

# Itinerary for Eastern Central Australia

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**Day 1-** We live in Victoria and our friends live in Sydney so we met at Mildura and stayed the night in cabins at a Holiday Park.

**Day 2** – Left Mildura - We travelled to Hawker(SA) via Leigh Creek and Maree (fuel ) Stayed the night at Hawker in a cabin.

**Day 3** – Left Hawker – We travelled to William Creek(SA) Stayed the night in the campground behind William Creek Hotel in tents (fuel)

**Day 4** – Left William Creek – Travelled to Mt Dare via Oodnadatta (fuel) and Dalhousie Springs. Camped in tents in the campground behind the Mount Dare Hotel.

**Day 5** – Left Mount Dare Hotel (fuel) and travelled to Chambers Pillar Reserve via Finke (NT) where the Finke Desert Race starts and the Old Ghan Railway and stayed the night at Chambers Pillar reserve, camped in tents several hundred metres from Chambers Pillar, a 5 minute walk.

**Day 6 & 7**– Left Chambers Pillar Reserve and travelled to Alice Springs (fuel)

**Day 8** – Left Alice Springs, went north up the Stuart Hwy and then east on the Plenty Hwy. Stopped at the 'Giant termite mound' and camped for the night about halfway about 500mts of road down track.

**Day 9** – Left our bush camp and travelled to Boulia (QLD). Purchased fuel at a station several hundred kms before getting to Boulia. I asked the lady that was selling the fuel how many acres is the station. She said they owned 2 properties both 500,000 acres each WOW! Arrived at Boulia mid afternoon and setup camp on powered site to recharge mobile phones etc.

**Day 10** – Left Boulia and travelled to Birdsville and camped for 2 nights (QLD)

**Day 11 & 12** – Stayed at Birdsville, Visited the Birdsville Hotel, conquered ‘Big Red’ the first sand dune of the Simpson Desert, the Birdsville Working Museum and more. Birdsville would be one of our favourite outback towns.

**Day 13** – Left Birdsville and travelled to Innamincka, another very unique outback town.

On the road to Innamincka we had just gone past ‘Cordillo Downs’ a sheep station, we came across a man and his vehicle and trailer that needed help. He was towing a rust bucket of a trailer that shouldn’t have left home and the leaf spring had broken off. We did manage to help him by drilling a hole in the leaf spring and in the trailer and wiring it up with ‘No.8’ fencing wire (we always carry a piece of this wire when 4WD driving it’s the first time we have ever used it. He was then able to go drive slowly to ‘Cordillo Downs’ and get more help.

**Day 14** – Stayed in Innamincka and camped in tents on the bank of Coopers Creek. This is the area where ‘Burke & Wills’ started their trek many years ago.

**Day 15, 16 & 17** – Stayed in Innamincka for 5 nights to give us a break from the constant travelling and moving camp. Innamincka is a fascinating area, there is a lot of information and places to visit regarding ‘Burke and Wills’ and the Innamincka Hotel is very unique and has the general store next door that sells fuel and basic foods, souvenirs and public showers are nearby.

**Day 18** – Left Innamincka and start heading for home. We travelled to ‘Camerons Corner’ where 3 states meet SA, QLD and NSW and travelled to Tibooburra and camped for the night.

**Day 19** – Travelled from Tibooburra to Broken Hill stayed in a cabin

**Day 20** – Made it home and unpacked (never good). But we came home with some amazing photos and we always look forward to the next trip

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