

Accompanied Adventures 2020

7 - 13 September

Camping, Namatjira Country, Tjoritja, Gorges & Desert



The unique atmosphere of Mparntwe (Alice Springs) with the colour & excitement of Desert Mob (September). Learn about this region in both current, and historic contexts by engaging with contemporary art against a backdrop of ancient land, guided and facilitated with care and passion.

In conjunction with Alice Springs Expeditions, Sydney artist Ingrid Bowen invites you to a Central Australian experience designed with a great balance of adventure, culture & comfort. Stunning ancient geological wonders, the vibrancy of contemporary Aboriginal art, with everything taken care of, and plenty of time to observe and absorb unforgettable art and places

- Seven days/six nights fully inclusive small group guided touring with a dedicated host and expert local guide
- All accommodation & most meals, transport, equipment, entrance fees & activities (flights & alcohol not included)
- Small group ensuring a bespoke experience
- Visit Aboriginal art events, galleries & centres as permitted
- Flexible down time for your own project or creative practice
- On and off road quality vehicle touring to beautiful locations in order to engage with, and immerse yourself in the landscape



The September adventure is timed to coincide with 'Desart' - the largest and most dynamic contemporary Central Australian art exhibition and marketplace.

September also typically affords perfect weather for camping, in the most scenic, silent gorge on beautiful Ellery Creek. Feel the benefits of being off grid sleeping under the stars in supremely comfortable swags. There are no bathroom facilities at our special camping spot, but we will make it as comfortable for you as possible.

PRICE (includes all touring, accomm & most meals as indicated B, L, D)

PER PERSON INCL GST

7 DAYS/6 NIGHTS SEPT 2020

\$ 3875 single room

\$ 3425 twin share

***FLIGHTS & ALCOHOL NOT INC**

September Itinerary - Camping, Namatjira Country, Tjoritja Gorges & Desert Mob Marketplace

- * Mon 7 Sep Arrival in Alice Springs, welcome & depart straightaway for the Finke Gorge, picnic lunch enroute. Afternoon set up camp for our two nights on Ellery Creek, time to wander and relax before our fireside dinner and stargazing from your superb swag (L, D)
- * Tues 8 Sep Morning hike into a scenic hidden gorge, afternoon with many options available including walks, 4WD touring, time to sketch, read or just relax, overnight camp again in the same blissful spot (B, L, D)
- * Wed 9 Sep Pack up camp after a leisurely breakfast, visit Tnorala (Gosse Bluff comet site) picnic lunch, then Hermannsburg Potters studios* and historic precinct. There is an impressive collection of Namatjira and local water-colourists artworks in the museum. Arrive at Glen Helen Resort in time for an afternoon walk & maybe a swim, enjoy the location and views before our bistro dinner and overnight here for two nights, standard room, private facilities (B, L, D)
- * Thu 10 Sep Flexible day touring including Ormiston Gorge & more, picnic lunch, afternoon at leisure to be creative, swim, walk or rest (B, L, D)
- * Fri 11 Sep Morning departure for Alice Springs. Visit Araluen and preview Desart exhibition, gain an overview of the landscape from Olive Pink lookout. Accommodation for two nights at Mercure Alice Springs Resort standard room (B)
- * Sat 12 Sep Morning at the Desert Mob marketplace & afternoon at leisure. Final and special gourmet dinner with Arrente chef and bush foods expert at a scenic sunset location (B, D)
- * Sun 13 Sep Leisurely morning, time for a walk and/or coffee in town & then transfer to the airport (B)



*** artists and non-artists are welcome, our tours are suitable for anyone interested in experiencing the culture and landscape of Central Australia**

*** operating in a small group gives us the flexibility to accommodate conditions and the interests of the group**

*** our schedule is generous in order to be able to stop, look & discuss landscape and cultural points of interest along the way**

*** most days there will be plenty of time to spend on your own project - be it sketching, reading, writing, photography, or just relaxing**

*** our plans may need to adapt due to weather, cultural events or health & safety requirements**

*** NB this is a revised itinerary issued Jun 2020**

Expert guiding

With 20 years in Northern Territory tourism and off road touring experience, John Stafford of Alice Springs Expeditions provides guests with the ultimate in comfort and safety. His specialised local knowledge and friendly, flexible approach ensures 100% happy campers.

Welcoming host

As a landscape artist and former travel professional, Ingrid Bowen shares her knowledge and skills by welcoming travellers on an art and landscape lovers adventure to a region she has become passionate about.

For further information and bookings contact:

Ingrid Bowen 0401 142854
ingridbowen@bigpond.com

Instagram @accompaniedadventures

Complete care

Our aim is to accompany you on an adventure which may otherwise be difficult to achieve on your own, but lots of fun in good company, and to ensure you have a relaxing and inspiring visit to the heart of our country.

