

Outback Trailblazer



LIMITED PLACES!

DEPARTS WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST 2022

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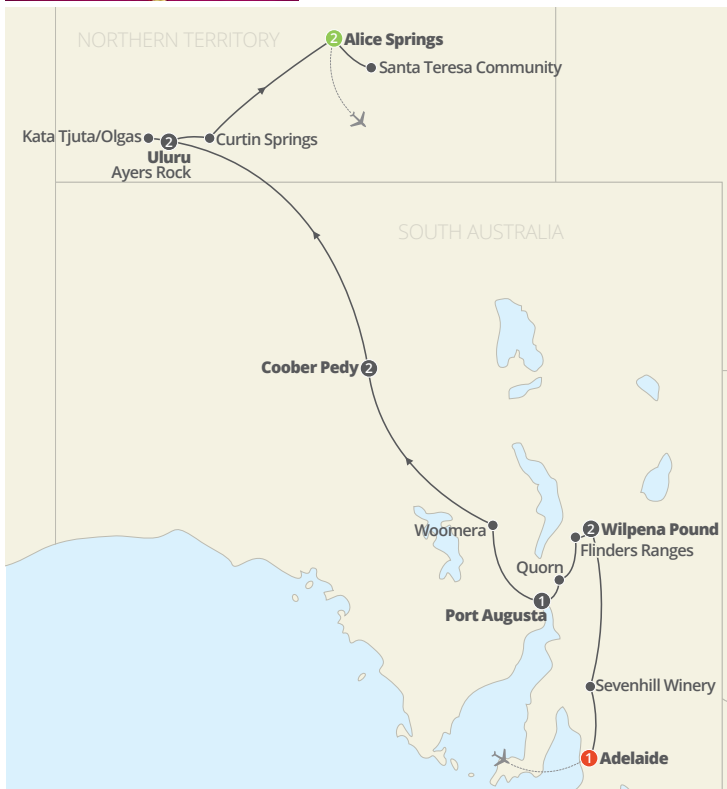
Blaze a trail to the heart of our nation and encounter the wonder of the Australian outback. From underground churches, and a natural canopy of heavenly stars, to inspirational stories both ancient and new, this journey to the red centre will delight the senses and uplift the spirit.



FULLY ESCORTED
 With Chaplain:
Bishop Gregory O'Kelly SJ
 Plus
 Professional Driver/Guide

11 DAYS
Departs Adelaide
 Wednesday 10 August 2022
Returns Alice Springs
 Saturday 20 August 2022
Tour Code: OT2201

TOUR COST
\$4990 *Per person*
Twin or Dbl
Price based on min 25 group size
SINGLE ROOM
\$1490 *Additional*
Supplement



HIGHLIGHTS: Adelaide (1) • Mary Mackillop precinct • Flinders Ranges (2) • Wilpena Pound • Port Augusta (1) • Quorn township • Coober Pedy (2) • Underground Hotel stay • Opal mine tour • Uluru – Ayers Rock Resort (2) • Kata Tjuta National Park – The Olgas outdoor Mass • Sounds of Silence Dinner experience • Field of Lights sunset encounter • Alice Springs (2) • Santa Teresa Community

DAILY COMMUNITY MASSES

Celebrating Eucharist with the locals

MEET COLOURFUL CHARACTERS

Hear their inspiring stories

WITH AMAZING CHAPLAINS

Giving spiritual blessings & guidance

NATURE & BEAUTY ENCOUNTERS

Enlivening each destination

PILGRIM WALK MOMENTS

Reflective time-out opportunities

LIKE-HEARTED FELLOWSHIP

Travelling together with purpose

INCLUSIONS: Accommodation at superior standard 3 - 4 star hotels with breakfast and dinner daily • Lunches as per the itinerary • Deluxe Air-Conditioned Touring Coach • Professional Driver / Guide throughout the program • Accompanied by a Harvest Tour Director • All sightseeing and entrance fees as listed • Quality Harvest pilgrim pack including Harvest backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet.

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ITINERARY

MEAL CODES: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

Day 1 – Wednesday 10 August 2022 – Arrive Adelaide

Theme: *New Beginnings*

Adelaide overnight (BD)

Day 2 – Thursday 11 August - Adelaide to the Flinders Ranges

Theme: *Spirit of the Pioneers*

Proposed Mass – *St Joseph's Chapel with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan*

- This morning we will visit the Mary MacKillop Precinct to celebrate the life of Australia's first saint. The Archbishop of Adelaide will welcome the group with a special Mass in St Joseph's Chapel, Mary's much-loved place of personal prayer. Visit the Mary MacKillop Museum and also St Mary's College Convent on West Terrace to pray in the Chapel where St Mary was excommunicated.
- Travel north via the towns of Mintaro and Polish Hill River to the Sevenhill Winery and Centre of Ignatian Spirituality in the Clare Valley. This idyllic centre is the birthplace of the Jesuits in Australia, the oldest winery in South Australia's Clare Valley and the mission centre from which 34 churches in the region were founded.
- Travel via Cradock where we will view St Gabriel's Church, built in 1883.
- Continue on to Wilpena Pound at the base of a remarkable bowl-shaped natural amphitheater in the heart of the northern Flinders Ranges.

Wilpena Pound Resort Overnight (BD)

Day 3 – Friday 12 August – Flinders Range Exploration Day

Theme: *Wonder of Creation*

Proposed Mass: *Outdoor Mass*

- Choose from varying levels of spectacular bush walks today, including the Old Homestead and Wangarra Lookout walk, Arkaroo Rock, Brachina Gorge and the Cazneau's Tree being one of the most photographed trees in Australia.
- Remainder of day at leisure to relax and enjoy our unique surroundings.
- Enjoy a sunset walk with the kangaroos amongst the ancient Red River gums before dinner.

Wilpena Pound Resort Overnight (BD)

Day 4 – Saturday 13 August - Flinders Ranges to Port Augusta via Quorn

Theme: *Abundance of Blessings*

Proposed Mass: *Vigil Mass - All Saints Parish, Port Augusta*

- Depart for Port Augusta via the historic outback railway town of Quorn to browse the shops and maybe enjoy an afternoon tea in one of the quirky cafes.
- Arrive into Port Augusta on the Spencer Gulf where the Outback meets the ocean. Check into our hotel after a panoramic tour of the port city.

Port Augusta Overnight (BD)

Day 5 – Sunday 14 August - Port Augusta to Coober Pedy

Theme: *Grace through Trials*

Proposed Mass: *Woomera Community Church*

- Set out early this morning along the Stuart Highway into the heart of the South Australian outback to the township of Woomera, renowned for its involvement in the 1960's weapons testing programme.
- Continue on to the underground opal town of Coober Pedy for a fascinating 2 night stay.

Coober Pedy Overnight (BD)

Day 6 – Monday 15 August - Coober Pedy Exploration

Theme: *Food for the Journey*

Proposed Mass: *Underground St Peter & St Paul Catholic Church Coober Pedy*

- This morning tour the famous underground dugouts and opal mines.
- Try your luck at noodling for opal in the towns mullock piles.
- Remainder of the day at leisure.

Coober Pedy overnight (BD)

Day 7 – Tuesday 16 August - Coober Pedy to Uluru

Theme: *Wonder of Creation*

Proposed Mass: *Planned Outdoor Mass*

- Travel north and cross into the Northern Territory.



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- This afternoon we arrive at Uluru.
- Fields of Light - Experience the changing colours of Uluru as the sun sets, followed by the world renowned "Field of Lights" installation featuring 50,000 slender stems topped with radiant frosted glass spheres spread over an area of seven football fields in the foreground of Uluru.

Uluru Overnight (BD)

Day 8 – Wednesday 17 August – Uluru

Theme: Awe & Gratitude

Proposed Mass: Yulara Community Shed / Kata Tjuta Outdoor Mass

- Guided walk around the base of Uluru (Mala Walk).
- Visit Kata Tjuta National Park (also known as the Olgas) recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Area for both its natural and cultural values. to experience the Olgas as you walk through the Walpa Gorge, a natural creek bed that carves its way between the two tallest domes of Kata Tjuta.
- Celebrate an outdoor Mass in Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.
- Sounds of Silence dinner experience - an evening of dining under the sparkling outback sky.

Uluru Overnight (BD)

Day 9 – Thursday 18 August - Uluru to Alice Springs

Theme: Peace & Reconciliation

Proposed Mass: Yulara Community Shed

- Visit Curtin Springs Station - a working cattle station - where you will learn about the legacy of the Severin family and their outback heritage.
- Stop at the Eriklunda Roadhouse, "the Centre of the Centre", where we will be able to have lunch, visit the kangaroo farm and emu enclosure.
- Arrive Alice Springs later this afternoon.

Alice Springs overnight (BD)

Day 10 – Friday 19 August - Alice Springs - MacDonnell Ranges

Theme: Abundance of Blessings

Proposed Mass: Santa Teresa Parish Church

- **Santa Teresa Mission.** Established as a Catholic Mission in the 1950's by the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Santa Teresa is today an Indigenous Catholic Community of over 500 residents with a strong Christian faith with the church being a focal point of the community. Visit the **Spirituality Centre** for morning tea. Spend time at the famous **Keringke Arts Centre** where you have the opportunity to meet the artists. Celebrate Mass at the Santa Teresa Parish Church.
- On the way back to Alice Springs we will visit the **Ewaninga Rock Carvings.**
- Alice Springs City tour - an afternoon tour beginning with panoramic views from Anzac Hill overlooking the rugged West MacDonnell Ranges, School of the Air and the Telegraph Station.
- At sunset we will visit the Kangaroo Sanctuary, a 188 acre wildlife sanctuary for rescued orphaned baby and adult kangaroos.

Alice Springs overnight (BD)

Day 11 – Saturday 20 August - Depart Alice Springs

Theme: Empowered to Shine

- Mass



BOOKINGS & ENQUIRIES

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