

# Topdeck

## OUTBACK ADVENTURE



TRIP CODE:

OXOAMD-9



## Topdecker, MEET AUSTRALIA

Natural wonders a-go-go. On this trip you'll travel the Great Ocean Road, see The Grampians and Flinders Ranges and get up close with Ulu?u itself. Katherine and the Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks will get ticked off the list, too. Cameras at the ready for this one.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



Android/iPhone app  
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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Drive along the Great Ocean Road and see sunset at the 12 Apostles
- + Visit Grampians National Park
- + Paint your own souvenir boomerang
- + Hike to the base of MacKenzie Falls
- + Make your own wine in Coonawarra
- + Visit the Flinders Ranges
- + Stay underground in Coober Pedy
- + Visit a kangaroo orphanage in Coober Pedy
- + Experience sunset and sunrise over Ulu?u
- + Walk the Valley of the Winds at Kata Tju?a
- + Guided hike of Kings Canyon
- + Visit Aboriginal Rock Art sites in Kakadu National Park

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Drive along the Great Ocean Road and see sunset at the 12 Apostles
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- + Make your own wine in Coonawarra
- + Wilpena Pound guided walk
- + Opal mine and town tour
- + Visit a kangaroo orphanage
- + Experience sunset at Uluru
- + Walk the Valley of the Winds at Kata Tjuta
- + Swag under the stars at Kings Creek Station
- + Guided hike of Kings Canyon
- + Visit the Garden of Eden
- + Visit the Devils Marbles
- + Lawn bowls
- + Visit Daly Waters historic pub
- + Mataranka Hot Springs
- + Katherine Gorge Cruise
- + Visit Edith Falls
- + Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre
- + Visit Burrungkuy Rock Art site
- + Guluyambi Cruise
- + Visit Ubirr Rock Art site
- + Visit Bowali Cultural Centre
- + Visit Buley Rock Hole
- + Visit Florence Falls

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Melbourne  
Australia/Pacific

## *Trip currencies*

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# Your Itinerary



AWESOME TRIP  
LEADER

## DAY 1 | MELBOURNE TO PORT CAMPBELL VIA THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD

It's not called the 'Great' Ocean Road for nothing! Get snappy over the 12 Apostles before chilling out tonight.



**MEALS:**

+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Drive along the Great Ocean Road  
and see sunset at the 12 Apostles

## DAY 2 | PORT CAMPBELL TO GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK

Today we'll explore the Grampians and the Loch Ard Gorge. Visit Brambuk Cultural Centre and learn about the traditional landowners (the Djab Wurrung and Jardwadjal people), hear their Dreamtime stories and paint your own story on a boomerang.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Paint your own souvenir  
boomerang

## DAY 3 | GRAMPIANS NATIONAL PARK TO MT GAMBIER

Next up: MacKenzie Falls, the largest waterfall in Victoria. Tonight, catch some shut eye in the Old Mount Gambier Gaol.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Hike to the base of MacKenzie Falls

## DAY 4 | MT GAMBIER TO ADELAIDE

Check out the Blue Lake and Umpherston Sinkhole before stopping off at Wynn's Coonawarra vineyard for a wine class. Afterwards: Adelaide.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Make your own wine in Coonawarra

## DAY 5 | ADELAIDE

With heaps of bars and an awesome live music scene, your day in Adelaide is likely to pass by in a flash. Best get a move on!



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast

## DAY 6 | ADELAIDE TO FLINDERS RANGES

On our way to the Flinders Ranges, we'll stop off at the Barossa Reservoir Whispering Wall. Word has it that if you whisper something at one end of the wall, it can be heard alllllll the way over on the other side! After giving it a try, it's off to a local pub for dinner.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

## DAY 7 | FLINDERS RANGES

Mountains? Yep. Gorges? Uh-huh. Creeks? You betcha. Rivers? Why, of course! Flinders Ranges National Park has EVERYTHING. Today we'll take a hike at Wilpena Pound - a natural amphitheatre about three times the size of Ulu?u.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Wilpena Pound guided walk

## DAY 8 | FLINDERS RANGES TO COOBER PEDY

Destination: Coober Pedy, where locals live in homes carved deep underground to escape the heat. Today we'll embark on a gem of an opal mine tour and pay a visit to a kangaroo orphanage. Prepare for cuteness overload! Please note that the twin / double / or single upgrade is not applicable to the overnight underground stay.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Opal mine and town tour
- + Visit a kangaroo orphanage

## DAY 9 | COOBER PEDY TO ALICE SPRINGS

Cracked, dry and barren, Moon Plain is like something from another world. We'll cross it on our way to Alice Springs (just remember to close the gate on 5,614 km of dingo fence on your way out).



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 10 | ALICE SPRINGS TO ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Today it's off to Uluru for a guided walking tour and a glass of bubbles as the glow of the sunset morphs through 50 shades of red, pink, purple and blue. Tonight, it's BBQ time.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Experience sunset at Uluru

## DAY 11 | ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Dust off those walking boots as we take on Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) with a hike through the Valley of the Winds. Tonight, we sleep in swags. Zip up tight! Please be aware that in winter months (May-Sept), nighttime temperatures can drop to near 0 degrees, warmer clothing will be required for the night sleeping in the swag. Please note that the twin / double / or single upgrade is not applicable to the Overnight Swag Night at Kings Canyon.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walk the Valley of the Winds at Kata Tjuta
- + Swag under the stars at Kings Creek Station

## DAY 12 | ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK TO KINGS CANYON

Get your hiking boots on! This morning we'll be tackling the hardest part of the famous Rim Walk in Kings Canyon (aptly named 'Heart Attack Hill'). Believe us, it's worth the effort! We're talking age-old cycads, eroded dome shapes, a visit to The Lost City... and that's not even the best part. The sheltered valley and waterhole of the Garden of Eden will make today even more awesome. After a stop off to grab some lunch, we'll head back to Alice Springs.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Guided hike of Kings Canyon
- + Visit the Garden of Eden

## DAY 13 | KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS

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### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

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- + Visit the Garden of Eden

## DAY 14 | ALICE SPRINGS

You've got a free day to spend however you please in Alice Springs.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 15 | ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK

Cheerio, Alice – today it's up and onwards to Tennant Creek. Along the way, we'll make a pit stop at the Devils Marbles, a collection of huuuuuge, millions-of-years-old granite boulders. Fill up that camera roll!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the Devils Marbles

## DAY 16 | TENNANT CREEK TO KATHERINE

First up: a visit to the palm-fringed Mataranka Hot Springs, where you can bathe in warm waters of a clear thermal pool. Then: kick off those shoes and prepare to get unexpectedly competitive as we roll the jack in Katherine. Also today: a stop at the legendary (and supposedly haunted) Daly Waters pub. In the mood for a brewski?



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Lawn bowls
- + Visit Daly Waters historic pub
- + Mataranka Hot Springs

## DAY 17 | KATHERINE

Wanna get up close and personal with some of Mother Nature's finest work? Great! A cruise along the Nitmiluk Gorge and a visit to the idyllic Edith Falls should do the trick...



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Katherine Gorge Cruise
- + Visit Edith Falls

## DAY 18 | KATHERINE TO KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

After a quick stop in Pine Creek this morning, we'll make tracks to the Warradjan Cultural Centre for an insight into Aboriginal traditions and history. Later, we'll check out the ancient paintings at the Burrungkuy Rock Art site. Amazing!



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre
- + Visit Burrungkuy Rock Art site

## DAY 19 | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK

First up today: a cruise along the World Heritage-listed East Alligator River. Afterwards, prepare to be wowed – we're off to check out some more incredible Aboriginal Rock Art. Quick fact: some paintings are up to 20,000 years old. Take a moment to let that sink in! This afternoon, learn some more about Kakadu at the Bowali Cultural Centre, then take in some awesome views of the Mamukala Wetlands.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Guluyambi Cruise
- + Visit Ubirr Rock Art site
- + Visit Bowali Cultural Centre

## DAY 20 | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK TO DARWIN

After a stop at the ancient rock pools of Buley Rock Hole, we'll share a farewell lunch together al fresco. There's still just enough time to squeeze in Florence Falls and some towering termite mounds before we get to Darwin, where we'll say goodbye – unless you wanna stick around?



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Buley Rock Hole
- + Visit Florence Falls

*Meals*

Please note that drinks are not included with meals, except at breakfast where coffee, tea and/or juice may be included. If you wish to purchase drinks at dinner you may do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck App when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

## *Topdeck Travel App*

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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## *Passenger safety*

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**

