

PREPARE YOURSELF FOR A HOLIDAY OF FUN AND ADVENTURE THAT IS... **TAGALONG TOURS** OF AUSTRALIA

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Hello Everyone,

As we approach the year's end, we are winding down and getting ready to enjoy a well earned break over the Festive Season with our families and friends.

Looking back on 2015, we've had another exciting year to reflect on at Tagalong Tours of Australia.

We welcomed a new addition to our



Dense Rainforest near the Tip

tour guide ranks. John Bronsveld joined us in May and conducted several tours during the year. He had a very successful season looking after our customers in Cape York, with many of them commending him on his professionalism, his knowledge and his friendly attitude. Our long



Historic Smelters at Chillagoe

time friend and colleague Dave Hall has decided to hang up his boots after



Isabella Falls near Cooktown

many years of guiding tours around the Cape. He has been to the Tip so many times, he has lost count. Dave made a lot of friends during his many trips into the Cape. We wish him all the very best for the future.

Cape York

Cape York was our most popular destination in 2015 with many southerners making their way north to escape the winter cold. We conducted a total of seven tours into the Cape during this past season with approximately 60 vehicles making the journey. The crossings on the Old Telegraph Track were as challenging as usual and with the inclusion of more and more off road camper trailers booking on our



One of the locals at Lakefield N.P.

tours, there was plenty of fun and adventure had by all. Unfortunately we were not able to access Vrilya Point on the western side of the Cape this year due to the area being declared off limits by the Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council (NPARC). Nevertheless, one of the features of Cape York is the diversity of its unique landscapes and with so many options

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available there is always a range of spectacular places to see and enjoy.

Our 2016 tours are starting to gather interest and we expect bookings to increase over the Christmas period.



Scrubby Creek near Eliot Falls

Simpson Desert

Our desert tours in April and May were well supported, although there were a few mechanical issues with some of the vehicles involved. The temperature in Birdsville climbed into the mid 40s which made life a little bit uncomfortable for some of our fellow travellers, especially those from the southern states. At Chambers Pillar, over in the Territory, it got down to 5 degrees, so there was plenty of variety in the weather conditions.

Fortunately, desert recoveries were minimal due to careful vehicle operation and



Fruit Bat Falls Cape York

proper management of tyre pressures and gear ratios. The famous Cooper Creek was showing the signs of last year's long hot summer with water levels lower than in previous years.



Bike Riders at Cordillo Downs

The group of intrepid bicycle riders we met on the hot dusty track between Innamincka and Birdsville really enjoyed the cold beer that we shouted them at the Birdsville Pub.



Lambert Centre

Due to the increasing popularity of our Simpson Desert tours, we have included another two crossings on our 2016 calendar. They will be con-



Birdsville Hotel

ducted later in the year during the winter in July and August. Don't leave it too late if you are considering booking with us.

Transcontinental Tour

The Transcontinental Tour did not go ahead in 2015 due to low numbers, but with several enquiries and bookings already coming in for 2016, there is a positive feeling around this tour. The added attraction of making this tour available for our customers who want to bring their off road camper trailers will no doubt attract further interest. Also we believe our return customers



Typical Sunset in the Desert

will be keen to take advantage of the 10% discount on offer when they book.

This tour which runs right across the country from Cape Byron in the east to Steep Point in the west has been planned to avoid where possible, any driving on tar sealed roads and therefore it has that extra appeal to the adventurous traveller. If you are interested, just send us an email and we will be happy to answer any questions about this tour.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the great Outback.

Safe travels from all of the team.

All the best,

Paul Stafford.



Steep Point W.A.



Cape Byron Lighthouse

2016 TOUR DATES

SIMPSON DESERT

12 Day Part Catered Tours

08.04.16 - 19.04.16

29.04.16 - 10.05.16

05.07.16 - 16.07.16

22.07.16 - 02.08.16

CAPE YORK

18 Day Part Catered Tours

05.06.16 - 22.06.16

03.07.16 - 20.07.16

31.07.16 - 17.08.16

04.09.16 - 21.09.16

TRANSCONTINENTAL

29 Day Part Catered Tour

06.09.16 - 04.10.16

GULF SAVANNAH

10 Day Part Catered Tour

19.10.16 - 28.10.16

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