

Be part of Travelrite's & John Howie's outstanding

2018 Australian OUTBACK Music Tour with John Howie

August 23 to September 6, 2018

Including
the legendary
**Birdsville
Races**

The sights of the Outback by day. The music of the Outback by night.

**Mildura, Broken Hill, White Cliffs, Tibooburra, Innamincka,
Birdsville, Marree, Flinders Ranges, Barossa Valley, Adelaide**

- Transport by luxury coach
- Hotel and motel accommodation throughout, except for Birdsville, where accommodation is in good quality pre-erected tents
- Lots of musical highlights

Tour starts and finishes in Melbourne

**15
Day
Tour**



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Join us for an experience you will never forget. This is a fabulous tour, visiting many of the most remote and beautiful places in outback Australia, including a 3 night stay in Birdsville, for the famous Birdsville Races. Also, enjoy a feast of great Aussie music and bush poetry!



Day 1 Thursday August 23, 2018

Mildura

Depart Melbourne and travel by coach to Mildura, stopping in Bendigo for morning tea. On arrival in Mildura, short panoramic tour. *Evening:* Dine at your leisure. After dinner you are invited to an informal 'jam session' with local acoustic/folk musicians. *Overnight:* Quality Hotel Mildura Grand.

Day 2 Friday August 24, 2018

Broken Hill

Travel north, to Wentworth, NSW, where the Murray and Darling rivers meet. Sightseeing coach tour of Wentworth with local guide, including the river junction, Perry Sand Hills (ancient sand dunes), and Possum's Statue (Possum was a famous hermit who lived along the banks of the Murray). After morning tea in Wentworth head north to Broken Hill, stopping for lunch along the way. *Afternoon:* On arrival in Broken Hill, sightseeing tour of this fascinating outback mining town, with local guide. Visit The Big Picture (excellent art gallery/retail establishment). *Late afternoon:* Visit much photographed Sculpture Garden, in the desert north of Broken Hill. *Evening:* Enjoy a relaxing meal at one of Broken Hill's best restaurants. After dinner, enjoy some local music at one of Broken Hill's clubs or pubs (optional). *Overnight:* ibis Styles Broken Hill. (B,MorningTea,L,D)

Day 3 Saturday August 25, 2018

Broken Hill

Morning: After breakfast we visit White's Mineral and Mining Museum, where you meet colourful proprietor Kevin 'Bushy' White. Then visit Broken Hill's famous Royal Flying Doctor Service base. Morning tea at Bells Milk Bar & Museum (1950s milk bar, famous for its milkshakes, sodas, spiders, etc). *Afternoon:* Travel to the fascinating old mining town of Silverton, now virtually a ghost town. A colourful local guide/raconteur will accompany us on this trip. Visit the famous Silverton Hotel, which has featured in various movie & TV commercials. John Howie & Gill Delaney will lead a short acoustic jam session in the hotel's beer garden. Please join in! Return to Broken Hill, where we visit the Pro Hart Gallery and the Broken Hill Miners Memorial. *Evening:* Attend outback concert, featuring the Barrier Industrial Unions' Band (Broken Hill's brass band) or the Broken Hill Civic Orchestra. After the concert enjoy supper with the performers. (B,Supper)

Day 4 Sunday August 26, 2018

White Cliffs

Depart Broken Hill and head north-east to the opal-mining settlement of White Cliffs, where the thousands of shafts dug since the 1880s have created an eerie, pockmarked landscape. On the way we visit the remote town of Wilcannia. Morning tea at the Wilcannia Club Hotel, where John Howie is planning to have a short music session with some of the local aboriginal musicians. On arrival in White Cliffs, lunch at our accommodation. *Afternoon:* Tour of White Cliffs with local guide, including visits to the opal fields, an underground home, & an opal shop. *Evening:* After dinner John Howie & Gill Delaney will lead a fun-filled music session. We will invite local musicians to join us. *Overnight:* the famous White Cliffs Underground Motel. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Monday August 27, 2018

Tibooburra

Morning: Depart White Cliffs and head northwest to Tibooburra. On the way visit Milparinka...virtually a ghost town these days. After lunch we visit Depot Glen, a shaded waterhole on Preservation Creek – one of the most famous exploration sites in Australia. It was here that explorer Charles Sturt and his party were marooned for 6 months, in 1845, on their epic search for an inland sea. Second in command James Poole perished here; we visit his grave. Then proceed to Tibooburra, a true outback town in the 'corner country' of far western New South Wales. You will have time to explore the town, including the two pubs. The interior walls of the Family Hotel boast a mural of artwork by famous Australian artists, including Clifton Pugh and Russell Drysdale. *Evening:* John Howie and Gill Delaney will lead a fun-filled singalong session, on the porch of the hotel with, hopefully, some of the locals joining in. Then enjoy an excellent dinner at T.J's Roadhouse. *Overnight:* 'The Granites' Motel. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Tuesday August 28, 2018

Innamincka

Today we travel northwest to Innamincka. Visit Fort Grey, where Sturt established his last base camp in 1845 before pushing on to the Cooper. Then proceed to Cameron Corner, where the borders of NSW, Queensland and SA meet. See Australia's famous Dingo Fence. Have lunch at the Corner Store. Proceed to Innamincka, which is situated on Cooper Creek close to where the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition of 1860-61 came to its tragic end. *Evening:* After dinner spend a relaxing evening around our wonderful outback hotel. *Overnight:* The Innamincka Hotel. (B,D)

Day 7 Wednesday August 29, 2018

Innamincka

Morning: Visit Burke's Grave and the beautiful Cullyamurra Waterhole, both a few kilometres east of our hotel. The scenery along Cooper Creek, in the vicinity of Innamincka, is stunning. Beautiful water holes, fabulous gum trees, and lots of colourful Australian birds. Then visit the famous Dig Tree, where on April 22nd 1861 Burke, Wills and King probably realised they were doomed. *Afternoon:* You will have some free time. You may like to visit the former Australian Inland Mission Hospital building, now a National Parks office and museum, located right next to our hotel. *Late afternoon:* Further exploration of Cooper Creek. Travel to the west of our hotel, including a visit to King's Marker (marks the spot where King was found alive by a search party following the Burke & Wills expedition). *Evening:* Enjoy a fun-filled Aussie Campfire Singalong, in the beer garden of our hotel. We will invite the locals to join us. (B)





The Birdsville Races is the most iconic 'bush' race meeting in Australia. The first race meeting took place in 1882, and with the exception of a period during WW11, has only been cancelled once (2007, due to an outbreak of equine influenza in Qld & NSW). During the races Birdsville's population explodes from 100 to 6000 and there's a wonderful festival atmosphere in town. The two-day race meeting is famous for its colourful 'fashions', lots of good-natured revelry, and the running of the legendary Birdsville Cup.

Day 8 Thursday August 30, 2018

Birdsville

Depart Innamincka and head northwest to Birdsville, in Queensland. Picnic lunch along the way. On arrival in Birdsville we will settle into our Tent City accommodation. Our accommodation includes tents, with stretchers in them, and breakfast, lunch & dinner each day. *Evening:* After dinner spend some time getting to know the locals, and other visitors, at the Birdsville Pub. *Overnight:* Kangaroo Bus Lines Tent City. (B,L,D.)

Day 9 Friday August 31, 2018

Birdsville

Morning: Tour of Birdsville with local guide (Kylie Scott). Travel west of Birdsville to see (and climb) Big Red, a huge sand dune at the edge of the Simpson Desert. Kylie will provide billy tea, for morning tea. A member of the local aboriginal community (Jimmy Crombie) will also accompany us on this morning's tour (if available), and talk to us about Birdsville. *Afternoon:* Attend the first of our two days at the Birdsville Races. *Evening:* After dinner attend Birdsville Races live entertainment of your choice (optional), or join in the general revelry as large crowds gather in the vicinity of the Birdsville Pub. Entertainment usually includes live music, Fred Brophy's Boxing Troupe, and possibly a Sportsman's Night. (B,MorningTea,L,D)

Day 10 Saturday September 1, 2018

Birdsville

Morning: Free time. *Afternoon:* Attend the second of our two days at the Birdsville Races. Today we will see the running of the legendary Birdsville Cup. Other entertainment at the Birdsville Races carnival includes Fashions on the Field, whip cracking, sideshows, and a giant auction. *Evening:* Attend Birdsville Races live entertainment of your choice (optional) or relax with the large crowd of revellers in & around the Birdsville Pub. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Sunday September 2, 2018

Marree

Leave Birdsville and head south along the Birdsville Track, to the remote town of Marree, "where trains and camels used to be". Along the way we will have lunch at Mungerannie Roadhouse. Upon arrival in Marree you will have time to explore the town on foot. *Evening:* Dinner in our hotel. After dinner enjoy a performance by outstanding South Australian singer/songwriter/comedy entertainer, Dave Prior. *Overnight:* Marree Hotel. (B,D)

Day 12 Monday September 3, 2018

Flinders Ranges

Depart Marree and travel south to Wilpena Pound, in the spectacular southern Flinders Ranges. On the way visit the ruins of Farina township. Proceed to the town of Copley, where, for morning tea, you can sample one of the famous quandong pies at the Copley Bush Bakery. Visit Leigh Creek township, then pass through scenic Parachilna Gorge. Lunch in the historic town of Blinman. Near Wilpena Pound, see the Cazneau Tree, subject of a famous photograph entitled The Spirit of Endurance, taken by Dick Smith's grandfather, Harold Cazneau, in 1937. Then proceed to Wilpena Pound.....an extraordinary natural basin measuring approximately 14 by 7 kilometres. It's like a huge natural fortress, with only one entry point. *Afternoon:* You will have the opportunity of going on a sightseeing flight over Wilpena Pound (optional). Or, you might like to join John Howie for a lovely walk into Wilpena Pound. Beautiful southern Flinders Ranges scenery. *Evening:* After dinner be entertained by local aboriginal ranger and singer-songwriter Arthur Coulthard. You will enjoy Arthur's Dreamtime stories and songs about his beloved Flinders Ranges. *Overnight:* Wilpena Pound Resort. (B,D)



Day 13 Tuesday September 4, 2018

Barossa Valley

This morning we travel south, heading for the Barossa Valley. Along the way we visit historic Burra, once a booming copper mining town. After a tour of the town you may like to sample one of the delicious local Cornish pasties, for lunch. Continue on to the Barossa Valley, one of Australia's premium wine growing regions. After a panoramic tour of the district we visit a well-known winery. Then check into our accommodation, in Tanunda, one of the Barossa's main towns. *Evening:* Attend a concert by the Marananga Brass Band. The Barossa Valley, with its German heritage, is famous for its outstanding brass bands. After the concert, join the band members for supper. *Overnight:* Barossa Motor Lodge. (B,D,Supper)

Day 14 Wednesday September 5, 2018

Adelaide

Morning: Take a beautiful rural 'back roads' route from the Barossa Valley to the Hahndorf region, in the Adelaide Hills. Free time, for shopping & lunch, in the historic 'German' village of Hahndorf. *Afternoon:* Sightseeing coach tour of central Adelaide. Drive past the Adelaide Cricket Ground. Visit colourful Adelaide Central Market (fruit, vegetables, meat, seafood, cheeses, bakeries, etc.). Visit the R.M. Williams Outback Heritage Museum, located on the site of the original R.M. Williams boot and leather goods factory. *Evening:* For our final night of the tour enjoy a special Farewell Dinner. Entertainment will be provided by outstanding Adelaide celtic/country band The Borderers (if available). *Overnight:* Regal Park Motor Inn, Adelaide. (B,D)

Day 15 Thursday September 6, 2018

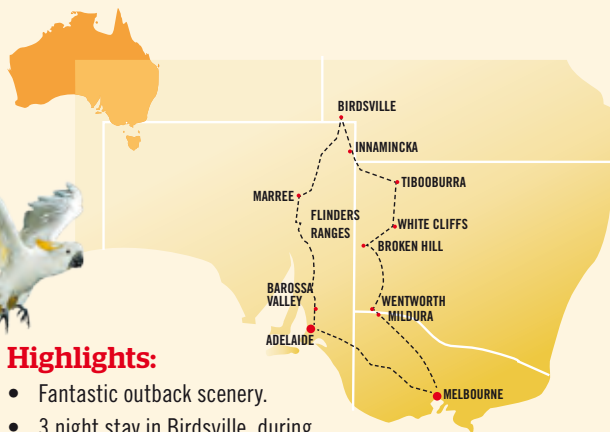
Melbourne

Return to Melbourne, arriving approximately 6.45pm and the tour concludes. (B)

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The tour price \$ 4,850 per person, twin-share
Single supplement \$ 695

Included in the tour price are:

- Accommodation in well located hotels and motels, on a twin-share basis, with private facilities, throughout the tour, except for Birdsville. Accommodation in Birdsville is in good quality pre-erected safari style tents, on a twin-share basis. (Those paying single supplement have single tent accommodation.) Hotel taxes and service charges.
- Daily breakfast (except for Day 1); 11 dinners; 6 lunches (as indicated by B, L & D); 2 suppers; 2 special morning teas; approx. 9 roadside morning & afternoon teas 'from the coach'.
- Entrance to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Entrance to all music shows specifically mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Souvenir Birdsville Medallion, which gives admission to the Birdsville Races (both days) and some other Birdsville Races entertainment events. The medallion may not cover some entertainment events (such as Fred Brophy's Boxing Troupe), which will be 'optional'.
- Sightseeing tours, with local guides, in Wentworth, Broken Hill, White Cliffs and Birdsville.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.
- Lots of fun-filled, informal music/singalong sessions with John Howie & Gill Delaney.

Not included in the price are:

- Airfares. At the time of making your booking let Travelrite International's experts secure you the best available airfare.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals unless specified in itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary – these will be quoted for separately.

The organisers reserve the right to change any details of the tour that they believe will enhance the safety, quality, success and smooth running of the tour. For instance, if any entertainment mentioned in the itinerary is unavailable, we need to replace that entertainment with similar alternative acts.



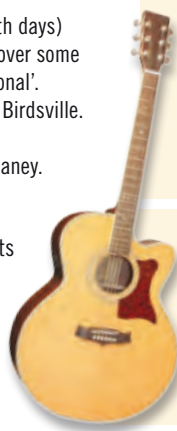
The tour manager will be John Howie

John was a secondary school music teacher for 23 years (taught Kylie Minogue). He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers. John has been leading successful music tours for 22 years.



The assistant tour manager will be Gill Delaney

Gill (accordion/ukulele/mouth organ player from Wangaratta) has played in dance bands most of her life, and knows a million tunes! She will be involved in lots of fun-filled informal music sessions with the tour group.



Highlights:

- Fantastic outback scenery.
- 3 night stay in Birdsville, during the legendary Birdsville Races.
- Stay overnight in the famous Underground Dugout Motel in White Cliffs.
- Spend a day & night in the Flinders Ranges, staying at the Wilpena Pound Resort.
- A feast of great Aussie music & bush poetry, including: informal jam session, with local acoustic/folk musicians (Mildura); local music at one of Broken Hill's clubs or pubs (optional); Broken Hill Civic Orchestra (or Barrier Industrial Unions' Band); morning music session in Wilcannia; evening music session in White Cliffs; singalong session, on porch of Family Hotel, Tibooburra; campfire singalong session (Innamincka); Dave Prior performance (Marree); Arthur Coulthard performance (Wilpena Pound); Marananga Brass Band (Barossa Valley); The Borderers (Adelaide).

Birdsville – Shower & Toilet facilities. During our stay in Birdsville we will be staying in the Kangaroo Bus Lines Tent City. There will be a few portable toilets available in the KBL Tent City, for the sole use of those staying in the KBL Tent City. Also, everybody staying in the KBL Tent City will be given a 'KBL' wristband. This wristband will give those staying in the KBL Tent City full access to the toilet and shower facilities at the Birdsville Caravan Park, across the road.

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Deposits and Payments: A deposit of \$500 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa and Mastercard. 3% administration charge will be added for payment by AMEX and Diners Club cards.

Cancellations: Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellation outside 60 days from departure will result in a cancellation fee of \$500 per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

Minimum Tour Numbers: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer

arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

Refunds: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

Baggage: All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

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