

ITINERARY FOR ROTARY GROUP ROCK, REEF AND BRIDGE (SAMPLE SHEET ONLY!)



DAY 1 – SUN 23 MARCH 2003

BENDIGO – RENMARK

An early morning start as we leave your departure point at 8.30am and travel through Charlton, Sea Lake and onto the grape growing region of Mildura. This evening we make our way into Renmark to set up camp for the night. RENMARK RIVERFRONT CARAVAN PARK PH: 08 8586 6315

DAY 2 – MON 24 MARCH 2003

RENMARK TO COOBER PEDY

Today we travel past the large salt lakes including Lake Eyre. Our stop for the night is at Coober Pedy, Aboriginal for "white man's hole in the ground". Many people live in dugouts for protection from the severe summer temperatures and the cold winter nights. We will enjoy a town tour and an opal cutting demonstration. OPAL CAVE PH: 08 8672 5028

DAY 3 – TUES 25 MARCH 2003

COOBER PEDY TO AYERS ROCK

It will be a long day but well worth the drive. We make our way into Central Australia and to Yulara. The town is located on the outskirts of the Uluru National Park. We will have plenty of time to see this area tomorrow. AYERS ROCK CAMPGROUND PH: 08 8957 7001

DAY 4 – WED 26 MARCH 2003

AYERS ROCK

This morning we tour around the area, we will have a guided walking tour around the rim of Ayers Rock (Uluru) and then travel out to The Olga's. This afternoon we will give you plenty of time to explore this area at your pace. Whether it be on the back of a camel or up in a helicopter, the choice is yours. (Own Expense)

DAY 5 – THURS 27 MARCH 2003

AYERS ROCK TO KINGS CANYON

2002 was the Year of the Outback and we will certainly see a lot of it on this tour. Our journey today takes us further into the outback to Kings Canyon. Nothing like camping out underneath the open skies and all the twinkling stars. Maybe even locate our famous "Southern Cross". KINGS CANYON RESORT PH: 08 8956 7442

DAY 6 – FRI 28 MARCH 2003

KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS

We will have a bit of a look around the area before travelling north to Alice Springs, the heart of the Red Centre. More than 350,000 visitors pass through Alice each year. The town is located in the MacDonnell Ranges, with the Todd River running through it. For most of the year the River is dry and the famous Henley-on-Todd is held every Oct. RED CENTRE RESORT PH: 08 8950 5555

DAY 7 – SAT 29 MARCH 2003

ALICE SPRINGS – STANDLEY CHASM

We venture out today to the West Macdonnell Ranges to view the spectacular Standley Chasm. With the sun hitting the walls of the chasm at about lunch time you'll have some great photo opportunities here.

DAY 8 – SUN 30 MARCH 2003

ALICE SPRINGS

Time for some sightseeing today. Explore the Old Telegraph Station and the Royal Flying Doctor Service. This service provides the outback stations with medical facilities that city people take for granted. There are no doctor's surgeries or hospitals down the road; for most people the R.F.D.S. is their life line. The remainder of the day will be yours to further explore "Alice".

DAY 10 – MON 31 MARCH 2003

ALICE SPRINGS TO TENNANT CREEK

From Alice Springs we travel along the Stuart Highway to the Devils Marbles. The spherical boulders were formed by the weathering of granite outcrops on a wide quartz plain. To the north of the Devils Marbles we will set up camp at Tennant Creek. TENNANT CREEK CARAVAN PARK
PH: 08 8962 2325

DAY 11 – TUES 01 APRIL 2003

TENNANT CREEK TO MT ISA

A real outback experience you will have today travelling from Tennant Creek to Mt Isa. You should be lucky as the wet season will have left hopefully leaving the ground with a lush green landscape. COPPER CITY CARAVAN PARK PH: 07 4743 4676

DAY 12 – WED 02 APRIL 2003

MT ISA TO TORRENS CREEK

Again another day of outback Queensland travel. However I'm sure that along the way you'll see plenty of wildlife, ranging from kangaroo's to eagles. There is always something new to look at around every corner. EXCHANGE HOTEL PH: 07 4741 7342

DAY 13 – THURS 03 APRIL 2003

TORRENS CREEK TO AIRLIE BEACH

Today a fairly short drive and we leave the dust of the outback behind us, for the blue waters of Australia's coastline. For the next 2 nights we base ourselves at Airlie Beach – the seaside town which provides access to the Whitsunday Islands. ISLAND GATEWAY HOLIDAY PARK PH: 07 4946 6228

DAY 14 – FRI 04 APRIL 2003

GT BARRIER REEF CRUISE

Today we take a cruise to the spectacular Great Barrier Reef. Be amazed at the beauty that is filled at every stop. The fish, the coral and the bright blue sea. You'll get the chance to go snorkelling or if you are not interested in getting in to the water than you can view the Reef from the semi-submersible submarine.

DAY 15 – SAT 05 APRIL 2003

AIRLIE BEACH TO GT KEPPEL ISLAND

We travel south along the Coast through Mackay, which is the producer of 1/3 of Australia's sugar crop. There are five mills in operation and Mackay has one of the largest bulk-sugar loading terminals in the world. Say goodbye to the mainland as we make our way out to Great Keppel Island for the next two nights. GT KEPPEL ISLAND RESORT PH: 07 4933 6744

DAY 16 – SUN 06 APRIL 2003

GT KEPPEL ISLAND

The day is yours to spend at leisure. Remember the towel, and the sunscreen and enjoy the surroundings of this great island. Wash away that red dirt and get used to seeing beautiful blue water.

DAY 17 - MON 07 APRIL 2003**GT KEPPEL ISLAND TO GOLD COAST**

After leaving the island and making our way back onto the mainland we travel further south along the coast to Hervey Bay. Hervey Bay is the launching point for Australia's largest sand island- Fraser Island. It is said that the dingo's on the island are the purest breed to be found in Australia. From here we still have way to go as we spend the next two nights on the Gold Coast. ASHMORE PALMS HOLIDAY VILLAGE PH: 07 5539 3222

DAY 18 – TUES 08 APRIL 2003**SEAWORLD/MOVIEWORLD**

Prepare for a meeting with the stars, and some loveable cartoon characters at Warner Bros. MovieWorld. Be thrilled on the Lethal Weapon Ride or be taken on an action packed Batman experience. There is a ride or attraction to suit everyone. However we thought that one theme park wasn't enough so this afternoon we take you to Seaworld as well. Be amazed at the intelligence of the dolphins, come up close to Polar Bears, and be sucked into the Bermuda Triangle.

DAY 19 – WED 09 APRIL 2003**SURFERS PARADISE TO BYRON BAY**

New South Wales is where you'll travel today. We only have a short drive ahead of us today to the sea-side resort town of Byron Bay. Spend a relaxing afternoon here before travelling to Sydney.

DAY 20 – THURS 10 APRIL 2003**BYRON BAY TO SYDNEY**

The drive along the coast today will prepare you for the sights you will see upon your arrival into Sydney. Try and catch a glimpse of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and the Opera House. If you miss them don't worry as tomorrow you will see it up close. LANE COVE RIVER CARAVAN PARK PH:02 9888 9133

DAY 21 – FRI 11 APRIL 2003**SYDNEY CRUISE/DINNER**

What better way to see Sydney than from the comfort of a Harbour Cruise. You'll pass by the Opera House, go under the Sydney Harbour Cruise and the Taronga Park Zoo and see Sydney's skyline all at a leisurely pace. From the ground to the sky this afternoon you will have the opportunity to get a bird's eye view over Sydney from the Centrepont Tower.

DAY 22 – SAT 12 APRIL 2003**SYDNEY TO MELBOURNE**

As all good things must come to an end, we make our way from Sydney to Melbourne. We hope that the memories you take from this experience will last a lifetime. We will arrive back in Melbourne early this evening.

