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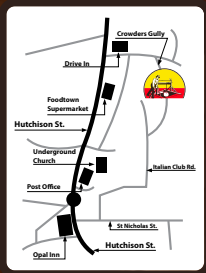
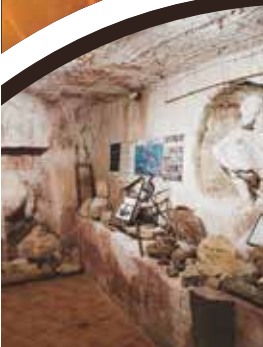
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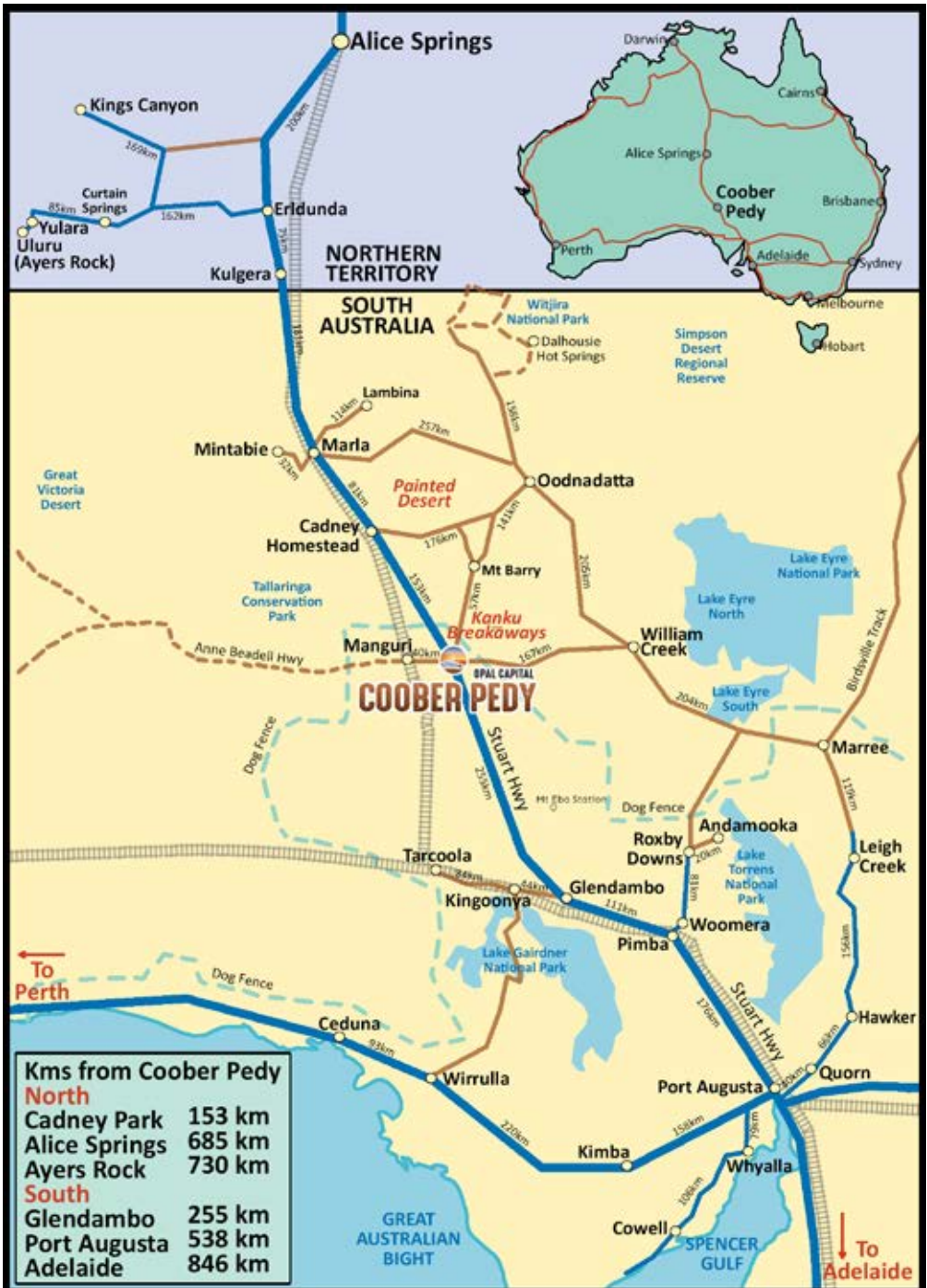
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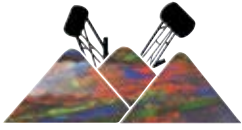
Large range of Coober Pedy crystal, Mintabie opal, Black opal, Boulder and matrix.

South Australian Outback



Kms from Coober Pedy	
North	
Cadney Park	153 km
Alice Springs	685 km
Ayers Rock	730 km
South	
Glendambo	255 km
Port Augusta	538 km
Adelaide	846 km

Welcome to Coober Pedy



COOBER PEDY
RETAIL, BUSINESS AND
TOURISM ASSOCIATION



Welcome

To one of the most unique places in the world, Coober Pedy. This desert gem with its infinite horizons, open skies and extreme colour environment. This ancient land with all its abstraction allows for dreams, and offers hope to all who pass and walk within. Opal built this town and opal is reshaping its future. Adventurers and pioneers shaped, gouged and lived within her belly. They created indifference, survived and prospered...

Opal is not only Australia's National Gemstone, it is the rarest gemstone on the planet. Mother Nature bestowed her best colour and brightest gift to this Umoona country. Our underground living exemplifies human endeavour and the spirit of survival and creativity. Today our town is made up of many peoples from all corners of the world.... we are a meeting place of many cultures, where OPAL is our binding force. We enjoy unusual freedoms. We are spoilt for endless space, and time to enjoy and embrace this natural landscape.

Here you can reset, unwind and recharge. We hope you love our town as much as we do.

*George Kountouris, Chair:
Coober Pedy Retail Business and Tourism Association*

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James Anderson

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General Information

Why visit Coober Pedy?

People are attracted to Coober Pedy for a range of reasons. Some are fascinated by our underground lifestyle which is like nowhere else on earth. Many of our homes, hotels, churches and restaurants are tunnelled into hillsides and are almost invisible on first inspection. Others are drawn by the very thing that has attracted people from 47 nations to this desert region over the past decade – OPAL. Then there are those who come to see the landscapes: the majesty of the Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, the spectacle of the Painted Desert and the bizarre, moon-like surface of the mining fields. Of course it's the combination of all these elements that truly make Coober Pedy a place like nowhere on earth. We encourage you to explore all of Coober Pedy.

Climate Between March and November, the weather is very pleasant. Typical of a semi-desert climate, the days are warm but the desert nights are cold. From December to February, the weather warms up and summer temperatures range upwards from 35°C in the shade. The annual rainfall is minimal, at around 175mm (5 inches) per annum, so summer dust storms can occur.

Terrain Coober Pedy lies on the edge of the erosional scarp of the Stuart Ranges, on beds of sand and siltstone 30m deep, topped with a stony, treeless desert. Very little plant life exists in town due to the region's low rainfall, sandstone and lack of topsoil. A popular attraction is the golf course which, despite its full 18 holes, is entirely grass-less.

DONT SPEED - DONT RISK IT

Glendambo to Coober Pedy = 254km

@110k/hr - 2hr 20mins

@120k/hr save 10mins Speed Fine \$\$\$+

@130k/hr save 20mins Speed Fine \$\$\$+

@140k/hr save 30mins & Lose your license

Getting to Coober Pedy

By Coach Greyhound Australia travels through Coober Pedy, providing regular services. www.greyhound.com.au

By Air Regional Express Airlines operate a service to and from Adelaide. www.rex.com.au
Wrights Air for Charter Flights. www.wrightsair.com.au

By Train The Ghan passes by at Manguri, 40km West of Coober Pedy, The Ghan Experience offers seasonal off train tours into Coober Pedy as part of a travel package. www.greatsouthernrail.com.au

By Car The Stuart Highway is one of the iconic road journeys of Australia. The scenery and environment north and south of Coober Pedy is fascinating and ever changing. From Adelaide, the journey takes approximately 8-10 hours and 6-8 hours from Alice Springs. Please be aware that, when venturing off the highway, roads are unsealed and often impassable after heavy rain so please check weather forecasts and road conditions before you travel. www.dpti.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads



**DISCOVER MORE
OUTBACK**

A range of cars and 4WD vehicles available for outback roads. Vehicles available from **Budget Coober Pedy** airport location. Please contact ahead to confirm availability on **132 727**.



Planning your trip

There is much to discover in and around Coober Pedy and a two day/three night minimum stay is recommended to make the most of your visit. Below is a brief suggested itinerary.

DAY ONE

Morning - Allow at least half a day to visit one, or both, of our museums to learn about the region's history, mining, geology, landscape, underground lifestyle and Indigenous culture. You will explore the world below and learn the peacefulness of underground life, historical information and see valuable opals and fossils.

Afternoon / Evening - Visit one of numerous opal mines to see how opals are traced and extracted, both by modern and older methods, and try 'noodling' for opal yourself. There are guided and self-guided tours available both daytime and evening.

There are a variety of restaurants to choose from for dinner.



DAY TWO

Morning - Explore the town of Coober Pedy to discover the unique lifestyle. Key attractions include the underground churches, underground homes, the grass-less golf course, the Kangaroo Orphanage and the numerous opal shops & displays. Take a guided tour or navigate your own way.

Afternoon / Evening - Venture out of town, on your own or with a bus tour, to see the stunning Kanku-Breakaways rock formation, Moon Plain and the Dingo Fence – this is the perfect setting for a sunset experience. You may also recognise some sites used as film locations along the way. See Page 21 for movie listing.



DAY THREE / FOUR

There are day trips available out of Coober Pedy that take you to, through or over some stunning landscapes and remote Outback towns. Options include: Spend the day on the mail run as they deliver the mail to historic Outback towns and stations.

Painted Desert Tour will take a full day in your 4WD. Coast past cattle stations and waterholes to the Painted Desert.

Wrights Air Flights over the Painted Desert, William Creek, Cattle Stations & Lake Eyre.

Josephine's Gallery

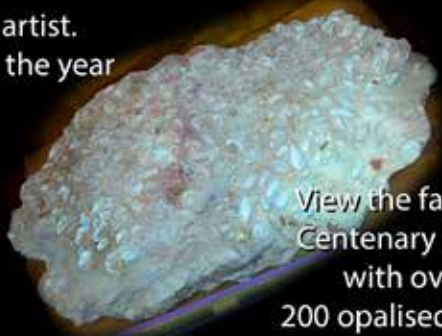
**Art
Opal
Fosils
Artefacts
Didgeridoos**

From local artists to world renowned artists. A stunning display of over 500 paintings



Tommy Crow featured artist.
Artist in residence during the year

Locally made artefacts,
woven baskets, music sticks,
authentic didgeridoos and
boomerangs



View the famous
Centenary Plate
with over
200 opalised shells



Home of the
Kangaroo Orphanage.
Cuddle a Joey.
Bookings essential



Open seasonally Tuesday thru Sunday. Please phone (not text) Terry on 0428 356 669 for opening times and bookings. Hutchison St. Look for the Roo on the roof. Follow us on facerbook Josephine's Gallery & Kangaroo Orphanage.
Email: tbrennankuss@gmail.com

Australian Opal - Coober Pedy

Australian Opal fields produce an estimated 90% of total world precious opal production. The largest percentage of total production comes from the over 70 opal fields around Coober Pedy which is the largest opal mining area in the world.

Opal was proclaimed Australia's National Gemstone in 1993. And in 1985 opal was adopted as South Australia's Gemstone emblem.

Opal is a hydrated amorphous form of silica ($\text{SiO}_2 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O}$). The majority of opal found is common opal, also called potch, which does not display any colour. Precious opal in turn displays a vivid play of colour and is desired and admired throughout the world.



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TOWN 22 MAP

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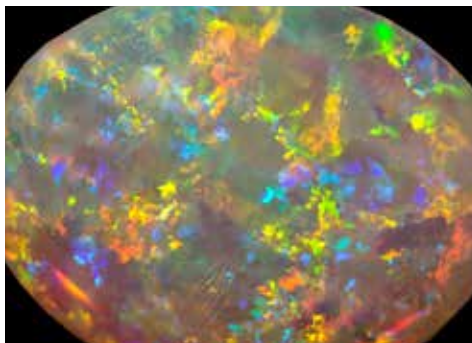
Pendants Made With Heart

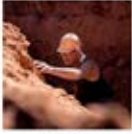
TOWN 83 MAP

Opal Fields

The Coober Pedy Opal Fields are pitted with abandoned prospecting drill holes up to 30m deep. Estimated over 1,500,000 open shafts. Please beware and adhere to the following warnings.

1. It is illegal to go on a pegged claim without the miner's permission.
2. Beware of machinery in operation.
3. Do not go onto the opal fields at night.
4. Watch where you walk and do not walk backwards, especially when taking photos.





PICK



POLISH



SET



GUARANTEE

Retail Outlet: 88 Hutchison Street Coober Pedy
3 doors down from Pizza Bar
All Welcome

Mining Opal

Miners, with a Precious Stone Prospecting Permit, can peg a claim either 50m x 50m or 50m x 100m to mine for opal. The earlier form of mining was by sinking or digging a shaft then tunnelling along the level with a pick and shovel. A hand-pick or screwdriver was used to extract traces of opal.

Since the 1970's, there has been a rapid increase in the use of mining machines. These days, most if not all prospecting shafts are made by using a Prospecting Drill with 9 inch augers or a Caldwell-type drill which is used to excavate holes one metre in diameter using a drill bucket. The drills can dig to a maximum depth of about 28m to 30m.

Today's opal fields are subsequently pitted with thousands of abandoned Prospecting and Caldwell shafts. Tunnelling machines with revolving cutting heads, small front-end loaders and even some excavators are used underground.

Waste material (or mullock) from the shafts and drives was originally lifted to the surface by hand windlass, then by power winches (Yorke hoists) or automatic bucket tipplers. Today truck-mounted blowers which operate like vacuum cleaners are more commonly used.

For open cuts bulldozers, excavators and dump trucks are employed to remove overburden and expose opal bearing ground typically in more shallow areas.

Noodling

Is the process of searching through heaps of discarded mullock for pieces of opal missed by the miners. Many locals make a living from this method and it is also very popular with tourists.

Another popular technique for mining opal is the use of the Noodling Machine. Discarded mullock heaps are fed through a darkroom via conveyor belts. The dirt is passed under ultra violet light, where opal fluoresces, and is very easily identified.

Some people get lucky and find their fortune, others find little chips to keep for memories. Have a look around town, most of the stores have little noodling pits & little bottles of chips for purchase.



Where did the term "Noodling" come from?

Who really knows, the urban myth says that it comes from the term "wet noodle" A man who does not have the courage or is not strong/powerful or 'man' enough to mine for opal underground was called a "wet noodle". This 'wet noodle' looks for opal on the surface where it is safe. So maybe not a nice term but an amusing one! Another explanation is that the term noodling comes from 'looking for nodules'

Opal Information

“For in them you shall see the living fire of ruby, the glorious purple of the amethyst, the sea green of the emerald, all glittering together in an incredible mixture of light”

Written by Roman Pliny in the 1st Century AD

Opal Processing and Classing

Once the rough or raw opal has been mined it is placed in a small water-filled tumbler or a cement mixer. The agitation cleans about 95% of the dirt (sandstone) from the rough opal and whatever dirt remains is then snipped off.

The opal is sorted or classed in different grades by size and of course colour and quality. Colour in precious opal is caused by the regular array and size of silica spheres diffracting white light and breaking it up into the various colours of the spectrum.

There are a number of things to assess when classing opal. These include the type, size, brilliance, clarity, colour, variety and pattern.

The main factors in determining the price paid for opal are as follows.

Base Colour. Black opal (a gem with a dark base) usually commands a higher price than crystal opal (almost transparent) which in turn commands a higher price than white or milky opal.

Dominant Colour Red and orange fire opal is usually more valuable than a predominantly green opal, which in turn is more valuable than a stone showing only blue colour.

Colour Pattern Broad patterns or flashy patterns are generally more desirable than pin-fire or small type patterns.

Once the rough opal has been classed in various grades, each grade is weighed in Troy ounces then valued at a rate of dollars per ounce before being placed into a bag.





Solid opals that naturally occur in one piece.



Doublet a 2 part stone consisting of a precious opal glued to another stone, either potch or some other material like glass or ironstone.



Triplet a three part stone with a precious opal centre, a clear top and darkened base, usually glass or potch.

Each bag is then identified by grade and weight. Collectively these bags are known as a PARCEL of opal.

Cut opal is valued at a price based on type, size, brilliance, clarity, variety of colour and pattern per carat weight. Opals may be cut and polished in a number of ways, depending on the nature and thickness of the colour band. Opals have a similar hardness to regular glass gems and need skill, experience and care when shaping and polishing a stone.

Always ensure your jeweller is familiar with opal when taking your jewellery for polishing.

Opal Displays

With more opals stores and opal displays, than anywhere, this makes

Coober Pedy the Opal Capital of the World!

You will find different types of opal from all around Australia, so all you need to do is shop around for your special gem. All reputable gem shops will guarantee their opals in writing. Insist on a description and calcification with the details of the seller.

THE OPAL CAVE

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Faye's Underground Home
Home & Opal Mine

Hand dug by Faye Naylor & 2 friends in the early 1960's




Old Water Tank Rd
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THE PIONEER WOMAN FAYE'S HISTORY STARTS AT THE OPAL CAVE

1. VISIT THE OPAL CAVE
2. VISIT THE OPAL MINE
3. VISIT THE OPAL MUSEUM
4. VISIT THE OPAL SHOP
5. VISIT THE OPAL CUTTING WORKSHOP
6. VISIT THE OPAL HISTORY MUSEUM
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Coober Pedy Today

The Opal Capital of the World

Coober Pedy and its surrounds is often described as being moon-like, with its landscape dotted with shafts and mullock heaps from opal mining activities. The township offers all the facilities expected in a large country town as well as numerous opal shops. As many of the buildings are partially or completely underground, a map or guide is recommended to help you find your way around.



Industry & Income

Coober Pedy is a major regional service centre for Outback South Australia, with essential services including medical, health, welfare, law and order, education and leisure. The four main industries are opal mining, tourism, commercial mining activities and support services. Together with nearby Andamooka and Mintabie, Coober Pedy produces 85% of the world's opal supply.

Population

The estimated population to be around 1,700. Approximately 60% of the people are of European heritage, having migrated from southern and eastern Europe after the Second World War. In all, there are more than 45 nationalities represented creating a very ethnically diverse community. An urban myth states, "there used to be 46 nationalities, unfortunately the Eskimo found it too hot and left".



Water Supply

The region's low rainfall along with no permanent natural water source prompted the 1922 Government to construct an underground water tank to hold 500,000 gallons (approx. 2 million litres). This supply remained unreliable so the State Government in 1967 developed a solar desalination plant to produce fresh water from salty water pumped from 100m below the surface. However, this did not produce enough water and was often damaged by high winds.

Since 1985, a modern water desalination plant using a reverse osmosis process has been operated by the Coober Pedy District Council. Raw water is pumped from 60m deep artesian bores located 23 km north east of Coober Pedy, via a 200mm pipeline alongside the Oodnadatta Road to the town water tanks. Bore water pumps operate automatically via radio signals transmitted from the town Treatment Plant. The water quality is now excellent. For travellers, coin operated water dispensers are available on Hutchison St.



Dugouts Underground Living

It is believed that the soldiers who returned from the trenches of France during the First World War took up the 1915 idea of living underground in homes commonly known as “dugouts”.

The miners quickly discovered the advantages of living underground to escape the heat of the summer and winter’s cool desert nights. No matter how harsh the climate, the underground rooms maintain a comfortable, even temperature ranging from 19°C to 25°C day and night throughout the year.

It is estimated that about 50% of the population live underground now. Most dugout homes are excavated into hillsides rather than dug from shafts.

The soil in the Coober Pedy hillside is stable enough to allow huge ceiling spans in rooms and it is not unusual for a mining family to buy an adjoining property and tunnel to link two dwellings, or even three or four. Some mansion style homes spread up to 450 square metres underground.

Wildlife

There is a large variety of native wildlife found around the Coober Pedy area such as kangaroos, wallabies, emus, sand goannas, bearded dragons, geckos, perentie lizards and a few species of snakes. Dingoes are found outside the dog fence. There are numerous desert varieties of bird life such as eagles, bustards or bush turkeys, budgerigars, galahs, parrots and finches to name a few. Some pelicans and black swans can be found on nearby lakes after rain.



Phil Williams

Local Attractions

Boxed letters and numbers refer to Map pages 24 & 25

A Stuart Monument

The monument commemorating John McDouall Stuart's contribution to the opening up of the continent and, in particular his journey to this area in 1858, was erected by the Coober Pedy Historical Society and the John McDouall Stuart Society with the help of the District Council in 1993.



Kezia Manning

B Serbian Orthodox Church

Church of Saint Elijah the Prophet is the Serbian Orthodox church in Coober Pedy, South Australia, built in 1993 and is dedicated to Saint Elijah.

C Wind Turbine Generator

The Nordex Wind Turbine Generator was installed in 1991 and supplied around 4% of the town's power supply. This was South Australia 1st 150kw Wind Turbine and was decommissioned in 2017.

D St Peter and Paul Catholic Church

The first purpose built underground Catholic Church of its type in the world opened June 25 1967 and extensions completed September 1984 and is State Heritage listed.

E Lions Rotunda Walk

In the centre of town, take a walk around the rotunda taking in all 10 tourist information panels.



F Boot Hill

Interesting tombstones dating from the early 1970's including a 18 gallon beer keg for Mr Karl Bratz, "Have a drink on me!"

G The Catacomb Church

The Catacomb Underground Church was dug out in the mid 1970's and dedicated by the Anglican Church thereafter. It is very quiet and a great place to meditate, pray, or just sit and be still.

The Catacomb Church Ph 08 8672 5038

Catacomb Rd Coober Pedy Service 9:30am Sun
A Bible Believing Anglican Fellowship
www.catacombchurch.com.au

H Noodling and Mining

The public noodling area is open to the everyone. If you are not on a pegged claim and do not use a pick, shovel or any digging device, then a permit is not required. Trespassers on claims can be fined. If you wish to mine in anyway using tools, machinery or explosives, a Precious Stones Prospecting Permit must be obtained from the Mines & Energy Office.

I Kanuku-Breakaways & Dog Fence

Beautiful picturesque escarpment. 70km round trip through our Conservation Park. Further information on the back cover.

J Big Winch 360°

This 8m high structure which overlooks the town was built by Klaus Wirries in the 1970's to celebrate the Opal Capital of the World. The Big Winch was rebuilt after it was destroyed by ferocious winds in 1986.



K Coober Pedy's 1st Cemetery

Coober Pedy first Cemetery dates back to 1921 and is located near the Greek Orthodox Church.



Coober Pedy Hill Sign

Commissioned by the CP Retail Business & Tourism Association in June 2018, and constructed by Wayne & Steve Borrett, it is made from re-purposed galvanised iron. Each letter stand 3 meters tall overall expands to over 13 metres long.

Although on private land it is becoming a popular tourist attraction. Best seen from the Rotunda on Hutchison St, it is situated on the hill between the Big Winch and The Italian Club on private property.



Solar & Wind Farm

EDL built, owns and operates the Coober Pedy Hybrid Renewable Power Station that uniquely combines 4MW wind generation, 1MW solar generation, a 1MW/500kWhr battery and other integration technologies. Since commencing operations in July 2017, the multi-award-winning power station has delivered lower-cost and more stable electricity (99.99% reliability) for the community at world-leading renewable energy penetration rates. It has also set a global benchmark for renewables in isolated grids and often operates on 100% renewables for long periods.

The power station is a blueprint for reliable, affordable and sustainable energy sources in remote areas, having decreased the town's diesel use by over 70%. The remote mining town previously relied on diesel-fuelled generators for electricity, which are now only used occasionally for backup power.

Centenary Mosaic Garden

The mosaic garden in front of the Lions rotunda was created by members of the Coober Pedy Mosaic Group. The Seventh stone at the entrance features a mosaic of the centenary logo. A sign tells about the people who made the mosaics and their stories. The area is paved with over 100 personalised pavers, featuring the names of people who once lived in Coober Pedy and those who still do.



Coober Pedy Well Being Labyrinth

A labyrinth is a one path design used to promote relaxation and relieve stress.

Walk the labyrinth with an open mind, pause at the entry to allow yourself to become fully conscious of stepping into the Labyrinth and pause again at the exit to allow yourself to become fully conscious of stepping out into the world. A labyrinth is walked in silence.

Created in 2021 designed & built by community members & the District Council of Coober Pedy.

www.labyrinthlinkaustralia.org/labyrinth_directory.htm

Community Clubs & Groups

	CP Area School.....Map Ref....G9
	CP School Library.....G9
	CP Swimming Pool.....G9
	CP Amateur Race Club.....B5
	CP Croatian Club.....J13
	CP Drive In.....I5
	CP Golf Course.....B6
	CP Greek Club.....I10
	CP Shooters Club.....B2
	CP RSL.....H5
	CP Speedway.....C5
	Dusty Radio FM 104.5.....F9
	The Italo Australian Miners Club.....I8
	Play Ground & Skate Park.....H11

Coober Pedy Community Clubs & Groups



Heidi Who Photography



Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club

www.cooberpedygolfclub.com.au.

The Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club has been offering a unique course for golfers since 1976. The course traverses the desert flats and gibber hills of Coober Pedy. The greens are black and the fairways are white! Many a golfer have found opal whilst playing a round. Golf is played year round on this unique course. Visitors to Coober Pedy can play a round by contacting Opalios in Coober Pedy or heading out to the Club on one of the designated golf competition days.
2024 Golf Open Date: TBA



Coober Pedy Speedway

Coober Pedy Motor Sport Club is a non aligned Club that holds monthly events from March through to November each year.

Hot laps, Drags and Burn outs at our local Speedway are the norm where you can run what you bring!!! Visitors are welcome to take part in their own cars or hitch a ride with a local driver for the thrill of a life time.

Call 0428356669 for more info.



Coober Pedy Shooters Club

Started in 1974 The Shooters Club welcomes new members, visitors and sponsors and has a number of ranges includes Shotgun, Air Pistol, Darts, Centerfire, Rimfire, Rifles & Pistols. Group bookings are available. NOTE: Minimum 2 days notice. (subject to Range Officers/volunteers availability). If you don't have a firearm or licence, come along our members will assist you with all enquiries. Minimum age for shooting at the club is 10 yrs. ALL SHOOTERS MUST HAVE ZERO ALCOHOL LEVEL ON THE SHOOTING RANGE Check facebook for opening hours. Find us on facebook or Ph 0427 649 389



Coober Pedy Amateur Race Club

The Coober Pedy Racing Club was started up in 1969 with the aim of bringing together town and station people – “to make new friendships and renew old ones”

Charley Kunoth, donated the land, for the racecourse. Charlie said, “I’m not going to let you fellows have this land for nothing. I want a cent a year for it.”


Join the family friendly event where thoroughbred & stock horses compete, Motor Bike Gymkhana, Novelty & Kids Events, during our yearly Race Weekend. Whether you swag it or enjoy the hospitality in town, it is a true outback experience for the family to enjoy! Visit our facebook page to keep up to date!



2024 Events

Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show Sat & Sun Easter Weekend

The Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show is a Great Outback Show in the Opal Capital of the World. It provides the opportunity for miners, retailers and wholesalers from around Australia and the world to showcase their products to the industry and the broader public. Opal is Australia's national gemstone. Although there is a lot of excitement around the large scale mining activities surrounding Coober Pedy, opal will always be the heartbeat of the town. The Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show aims to develop the sustainability and prosperity of this colourful industry full of character and characters. Specialising in rough and cut opal.

Find us on  Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show

The GREAT Kanku-Breakaways Bolt Sunday June 9th 2024

The Bolt is back! Now a permanent fixture every June long weekend!

Nominate to do the full 42.2km or choose to do a portion, either 5, 10, 15, or 21.1km.

The event starts at the main lookout in the Breakaways, goes along the escarpment, the Moon Plain and follows the Dog Fence before turning back again.

If you are interested in participating or volunteering, have any questions or would like to sponsor the event - contact Glen Christie, Marathon Coordinator on 0417 812 066 during business hours or email gchristie@cpccouncil.sa.gov.au



Coober Pedy Opal Festival 2024 June 15th & 16th 2024

An Outback Festival like no other!

Celebrating all that is Coober Pedy – opals, underground, outback, and our amazing multicultural community.

The Opal Festival is the largest community event in Coober Pedy and is held annually to celebrate the vibrant and culturally diverse community, opal and mining. The Festival provides an opportunity for the community to come together, celebrate and strengthen its cultural and social bonds. Incorporating food and beverage, craft and market stalls, games and entertainment; the festival provides activities for all ages and cultures in an engaging and entertaining event.

Naidoc Week 2024

July 7th - 14th 2024



For more events visit the

Coober Pedy Visitor Information Centre. Ph. 8672 4617 www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au/

www.cooberpedy.com



Coober Pedy Area School

Coober Pedy Area School offers a quality education for 3 to 18 year old students. Our students represent 49 different cultures, with 60% of the enrolment being made up of Aboriginal students. It provides, innovative programs, community connections, and modern facilities. A range of pathways are available, including tertiary study, school to work, vocational education and apprenticeships. We are committed to "everybody reading" and use research based approaches to teach literacy and numeracy. Students have opportunities for STEM and technologies in an Innovation Studio, a science lab and a workshop/construction area.

The Coober Pedy Hospital

Part of the Whyalla Eastern Eyre and Far North Health Services. Our hospital is a 24 bed facility with 14 acute beds, 10 high level residential aged care beds. Our staff work in close partnership with community health services and Aboriginal health providers to ensure that optimum care is delivered to all areas of the community.

Coober Pedy Retail Business & Tourism Association

Phone Listing

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Australia Post Coober Pedy	08 8672 5062	Lookout Cave	08 8672 5118
Big Winch 360°	0417 902 224	Mt Eba Station	08 8672 8930
Bridgestone Coober Pedy	0487 183 963	Mud Hut Motel	08 8672 3003
Budget Car Rentals	0417 805 891	Noble Tours Australia Pty Ltd	0499 500 932
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Comfort Inn Coober Pedy Experience	08 8672 5777	Opal Cave	08 8672 5028
Coober Pedy Auto Centre (RAA)	08 8266 2222	Opal Direct	0457 213 480
Coober Pedy Glassworks	0488 788 294	Opal Inn Hotel/Motel	08 8672 5054
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Coober Pedy Pharmacy	08 8672 3444	Outback Bar & Grill	08 8672 3250
Coober Pedy Shooters Club	0438 625 509	Peak Iron Mines	0407 897 808
Coober Pedy Speedway	0437 307 057	Perry & Sons Coober Pedy Mobil	08 8672 5257
Coober Pedy Views	0428 717 550	Potch & Colour	0437 735 914
Crocodile Harry's	0478 162 158	Radeka's Dugout Motel & Backpackers	08 8672 5223
Dale Price Opals	0438 625 509	Red Dirt (CP) Pty Ltd	0488 007 450
Desert Cave Hotel	08 8672 5688	Regional Development Australia Far North	08 8641 1444
Desert Soul Jewellery	0415 628 295	Riba's Caravan Park	08 8672 5614
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LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Coober Pedy Drive-In Outback Open Air Cinema Inc.

The volunteer-run Outback Open Air Cinema is one of the last surviving drive-ins in Australia. Built in 1965, it has been a central part of community gatherings. In 2015, the historic film projectors were upgraded to a digital projector which ensures high quality pictures and sound. Enjoy this unique cinematic experience and remember explosives are not to be brought into this theatre! Every Saturday night - For Screening information please contact www.cooberpedydrivein.org.au or like us on facebook.

Lights! Camera! Action!

Coober Pedy has a diverse and unique terrain, subject to an atmospherically changing landscape causing its popularity as a sought after location by local and international film companies.

Filmed on Location in and around Coober Pedy

- Dingo (1983)
- Fire in the Stone (1984)
- Where Green Ants Dream (1984)
- Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome (1985)
- Burke & Wills (1985)
- Ground Zero (1987)
- The Salute of the Jugger/Blood of Heroes (1989)
- Until the End of the World (1991)
- Stark (1993)
- Priscilla Queen of the Desert (1994)
- Siam Sunset (1999)
- The Drovers Boy
- Pitch Black (2000)
- Red Planet (2000)
- The Amazing Race Season 2 (2002)
- Kangaroo Jack (2003)
- Opal Fever (2005)
- The Old Man and the Inland Sea (2005)
- Opal Dream (2006)
- Top Gear Australia Season 2 Ep 7 (2009)
- Dirty Jobs Down Under: Road To Coober Pedy (2012)
- Coober Pedy Unearthed (2012)
- Desert Highways (2012)
- The Osiris Child SFV1 (2017)
- Arrowhead (Alien Arrival) (2016)
- South Australian Outback Adventure (2017)



- Outback Opal Hunters S1-10 (2018-23)
- Deadly Downunder (2018)
- Instant Hotels (2019)
- Outback Opal Hunters S2 (2019)
- Moonrock for Monday (2019)
- Amazing Race Australia (2020)
- Channel 9 Travel Guide (2021)
- Mortal Kombat (2021)
- Firebite (2022)
- Limbo (2023)
- Stars on Mars - Season 1 (2023)



Locales & Set Props & Memorabilia

Fire in the Stone

Memorabilia can be seen at The Old Timers Mine

Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome

was filmed out at the Breakaways

Ground Zero (1987) & Arrowhead (2016)

Crocodile Harrys

Pitch Black

Space Ship at The Opal Cave & props next to The Big Winch.

Mars The Red Planet

was filmed out at the Breakaways

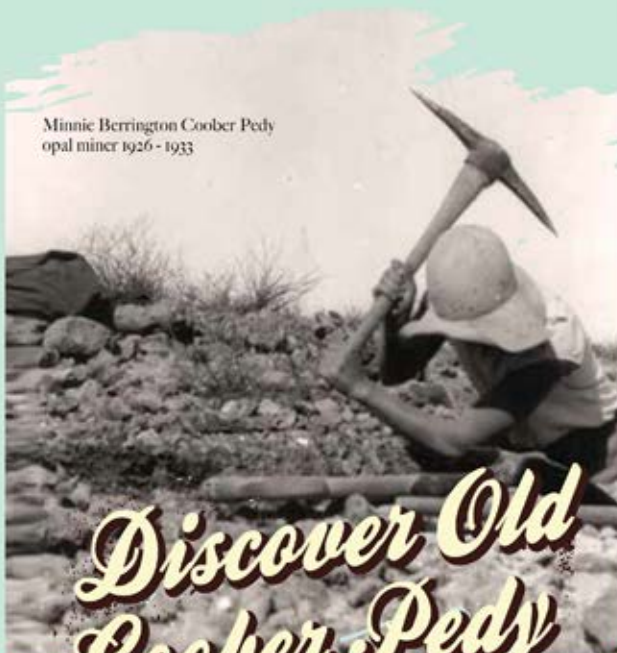
Outback Opal Hunters

Filmed in the Coober Pedy Opal Fields





Minnie Berrington Coober Pedy
opal miner 1926 - 1933



Discover Old Coober Pedy

Follow Coober Pedy's history
through the interpretive signs
on the Historical Society's
Heritage Trail.

A Brief History of Coober Pedy

For thousands of years, indigenous people walked this land. European explorer John McDouall Stuart reached Coober Pedy's current location on an expedition in 1858.

In February 1915, a gold-prospecting party led by James Hutchison came through the Stuart Range. They were searching for water when Hutchison's son Will discovered opal floaters.

News of the discovery excited great interest but the remote location and total lack of water meant few people had the bush skills to survive here. Late in 1915, prospectors Jim and Dick O'Neill made the first major opal find.

In 1919 there was an opal rush. Rain bought unemployed railway workers, striking miners from broken Hill and returned soldiers. Sanitation issues arose. Residents met to form a progress association.

In 1920, they chose a name for the town: Coober Pedy meaning White Man in a Hole.

Decades of Boom and bust followed with the resident population dropping to a dozen in 1945 and then soaring to thousands with mechanisation and cheap fuel in the 60's, 70's and 80's.

Coober Pedy, with over 70 fields, has the largest opal mining area in the world. Some of the largest and most spectacular gems were found here.

Continuing to supply much of the world's gem quality stones, Coober Pedy claims to be the Opal Capital of the World.



Coober Pedy Historical Society

The Heritage Trail is maintained by the
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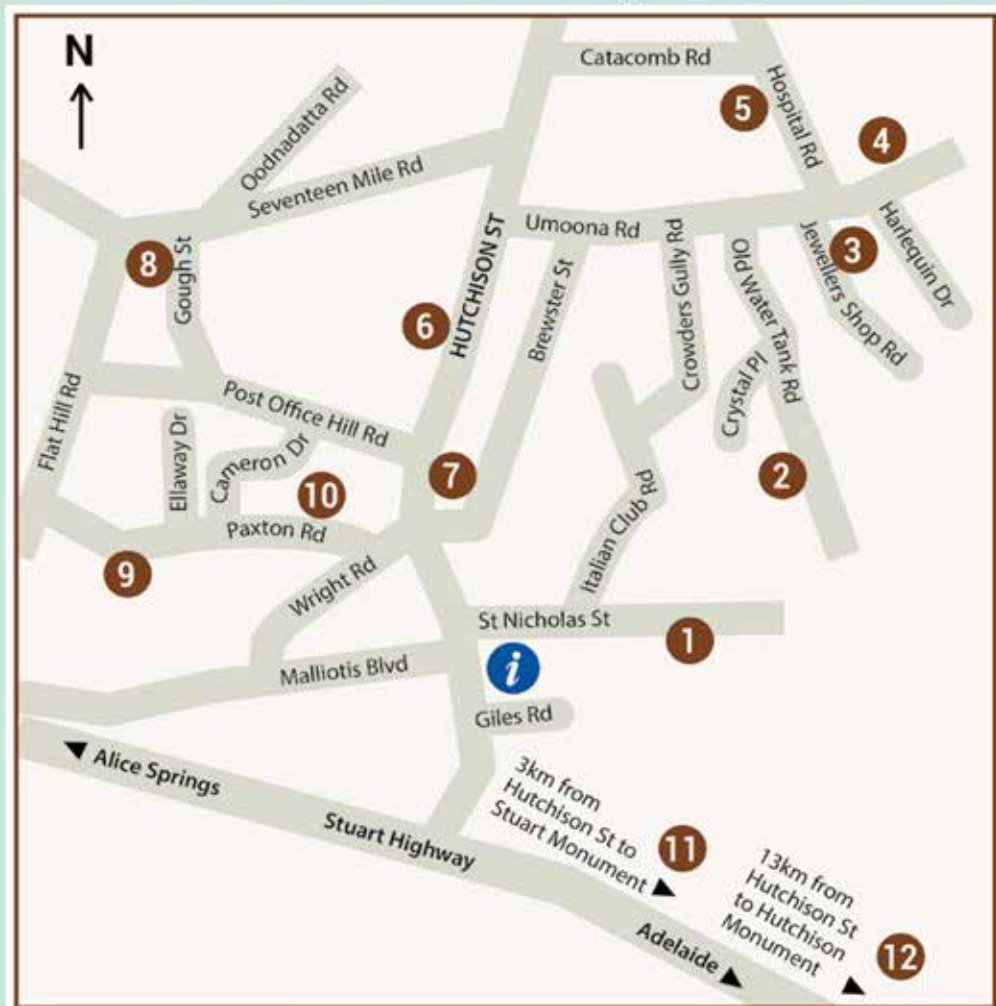
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The Coober Pedy Heritage Trail

- 1 First Cemetery** Visit the graves of pioneers and read the colourful account of the first burial in 1921.
- 2 Old Water Tank and Water Reserve** Read the story of this important underground water tank built in 1922.
- 3 Jewellers Shop Opal Field** Try your luck fossicking for opal. Read some early history of the opal field first mined in 1915.
- 4 Lock Up, Old Dugout & Umoona Aboriginal Reserve.** View Coober Pedy's first building, and an old dugout near Umoona Aboriginal Community.
- 5 Medical Services** Read about the Bush Church, Flying Doctor and Coober Pedy Hospital
- 6 George Burford's Dugout** This State Heritage registered dugout, situated between Umoona Mine & Museum and Desert Cave, was the home of Coober Pedy's unofficial mayor in the 1920's & 1930's.
- 7 Coober Pedy's Churches** Listed on the state heritage register, St Peter & Pauls Catholic Church is the oldest underground church in Coober Pedy.
- 8 Underground Post Office and Dugouts** on P.O. Hill. The first post office and other Post Office Hill dugouts are now private dwellings.
- 9 The Big Flat Opal Field** This is a good vantage point to view the first big field mined from 1915 to the 1980's.
- 10 Coober Pedy Area School** Learn about the school from its 1960 beginning in a dirt-floored iron shed to the present
- 11 John McDonall Stuart Monument** Stand where our first European explorer struggled through rocky ground on horse-back in 1856.
- 12 Will Hutchison Monument** Remember the discovery of opal on February 1st 1915 that marks the founding of Coober Pedy.



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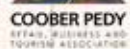


Tours

- 24 L7 Faye's Underground House
- 36 I 4 Josephine's Gallery & Kangaroo Orphanage
- 35 A4 Mail Run Tour
- 41 T10 Noble Tours Australia
- H4 Oasis Caravan Park
- J6 Old Timers Mine & Museum
- 1 T16 Follow Me Downunder
- BIG+ I13 Stuart Range Outback Tours
- 43 C14 Tom's Opal Mine
- 59 A15 Wrights Air

Attractions

- A Q16 John McDouall Stuart Monument
- B P8 Serbian Orthodox Church
- C N13 Original Wind Turbine
- D I8 St Peter & Paul Catholic Church
- E I8 Lions Mosaic Garden
- F L14 Boot Hill Cemetery
- G K2 Catacomb Church
- H K5 Public Noodling Area
- I A14 Kanku - Breakaways & Dog Fence
- J J6 Big Winch 360 Lookout & Cinema
- K I10 Coober Pedy's First Cemetery
- L O16 EDL Wind Tubines & Solar Field
- H12 Wellbeing Labyrinth



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Umoona Community

Opal Shops

- BIG 4** I13 Gaea Gems
- 81 J6 Comfort Inn Experience
- 81 J6 Desert Soul Jewellery
- 83 D1 Fossil Creations
- 36 I4 Josephine's Gallery Kangaroo Orphanage
- J6 Old Timers Mine & Museum
- 20 H7 Opal Cave
- 21 H7 Opal Direct
- 8 H9 Opalios
- 3 H9 Opals on Hutchison
- 11 I8 Radeka's Motel & Budget Motel
- 22 I5 Star Opal
- 43 C14 Tom's Opal Mine
- 51 I7 Waffles & Gems

Water Conservation Reserve





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Restaurants

Cooper Pedy's multicultural community have produced a great selection of eateries. Try something different every night and enjoy the authentic cuisines. Asian, Vietnamese, Indian, Greek, Italian & Australian we have it all covered!
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Downunder Cafe

Restaurants/Cafes (not Advertised)

- J** 360° Big Winch J6
- 14** Crystal CafeH7
- BIG** Nostimo Pizza.....I3
- 4** Opal Inn Bistro.....H10
- 10** Outback Bar & Grill H10
- RSL** RSL (Sunday Dinner).....H5

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- 14** Desert Cave HotelH7
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- 41** Noble Australia ToursT10
-  Oasis Tourist Family Park H4
-  Old Timers Mine J6.
- G** The Catacomb ChurchK2





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- 14 Desert Cave Hotel.....H7
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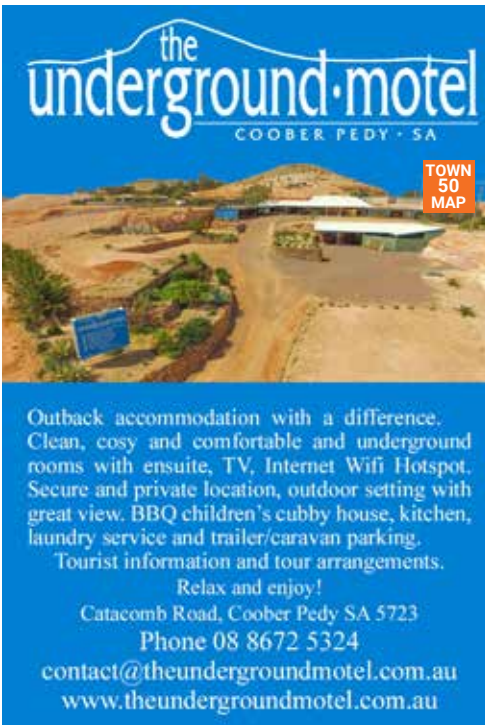
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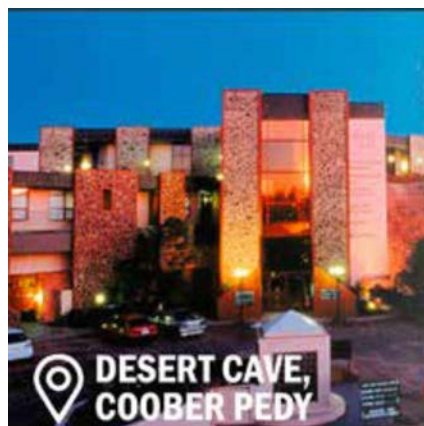
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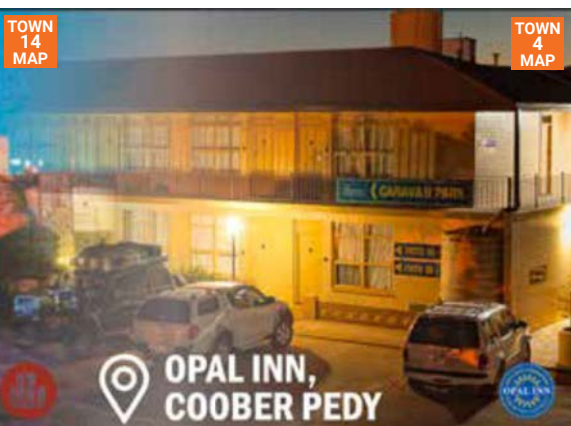


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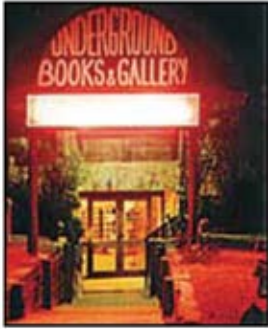


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Outback Roads & Highway Travel Tips

Arid Landscapes are incredibly fragile. They support a wide range of unique and amazing plants and wildlife. Every step off the path or wheel off the road will have a lasting impact. You may be in someone else's back yard, where people manage the landscape to make a living.

Lights on Be seen on our long straight roads, travel with your headlights on and don't get lost in the heat waves!

Animals on roads Keep a sharp look out for wandering wildlife. The outback stations cross roads and highways without fencing, so don't be surprised for large cattle, sheep, kangaroos & eagles are in your path. Avoid driving after dusk and before dawn, avoid costly repair bills or being stranded.

Keep Sharp - Take Rests There are a number of rest stops along the Stuart Highway, ensure you are always rested when traveling long distances. Stretch those legs and rest your eyes!

Road Conditions may change rapidly with the weather. Plan your trip and check daily for any changes www.dpti.sa.gov.au/Outback-Roads or Ph. 1300 361 033. Do not enter Closed Road areas.

Keep on the Track for the safety of this fragile landscape and your vehicle, please keep to designated tracks. It is an offense to drive off established tracks without proper authority.

Camp in designated areas. Please respect all signs and directions and remember that pastoral properties and buildings are peoples homes and businesses. Respect their properties and camp more than a kilometre away from any building.

Bring your own firewood Do not collect wood in outback areas - it is in short supply and used by wildlife for shelter. Be aware of fire restrictions and National Parks do not allow wood fires.

Waste Disposal Use designated dump points for RV & Caravan waste. Take your rubbish to the nearest town facilities. Use public toilets or always dig a deep hole and burn any toilet paper -Do not let it blow in the wind!

Stay in Contact. Many areas do not have mobile phone coverage. UHF radios can be a great way to stay in touch. Channels 11-30 are best to use or in an emergency Channels 1-8 or 31-38.

Phone Service is also very patchy in the outback.

and **ONLY** camp with the permission of the Station owner.

Emergency Toilet Etiquette on our Highways



Step 1: Have your poo kit ready

- Containing -
- a) Recycled Toilet Paper
- b) Trowel or small shovel
- c) Hand Santiser
- d) Zip lock bags

Step 2: Choose your location away from prying eyes & water ways

Step 3: If possible dig a small hole 15cm deep. If it is not possible to dig a hole be prepared to carry it out.

Step 4: take your position and aim carefully

Step 5: use your recycled paper and place used paper in zip lock bag, sealing carefully.

Step 6: Either cover your waste with a pile of dirt and stomp it down, or use your toilet paper to pick it up and place in the zip lock bag.

Step 7: Depart with your treasure and dispose of in the appropriate place



Outback Attractions

The outback of SA offers a unique and fascinating experience. Base yourself in Coober Pedy and we will help you to discover some of these exciting destinations.

Follow the official mail run route, or the old 'Ghan' narrow gauge railway line. Travel into the spectacular Painted Desert or to William Creek through the world's largest cattle station 'Anna Creek' (24,000 sq km), call into Lake Cadibarrawirracanna, Australia's longest place name and experience just some of what Outback SA has to offer. For those who like to travel to remote areas and like to get a bird's-eye perspective of the country, a charter flight might appeal. Some charter flight operators also have access to remote areas where permits are usually required. These areas include missions where some of our most famous Aboriginal arts and crafts are produced.

For most recent information on road conditions visit <https://dit.sa.gov.au/OutbackRoads>



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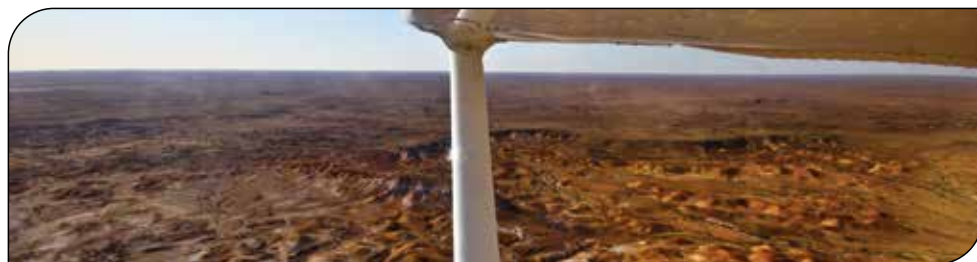
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Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre National Park

Australia's largest Salt lake - 144km long & 77km wide and at 15.2 metres below sea level, it is the lowest point in Australia. This 1,228,000 hectare remote and arid park includes all of Lake Eyre North and the Tirari Desert, conserving the desert wilderness.

Lake Eyre is a dry salt lake that occasionally floods and it was here that the late Sir Donald Campbell once set the world land speed record of 645km/h in a jet-powered car.

Access is 7km east of William Creek then 53km east to Halligan Bay or 3km west from Marree and then 90km north. Roads are 4WD only and careful planning and preparation is required. A Desert Parks Pass is required. Whether you drive or fly, you begin to appreciate the vastness of our beautiful country and it will be an experience you'll never forget!

Anna Creek Painted Hills

Is a rocky outcrop of large and small hills, which emerge suddenly out of a flat, desert landscape. The hills are approximately 20 kilometres x 18 kilometres in size.

It is believed that the Anna Creek Painted Hills are the leftover effects of 50 million years of climate change, with the climate going from glacial to wet and semi-tropical over million of years.

The changing colours of the hills are believed to be a result of oxidation. The deep red is due to the oxidation of iron in the rocks, while the white sections are where iron has leached away.

Anna Creek Station is the world's largest working cattle station. It is located in the Australian state of South Australia.

The Algebuckina Bridge

Is a Victorian era railway bridge south-east of Oodnadatta, on the Central Australia Railway in South Australia, and opened in January 1892.



Peak Telegraph Station

Was completed in 1872 as one of 12 repeater stations established between Adelaide and Darwin. Peake stands just south of Oodnadatta. It is estimated that 36,000 poles and 3,200 kilometres of wire were used in the making of the communication network.

Oodnadatta Track

The 619km track from Marree to Marla follows the route of the explorer John McDouall Stuart. It is an unsealed road with sandy patches which can become impassable after rain.

Painted Desert

Some of Australia's most spectacular break-away country has taken over 80 million years to evolve from the time of the ancient inland sea.

This area has eroded away over time, and combined with the leaching of minerals from the soil, create this magical area where colours change during the day, making it a photographer's delight.



William Creek

This is SA's smallest village with a population of 12, its attraction being a unique bush pub & home to Wrightsair.

From the junction, the road 202kms north to Oodnadatta follows the ancient Aboriginal trade route, famous for its permanent springs. Camel trains and cattlemen passed this way, as did the Overland Telegraph Line from Port Augusta to Darwin (completed in 1870) and the original 'Ghan' narrow gauge railway.

Oodnadatta

An historic centre that has retained its outback character. Its crossroads were once thronged with drovers, cameleers, goldminers and Aboriginal people and the outpost became a rollicking railhead when the trans-continental railway ceased its construction in 1891.

Until completed in 1929, mail, freight and travellers were carried six days on camel back to Alice Springs.



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Dalhousie Springs

An Outback Oasis and is a group of over 60 natural artesian springs located in Witjira National Park on the western fringe of the Simpson Desert, 180 kilometres northeast of Oodnadatta in northern South Australia.

The water temperatures in the springs range from 38 to 43 degrees Celsius.

The springs are sacred to the Lower Southern Arrernte and Wangkangurru Aboriginal people. In Arrernte, the name of the springs is Irrwanyere.

The turn off to the Park is 17km north of Oodnadatta and 4WD is recommended. A Desert Park's Pass is required and the best time to visit is during the winter.



Manguri

Is a rail siding located 42km from the opal fields of Coober Pedy, South Australia. Given the train passes through Manguri at night, it is often flagged down by a small fire and glowing truck headlights.

Marla

233km north of Coober Pedy, one of SA's newest outback communities. The small town straddles the Ghan railway line and the Stuart Highway, both critical lifelines to the south and north. Marla also marks the northern access to the Oodnadatta Track. Prior to entry, a permit must be obtained from the Marla Police Station.

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The Kulgera Roadhouse

19km from the border and the Erdunda Roadhouse 74km north of Kulgera. From **Erdunda** the sealed Lasseter Highway leads 244km to **Yulara**, the base for the world renowned **Uluru** and **Kata Tjuta** National Park, also known as **Ayers Rock** and the Olgas. From the Lasseter Highway Luritja Road leads north to the majestic Watarrka National Park, also known as **Kings Canyon**.

From the **Erdunda** Roadhouse, pull in and take a break. You are officially in the most central Roadhouse in all of Australia! Here you can stretch your legs, grab a bite to eat and be intrigued by the paddock full of emus.

With a wide variety of accommodation options, stay the night and enjoy the old-fashioned style establishment for your comfort and leisure.

Jump back on the Stuart Hwy heading North and take in the stunning desert landscapes. Before you know it, you will have arrived at **Stuarts Well** Roadhouse-Restaurant & Bar. Offering an extensive selection of tasty, value for money takeaways and a delicious menu of home-style cooked meals and classic truckie food. YUM!

Continue onward and you'll make your way to the iconic Aussie outback town of **Alice Springs**. Framed by the **MacDonnell Ranges**, the stunning scenery, remote communities, and unique pioneering history of the town creates a diverse and exhilarating destination to explore.

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You could spend a lifetime exploring all that The Alice has to offer, however, a week will give you enough time to check out the hot spots. Your must-see list includes: a day exploring the West MacDonnell Ranges including a dip in the waterholes; a day exploring the East MacDonnell Ranges – check out the hikes in **Trephina Gorge** and witness some amazing Aboriginal rock art.

Experience Alice Springs over the next couple of days; check out the Telegraph Station, Royal Flying Doctors Tourist Facility and Women's Museum for history, visit the Desert Park and Reptile Centre for Central Australian wildlife, have breakfast at the Olive Pink Botanical Gardens. Experience Aboriginal art through the various art galleries in the town centre and the Araluen Cultural Precinct. Being the home of adventure, opt for a hot air balloon ride, jump in a 4WD and hit the dirt tracks, check out the mountain biking scene and tackle one of the many hikes! P.s your outback experience is not complete without a night camping under the stars.



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SOUTH

Glendambo

252km south of Coober Pedy. The Glendambo Roadhouse complex is built from natural materials and has been designed as a traditional outback homestead and woolshed.

The Roadhouse provides all main services.



Pimba

366km south of Coober Pedy. Pimba lies at the junction for travellers going to Roxby Downs, a service town for the Olympic Dam Mine (82km), the historic opal mining town of Andamooka (110km) or the Oodnadatta Track (216km). It also lies next to the Trans Australian Railway line where both the Indian Pacific and Ghan Trains pass through. There are several salt lakes near Pimba such as Lake Hart in the north and Island Lagoon in the south. Both can be seen from lookout points along the Highway.

Woomera

8km north of Pimba, Woomera was established in 1947 as a site for the launching of British experimental rockets.

Lochiel

125 km north of Adelaide. The town lies beside on the western edge of Lake Bumbunga and at the eastern foot of the Hummocks Range



Lochiel - Grant Hugo

Port Augusta

538km south of Coober Pedy and situated is located at the head of Spencer Gulf and includes Stirling North and the seaside homes located at Commissariat Point, Blanche Harbor and Miranda and has a population of almost 14,000 people. Council acknowledges and respects the traditional owners, their ancestors and the sharing of lands on which Port Augusta is located. Wadlata Visitor Centre is worth a visit.



Lake Hart

As spectacular by night as it is by day, Woomera's Lake Hart is a must-visit while trekking across the Outback on the Explorer's Way road trip. Once one of Australia's most prized salt deposits, Lake Hart was at the centre of a thriving industry in the 1930s. Today, it draws visitors for its isolation and natural beauty. An excellent place to stop and stretch your legs and walk along the salty edges.



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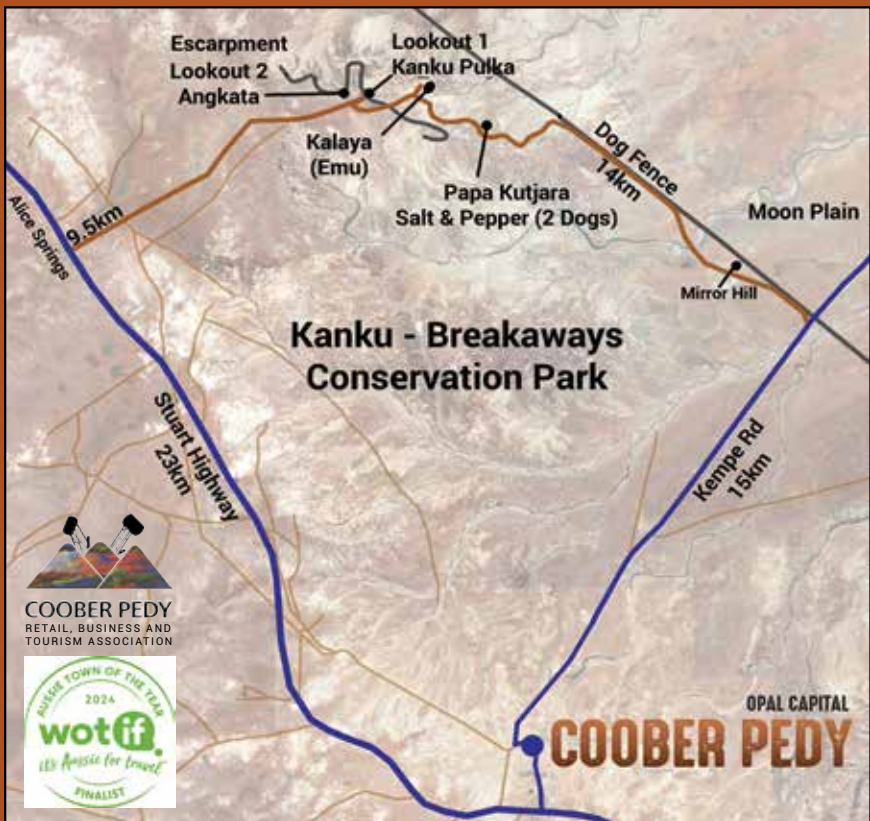
Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park

Kanku – Breakaways Conservation Park is Aboriginal owned and the entire park is a registered aboriginal heritage site. It lies 32km north of Coober Pedy and it consists of colourful low hills which have broken away from the Stuart Range, hence their name 'The Breakaways.'

There are two lookout points which highlight the open spaces and colourful environment, leaving an impression of the long gone inland sea that our early explorers dreamt of. From the lookout, the hill formation known as Papa Kutjara and previously known as "Salt and Pepper", can be seen in an easterly direction. This outcrop has been used in a number of films and advertisements, while other hills featured in Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome and Ground Zero. As the day goes by, the passing of the sun changes the desert colours, creating photogenic scenes that appear surreal. The 70km round trip back to Coober Pedy takes you east along the hills to the dog fence.

This 2m high wire barrier stretches for over 5,300km across three States, to protect the sheep country in the south from the native dog, the Dingo. The desert-like moonscape along the fence, with its fossilised shells, grey, soft clay dirt and cracks that appear to be bottomless, has been nicknamed the 'moon plain'. It too has been the scene for numerous movies.

Permits are required. Details on how to purchase permits can be found at <https://www.cooberpedy.sa.gov.au>, by contacting the Visitor Information Centre or by scanning the QR code below



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