

CENTRE TO SEA (and back!) Tour



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1 May - 25 May. AUD\$8950 for 1 or 2 people in 1 vehicle. 10% return customer discount applies. Starts and ends in Alice Springs.

Excludes vehicle, fuel, food, camping gear and insurances.

Heavy duty off-road trailers can be taken on this tour (subject to approval - discuss with Tony).

Once you have reviewed the information in this document, please let Tony know if you would like to reserve your place on the tour, and we will issue an invoice for the 25% deposit.

To proceed with booking this tour, please email Tony on tony@4x4treks.com.au



You can pay the deposit amount directly to our bank account, or by credit card. Full details regarding payments and refund conditions can be found in section 5 of our *Terms and Conditions* below.

Once your deposit is received, we will email you the full information pack, including the itinerary and other useful information.

Convoy on the Talawana Track, WA.

Tour Outline

Meet in Alice Springs on the afternoon before we head away. We are staying at the Desert Palms Villas and will go to dinner nearby (villa and dinner included. Excellent security at the Villas) <https://desertpalms.com.au/>

Take the Namatjira Road to Gary Junction Highway via Kintore Link Road. Gary Junction Highway to Sandy Blight Junction Road (SBJ). Cross into WA on the second day on the SBJ Road. Great Central Road (GCR) to Warakurna/Giles. Watch the weather balloon go up in the morning.

GCR to Heather Highway and Gunbarrel Highway. Onto the Gary Highway halfway along the Gunbarrel. Turn West on the Talawana Track at Windy Corner. Cut the Canning Stock Route before Well 24 (camp at Georgia Bore). Full length of the Talawana Track to Newman (a proper town).

From here we enter Karijini National Park exploring as many of the gorges as you like. We spend two nights at Karijini Eco Retreat, and one night at the free camp near Hamersley Gorge. You can be as active as you like on the gorge walks. There are some great lookouts if you're not into stairs.

Into Tom Price to restock, then to on to Ningaloo, Cape Range National Park and Exmouth where you can swim with the whale sharks. After a great 3 days at Ningaloo, we head Northeast towards Millstream Chichester National Park, then out to the hottest town in Australia (allegedly) Marble Bar and camp at Carowine Gorge. From here, we're back on the dirt for 4 days across the Gary Junction Highway, passing Kunawarritji (Well 33 on the Canning), and all the way back to Alice.

We stay at the Desert Palms Villas once again and go out for dinner to wrap things up.



Swim with the whale sharks at Ningaloo (optional)

Vehicle Requirements

The following items are required to be fitted to your vehicle or carried for the Centre to Sea Tour.

Some of the roads on this tour are quite rough (corrugated) and tight (scratchy). As long as everyone's vehicles meet the required standard, we typically don't encounter significant issues. While breakdowns can happen, being well-prepared helps minimise the risk of any disruptions, ensuring your trip remains enjoyable and the group's experience stays positive.

A mechanical inspection is required to be carried out by a qualified mechanic at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the tour. A form will be provided for this with your *Info Pack* after your deposit has been received.

Some examples of items are provided below (in blue). Please email tony@4x4treks.com.au if you need help or advice with anything.

- **Tyre Pressure Monitors (TPMS)** - iCheck TPMS (highly recommended) 10% discount with this coupon code on checkout: **"4X4TREKS"** See this link: [iCheck Tyre Pressure Monitoring System – IC005](#) (\$269 with discount). These monitors can save your tyres from running flat and disintegrating, and we may be able to plug a simple leak and save the tyre.
- **Upgraded heavy duty shocks and springs** - standard shocks and springs are not designed for heavy corrugations and dune moguls (some exceptions do exist. Please discuss this with us if you have questions).
- **One spare front shock** as appropriate for your vehicle. If your vehicle has a shock inside spring assembly, then please bring a spare assembly. These shocks and springs may not be exactly what is on your vehicle (as long as it will fit your vehicle). It is just so we have something to get us out of trouble if needed.
- **One spare rear shock** - again, just something to get us out of trouble.
- **Second spare tyre** - with or without a rim.
- **All 6 tyres MUST BE "LT" (Light Truck construction)** with at least 70% tread remaining eg. Cooper Tyres AT3 XLT <https://www.coopertires.com.au/> (recommended).

- **60 – 80L water capacity.** There will be the opportunity to purchase drinking water in the towns and communities we pass through.
- **Fuel range of 800 km,** either in a long range tank or jerry cans (please see our fuel consumption chart below for help in working out your desert range – please note that these estimates are for desert trips with lots of dune crossings and without towing. This tour generally does not involve a lot of dune crossings, so the fuel consumption will be at the lower end of the estimates. If you are towing, allow for this).
- **UHF base set 5-watt** (Uniden/GME/Oricom recommended).
- **A substantial aerial** (30mm spring base, 750 – 1000mm long) wired in by a professional eg. <https://uniden.com.au/product/at970bk/> (recommended). The whippy ones will often break on corrugations.
- **Sand flag – 3 piece** eg. <https://bushranger.com.au/product/safety-flag/> (recommended). Not the spring base type flags (these develop a severe droop and become useless) and not the air hose fitting type base (you will never get them off).

****Please make sure you attach the flag base to your vehicle well before the tour starts to make sure it fits and that you have the required washers etc.****

- **Air compressor.** It's best to get this wired into the back of your vehicle or have an Anderson plug fitted to the cord (instead of alligator clips) and have an Anderson plug fitted at the rear of your vehicle eg. <https://bushranger.com.au/product/black-max-air-compressor/> (recommended).
- **Trigger gauge on your compressor** so you can read the gauge by letting go of the trigger eg. <https://www.repcopro.com.au/en/4x4-adventure-escape/travel-touring/air-inflation-on-tyre-repair/mechpro-blue-dial-gauge-tyre-inflator-mpbdcg/p/A5357954>
- **Tyre pressure gauge** eg. <https://www.supercheapauto.com.au/p/sca-sca-digital-tyre-gauge/602638.html>
- **Spare Air Filter** (at least one spare)
- **Oil filter**
- **Fuel filter** (plus replacement for pre-filter if fitted)
- **Fan belts/uni-belt**
- **Engine oil** (5L)
- **Brake fluid** (500ml)

- Gearbox/Differential oil 5L
- Fire extinguisher with a bendy hose
- Leather gloves (one pair for each person in the vehicle - store these in your door pockets for easy access when collecting firewood etc)
- Assorted cable ties
- Roll of duct tape
- Spade
- Tarp

Recommended Items (not compulsory)

- Fuel pre-filter eg.
<https://directionplus.com.au/products/pre-filter-kits/preline-plus-pre-filter-kit/s/>
- Auxiliary battery system
- Fridge - hard wired off the secondary battery with an independent fuse
- Max Trax or similar recovery tracks
- Snatch strap, 2x 3.25t shackles, 2x dampners/air brakes
- Battery jump starter pack
- Small tool kit
- Tie wire
- Insulation tape

For those towing a camper trailer on this tour, the following should also be noted:

- The trailer should be thoroughly serviced and checked prior to the trip with particular attention given to the chassis and draw-bar, hitch, suspension mounts and bushes, shock absorbers and bushes, water tank mounts, brackets, stone shield, brake wiring, brakes and especially wheel bearings and hub seals.
- Ensure the trailer electrics and plugs are positioned above the draw bar to prevent impact damage.
- A heavy duty stone deflector should be fitted and the rear window of the tow vehicle **MUST** be covered to prevent breakage.
- These items will be checked off by your mechanic on the Pre-Tour Inspection Form.

Spare Parts Required to be carried for the trailer

- 2 Anderson plugs
- 1 set of pre-greased wheel bearings and seals
- Spare tyre on rim (unless the tow vehicle's tyres are interchangeable with the trailer and you are carrying 2 spares)
- 1 spare shackle to suit the safety chain
- An assortment of globes and fuses to suit the trailer

Fuel Consumption

Indicative desert driving fuel consumption is as follows:

- Diesel Utes eg. D-Max, Hilux, Ranger, BT-50 use about 15 L/100km
 - Diesel V8 70 Series Landcruisers & Troopys use about 18 L/100km
 - Diesel V8 200 Series Landcruiser use about 18 L/100km
 - Diesel Prado, MUX etc use about 15 L/100km
 - Diesel Land Rover Discovery 4 uses about 16 L/100km
 - Petrol V8 Nissan Patrol uses about 22 L/100km
 - 300 Series uses about 16 L/100km
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The Daily Routine

A typical day on tour looks like this:

8 - 8:30 am (depends on State/Territory) Start driving for the day

10:00 am Morning tea stop for 20 - 30 mins

12 - 12:30 pm Lunch for 30 mins - 1 hour

2:00 pm Short stop for 15 mins

4 - 4:30pm Stop for the day and make camp

There is also plenty of time to stop for photos or comfort breaks throughout the day.



Inclusions and Exclusions

Tour Inclusions

- Full-time, professional Savannah Guides qualified tour guide
- Land Cruiser 79 Series lead vehicle
- Safety, communications and emergency equipment including AED
- Internet and Wifi phone calls on Starlink when we are camped remotely
- Tyre changing and mechanical assistance
- Vehicle recovery assistance in case of bogging
- All arrangements from first to last night
- Motel room at Desert Palms Villas in Alice Springs on first night
- Dinner on first night
- All permits required for travel on all roads and tracks
- National Parks entry fees
- Camping fees at all commercial campgrounds
- Motel room at Desert Palms Villas in Alice Springs on last night
- Dinner on last night

Tour Exclusions

- Fuel costs
- Meals (other than stated)
- Accommodation upgrades
- Insurance
- Vehicle and camping gear
- Third party experiences/side tours

Important Information

- Itinerary is dependent on weather and road conditions. As a result there may be changes required.

Terms and Conditions

These Terms and Conditions are incorporated into our contract with you. Please read them carefully. When we refer to "us" or "we" we are referring to *Australian 4X4 Treks* and where appropriate its directors, employees and agents, and when we refer to "you" or "your" we are referring to each traveller in the booking group (vehicle).

By making a booking, you are agreeing to these terms and conditions.

1. You understand and agree that:

- Our tours take place in remote areas and may need to be modified at times for various reasons .
- The tours are self-drive adventures and conditions may vary, including some longer than expected days, and difficult terrain.
- We cannot guarantee exact arrival and departure times.
- We are not responsible for transportation, accommodation, or any other services provided by third parties, and their terms and conditions and limitations on liability may apply to your bookings.
- We rely on the information you provide to us to be a true and accurate statement.
- Our tours require a minimum of 5 vehicles.

2. You warrant that:

- If you are a driver, you have the required experience and skills.
- You do not have any medical conditions or disabilities that would prevent you from completing the tour.
- You have, or will have at the time of the tour, a **comprehensive travel insurance policy that covers cancellation, injury, theft, remote vehicle recovery, and other potential damages.**
- If you are a driver, you have a valid driver's licence in Australia that will remain valid for the duration of the tour.
- Any vehicle you use on the tour is registered and fully insured.
- Your vehicle has been and will continue to be maintained to a standard suitable for the conditions of the tour.
- You have read and understood these terms and conditions.
- If we request proof of any of the above, you will provide it to us.

3. We agree:

- To do our best to operate all tours as advertised.
- To comply with any requirements imposed by third parties, including governments, regulators, and national park operators.

4. You agree:

- To follow our instructions while on tour.
- To behave appropriately and to not do anything that may offend, distress, or harm our staff or other travellers.
- To follow safety requirements and recommendations applicable to each location and situation, regardless of who imposes or makes them.
- That you have had the opportunity to seek independent advice regarding our agreement.
- To take reasonable steps to ensure your own safety.
- To notify us if any of the warranties in this agreement are, or become, incorrect.
- That if we, acting reasonably, take any action necessary for the provision of medical services, including medical evacuation, you will be responsible for the associated costs (Flying Doctor Service is free).
- To be responsible for the cost of maintaining, towing, recovering, or repairing the vehicle you use on the tour, including any consequential losses.
- To be responsible for the cost of maintaining, repairing, or replacing any equipment you provide or use on the tour, including any consequential losses.
- To be responsible for any fines or penalties you incur for traffic or other offences.
- That we may cancel a tour if a minimum number of bookings is not reached.
- That we may require you to leave the tour if you breach these terms or if we, acting reasonably, determine that it is in the best interests of tour staff or other travellers.
- To indemnify us for any loss suffered or incurred by us as a result of your failure to provide us with information or breach of any warranties you have given us.

5. Payments and Refunds

5.1. Securing Your Booking

- **Deposit:** A **non-refundable deposit of 25%** is required to secure your spot.
- **Confirmation:** Your booking is officially accepted once we issue a written confirmation (usually via email).
- **Payment Methods:** We accept credit cards (via Xero) or direct bank deposits.
Note: Credit card payments incur a handling fee, which will be disclosed at the time of booking.

5.2. Balance Payments

To ensure our remote and regional suppliers are paid in a timely manner, the remaining balance is as follows:

- **Final Payment:** Due **60 days** before the tour departure date.

5.3. If You Cancel

All cancellations must be submitted in writing (email). The following terms apply based on when we receive your notice:

Timeline	Refund/Credit Outcome
60 days or less before departure	No refund or credit will be provided.
After the tour has started	No refund or credit is provided for early withdrawal, regardless of the reason.

5.4. If We Cancel or Alter the Tour

- **Force Majeure (Unforeseen Events):** If we must cancel due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g., bushfires, flooding, or natural disasters), all payments made will be issued as a **travel credit** valid for 16 months, minus any non-refundable deposits we have paid to third-party suppliers.
- **Operational Cancellations:** If we cancel the tour for operational reasons (e.g., insufficient participant numbers), we will refund all amounts paid, excluding the initial 25% deposit and any non-refundable supplier costs. The remaining balance will be issued as a **travel credit** valid for 16 months.

6. Limitation of Liability:

- To the maximum extent permitted by law, we exclude all liability for loss or damage of any kind, including consequential loss.
 - Without limiting the generality of the above clause, we will not be liable in any way for the acts, omissions, or defaults of third parties, whether negligent or otherwise.
 - Without limiting the generality of the first clause in this section, we will not be liable in any way for any loss or damage (including consequential loss) to any person or property caused by, or contributed to, by your actions (whether negligent or otherwise) during or after the tour.
 - Without limiting the generality of the first clause in this section, we will not be liable for any injury, loss, or damage (including consequential loss) incurred or suffered by you due to any changed itinerary, delay, extreme weather event, storm, fire, earthquake, avalanche, explosion, pandemic, embargo, border closure, government directive or regulation, litigation or dispute, war, or terrorism.
 - These terms and conditions (except for the final clause in this section) cannot be amended or waived unless in writing and signed by you and us.
 - Before commencing any legal proceedings, the parties will attempt to resolve any disputes between them in good faith.
 - Unless you advise us otherwise in writing, you give us permission to use any images of you taken by us or other travellers in our advertising or publicity materials. This includes photographs, videos and voice recordings.
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