

# Cooper Creek & Inland Lakes



This tour is designed to showcase Outback SA and the border country of South West Queensland. It is here that wonderful natural history and outback legends meet. Iconic places like Menindie Lakes and Innamincka, together with the story of Burke & Wills, bring Australia's outback history to life.

Meandering through the Bookmark Biosphere, marvelling at the engineering feats of the Menindee Lakes, we take time to do some bird watching on the world-renown inland lakes at Currawinya and Coongie. These lakes are a haven for birdlife in an ever-changing desert environment and are listed under the Ramsar convention as a world heritage-listed site of special scientific interest.

From the mallee of Danggali National Park to the quiet banks of the Cooper Creek, crossing the Strzelecki Desert with spectacular views of the rugged northern Flinders Ranges - see this country in all its contrasts.

With plenty of promise for nature lovers and birdwatchers alike, this tour is also a must for would-be explorers of the outback.

## **COOPER CREEK & INLAND LAKES 12 Day Itinerary (Adelaide to Adelaide)**

- Day 1 Depart Adelaide approx 8am, travelling via Morgan to a bush camp in the award winning Gluepot reserve. An evening walk/bird watching.
- Day 2 Early morning bird watching before heading further into the Bookmark Biosphere. We travel through Calperum Station into Danggali Conservation Park for an overnight camp.
- Day 3 Travel into NSW at Wentworth and follow the Darling River to Menindee Lakes. Camp for the night near the lakes.
- Day 4 Head north through the Paroo Darling National Park, cross the Qld border and camp in Currawinya National Park for 2 nights.
- Day 5 Birding in Currawinya at Lakes Numalla and Wyara, which are within the park and are listed as Ramsar wetland sites of international importance.
- Day 6 Head north to Eulo then west to Lake Bindegolly National Park, Thargomindah, spending the night on the banks of the Wilson River at Noccundra.
- Day 7 Crossing the Channel country, we head for Burke & Wills' Dig Tree then via Innamincka we head to Coongie Lakes for a 2 night camp.
- Day 8 A mornings walk around the lake, then relaxing by the lake.
- Day 9 A morning drive to Innamincka then to camp on the banks of Cooper Creek for 2 nights.
- Day 10 Exploring/birding around the Innamincka area.
- Day 11 Heading south past Moomba gas fields along the Strezlecki track we have lunch at Montecollina Bore, a bird haven in the middle of the desert before heading onto Copley caravan park for the last night.
- Day 12 Return to Adelaide arriving in the evening time around 6pm.