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July 24th to August 7th 2010

Outback



To



Reef

The Tour

Following the 2010 Australian Woodturning Symposium an "Outback to Reef" Tour will be offered for any symposium attendees that might like to see parts of Queensland that are unique in the world.

The tour will be conducted in a modern luxury coach operated by Stonestreets Coaches from Toowoomba Queensland. This company is known for the quality of the tours they conduct throughout Australia.

Bruce Bell will be your tour guide and he has spent some time travelling in this part of the country and has considerable local knowledge of the area and its people.

Itinerary

Day 1: 7:00am Departure from Toowoomba to Bunya Mountains then onto Jandowae, Chinchilla and Possum Park Miles for your overnight stop. Stay in refurbished underground bunkers and railway carriages with dinner around the camp fire.

Day 2: Early departure for Roma and onto Wyoming Mt. Abundance to visit Australian Desert Limes plantation for smoko. Then onto Mitchell for lunch and then onto Charleville for your overnight stop. Take in the bilby experience and check out the night sky at the cosmos centre.

Day 3: Depart for the opal town of Quilpie for smoko then onto Ray Station for your overnight stop.

Day 4: A day to take in the sights and history of this unique part of the country. Your stay here will be in comfortable original buildings with meals & tours provided.

Day 5: Head off for the Solar powered town of Windorah for smoko. Then it is the drive across the channel country to your overnight stop at Bedourie, the town that gets isolated for up to 3 months when it floods in this part of the world. Much wild life is to be seen along the way.

Day 6: We head north for the drive to Min Min light country and the town of Boulia. We will spend the next two nights in this beautiful little town on the edge of the desert. Take in the Min Min Light Encounter and the stone cottage museum.

Day 7: Day tour to a local station property with billy tea by a gidgee fire as a highlight of the day.

Day 8: Early departure back east to the home of Waltzing Matilda Winton. This is probably the prettiest drive in outback Queensland. Have a cold drink at the Middleton Pub along the way. A visit to Waltzing Matilda Centre and possibly the open air picture theatre that night.

Day 9: Head east to the town on the edge of the outback Longreach where a visit to the Qantas Museum is in order. Then it is the time to head for the central highlands town of Emerald for your overnight stay at Lake Maraboon Village.

Day 10: A day of local site seeing with a trip to Clermont and the Blair Athol Coal mine then its south west to the gem fields for some fossicking for sapphires, returning to Lake Maraboon for your overnight stop.

Day 11: We then head south east through the towns of Springsure, Bauhinia and Moura before staying overnight in Biloela.

Day 12: Depart for the port city of Gladstone then we head further south to the town of Seventeen Seventy for your overnight stay.

Day 13: Take a boat trip out to the Bunker group of Islands on the southern part of the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy the day on the water and exploring the coral reefs. Return to Seventeen Seventy for another night by the water.

Day 14: Head south to the town of Bundaberg which is famous for its rum. A tour of the distillery is in order. We then head south through the historic town of Maryborough travelling to the sunshine coast for your overnight stop. A final night dinner is planned for this last night together.

Day 15: We head south to Brisbane where those who wish to leave the coach may do so. Those flying out can be dropped off at Brisbane airport as necessary. The coach will then return to Toowoomba after 4000 kms.

Costs.

The cost of the tour is \$2600.00 Au inclusive of all meals, accommodation and most attractions based on twin share or double accommodation.

A deposit of \$250.00 pp is required with your booking, non refundable after the 1st April 2010. Balance of payment is payable by the 1st May 2010.