

Brumby Safaris

Australian Brumby Research Unit

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Departs from Alice Springs on the 21st March, 2011 and finishes at Alice Springs on the 27th March or in Brisbane on the 31st of March, 2011

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Day 1: Kings Creek Station (21st). Pick up Alice Springs airport and Alice Springs town centre. Drive south down the Stuart Highway and turn off at the Ernest Giles Road, 100.6 km of the richest red mistic dusted roads you will ever travel along. 49 km along this road we cross the Palmer River, just downstream from the main camp site at Tempe Downs Station.



This road will be your first good chance to see wild camels grazing near the roadside or off into the desert oak landscapes. Just after passing the traditional landowners Ukaka community, we will hit a bitumen road again, the Luritja Road, and follow it through to Kings Creek Station. This road travels through brumby and camel country, passing some hidden permanent waters. We will spend the night at Kings Creek Station and enjoy the great country hospitality of the locals and see the sun set on the George Gill Range from “Tank Hill”.

Day 2: Petermann Valley (22nd).

Following a tour around Kings Creek Station and a “smoko” (something to eat) we head off into the desert to find some wildlife. We will make our way onto Aboriginal land into the Petermann Valley, cross Petermann Creek and head out to Tempe Downs Station homestead to camp for the night.



Day 3: Tempe Downs Station (23rd). As guests of the Traditional Landowners we will visit several permanent water holes and nearby Aboriginal cultural sites. These areas contain spectacular sandstone features with amazing landscape colours. We will see many brumbies out grazing, moving to water and drinking at water holes as well as camels, dingos and native bird life. This will be an ideal time to learn about feral horse ecology and the bush from the team of scientists and traditional landowners.



Day 4: Back to Kings Creek Station (24th) at the end of another day of touring the desert on Tempe Downs Station. We will arrive back late in the evening, just in time to enjoy a hot shower.



Day 5: Uluru and Kata Tjuta (25th). Up early and off to explore Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) before heading back to Kings Creek Station for the night.



Day 6: Kings Canyon (26th). No trip to this area is complete without a morning walk around Kings Canyon, in Watarrka National Park. Watarrka National Park contains the western end of the George Gill Range. This scenic landscape of rugged ranges, rockholes and gorges acts as a refuge for many plants and animals, making the Park an important conservation area and major attraction of central Australia. Kings Canyon features ancient sandstone walls, sculptured by the elements, rising up 100m to a plateau of rocky domes. Following the walk we will head back to Kings Creek Station for lunch and head back to Alice Springs. There is plenty to see around Alice Springs for those who want to stay on a few more days.

Days 7- 11: Alice Springs to

Brisbane (27th-31st). For those who still want more we will be crossing the "Plenty Highway" from west to east at the top end of the Simpson Desert and heading back to Queensland.



On the way we will visit many attractions including the Stockmans Hall of fame at Longreach. We will visit some huge cattle grazing properties and other brumby populations on our way south to Brisbane. We will explore the Carnarvon National Park which is one of Queensland treasures. This is a great way to see some more of what Australia has to offer.



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