Note to passengers: Swagman Tours have booked tent sites at Ayers Rock Campground for Saturday night, 27 May 2017. Please check in by 5:00pm in preparation for the trip commencing Sunday 28 May 2017.

DAY 1: Sun 28 May  AYERS ROCK - GILES  480km  T (BLD)
Passengers joining us at Uluru must be ready to depart the resort at 9.00am. We will pass by Ayers Rock and take a short walk into Olga Gorge before our journey west along the new Gunbarrel Highway to the WA border and beyond. Visit Lasseter’s cave, where this exocentric miner camped after his alleged discovery of a reef of gold. A detour is made to the Docker River Aboriginal Community. Then on through the Petermann Ranges to WA and Giles. 
Overnight: Giles

DAY 2: Mon 29 May  GILES – WARBURTON  180km  T (BLD)
A morning inspection of the Meteorological Station, where the local staff will provide us with an insight into their daily routine. See the Len Beadell grader that opened up the network of the outback roads in the 1950’s and 60’s including the infamous Gunbarrel Highway. Giles and the road network were so important to the rocket testing activities at Woomera and the atom bomb testing that occurred at this time. We will journey this afternoon to Warburton and visit another Aboriginal community. Overnight: Bush Camp

DAY 3: Tue 30 May  THE HEATHER HIGHWAY – GUNBARREL  220km  T (BLD)
The Heather Highway shows us a new dimension in corrugated roads. We will detour to Mt. Samuel on the original Gunbarrel Highway for a panoramic view of the vast outback. Photograph the Beadell tree blazed by Len during his road making expeditions across this remote outback region. We will camp at Beadell Camp an idyllic bush camp location, our first of many bush camps. Overnight: Bush Camp
DAY 4: Wed 31 May  THE OLD GUNBARREL HIGHWAY – CARNEGIE  300km  T (BLD)
Majestic Mt. Beadell is our first stop. Mulga scrub, spinifex plains and stands of desert oaks and the sign post "Windy Corner" where the Gunbarrel and the Gary Highway meet remind us of our isolation. Good water and a freshen up at a bore restored by the Geraldton Historic Society is a welcome relief before our arrival at isolated Carnegie homestead, the last pastoral lease east in W.A. and 1200 kilometres from Curtin Springs. Crossing the original Gunbarrel Highway a challenge of the outback has now been conquered. **Overnight: Carnegie Station**

DAY 5: Thu 01 Jun  CARNEGIE STATION  0km  T (BLD)
A day at Carnegie Homestead is most welcome. Relax on their green lawns, read a book, do the washing, talk to station hands, clean up, work on the vehicles and prepare for the challenges of the Canning. **Overnight: As Above**

DAY 6: Fri 02 Jun  CARNEGIE – THE CANNING STOCK ROUTE  250km + 20s/d  T (BLD)
Leaving Carnegie we visit one more isolated station property Glen Ayle Homestead, owned by the Ward family. Later we will pass the Ward Range, named in recognition of this pioneering family. We join the Canning Stock Route at Well 9. It was here that the explorer Alexander Forrest held back a native attack in 1874, his rock fort can still be seen. Inspect and photograph Wells 9, 10 and 11. Our destination is Well 12 with 20 sand dunes to cross! A dry bush camp tonight. **Overnight: Bush Camp**

DAY 7: Sat 03 Jun  SAND DUNE COUNTRY  140km + 60s/d  T (BLD)
Excitement today as we experience some more sand dune country. Perhaps some difficulties as we negotiate these dunes and learn to cope with this new and interesting terrain. When Canning and his team put down these wells, from 1906, wagon convoys were stopped by these dunes and the camel teams took over. We pass the Ward Hills, inspect Wells 13 to 16 all in various stages of decay, making us all aware of the hardship of these droving days and the well sinking team who dug holes up to 30 metres deep to find precious water. The path of Giles, the early explorer is crossed today. Dry bush camp tonight. **Overnight: Bush Camp**

DAY 8: Sun 04 Jun  THE DURBA HILLS & SPRINGS  50km + 10 s/d  T (BLD)
The beautiful Durba Hills are our back drop as the dawn comes across the Australian Outback. Our challenge is to climb to the highest point known as Canning's Cairn. Our view is forever. Time to walk and explore, perhaps inspect some Aboriginal petroglyphs and some interesting geological formations. Our next stop is Biella Springs, a beautiful walk through a gorge to the spring and our chance to see some traditional art of the desert Aborigines. In the afternoon we will visit Killagurra Gorge where the beautiful ghost gums, red cliffs and rock pools provide an ideal setting for a refreshing swim. The area is a registered sacred site and Aboriginal rock art can be readily seen. A short journey to Durba Springs takes us to the place that Dick Smith from National Geographic calls his ‘favourite place in Australia’. Here we will camp for 2 nights. **Overnight: Durba Springs**

DAY 9: Mon 05 Jun  DURBA SPRINGS  0km  T (BLD)
A free day to recharge and enjoy the beauty of this wonderful place. Wash some clothes, clean up, walk and explore, discover some Aboriginal art or just relax and fall in love with Durba. **Overnight: As Above**

DAY 10: Tue 06 Jun  DURBA – LAKE DISAPPOINTMENT  150km + 100s/d  T (BLD)
Today we encounter some of our larger sand dunes, the going is tough but interesting. Well 19, the 'Lonely Well", is well named and Lake Disappointment our destination typify the isolation that the early explorers must have experienced. We will detour to the shore of the lake, perhaps see some wild camels and bird life. Savory Creek, crosses the Stock Route near Well 19 and flows into the lake. It is a salt crusted long expanse of water that can often cause difficulties to Stock Route travellers. Our camp is on a sand ridge under desert oaks and overlooking the lake which is particularly beautiful at sunset and sunrise. **Overnight: Lake Dissapointment**
DAY 11: Wed 07 Jun  THE TALAWANTA TRACK 170km + 40s/d  T (BLD)
From Lake Disappointment we pass the McKay Ranges, Well 21 and 22 and onto the Talawanta Track, another of the Len Beadell tracks constructed in 1962. A brief stop at Shepherd's fuel depot, where fuel in drums from Newman is brought to Well 23. Pass the Windy Corner turn off our destination is Well 26, more sand dunes, isolated well sites and to our east the Gibson Desert, named by Giles in memory of Alfred Gibson who perished in the region. Well 26 - Tiwa - was reconstructed in the 1980's by a party of volunteers. The windlass, whip pole, well bucket, troughing and timber work are all reproductions of the equipment used in 1908. This is a refreshing stop with plenty of water - bush shower time. **Overnight: Bush Camp**

DAY 12: Thu 08 Jun  RESTORATION & ISOLATION 170km + 100s/d  T (BLD)
We are now in the area first visited by the explorer Wells in 1896. Helen Hill, Lake Auld and Thring Rock are sighted as we continue our journey along the Canning Stock Route. Dunda Jinda, an area sacred to the local Aboriginal community surrounds Well 30. Mijingerra Cave, a limestone cave 4 kilometres south of Well 30 has a large pool of clear water at the end of a tunnel 6 metres below ground. Well 31 is our overnight stop and is perhaps one of the most picturesque well sites - red sands and ghost gums overlooking a vast salt lake. **Overnight: Well 31**

DAY 13: Fri 09 Jun  FURTHER ALONG THE TRACK 60km + 15s/d  T (BLD)
This morning we will visit the alternate site for Well 31 which was put down by Snell during his Well construction survey trip in 1929, as it was reported that Well 31 had become salty. However, Canning during his reconstruction trip rebuilt his original well. We cross the Kidson Track, built in the 1960's, to service all exploration in the Great Sandy Desert and an escape route west to the Great Northern Highway. A refreshing bush shower by the windmill at Well 33 is an ideal way to refresh yourselves. **Overnight: Well 33**

DAY 14: Sat 10 Jun  THE GREAT DESERT OAK FOREST 100km + 80s/d  T (BLD)
Crossing flat spinifex plains with some rocky and corrugated areas. We travel through the great desert oak woodland visiting Bungabinni, an Aboriginal waterhole, which was recently cleared by Peter Vernon of Melbourne and his team of desert explorers. It provides excellent water and is a refreshing stop. Our camp tonight is amidst the desert oaks between Wells 36 and 37. **Overnight: Bush Camp**

DAY 15: Sun 11 Jun  THE HAUNTED WELL 130km + 100s/d  T (BLD)
Our first stop this morning is at the 'Haunted Well' - Well 37. See the graves of the early drovers George Shoesmith, James Thomson and their Aboriginal Stockman who were killed by Aborigines in 1911 and the grave of Jock McLernon, an oil prospector, who also suffered the same fate in 1922. Well 38 Wardabunni Rock Hole, Well 39 - only 5 metres deep and Tobin Lake are our morning stops. Near Well 40 is the grave of Michael Tobin, the well-borer who was speared during Canning's survey. Well 41 our destination today is another recently restored site with excellent water and is an ideal spot to camp. **Overnight: Well 41**

DAY 16: Mon 12 Jun  SAND DUNE COUNTRY 180km + 200s/d  T (BLD)
An interesting start to the day with the challenge of 30 kilometres of some of the highest sand dunes, on the stock route will be encountered. Well 42 on the edge of Guli Lake is where Canning obtained water at 1.4metres. Time permitting Gravity Lakes is worth a visit. Many new tracks have been opened up over the years to connect the Well sites. Our tour will visit as many sites as practical. Well 46, our camp tonight provides excellent water. **Overnight: Well 46**

DAY 17: Tue 13 Jun  BREADEN HILLS 140km + 40s/d  T (BLD)
Our highlight today is a visit to the Breaden Hills. The impressive flat topped Southesk Tablelands and Mt. Romilly provide impressive views of the surrounding countryside. Davis Carnegie, the explorer, named these tablelands after his father the Earl of Southesk. Canning chose the Breaden Hills - Breaden Tank - large natural rockholes - for the cattle watering holes. Well 50 our destination is on the edge of pastoral lease country and is an ideal site for our last bush camp on the Canning. **Overnight: Well 50**
DAY 18: Wed 14 Jun  CANNING – TANAMI TRACK 300km  T  (BLD)
The final Well on the route is on Lake Gregory Station. Gregory Lake itself often abounds in birdlife and can often inhibit the completion of the stock route journey particularly if there has been summer rain in the southern Kimberley. Billiluna Homestead is passed before we join the Tanami Track. Billiluna was the assembly point for many of the mobs of cattle before they commenced their journey south along the Canning Stock Route. Journey along the Tanami Track, another famous Territory Stock Route which after 1929 provided access for the Kimberley cattle properties to drive their stock to the Alice Springs railhead. Our last camp tonight hopefully near Rabbit Flat Roadhouse. **Overnight: Bush Camp**

DAY 19: Thu 15 Jun  RABBIT FLAT – TANAMI TRACK – ALICE 600km  BM  (B)
A morning journey to the Aboriginal settlement of Yuendumu and a stop at Tilmouth Roadhouse sees our arrival in Alice Springs at approximately 5.00pm concluding a journey of approximately 6000 km and 800 sand dunes, give or take a few, and an exciting adventure on what is likely to become a world acclaimed Australia Heritage Trail. Settle into your budget motel room and dine out this evening (own expense) and reminisce with everyone the events of the past three weeks. **Overnight: Alice Springs**

**Tour Cost In Vehicle: $7,700.00 per person**

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**TOUR IS CONDUCTED IN A 4WD VEHICLE – strict luggage limits will apply**

**Tag Along Cost: $3,600.00 pp (Vehicle plus 1 Adult)**

+ $3,600.00 pp – Each Additional Passenger

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**Tag Along Vehicles restricted as to type and suitability and are subject to pre-tour inspection.**

* Journey will only depart with a minimum of 8 participants *

Non-refundable deposit required: $500.00 per person

Balance due no later than: 07 April 2017

CANCELLATION: In the event of cancellation, levies will apply, please see booking conditions for details.

**LEGEND:**

T – Tent
BM – Budget Motel
s/d – Sand Dunes (km and sand dunes listed are indicative only)
B – Breakfast
L – Lunch
D – Dinner

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