

Outback Safari by Cecelie Jobsen

When I first came to Australia my main location to see was the Sydney Opera house and then I got the opportunity to go and see it. My next adventure was to see the outback of Australia. So I signed up and went to Melbourne were our first location was. It was a beautiful city and reminded me of modified Europe. I felt like home and I would have loved to go back. Then the trip took us to the City with many Churches, Adelaide. It took us 12 hours to travel from Melbourne to Adelaide by bus. We stayed there for a night then it was over to a small town called Gladstone. We then went to a Jail witch is famous around that area because of the ghost that might be in there. At night we did the ghost tour and got to know the jails' history and some of the inmates. It was terrifying, but at the same time interesting.

The next morning we turned onto the Steward Highway and it was amazing how open this area is. It only takes 10 minutes and then the landscape changes from bush to desert. All the way from Melbourne to Cooper Pedy it was raining which was sad. When we got to Cooper Pedy, the Opal capital of Australia. The people here live underground because it too hot outside. It was flooded. It has never seen that much water in 7 years and they got that much in 1 day. The next day we left Copper Pedy and headed to Kings Canyon Resort were the boys were dressed up as girls. Catwalk and photo shots were on the menu. Next day we did a 3 hour long walk around the amazing King Canyon. I don't think there are a lot of words to describe the view of the canyon.

From the canyon it took us 3 hours to come over to the magical Ayers Rock or Uluru. I have always wanted to see the rock and I made that happen. We also watched the sunset and the colour change on Uluru, then we all slept under the stars. It was breathtaking to see all the shooting stars and the Milky Way. The next morning we all did the Mala walk around the Ayers Rock. It was amazing and magical to see that people from a long time ago used this as a home and a "holy" place. Later that day a few of us did a helicopter ride around Uluru and Kata Tjuta, another "holy" place for the Aboriginal people who live there.

The next day we had to say farewell to Uluru and said hello to Alice Springs where we saw the biggest classroom in the world, the School of Air. It was incredible to see that kids learned from radios and from teachers 200 km away! Then, later that day, a man showed us some reptiles like snakes, lizards and other animals. The next day we went to a Bush Tucker were we learned about the Aboriginals, how they survived, made a community and other basic things. It was really interesting. We tasted kangaroo tail and got to shoot some boomerangs at a plastic kangaroo and it is harder than it looks!. We did some shopping before spending the last couple of hours left with each other. The next day we all were leaving. It was really sad to say goodbye to everyone because I got some really good friends on that trip, but we are all going to see each other again when we get back to our own countries. Over all the trip was spectacular! In only 11 days we have covered an amazing landscape and seen some breathtaking locations in this country. If you want to see the real Outback you have to sign up for something like this. You will never regret it!



