



Roustabouts RV Club Inc.

South Australia & Northern Territory

Long Paddock Drive

22 April to 23 July 2023
(93* Days)

**** Plus 14 days to start & 7 days travel
home from LPD finish (107 days)***

Suitable for
'All Rigs'

Up Close and Personal with the Outback

Mildura

Renmark

Murray Bridge

Gawler

Port Wakefield

Edithburgh

Crystal Brook

Peterborough

Flinders Ranges

Port Augusta

Roxby Downs

Glendambo

Coober Pedy

Marla

Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Kings Canyon

Rainbow Valley

Alice Springs

West & East MacDonnell Ranges

Aileron

Devils Marbles

Banka Banka Station

Daly Waters

Katherine

Kakadu National Park

Darwin

Litchfield National Park

Mataranka

Cape Crawford

Burnett Downs

Barkly Homestead

Camooweal

Mt Isa

AN OVERVIEW OF THE TRIP

Overview

Originally, the Flinders Ranges and Red Centre LPD, this Long Paddock Drive (LPD) now includes most areas of South Australia and the Northern Territory. This LPD also includes additional days at most centres so members have a more relaxed and leisurely journey.

Unlike previous trips, this LPD commences at Mildura and finishing at Mount Isa, allowing members the opportunity to explore areas, or visiting friends between home and the LPD.



We wish participants to get *“Up close and personal with the Outback”* so to achieve this we stop at free camping sites, roadhouses, remote hotels as well as caravan parks, showgrounds and campgrounds.

We have minimized driving hours to an average **230** klms per driving day, however, remote distances along the route require a couple of days of over 300 klms.

There are no pampered participants on this trip; indeed everyone needs to be self sufficient and willing to not only ‘rough it’ but participate in communal activities.

Happy Hour will be held daily around 4pm when we are on the road. When at centres, Happy Hour will take place on a casual basis so people don’t feel compelled to head back from their days outing. On our final nights at a location,

Happy Hour will include the ‘Briefing’ by the Drover. These Briefings keep everyone updated and at least one person from each van is required to attend.

What Roads do we travel?

The LPD travels primarily on bitumen, however, travel to Rainbow Valley is on a dirt road for 24kms. Some dirt road travel is required when exploring the Flinders, West & East MacDonnell Ranges but these roads are suitable for 2WD. Some ‘Half bitumen roads’ exist along the route.

What type of rig can I take

This LPD is classified as **“All Rigs”**. You can bring your caravan, camper trailer, 5th wheeler, camper van or motorhome.

Outback Etiquette

Participants need to maintain a distance of approx. 400 meters between rigs.

Please stop along the way for rest and sightseeing.

Please work with heavy vehicles via UHF radio to ensure they are able to pass you. They are working, we are holidaying.

Onboard Water (Additional Reserve)

When we leave Port Augusta everyone will need to have extra water onboard, preferably in 2 litre containers (in case one breaks).

Emergency services advise we work on 10 litres per day per person. Extra water will need to be retained until we reach Mt Isa.

Additional Fuel

When we leave Port Augusta everyone will need to have extra fuel onboard. The amount of fuel required is your responsibility and needs to be sufficient to get you to the next available fuel stop. Power outages and malfunctions exist in SA

and NT regions from time to time. Extra fuel will need to be retained until we reach Mt Isa.

UHF Radio

ALL participants must have a working UHF radio in their vehicle suitable for contacting vehicles within a 3 km radius and be able to talk to someone who is below the crest of the road.



Every rig will be handed a sheet with everyone's call sign so you are able to talk to fellow travellers or the Support Team. A high range flexible aerial is recommended to ensure the aerial does not break away from the vehicle from vibrations.

Driving Hours

Due to the high risk of goat, kangaroo, camel and emu hits, driving hours will be 8am to 4pm each day. When staying at locations, the risk of driving at dusk needs to be assessed by touring participants. Participants should contact their insurance company regarding driving dusk to dawn in remote areas of SA & NT.

Wind Day

The Highway between Tennant Creek and Mount Isa can experience strong winds so a Wind Day has been included in case the need arises for the LPD to stop.

The Drover will decide if the Wind Day is warranted. If the Wind day is not needed,

the LPD will proceed to Camooweal and stay overnight at the free camping area just outside of town.

Personal Responsibility

Participants are responsible for All Costs, including (not exhaustive list):

- Vehicle, motorhome, caravan, campervan & tent hire and costs,
- Travel and personal Insurances,
- Having a first aid kit in your vehicle
- Breakdowns, roadworthiness of vehicle/rig, repairs and police fines,
- Medications (enough physical stock for entire journey and any unexpected delays),
- Breakfasts, lunches, snacks, morning teas, drinks, dinner where not provided,
- Tours & events of choice and meals of choice.

Flood & Fire Delay – Procedure

Participants need be aware of the risk of fire and flood. In the event of such an emergency, the Drover will confer with emergency services and advise participants.

- Participants are required to follow lawful instruction,
- Participants will be required to remain at the location or site declared by emergency services,
- Participants will remain onsite until advised otherwise by emergency services.

The Drover will confer with RFDS and emergency services and will advise participants when it is safe to proceed. Participants are responsible for

ensuring they have adequate resources on hand for such events.

Quarantine Areas

Participants need to be familiar with State Quarantine Regulations. The loss of food and/or penalty is a personal responsibility.

[Quarantine Website](#)

Sorry, NO Pets allowed
on this Long Paddock
Drive

Your Expectations: The Drover & Support Crew

The 'Drover' / Support Crew looks after:

- The Roustabouts and deals with any issues that arise,
- Logistical and operational issues.
- Forward booking confirmations and variations
- Any issues with or alternatives to the itinerary,
- Travel briefings and their location, and
- Presentation of certificates
- Emergent / other needed cancellations

The Drover and Support Crew do not look after your touring and event arrangements that are not part of the *'included program'* on the itinerary. This is your responsibility.

Refer to: [LPD & MT Information & Guidelines](#)

Outback Golf Safari

Alice Springs Golf Club



Broken Hill Golf Club



Coober Pedy Golf Club



Our Long
Paddock Drive
begins



Things to do and see

Only a few events and tours have been organised on this long paddock drive.

There is so much to see, so attendees need to research tours and events and decide on what they wish to do.

It is recommended that attendees book their tours and events as the LPD progresses.

To assist, some tours and events in various areas are detailed for your consideration and ease of investigation.

Where possible, tours and events are linked to their respective website.



Some Locations Being Visited

Victoria

Locations you visit to start point.

Mildura & Wentworth

South Australia

Peterborough

Murray Bridge

Port Wakefield

Flinders Ranges

Yorke Peninsula Towns & National Park

Woomera

Roxby Downs

Glendambo

Andamooka

Coober Pedy

Marla

Northern Territory

Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)

Kings Canyon

Alice Springs

West MacDonnell Ranges

East Macdonnell Ranges

Devils Marbles

Barrow Creek

Tennant Creek

Banka Banka Homestead

Daly Waters

Katherine

Kakadu National Park

Darwin

Litchfield National Park

Mataranka

Cape Crawford Heartbreak Hotel

Borroloola

King Ash Bay Fishing Camp

Barkly Homestead

Queensland

Camooweal

Mt Isa

Locations you visit on your way home

Information Websites

Information Centres

- ⇒ [Mildura Visitors Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Murray Bridge Visitors Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Flinders Ranges Visitor Information Centres](#)
- ⇒ [Yorke Peninsula](#)
- ⇒ [Coastal Way Road Trip \(Yorke Peninsula\)](#)
- ⇒ [Dhilba Guuranda Innes National Park](#)
- ⇒ [Port Augusta Visitor Information Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Roxby Downs Visitor Information Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Arid Recovery Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Woomera Information Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Woomera History](#)
- ⇒ [Olympic Dam Information Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Andramooka Information Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Cooper Pedy Information Centre](#)
- ⇒ [Town & Breakaway Tours](#)
- ⇒ [Uluru Information](#)



Information Websites

- ⇒ [Kings Creek Station](#) (Kings Canyon)
- ⇒ [Rainbow Valley](#)
- ⇒ [Alice Springs Information Centre](#)
- ⇒ [West MacDonnell Ranges Information](#)
- ⇒ [East MacDonnell Ranges Information](#)
- ⇒ [Barrow Creek Hotel](#)
- ⇒ [Devils Marbles](#)
- ⇒ [Wycliffe Wells](#)
- ⇒ [Tennant Creek](#)
- ⇒ [Mataranka](#)
- ⇒ [Daly Waters](#)
- ⇒ [Katherine](#)
- ⇒ [Kakadu National Park](#)
- ⇒ [Jabiru](#)
- ⇒ [Cooinda](#)
- ⇒ [Litchfield National Park](#)
- ⇒ [Darwin](#)
- ⇒ [Cape Crawford](#)
- ⇒ [Borroloola](#)
- ⇒ [Barkly Homestead](#)
- ⇒ [Camooweal](#)
- ⇒ [Mount Isa](#)



Included Events & Tours

Included events are detailed on the following sheets and **you've been included** as an attendee. Please advise organisers on registration form if you do not wish to attend.



Sounds of Silence

Have the dinner of your life, under the stars and deep in the desert against the backdrop of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, tucking into gourmet outback fare. Your experience begins with canapés and chilled sparkling wine served on a viewing platform overlooking the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. As the sun sets and darkness falls to the sound of a didgeridoo, join your table of fellow travellers for an unforgettable dining experience and an introduction to Aboriginal culture with a traditional dance performance under the outback sky. Our attentive staff will keep your glass full with a quality selection of Australian wine and beers while first course is served. As the night sky twinkles to life, help yourself to a bush tucker inspired buffet that incorporates native bush ingredients such as crocodile, kangaroo, barramundi and quandong. After dinner, settle back and listen to our resident star talker decode the southern night sky. Locate the Southern Cross, the signs of the zodiac, the Milky Way, as well as planets and galaxies that are visible due to the exceptional clarity of the atmosphere. After dinner, enjoy dessert with a glass of port, tea or coffee.

Duration 4 hours. Collected & dropped off at the van park. A once in a lifetime experience.

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West MacDonnell Ranges

Full Day Tour

Experience the magnificent grandeur of the West MacDonnell Ranges. The immense cliffs of quartzite at Simpsons Gap are a haven for Black-footed rock-wallabies. See the deep red cleft of Standley Chasm, glow from reflected sunlight creating a breathtaking display of stark form and rich colour.



Experience the mystique of Ellery Creek Big Hole and the cultural significance of the Ochre Pits and visit the Spectacular Ormiston Gorge.

Sip on a glass of wine and enjoy a Ploughman's lunch at Glen Helen Resort Gorge with time visit to Glen Helen Gorge.

Enjoy the late afternoon sun reflecting on the MacDonnell Ranges as you return to Alice Springs. Includes morning tea and lunch & entry fees.

Departs: 8.00am

Returns: 5.30pm



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Approx. 24 kms of red dirt road in and out of this overnight destination

Rainbow Valley

An overnight stop on our LPD, a must if you have never seen nature at its best.

Only recently discovered, Rainbow Valley is renowned for its sandstone bluffs and cliffs with bands of different coloured rock. An easy day trip from Alice Springs, it is at its most spectacular in the early morning light or late afternoon sun when it changes from ochre red to orange and purple.

The Rainbow Valley Conservation Reserve is located about 75 kilometres south of Alice Springs. The turn-off to the Reserve is 75 km south from Alice Springs along the Stuart Highway on the right hand side. From here it is a 24 km stretch east, along an unsealed road which has some sandy patches.

For this reason, access is recommended rigs have outlets covered.

The road is lined with stands of majestic Desert Oak. Walk through the valley along the base of the cliffs and you will see large chunks of fallen rock, some of them weathered and pockmarked like coral. Take the short walk that skirts the claypan and winds around the foot of the bluff to Mushroom Rock – an unusual formation with a natural tunnel formed by millions of years of wind and rain erosion.

Sacred site: The reserve is an important site to the southern Arrernte people. The large rock formation known as Ewerre is a registered sacred site. The Park is rich in Aboriginal history especially around the hills and ridges where petroglyphs, (rock carvings) paintings, grinding stones and stone chip tools have been discovered.

Overnighting in the reserve: There are basic camping facilities at Rainbow Valley with toilets, gas barbecues, fire pits and a picnic area. There is NO power or water for your rigs.



Included Events & Tours



Barrow Creek Hotel Meal

This Hotel is in the desert between Tennant Creek and Alice Springs and the owner cleared the caravan parking area for our club in 2016.

We will be staying here overnight and you will experience a spit roast meal, the menu being kangaroo tail soup, pig on spit, roast vegetables and desert.



Kakadu National Park - Yellow Water Morning Cruise

Yellow Water Cruises, past winner of the Qantas Australian Tourism Award for Major Tour and/or Transport Operators, has exclusive use of Yellow Water Billabong. It operates year round and provides up to six cruises a day of 90 or 120 minute duration. The sunrise and sunset cruise are very popular and advance bookings are recommended. Many people undertake more than one cruise during their stay to see the changes in the wildlife at different times of the day. About one third of Australia's bird species are represented in Kakadu National Park, with at least 60 species found in the wetlands. Whistling Ducks and Magpie Geese are the most abundant. Eagles can be seen hovering searching for prey, and at times you will see distinctive Jabirus and may even get to see Brolgas dancing

The Club has organised for everyone to attend the early morning cruise so you see the wildlife as they start their day



Included Events & Tours

Arid Recovery & Banquet Tour (Roxby Downs)

Sunset Tour.

Tours depart one hour before sunset. Tours take up to three hours and a half hours

Once at the Reserve, you will take a guided tour through some of the unique habitats of Australia's arid zone before stopping at the viewing platform to watch the spectacular desert sunset.

At dusk, we will travel through the dunes to get up close and personal with some of the Reserve's amazing animals, including burrowing bettongs and spinifex hopping mice.

What you need: your own vehicle, drinking water, sturdy enclosed footwear, long pants, a warm jacket, torch and camera.



Town & Breakaway Tour (Coober Pedy)



The caravan Park we are staying at operates tours of the town and Breakaway Mountains in air conditioned buses, providing an informative introduction to Coober Pedy and the nearby Breakaways.

The tour includes the Breakaways, Dog Fence, Opal field, Moon plains, Opal mine and museum, underground Home, underground Church and town area. Also new to our tour, a private underground home being built exclusive to Stuart Range Outback Tours.



Tours leave early afternoon daily and a bonus with our bookings is 10% discount on the parks fabulous Pizza.



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