

Dawn of the Cattle Drive

Tour 1

4 nights/5 Days

Friday 30 July – Tuesday 3 August 2010

Price Per Person 1800,-- €



HIGHLIGHTS

The beginning of an historic journey, a unique journey - your journey. Get ready to sit back and be apart of an historical re-enactment, moving a real herd through real outback wilderness.

Located on Anna Creek Station, you have the rare opportunity to enter the world's largest cattle station, measuring some 23,000 square kilometres (5.5million acres), which is roughly the size of Belgium. The station has been continuously occupied since it was located in 1872, resisting the effects of drought, flood and adverse economic conditions - the only property in the region to have done so.

On your first afternoon, you'll be a part of the 'handover and counting of cattle', the official start of the Drive. Next morning it's down to business. The scenery is spectacular with sandy dunes & wide flat corridors covered with native plants such as hopbush and horse mulga. You will follow the remains of the original Ghan railway track as well as what's left of the Overland Telegraph line - critical in the settling of Australia's interior. Hear stories of the settlers, their successes and failures along with historical accounts by descendants from original inhabitants, the indigenous people.

You'll do as much or as little of this cattle drive as you wish; optional coach tours on Days 3 and 4 are available to show you further regional highlights and histories. Experience the Outback from a unique vantage point and join a scenic flight at an additional cost.

Your village of superior tented accommodation is Anna Creek Campsite, located 26km from William Creek.

ITINERARY

Day 1, Friday - Arrive 11:00am at Anna Creek Campsite. Enjoy the official welcome briefing, settle into the camp and have lunch. Transfer to the herd and meet the droving and farrier teams before being matched with your horse. After you get acquainted, you'll spend your first afternoon droving cattle! Return to the camp, where your evening meal will be served. The open fire will be a great place to get to know the members of your group..
(Meals - Lunch and Dinner)

Day 2, 3, 4, Saturday, Sunday & Monday - Each morning after breakfast you will be transferred to the horses where your droving will commence. The cattle will move some 14km each day, so your droving departure and pick-up points will change. Lunch is delivered to you as the cattle rest and feed.

Take the opportunity to chat to the drovers and farriers during the day. Upon returning to Camp in late afternoon, you'll find hot showers, the camp library, and cold drinks at the bar (alcohol is available for purchase). The evening meal will vary from buffet style (served in the on-site marquee) to camp-oven meals cooked on the campfire. Dinner is often accompanied by tales from the Outback - including yours!

On days 3 and 4 you are invited to join a complimentary coach tour to take in more of the highlights and history of the surrounding area (optional). Scenic flights are also available at an additional cost. (Meals - Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

Day 5 Tuesday - Enjoy breakfast then farewell your Outback home of Anna Creek Campsite at 10:00am. (Meal - Breakfast)

INCLUSIONS

- Superior carpeted tent accommodation at Anna Creek campsite including camp bed, sheets, quilt (duvet), pillow and towel.
- A fully maintained campsite with bathroom facilities including hot showers, hair dryers and flushing toilets.
- All meals stated as per itinerary (full breakfast, lunch, two-course dinner). Australian cuisine will be featured. Special dietary requests are catered for, however please confirm this at time of booking.
- Non-alcoholic drinks, including soft drinks, tea, coffee and unlimited water.
- Horse riding, including saddle, safety equipment and helmet.
- Guided coach tours on days 3 and 4 of your tour featuring surrounding attractions and historic points of interest; this is offered as an alternative option to droving.
- Exposure to Aboriginal and cultural experiences as offered by guides.
- Experienced staff including doctor and event management staff, professional drovers, farriers, horse tailers and vets.

CAR PARK Will be located adjacent the campsite and will be well sign posted from the Oodnadatta Track.

TRANSFERS TO AND FROM ADELAIDE Book your Drovers Express Coach transfer now or wait for air and rail options which will be available April 2009.

COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION PACK Will be sent to you 30 days prior to the event.

The maximum guests per Cattle Drive tour is 70. Prices quoted are AUD per person twinshare and include GST. Please note that there are no child or concession prices. Prior to booking, the passenger must read and accept the terms and conditions of purchase. Transfers to and from tours and travel insurance are not included. All distances are approximate. Information is correct at time of print but subject to change.