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# NEWSLETTER

## Down Under Coach Tours

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*Welcome* to the Winter issue of our Down Under Coach Tours newsletter. Isn't it amazing how time flies, Christmas will be here before we know it. However, winter can be a wonderful time to travel around Australia. A coach tour is an excellent way to explore our own backyard, meet local characters and get up close to nature.

A special feature in this newsletter is information on our new tour to Lake Eyre. A highlight of this tour is the fabulous half day Lake Eyre Flood flight. You can read the details opposite. Also featured in this edition is a summary of the tours for 2011, a brief preview of up and coming tours for 2012 and some exciting news for 2013.

We are very excited by the amount of response we have received for our 2012 Great Australian Adventure tour. A big thanks to all those who have already registered their interest. By all indications the tour is going to be a tremendous success.

There are a number of advantages to breaking this tour into sections, one of those of course is budget, and let's face it we all have one of those these days! Also you are able to select the area of Australia that you most want to see. However, another advantage is that by flying in to join the tour or flying out at the end of your section you spend more time in actual touring. We are also very excited that there is quite a number who have decided to accompany us for the whole tour, this will be a wonderful experience filled with lots of memories (and photos) to share with friends and family upon return. Australia is such a great country to explore, we hope to see you onboard real soon.

*Have a great time down under*



## SPECTACULAR LAKE EYRE SPECIAL

One of the rarest wonders of the Outback is happening and the wild flowers are blooming! Lake Eyre is filling with recent rains.

**Departs: Monday, 8th August 2011**  
**Tour Cost: from \$4696**

Here's a great opportunity to view this amazing event. The coverage of Lake Eyre North is currently about 85% with more water on the way. Lake Eyre South has around 50% coverage.

The tour takes you through Back O'Bourke country with two days in Bourke. You will enjoy a guided tour of the cotton farms, a cotton gin, high tech orchards and vineyards. Being a river town with a history of paddleboats no time spent in Bourke would be complete without a cruise aboard the PV Jandra Paddleboat plus walk through the colourful history of the area at the Back O'Bourke Exhibition Centre.

Visit the opal town of White Cliffs, the railway town of Peterborough and the beautiful Flinders Ranges where we will base ourselves for two nights at Wilpena Pound. A special feature of this tour is a half day Lake Eyre Flood Flight. This fabulous flight departs from Wilpena Pound and includes Brachina Gorge and Parachilna and Lake Eyre. The plane lands at Muloorina Station for a rest stop before passing the historic town of Marree where the Birdsville and Oodnadatta Tracks meet. The flight finishes with a bird's eye view of the majestic Northern Flinders Ranges before returning to Wilpena



Pound. There will also be free time in Wilpena to explore the Pound. Leaving Wilpena Pound we make our way to Port Pirie. We then continue to explore the flood events for this year travelling through the Barossa Valley to Banrock Station Wine & Wetlands and on to river towns of Mildura and Wentworth where the Murray meets the Darling. Leaving Mildura we head for Broken Hill and Menindee Lakes. The town of Menindee served as a base camp for the 1860 Burke & Wills expedition to the Gulf of Carpentaria. Other highlights of our time spent in this area is a cruise on the lake and a guided tour of the Kinchega National Park.

There are still a few seats available on this remarkable holiday, so don't delay.

Full itinerary is available on our website or give us a call, we will be happy to mail one out to you.

For bookings call Marianne on our free call number.

# 2011 Tours

## 9 Day BLUE MOUNTAINS & BEYOND THE GREAT DIVIDE

### 5 Nights Bathurst

Seats are still available on our Blue Mountains tour. No need to pack your bag every morning with this tour. Based for five nights in Bathurst, each day branch out in a new direction to discover all the natural wonders and history the area has to offer. We not only spend time in Bathurst but also in Cowra, Katoomba and the majestic Blue Mountains, the Jenolan Caves and much more.

From \$2640 pp



## 11 Day CANBERRA FLORIADE & MONTAGUE IS

### Experience springtime in Canberra

Don't miss the largest spring festival in the Southern Hemisphere. Delight in the incredible display of floral beauty and creativity. Explore the nation's capital and traverse the beautiful coastal rainforests.

From \$3710pp

## Montague Island

Accessed only through a National Parks guided tour, observe the resident wildlife and explore the magnificent heritage buildings.

The area is rich in marine life such as migrating whales, vast schools of friendly dolphins, basking sunfish, manta rays, or acres of pelagic fish.



The Three Sisters

## 15 Day MURRAY PRINCESS & SPRINGTIME IN THE FLINDERS RANGES

### The ultimate riverboat adventure

What a fabulous year to experience the mighty Murray and the Flinders Ranges. The river has come to life after recent floods and the deserts are blossoming, wildlife and wildflowers abound. Spend three nights onboard the Murray Princess cruising the scenic riverlands. Experience the ancient grandeur of the Flinders Ranges. At Wilpena Pound take an optional flight over Lake Eyre and at Arkaroola join the famous 4WD Ridge Top tour to Sillers Lookout. Truly a wonderful tour.

From \$4920pp

## 15 Day PHILLIP ISLAND & VICTORIAN HIGH COUNTRY SUMMER

### Experience the Victorian High Country in all its summer glory

There's no doubt about it, you won't be disappointed in choosing this tour for your next holiday. Spend time this summer with breathtaking scenery and a sea of alpine wildflowers. Bask in the cool mountain temperatures, discover the history and enjoy the local products from delicious cheeses to premium wines. At Phillip Island your heart will be captured by the adorable little penguins at the Penguin Parade.

From \$4549pp

## 6 Day WATERFALL WAY CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS

### Seats are filling fast

The 191 kilometre Waterfall Way is one of the world's most scenic drives. Spoil yourself this Christmas, don't miss this magical journey filled with scenic delights and natural wonders.

From \$2068pp

# 2012 TOUR PREVIEW



## Tours at a Glance

Prices will be available soon.

### 5 Day YAMBA & THE MACLEAN HIGHLAND GATHERING

Departs: Friday, 6th April 2012 (Easter tour)

### 19 Day KARUMBA, COOKTOWN & GREAT BARRIER REEF

Departs: Thursday, 3rd May 2012

14 Day option - passengers depart Cairns on day 14 (own arrangements)

### 7 Day CAIRNS & WHITSUNDAY WANDERER

Departs Cairns: Tuesday, 15th May 2012

Fly or take advantage of your pensioner discount and take a leisurely train journey to join the tour in Cairns.

### 9 Day MAGICAL PORT MACQUARIE

Departs: Monday, 11th June 2012

### 15 Day CORNER COUNTRY, LAKE EYRE & BIRDSVILLE

Departs: Monday, 9th July 2012

### 49 Day GREAT AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE

Departs: Monday, 13th August 2012

### 10 Day BLUE MOUNTAINS & JENOLAN CAVES

Departs: Wednesday, 19th September 2012

### 9 Day SPRINGTIME CANBERRA & FLORIADE DELIGHTS

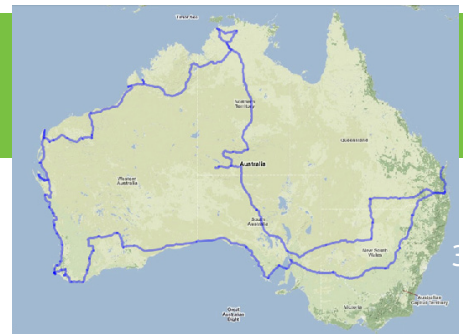
Departs: Saturday, 6th October 2012

### 16 Day ADELAIDE, KANGAROO ISLAND & GREAT OCEAN ROAD

Departs: Saturday, 3rd November 2012

### 10 Day CONNOISSEURS CHRISTMAS CAPERS

Departs: Tuesday, 18th December 2012



## 49 DAY GREAT AUSTRALIAN ADVENTURE



Fly in / Out Locations:  
Darwin & Perth

49 Day - Full Tour

16 Day - Red Centre & Top End

18 Day - Kimberley & Pilbara

15 Day - Wildflowers in the West

Departs Monday, 13th Aug 2012

### REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW

#### Highlights:

Cooper Pedy

Uluru

Kata Tjuta

Kings Canyon

Stanley Chasm

Simpsons Gap

Alice Springs

Devils Marbles

Mataranka Thermal Pools

Kakadu NP

Lake Argyle

Bungle Bungles

Windjana Gorge

Broome

Karijina NP

Tom Price

Ningaloo Reef Cruise

Monkey Mia

Kalbarri NP

The Pinnacles

Margaret River

Wave Rock

Kalgoorlie

Eyre Peninsula

and so much more...

# SPECIAL EVENTS 2013

## 5 Day Tours to Sydney Premieres

### Addams Family Musical to premiere in Sydney in March 2013

Last week it was announced that Sydney would host the Australian premiere of The Addams Family musical.

The Addams Family opened at Broadway's Lunt-Fontanne Theatre in March of 2010 and immediately become one of Broadway's biggest hits, grossing over \$62 USmillion.

The Addams Family features an original story. It's every parent's nightmare. Your little girl has suddenly become a young woman, and what's worse, has fallen deliriously in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. Yes, Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has a 'normal' boyfriend, and for parents Gomez and Morticia, it's a shocking development that turns the Addams house upside down when they are forced to host a dinner for the young man and his parents. The production features all the favourite characters - Uncle Fester, Grandma, Pugsley, Lurch, and the Beineke Family of Mal, Alice and Lucas.

### Strictly Ballroom Musical - World Premiere September 2013

On Friday, 28th May, it was also announced that Sydney had secured the rights to the World premiere of Strictly Ballroom the musical. Baz Luhrmann will adapt and direct the stage version of his 1992 film, with wife Catherine Martin as designer.

**Down Under Coach Tours will be conducting a five day tour to both premieres. We will keep you informed as more information is released.**

**Register your interest now**

*Just a Thought ...*

**No matter what  
your language  
a smile speaks  
them all.**

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