

CANNING STOCK ROUTE TOUR



Information Pack

2027 Canning Stock Route Tour

Tag Along Pre-Booking Info Pack

29 May - 20 June. 23 Nights. AUD\$8920 for up to 2 people in 1 vehicle. Starts in Yulara (Ayers Rock/Uluru), ends in Alice Springs. 10% discount for returning customers. 7 customer vehicles only. No trailers. No children (16+ only).

Thank you for your interest in our 2027 Canning Stock Route Tour.

Once you have reviewed the information in this document, please let us know if you have any questions, or 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

There is the option to join the tour late at Wiluna, and/or leave early once we reach Billiluna in the North. This option is \$500 off the total cost.

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. Final payment is due **60 days** in advance of the tour start date.



Tour Overview

Take on the Ultimate 4WD Challenge – The Canning Stock Route, 2027

“This tour is not a holiday – it’s an experience.”

The Canning Stock Route is the longest continuous 4WD track in the world – and one of the toughest. Stretching over 1,850 kilometres of rugged, remote terrain, it’s a journey that tests both driver and vehicle, rewards determination, and delivers a true sense of achievement. For many, it’s a bucket list adventure, and for good reason.

This expedition is about more than just endurance – it’s about immersing yourself in one of Australia’s most remote and remarkable landscapes. From the moment we hit the track, you’ll experience the diversity of the desert: red dunes, rocky escarpments, spinifex plains, and historic wells that tell stories of European explorers and Indigenous heritage.

17 Days on the Track – Time to Truly Experience the Canning

You’ll spend a total of 17 days on the Canning Stock Route, allowing plenty of time to soak in the vastness, beauty, and solitude of this legendary track. Each day brings something new – ever-changing scenery, rich history, and a deeper appreciation of the desert’s quiet resilience.

Campsites vary with nights spent among the dunes, beside historic wells, on claypans, or under the shade of desert oaks and bloodwood trees. You’ll quickly learn there’s much more to the desert than sand – unique wildlife, amazing plants, and subtle shifts in landscape reveal themselves each day.

Accommodation and Included Meals

Your adventure begins with a night at the Ayers Rock Campground with an included welcome dinner just down the road, and concludes at Alice Springs with a night at the Desert Palms Villas and dinner at the awesome Hanuman restaurant – the perfect way to reflect on what you’ve accomplished and celebrate an amazing journey.

Experience, Endurance & Reward

Make no mistake – the Canning is not an easy drive. The track is rough, with seemingly endless dunes, rocks, and corrugations that demand attention and patience. This tour requires prior off-road experience, a well-prepared vehicle, and a reasonable level of fitness to handle the long days and tough conditions.

To ensure your vehicle setup and sand driving technique are optimised for the Canning, Tony strongly recommends completing our **Simpson Desert Double Crossing Tour** as a precursor to the Canning. Consider it your shakedown run providing excellent preparation to ensure both you and your vehicle are up to the challenge.

More Than Just a Track

Beyond its physical challenge, the Canning Stock Route offers something deeply rewarding – a sense of connection to the land, the history, and the people who once travelled it. It's an opportunity to test yourself, see the desert in all its moods, and come away with a profound respect for Australia's outback heart.

Ready to take on the Canning in 2027?

Get in touch with Tony on tony@4x4treks.com.au to secure your place on this epic adventure.



Vehicle Requirements

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

The Canning is a particularly rough track, so if everyone's vehicles are up to standard, then we generally don't have any major issues while on tour. Obviously, things can go wrong, but by being prepared, we can do our best to make sure it doesn't ruin your trip or adversely affect the group.

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.

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

- **Tyre Pressure Monitors (TPMS)** - Savr TPMS (highly recommended by Tony) 10% discount when you use this link: <https://savr.me/4x4treks> (\$179 with discount). These monitors can save your tyres from running flat and disintegrating, and we may be able to plug the leak.
- **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, but on a rim is preferred.
- **All 6 tyres MUST BE "LT" (Light Truck construction)** with at least 70% tread remaining (yes, you need very good tyres) and not older than 5 years (see date stamp on tyre sidewall) eg. Cooper Tyres AT3 XLT <https://www.coopertires.com.au/> (recommended).

- **50 - 80L drinking water.** There is opportunity to get bore water every few days for washing and cooking, and you can fill up your drinking water tanks with town water twice along the way, **or a good quality filter and pump.**
- **Fuel range of at least 900 km desert driving,** either in a long range tank or jerry cans (please see our fuel consumption chart below for help in working out your desert range).
- **UHF base set** (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).
- **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.repcos.com.au/en/4x4-adventure-escape/travel-touring/air-inflation-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)

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
- Assorted cable ties
- Roll of duct tape
- Spade
- Tarp

Fuel Consumption

Indicative desert driving fuel consumption is as follows:

- Diesel Utes eg. D-Max, Hilux, Ranger, BT-50 use **15 – 18L/100km**
- **70 Series Landcruisers & Troopys** use about **19L/100km**
- **200 Series Landcruiser** uses **20 – 22L/100km**
- **300 Series** – about **18L/100km**
- Diesel Prado, MUX etc use about **15L/100km**
- Diesel Land Rover Discovery 4 uses about **18L/100km**
- Petrol V8 Nissan Y62 Patrol uses up to **28L/100km**

The Daily Routine

A typical day on tour looks like this:

8:00 am (within WA) 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

3:30 – 4 pm Stop for the day and make camp

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

Inclusions, Exclusions & Payment Information

Tour Inclusions

- **Guide & Lead Vehicle:** Full-time, Savannah Guides–qualified tour guide leading in a Toyota Land Cruiser 79 Series with JMacx upgrades
- **Safety & Support:** Comprehensive safety, communications, and emergency gear (including an AED), plus tyre-changing, mechanical support, and vehicle recovery assistance
- **Connectivity:** Starlink satellite internet and Wi-Fi calling available from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM during remote camping
- **Accommodation & Logistics:** All trip logistics from the first to the final night, including a motel room at Desert Palms Villas in Alice Springs and camping fees at Ayers Rock Campground (Yulara)
- **Permits & Park Fees:** All travel permits for the Canning Stock Route and Great Central Road, plus national park passes (Wolfe Creek and a 3-day Uluru pass)
- **Meals:** Main-course dinner on both the first night and the final night in Alice Springs

Tour Exclusions

- Fuel expenses
- Meals not explicitly listed above
- Accommodation upgrades
- Travel, medical, and vehicle insurance
- Personal vehicle and camping equipment

Important Information

- The itinerary is subject to change based on prevailing weather and road conditions.



Terms & Conditions – Australian 4X4 Treks

Last Updated: October 2026

These Terms and Conditions form the basis of your contract with **Australian 4X4 Treks** (“we”, “us”, “our”, including our directors, employees, and authorized agents). References to “you” or “your” apply to every traveller included within the booking group/vehicle.

By confirming a booking, paying a deposit, or participating in a tour, you agree to be bound by these terms.

1. Tour Nature & Remote Travel Realities

- **Remote Operating Conditions:** Our adventures operate in remote, rugged, and unpredictable environments. Itineraries, daily routes, and campsites may change at short notice due to track closures, weather events, or safety considerations.
- **Self-Drive Expectations:** These are guided, self-drive expeditions. Participants must expect variable track conditions, remote camping, challenging terrain, and occasionally long driving hours. Exact arrival and departure times cannot be guaranteed.
- **Third-Party Services:** We coordinate access, camping, permits, and external accommodation where indicated, but we are not directly responsible for services provided by third-party operators. Their respective terms, conditions, and liability limits apply.
- **Information Accuracy:** We rely strictly on the medical, mechanical, and personal information provided by you during the booking process being complete, true, and accurate.
- **Minimum Group Size:** All tours are scheduled subject to a minimum operating threshold of **five (5) participating vehicles**.

2. Participant Warranties & Eligibility

By booking and participating, you explicitly warrant that:

- **Driving Competency:** Every nominated driver holds the necessary off-road experience, skills, and confidence required for remote Australian 4WD tracks.

- **Licensing:** Every driver holds a current, unrestricted Australian driver's licence (or recognized international equivalent) valid for the entire duration of the trek.
- **Medical Fitness:** You and your passengers have no undisclosed medical conditions, injuries, or disabilities that could compromise your safety or prevent successful completion of the tour.
- **Vehicle Preparedness & Registration:** Your vehicle is road-registered, mechanically sound, and fitted/maintained to withstand severe remote outback conditions.
- **Mandatory Insurance:** You hold (or will hold prior to departure) comprehensive vehicle insurance and comprehensive travel insurance covering cancellation, medical emergencies, theft, and **remote vehicle breakdown/recovery**.
- **Verification:** You agree to provide physical or digital proof of licenses, vehicle registration, roadworthiness, and insurance policies immediately upon request.

3. Our Commitments to You

- **Professional Execution:** We will apply all reasonable skill, care, and industry expertise to operate every tour substantially as advertised.
- **Regulatory Compliance:** We operate in full compliance with relevant statutory obligations, including environmental protocols, Traditional Owner land permits, and State/Territory National Park regulations.

4. On-Tour Responsibilities & Field Conduct

- **Safety Directives:** You must adhere to all instructions, convoy rules, and safety briefings delivered by our lead guide and support staff.
- **Group Respect & Behaviour:** You agree to conduct yourself respectfully. Abusive, disruptive, discriminatory, or dangerous behaviour toward tour staff, Traditional Owners, or fellow participants will not be tolerated.
- **Safety & Independent Advice:** You acknowledge that you are responsible for exercising reasonable care for your own personal safety and have had ample opportunity to seek independent advice regarding these terms.
- **Medical Emergencies & Evacuation:** If our crew determines that emergency medical intervention or evacuation is necessary, you authorize us to take reasonable action on your behalf. You are liable for any direct medical

evacuation costs incurred (note: Royal Flying Doctor Service emergency aeromedical response is generally free to eligible patients).

- **Breakdowns, Recovery & Damage:** You are solely liable for all costs associated with repairing, servicing, towing, or recovering your vehicle and equipment during or after the trek, including any consequential accommodation or travel expenses.
- **Fines & Infringements:** Any statutory fines, speeding tickets, or environmental penalties incurred by your vehicle remain exclusively your responsibility.
- **Removal from Tour:** We reserve the right to remove any traveller or vehicle from a trek if you breach these terms or if your actions jeopardize group safety, cohesion, or operational integrity. No refunds will be issued.
- **Indemnity:** You agree to fully indemnify Australian 4X4 Treks against any claims, losses, damages, or legal expenses arising from your negligence, inaccurate disclosures, or breach of warranties.

5. Payments, Cancellations & Credits

5.1 Securing Your Booking

- **Initial Deposit:** A **25% non-refundable deposit** is required to secure your vehicle allocation.
- **Confirmation:** Your booking is formally confirmed once we transmit written confirmation via email.
- **Payment Methods:** Payments are processed via electronic bank transfer or credit card (via Xero/Stripe).

5.2 Balance Payments

- **Final Payment:** The remaining balance is strictly due **60 days prior** to your scheduled tour departure date to ensure remote camp, permit, and supplier commitments are finalized.

5.3 Participant Cancellations

All cancellation notices must be submitted in writing via email. The following terms apply based on the date written notice is received:

Notice Period	Refund or Credit Outcome
60 Days or Less Prior to Departure	No refund or travel credit provided.
After Tour Departure / Early Departure	No refund or credit provided, regardless of circumstance, breakdown, or early departure.

We strongly reinforce the necessity of comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against unexpected cancellations due to personal illness, emergency, or family matters.

5.4 Operator Cancellations & Modifications

- **Force Majeure:** If a tour must be cancelled or curtailed due to circumstances beyond our control (e.g., severe weather, bushfires, flooding, closed tracks, natural disasters, or government declarations), all funds paid will be converted into a **Travel Credit valid for 16 months**, less any non-recoverable third-party permits, camp fees, or supplier costs already incurred.
- **Operational Cancellations:** If we cancel a tour for internal operational reasons (e.g., failing to meet the 5-vehicle minimum threshold), you will receive a full refund of amounts paid, excluding the initial 25% deposit and any non-refundable supplier costs. The equivalent remaining value will be issued as a **Travel Credit valid for 16 months**.

6. Limitation of Liability, Dispute Resolution & Media

- **Limitation to the Maximum Extent Permitted:** To the fullest extent permitted under Australian Consumer Law, Australian 4X4 Treks excludes all liability for any personal injury, loss, vehicle damage, indirect loss, or consequential financial damages resulting from your participation.
- **Exclusion of Third-Party Actions:** We accept no liability for the negligence, omissions, closures, or delays caused by third-party service providers, mechanics, accommodation facilities, or emergency response agencies.

- **Itinerary & External Disruptions:** We are not liable for any delay, route change, missed connection, or financial impact stemming from extreme weather, river crossings, mechanical breakdowns, public health orders, industrial disputes, or force majeure events.
 - **Agreement Variation:** No employee or contractor has the authority to verbally alter or waive these terms. Any amendment must be executed in writing by an authorized representative of Australian 4X4 Treks.
 - **Good-Faith Dispute Resolution:** In the event of a dispute, all parties agree to attempt mediation and good-faith resolution prior to initiating formal legal proceedings.
 - **Media & Promotional Consent:** Unless expressly declined in writing before departure, you grant Australian 4X4 Treks permission to capture and use photographs, drone imagery, video footage, and audio recordings of you and your vehicle across our website, social media channels, and print marketing without royalty or compensation.
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