURE | WILDLIFE | STAR GAZING | BEERS





















DATES MAR 7 - MAR 19, 2021

LENGTH 13 Days

ADVENTURE RATING

7/10

DEPARTURE

MAR 7, 2021

TIME 9am

FROM Adelaide, South Australia

DESTINATION Alice Springs

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Exploring the rugged Aussie Outback, a photographer's dream
- A feral lunch at the Prairie Hotel
- Lake Eyre Scenic Flight William Creek
- Travelling the Painted Desert
- Feast on delicious open fire cooking and glamping under the stars
- 2 nights at Arkaroola Wilderness Lodge and a guided Ridge Top Tour
- Thermal Springs, incredible wildlife and outback vistas

OVERVIEW

There's no better way to see the Australian Outback than a cross country expedition through the Flinders and along the Oodnadatta Track and desert edge country. A mixture of landscapes, remoteness, iconic townships and unique Australian characters.

No camping experience is necessary, just a desire to experience camp life under the stars and some luxury overland travel.

A medium level of fitness will be required together with a willingness to jump in and lend a hand when necessary.

Suitable for one, two or three travellers, this isn't a 'boys only adventure', couples and singles will also enjoy.

PRICING	ኧኧኧ	Adventure with 3 other travellers	\$5,320 per person
	**	Adventure with 2 other travellers	\$7,430 per person
	ţ	Private adventure, exclusive for 1 traveller	\$13,755
		Tag-Along	\$2,700 per vehicle





ADELAIDE TO ALICE

INS, OUTS & EXPECTATIONS

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Exclusive Expedition for one, two or three people with an adaptable itinerary to suit weather, road conditions and personal interests.

- ✓ All meals including breakfasts, lunches and dinners
- ✓ 12 nights of upmarket camp accommodation
- ✓ All sleeping equipment is supplied
- Entry fees to National Parks and Arkaroola Ridge Top Tour
- A 1 hour Scenic Flight out of William Creek over Lake Eyre
- Guided by a passionate and well organised Expedition leader with First Aid accreditation.

Vehicle fully equipped with compliant Safety Equipment including:

- ✓ Emergency Location Beacon & Satellite Phone
- Emergency First Aid Kits
- Recovery equipment including Winch's and Mats
- Recovery and Bush Mechanic Repair capability

For Tag-Alongs:

- ✓ All Safety Equipment listed above
- ✓ All Camping Fees
- ✓ All Vehicle and Park Entry Permits
- Capable vehicle to assist with river crossings and recoveries
- Peace of Mind to be travelling with another party who is well equipped and experienced

WHAT'S EXPECTED

- A willingness to sleep in a swag subject to passenger configurations
- A willingness to have a 'hands on' experience
- Assist with vehicle recoveries [or other people's]

WHAT'S NOT **INCLUDED**

- Flights and any Accommodation either side of pickup / drop off dates.
- Travel Insurance [mandatory]

For Tag-Alongs:

- This is a self-catered Tag-Along trip each vehicle is responsible for their own catering requirements including all food, beverages and personal items.
- Additional Recovery Equipment or Spare Parts for your vehicle.
- Insurance Comprehensive Vehicle and Travel Insurance [mandatory].
- Arkaroola Ridge Top Tour and Scenic Flights are excluded but can be arranged.



TRAVEL DATES

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DAY	DATE	START	DESTINATION	KM
1	7 Mar	Adelaide	Clare Valley	150
2	8 Mar	Clare Valley	Wilpena Pound	280
3	9 Mar	Wilpena Pound	Parachilna Gorge	110
4	10 Mar	Parachilna Gorge	Arkaroola	200
5	11 Mar	Arkaroola	Arkaroola	0
6	12 Mar	Arkaroola	Muloorina Station	300
7	13 Mar	Muloorina Station	William Creek	250
8	14 Mar	William Creek	Algebuckina Bridge	220
9	15 Mar	Algebuckina Bridge	Painted Desert	130
10	16 Mar	Painted Desert	Dalhousie Springs	250
11	17 Mar	Dalhousie Springs	Chambers Pillar	370
12	18 Mar	Chambers Pillar	Ooraminna Homestead	150
13	19 Mar	Ooraminna Homestead	Alice Springs	50
			TOTAL KM	2460







A TRIP NOT TO BE MISSED

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The road north out of Adelaide leads us to the Clare Valley, the perfect spot to sample a few lunchtime wines and load up with a few supplies. A great opportunity to find out a bit about each other before we embark on our Expedition and depending on the day we'll make camp somewhere in the Yacka region.

Likewise you can't drive north from Adelaide without visiting the Flinders Ranges, a unique and breathtaking landscape for people who have never experienced Australia's outback. It's a different light from dawn till dusk, making it a photographers dream. The 'blueness and clarity' of the sky is amazing, amplified when you look back on your photos and just marvel. Equally, the black and blue night sky is littered with an array of stars like you've never seen. You just don't see this kind of thing in the cities!

The Outback is the perfect opportunity to do some open fire cooking, perhaps a camp oven roast or even try your hand at making damper. It just doesn't get any better, with the sun setting over the landscape as you relax and enjoy a few drinks whilst sharing stories. Who says camping is about baked beans on toast!

We'll make our way north through the township of Hawker and in to Wilpena Pound for a night.

The Prairie Hotel in Parachilna is an unmissable outback experience for a long lunch, so we'll deviate back onto the highway for that experience. Its feral food menu has a focus on provenance and everything is sourced as locally as possible. Have you ever tried Emu Mignon, Smoked Kangaroo or a Camel Sausage? Well this is your chance. If this puts you off, rest assured it's not all feral, their menu caters for all tastes and preferences, tweaked with some Native Australian bush ingredients. Famous for the Front Bar's warm welcome and cold beer, this has the potential to be a long afternoon so we'll either slip back into the National Park or probably just camp at the Pub.



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We'll stay at Arkaroola Wilderness Lodge for two nights, where we'll do their guided Ridge Top Tour - around 4-5 hours in duration. Access is limited to this part of the property, so we jump in their Safari Truck and be shown some unique geological monuments, rugged mountains and towering granite peaks. It's the home to a huge range of bird species, reptiles and mammals including the Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby. This included Tour is the only way to experience Sillers Lookout, with its awesome views overlooking the range.

Back onto the black top once we hit Leigh Creek, we make our way to Marree, the junction where you choose to go up the Birdsville track or the Oodnadatta Track. We take the latter and make our way out to Muloorina Homestead for the night. There's a thermal spring there, just perfect to wash away a few days of travel dust!

We're now on the Oodnadatta Track heading for William Creek, following the Old Ghan Railway route. We pass Coward Springs, a great little desert oasis with a fantastic natural hot springs spa. We pass along the southern most edge of Lake Eyre South, our destination is the William Creek Pub. We'll have our evening meal here and get the lowdown from the locals about life in the desert.

We've arranged for an early morning flight with Wrights Air. On the 1 hr flight enjoy the visual extremities of Lake Eyre, Australia's largest inland lake. Its incredible colours and patterns become accentuated from the air whether full of water or totally dry. A totally captivating flight that will return you both visually impacted and educationally enriched. The only way to get the full impact of this harsh country is from the air and includes a full commentary through your own personal headset.

Our next destination is the disused Algebuckina Bridge where we'll camp beside the Neale River. Pelicans cruise on past as if they own the joint and the flies could drive us crazy, but the counter for this is a boisterous camp fire and a very stylish hairnet that you put over your head!! One of the challenges of being in the outback I'm afraid. The good news is that they disappear after sunset!



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The Painted Desert will leave an indelible imprint in your memory. You can drive into this area under overcast skies and the landscape takes on dark brown tones. The next morning you wake to clear blue skies and it's now yellows and whites - a simply spectacular desert phenomenon that equals anywhere in the world. Not many people get to witness this magnificent part of our country and we've come a long way so we're going to stay close by at Arkaringa Homestead. A sunset dinner and early breakfast in the Painted Desert will definitely be one of your lasting memories.

Oodnadatta, there's not much here other than the famous Pink Roadhouse! Definitely worth a stop, the obligatory brag photo opportunity and the chance to fuel up. From here we travel to Dalhousie Springs which is on the edge of the Simpson Desert. This will be a long day in the truck but the reward is another desert oasis where you can relax in the thermal water with a cold drink in your hand.

Another heavy travel day to Chambers Pillar, passing through the small and very remote townships of Mt Dare and Finke. We might not make our target destination of Chambers Pillar in which case we'll free camp somewhere.

Ooraminna Station Homestead is our final overnight stop. It's a very cool way to finish off your Outback adventure. Oraminna has its own Movie Set location set in an amazing landscape under the starry canopy of the night sky.

The last leg of the journey is a 30 minute drive into Alice Springs, so it can be a lazy start before a mid-afternoon drop at your accommodation. But if you're feeling energetic there's plenty of nice walks and it's an opportunity to see what life is like on an Outback Station.

A reminder to book your Alice Springs accommodation well in advance, likewise your onward flight reservations.



GET ON BOARD

There's only ONE trip planned from Adelaide to Alice with Hadagutful in 2021. This is your Expedition. We just facilitate the trip to help you create everlasting memories.

This trip will take you away from the daily grind, and reward you with an experience of a lifetime.

If you are interested in booking, please complete the request on our website.

I'm available to talk anytime. During our chat, I'll happily share more details about Hadagutful and the trip and you can decide if this adventure is the right fit for you.

C'MON, JUMP IN... THERE'S MORE TO LIFE?

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