

SIMPSON DESERT DOUBLE CROSSING TOUR



Pre-Booking Information Pack

2027 Simpson Desert Tours

29 July - 12 Aug; and 15 - 30 Aug 2027. AUD\$6655 for up to 2 people in 1 vehicle. Starts and ends in Birdsville. 10% discount for returning customers. 8 customer vehicles only. No trailers. No children (16+ only).

Thank you for your interest in our Simpson Desert Double Crossing Tour. Once you have reviewed the information in this document, please let us know if you would like to reserve your place on the tour, and we will issue an invoice for the 25% deposit.

Email Tony on: tony@4x4treks.com.au

You can pay the deposit amount directly to our bank account, or by credit card (this incurs a processing fee). Please see our Terms and Conditions below for full details regarding payment and refund conditions (section 5).

Once your deposit is received, we will email you the full information pack, including the itinerary and other useful information. Final payment is due 60 days in advance of the tour start date.



Convoy crossing “Border Lake” – a salt lake near the QLD/NT/SA border

Tour Overview

Experience the Ultimate Simpson Desert Adventure – A 14-Night Immersive Journey

If you're looking for a truly unforgettable outback adventure, our 14-night Simpson Desert Double Crossing is the trip you've been dreaming of. Starting with an included dinner and accommodation in Birdsville, this carefully crafted tour offers an unrushed, deeply immersive experience through one of Australia's most iconic and remote landscapes.

Explore the Desert's Iconic Places

From the moment we roll out of Birdsville and over "Little Red", you will feel the anticipation of what is to come. We head deep into the heart of the Simpson via the lesser-travelled southern tracks – including the WAA Line and Rig Road – with plenty of time to discover famous landmarks and tracks like Poeppel Corner, the QAA Line and the French Line.

We take 5 days to cross from Birdsville to Dalhousie Springs, so you'll have time to slow down, soak up the scenery, and hone your dune-driving skills.

Relax, Refresh & Recharge

After crossing to the western edge of the desert, enjoy a well-earned soak in the thermal waters of Dalhousie Springs, followed by a relaxing two-night stay at the Mt Dare Hotel. This is your chance to refresh, restock, and get ready for the next leg of the adventure.

Take on the Madigan Line

The return journey takes us along the Madigan Line, a remote route in the northern Simpson. This part of the desert is markedly different – with vibrant dune colours, expansive spinifex plains, and an even deeper sense of isolation. We spend another 5 nights in this untouched region on our way back to Birdsville.

Wrap It Up in Style

On our final morning in the desert, we take on "Big Red," the Simpson's largest and most iconic dune. After a celebratory group photo at the summit, we'll air-up our tyres one last time and head back to Birdsville for a relaxed lunch at the famous bakery (camel pie anyone?). This afternoon, we'll check into our rooms at the Birdsville Hotel, before gathering at the hotel for a final farewell dinner to celebrate our journey together.

To top it all off the following morning, you have the option to take a scenic flight over the desert you've just conquered – offering a spectacular aerial perspective of the vast landscape you explored from the ground. It's the perfect finale to an extraordinary adventure, followed by an included farewell breakfast at the hotel.

No Off-Road Experience? No Worries.

This tour is designed for anyone with a spirit of adventure. No prior off-road experience is required – just a well-prepared 4WD, some basic camping knowledge, and a readiness to embrace the remote nature of the desert. Full 4WD instruction and support are provided every step of the way. However, you should definitely take your rig out for a "shake-down" run before the tour and make sure you are familiar with your camp setup and take down.

The Simpson Desert can be quite challenging at this time of year depending on the amount of use it has received before our visit. There is some serious dune driving to contend with, as well as corrugations and rocks in places, and, as it is a driving holiday, some days are longer than others.

In saying that, Tony has just completed his 20th Simpson crossing, and has not taken the Max Trax off the roof once, or had to do a snatch strap recovery. It all comes down to tyre pressures and driving technique, which Tony will help you with.

Need a Vehicle?

Don't have your own 4WD? No problem. We've partnered with [Overlander 4WD Hire](#) in Brisbane to offer our guests a fully equipped hire vehicle, meeting all of our requirements – perfect for this trip.



What's Included in Your Tour

We've taken care of the big stuff – so you can focus on the adventure.



Your Tour Team & Support

- Fully qualified **Savannah Guides** full time professional tour guide
 - **Toyota Land Cruiser 79 Series JMacx** modified lead vehicle
 - **Emergency equipment**, including AED (defibrillator)
 - **Satellite internet access** (Starlink) for phone calls and messaging, available from approx. 5:00–8:00 pm when camped remotely
 - **Mechanical assistance** for tyre changes & basic repairs
 - **Vehicle recovery** assistance in case of bogging
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Accommodation & Camping

- 1-night stay in a cabin in Birdsville (first night)
 - 2 nights camping at Mt Dare
 - Hotel room at the Birdsville Hotel (last night)
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Included Meals

- Dinner at Birdsville Hotel (first night)
 - Dinner at Mt Dare Hotel (one night)
 - Dinner at the Birdsville Hotel (last night)
 - Breakfast at the Birdsville Hotel (final morning)
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Permits & Park Access

- **Desert Parks Pass**, including all National Park camping fees
 - **Madigan Line** access permit fee
 - **Adria Downs Station** access permission
 - Entry fee to **Aboriginal artefacts museum**, plus a special talk by a **Traditional Owner**
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What's Not Included

Here's what you'll need to arrange or budget for:

- Your own or a hired **4WD vehicle**
- **Fuel** for your vehicle
- **Meals** not listed above
- **Accommodation upgrades** - Hotel room in Birdsville on first night, cabin at Mt Dare (ask Tony about this - subject to availability)
- **Insurance** - We recommend taking out **remote vehicle recovery insurance** from Club 4X4 Insurance and/or Birdsville Hotel (**\$495** booked directly - note this does not cover the Madigan Line)
- A **scenic flight from Birdsville** is highly recommended and a great way to wrap up your desert experience (about \$470pp for a 1 hour flight - again, ask Tony if you're interested)

Important Notes

- Great adventures require a little flexibility. Weather and road conditions may prompt occasional route adjustments, but your safety and experience always remain our top priority.
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? Got Questions?

We're here to help!

-  Visit: www.4x4treks.com.au
-  Email: info@4x4treks.com.au
-  Call or text Tony: **+61 475 467 402**



Vehicle Requirements – Simpson Desert Double Crossing Tour

To ensure a safe and enjoyable trip across the Simpson Desert, all vehicles must meet the following minimum equipment requirements. A mechanical inspection must be carried out by a qualified mechanic at least 2 weeks before departure. We'll provide you with the inspection form.

If you're unsure about any gear or setup, feel free to contact Tony at tony@4x4treks.com.au – we're happy to help!

Required Vehicle Equipment

Tyres

- LT (Light Truck construction) tyres are mandatory – minimum 70% tread remaining and less than 5 years old (check the sidewall date stamp: week/year). Second spare recommended.
- Example: [Cooper AT3 XLT](#)

Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS)

- Tony uses: [iCheck TPMS](#) IC005 – \$269 with discount – Use code “4X4TREKS” for 10% off at checkout.

Suspension

- Heavy-duty shocks and springs are essential. Standard setups are not suited to corrugations and dune driving.

Water

- 50L drinking water capacity minimum – enough for 5 days.
- Water top-ups available at Mt Dare (bore water for washing & bottled/boxes of water for purchase).

Fuel Range

- 900 km fuel range required.
- Can be achieved via long-range tanks or jerry cans.
- See fuel guide below for average consumption by vehicle type.

UHF Radio + Aerial

- A UHF base unit is required (Uniden, GME, or Oricom recommended).
- A robust aerial (750–1000mm, 30mm spring base) is essential.
 - Example: [GME XRS Connect](#)

Sand Flag

- Must be at least 3m high.
- No spring bases or air hose type fittings.
 - Recommended: [Bushranger Safety Flag](#)

Air Compressor

- It's best if it is wired into your vehicle or fitted with an Anderson plug for ease of use.
 - Example: [Bushranger Black Max Compressor](#)

Tyre Gauges

- Trigger-style air inflator:
 - Example: [SCA Dial Inflator](#)
- Standalone tyre pressure gauge also required:
 - Example: [SCA Digital Gauge](#)

Required Spare Parts & Tools

- 1x Spare Air Filter
 - 1x Oil Filter
 - 1x Fuel Filter (and pre-filter if fitted)
 - Fan belts / uni-belt
 - 5L engine oil
 - 500ml brake fluid
 - 5L gearbox/differential oil
 - Fire extinguisher (with flexible hose)
 - Leather gloves (1 pair per person – keep in door pockets)
 - Cable ties (variety of sizes)
 - Roll of duct tape
 - Spade
 - Tarp
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Recommended (But Not Compulsory)

- Fuel pre-filter: [eg. Direction Plus](#)
- Auxiliary battery system
- Fridge (wired to secondary battery with an independent fuse)
- Jump starter pack
- Basic tool kit
- Electrical tape
- Tyre deflators: eg. [iCheck TPMS](#)

Fuel Consumption Guide

You'll need enough fuel to cover 900 km of desert driving – this allows for a safety buffer.

A good rule of thumb: Carry 60L more than your standard tank.

Average consumption for desert driving:

Vehicle Type	Approx. Usage (L/100km)
Diesel Utes (D-Max, Hilux, Ranger)	16-18 L/100km
Diesel Discovery 4	18 L/100km
Diesel V8 70 Series LandCruisers	19 L/100km
Diesel V8 200 Series LandCruiser	20 L/100km
Petrol V8 Nissan Patrol	28 L/100km

Consumption increases in muddy or wet conditions.



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* (4X4 Treks Pty Ltd) 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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