



Central Australia: 6-12 April 2010

Northern Australia: 14-20 April 2010

with Linda Marson

Your spiritual journey...

- Let the images and stories of the Tarot shine a light on the next step in your spiritual journey.
- Gain inspiration from the art and story-telling traditions of Australia's indigenous peoples.
- Spiritual activities include:
 - discussions which make connections between the Tarot and what we learn about indigenous Australian culture
 - Tarot readings featuring the specially designed *Journey Spread* and impromptu tutorials
 - meditations.



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DAY 1 ARRIVE ALICE SPRINGS

Upon arrival join your shuttle transfer to The Haven, where we meet at 2.30 pm for the drive through the West MacDonnell Ranges. Joining us on the journey is our Aboriginal guide who will tell us of the Dreamtime, bringing aspects of the world's longest surviving spiritual tradition to life for us. We stop at Ellery Big Hole before arriving at the Glen Helen Resort in time for the evening meal.

Overnight: Glen Helen Resort - permanent campsite or motel. (D)

DAY 2 WEST MACDONNELL RANGES

Sunrise and breakfast in the spectacular Omiston Gorge. There will be time to explore the gorge or just relax and drink in the atmosphere of this magical place in the company of our Aboriginal guide. Other places to visit today are Glen Helen Gorge or Redbank Gorge. For those who want to view the landscape from on high, take a helicopter flight from the Glen Helen Resort. Another special treat here is the dining room at the resort with its collection of original paintings by Albert Namitjira.

Overnight: Glen Helen Resort - permanent campsite or motel. (B/L/D)



DAY 3 KINGS CANYON

After breakfast we settle into the bus for the drive to Kings Canyon, arriving in time for lunch. In the afternoon enjoy the easy walk around the canyon creek beds - we're sure to find a shady spot for a tarot reading or two!

Overnight: Kings Canyon Permanent Campsite or the Resort Lodge (B/L/D)

DAY 4 KINGS CANYON TO ULURU

A VERY early rise for breakfast and the steep climb to the rim of Kings Canyon. From there it's easy - a leisurely walk around the rim viewing sites like the "Lost City" and the "Garden of Eden", as well as the striking north and south walls. Lunch is on the road to Curtain Springs where we view (not climb!) 700 million year old tabletop Mount Connor. From there it's west to the Uluru campsite.

Overnight: Ayers Rock permanent campsite or Outback Pioneer Hotel (B/L/D)

DAY 5 ULURU

Another VERY early start, but well worth it as we watch the sun rise over Uluru. We walk around the base of The Rock, a World Heritage listed area and the earth's solar plexus chakra. We explore the many sites around Uluru and work with the energies connected to the grid systems.

The day ends as it started - watching the rock change colours...this time, with the sun setting over it.

Tonight's meal is a "camp oven" dinner, cooked in the coals of the fire.

Overnight: Ayers Rock permanent campsite or Outback Pioneer Hotel (B/L/D)

B = breakfast
L = lunch
D = dinner

Tour organised in association with



DAY 6 KATA TJUTA AND BACK TO ALICE

We spend the morning among the majestic domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and at a nearby viewing area. There will be time to reflect on our spiritual journey here and on the drive back to Alice Springs.

Overnight: The Haven (B, L)

DAY 7 ALICE SPRINGS

Today is free to explore Alice Springs prior to transferring to the airport for your onward flight. The Haven offers a free shuttle to the airport. (B)

Right: Ormiston Gorge in the West MacDonnell Ranges



Northern Australia: 14-20 April 2010

DAY 1 ARRIVE DARWIN

Upon arrival join your shuttle transfer to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore Darwin.

Overnight: Travelodge Mirambeena

DAY 2 DARWIN TO KAKADU

We leave Darwin at about 7am and drive 120km to the Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve, a wonderful wildlife sanctuary. Our next appointment is with the largest congregation of saltwater crocodiles in the world...the famous Mary River. Here we get a close up of these ancient animals in their natural surrounds - be ready for a Jurassic Park experience on our 2hr boat cruise!

Next we head to Ubirr, passing the natural escarpment areas that define Kakadu as a double World Heritage area, The Ubirr rock art sites are second to none in the world - a wonderful opportunity to learn about ancient Aboriginal culture. The 360 degree view over Kakadu and the Arnhem Land escarpments makes a spectacular backdrop to the setting sun.

Overnight: Kakadu Campsite or Aurora Kakadu Resort (B/L/D)

DAY 3 KAKADU

Today we visit the spectacular scenery and Aboriginal rock art of Nourlangie Rock. This particular part of the park offers an array of billabongs and bird life, walks and water falls in an easy yet venomous environment.

Overnight: Kakadu Campsite or Gagudju Lodge Cooida (B/L/D)



DAY 4 KAKADU TO KATHERINE

This morning our Aboriginal guide takes us into Jawoyn country and the southern end of Kakadu with its large water falls. We learn about creation ancestors and how it can be scientifically proven that they really do exist. After lunch, we travel south out of the park into the historic mining area of Pine Creek. On the way to Katherine, we stop in at Edith Falls for a refreshing swim. .

Overnight: Springvale Campsite or Hotel All Seasons (B/L/D)



DAY 5 KATHERINE

Up at 6am for a special bacon and egg breaky, followed by a 20min drive to Nitmiluk National Park. Here we have the option of a 4hr paddle up the gorge in two-man canoes, or a gentle boat ride through the first two gorges. The waters are clear, cool and safe for swimming. After lunch we can check out the township of Katherine and perhaps a swim in the thermal springs.

Overnight: Springvale Campsite or Hotel All Seasons (B/L/D)

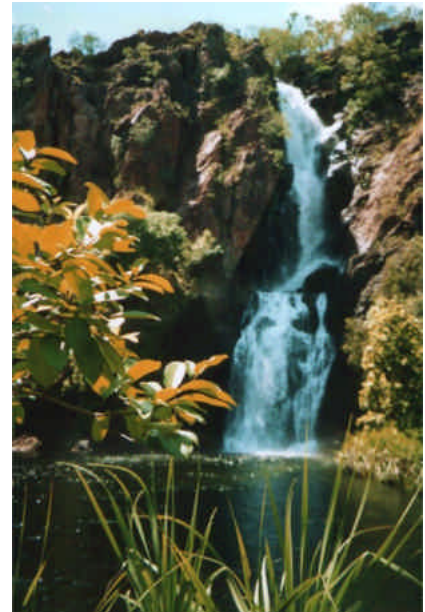
DAY 6 NITMILUK TO LITCHFIELD

Today we make our way to Litchfield National Park just south of Darwin, where waterfalls cascade from the sandstone plateau of Tabletop Range and create beautiful pools and pockets of rainforests. These features combine to provide a special paradise for us to enjoy. Highlights of our visit to the Park include the giant termite mounds, Florence Falls and Buley rock hole.

Overnight: Mt Bundy Campsite or Caravillage in Batchelor (B/L/D)

DAY 7 LITCHFIELD TO DARWIN

Our last day will incorporate more of Litchfield National Park, including Tolmer and Wangi Falls and a dip at the famous Berry Springs just a short way from Darwin, where we arrive late afternoon in time for a glorious sunset over Darwin Harbour. (B/L)



Tour costs - per person

Tour	5 nights permanent camp sites + 1 hotel		All hotel accommodation	
	Twin share	Single*	Twin share	Single
Central Australia 6-12 April 2010	\$1,890	\$2,000	\$2,225	\$2,670
Northern Australia 14 - 20 April 2010	\$1,780	\$1,890	\$2,100	\$2,530

Note: We cannot guarantee single accommodation at the permanent camps.
Reserve a place with a 20% deposit **NOW!**
Payment in full by **2 March 2010** for **Central Australia** and by **9 March 2010** for the **Top End**.

Included in the cost of the tour are:

- Tarot and spiritual activities
- 6 nights accommodation at the chosen level
- meals as specified (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D= dinner)
- Aboriginal guides
- sightseeing entrance fees
 - Central Australia: Uluru- Kata Tjuta National Park
 - Top End: Mary River and Katherine Gorge boat cruises
- English speaking driver / guide service whilst on tour
- land transport in modern air conditioned coach on private charter basis
- coach transfer upon arrival in Alice Springs or Darwin
- copy of *Ticket, Passport and Tarot Cards* (book and sampler DVD).

Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out comprehensive insurance cover before travel for cancellation, medical expenses, personal baggage and money. This should be arranged at the time of payment of the deposit to cover you for unforeseen circumstances that may result in you cancelling your reservation.

Exclusions:

- optional activities
- meals and sightseeing admission fees not specified
- personal items
- airfares and departure taxes
- travel and medical insurance
- tips or gratuities
- excess luggage charges
- commission or fees for guides.

Refunds

If your tour is cancelled due to insufficient numbers, your deposit will be refunded in full. If you cancel a reservation on a tour that is going ahead, a cancellation fee will apply calculated on how close it is to the departure date.

Payment options

Payment can be made by cheque, money order, credit card (Visa or Mastercard) or electronic transfer.

Travel Tip!

Check out **Tiger Airways** for super deals on airfares between Melbourne or Adelaide and Alice Springs - www.tigerairways.com.au.



Weather in April

Central Australia: very dry, temperature ranges from about 12°C at night to high 20s in the daytime.

Top End: autumn, but still hot and humid—Darwin's average temperature all year round is 32°C.

Fitness level for walks

Most walks are through flat country and the length of walks can be tailored to individual fitness levels. The climb to the rim of Kings Canyon is steep, but manageable if you take it slowly.

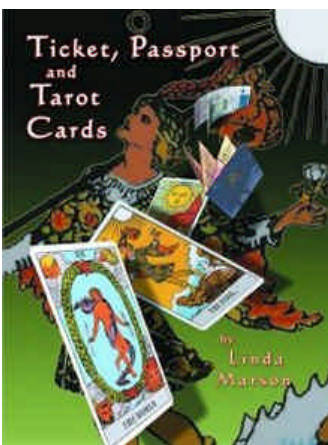
Permanent campsites

Basic accommodation in safari style tents, generally with no lighting or heating. Clean shower and toilet blocks with plenty of hot water. Each tent has two single beds and blankets or sleeping bags, and a camp stretcher for those who want to sleep outside. Bring a small pillow and a torch.

Getting back to basics in the campsites is an adventure many would not miss. Falling asleep under the stars on a camp stretcher outside your tent is an unforgettable experience. The brilliance of the night sky in the outback has to be seen to be believed.

Your guides

Linda Marson



Linda Marson is a former President of the Tarot Guild of Australia and author of *Ticket, Passport and Tarot Cards*. She also produced a TV series for community television based on the book. The series won an award for the best personal or spiritual development program on Australian community television in 2006.

The Tarot tells the story of the universal human journey, so it's no wonder that travelling and Tarot go together in Linda's mind.

"As I wrote the book, I knew I was experiencing the energy of the World - the final card in the Major Arcana. Writing the book had brought my whole world together and travel around the world had played a major role in the process of personal transformation.

The other key influence has been Tarot - I always travel with my Tarot cards, because, over the years, they have shown me the significance of each stage in the process of personal transformation. By combining Tarot and travel, I have understood how stages in my inner journey run parallel to my outer journeys. Something about the countries I have visited reflect the meaning of Tarot cards, whose energy I am experiencing at the time."

Linda writes regularly for the Tarot Guild of Australia's journal, *The Magician*, as well as for *Spheres*, a quarterly spiritual magazine in Australia. She has presented workshops on various aspects of Tarot practice and, organised major Tarot events in Australia involving internationally renowned Tarot experts such as Rachel Pollack and Mary Greer.

Remote Tours (www.remote-tours.com)

Owner-operator of *Remote Tours* is Reg Ramsden, who has been touring Australia and beyond for almost 20 years. The company springs from a family's love for the great outback desert regions of Australia, and a genuine passion for showing visitors the beauty of the land.

Remote Tours is a culturally aware tour company with a strong emphasis on interaction with Aboriginal culture mingled with fun to ensure a trip you will never forget. By working closely with custodians of the land over many years, Reg and his guides have developed a unique, knowledgeable and sensitive approach to the country.

Reg is our guide on the tour to the Red Centre, while Scott O'Brien (aka Ringer) is our guide in the Top End. Ringer has been guiding in Kakadu for 8 years.

"I feel a closeness with the land here and specialise in Aboriginal culture and native flora and how the Aborigines use them. I regard myself as a relaxed person who gets way too excited! I believe very strongly in all cultures, physically and spiritually and love to hear about other people's journeys and adventures. I sometimes feel it's my duty to get every Australian up here to see this phenomenal part of God's own country."



Reg points the way to the Garden of Eden in Kings Canyon for a spiritual adventurer.



AUSTRALIA

APRIL 2010

BOOKING FORM

Personal information

Name: Mr / Mrs / Ms _____

Additional travellers: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Country _____ Postcode _____

Telephone [Day] _____

Telephone [Mobile] _____

Email: _____

Tour details

I would like to reserve:

___ place(s) on the Central Australia tour 6-12 April 2010.

___ place(s) on the Northern Australia tour 14-20 April 2010.

___ a single room.

___ all hotel accommodation.

Additional information

Please note any specific dietary requirements: _____

Please note any specific **health issues / allergies or medication we need to be aware of:** _____

Payment details

Enclosed is my cheque for \$ _____
(please make cheques payable to **Remote Tours**).

OR

My credit card is a Visa Mastercard

Name on card: _____

Card no: _____ Expiry: _____

Signature: _____

OR

I will transfer funds using EFT - please send account details.

Send completed form to
Remote Tours, PO Box 4078 Alice Springs NT 8071 Australia.

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Electronic Funds Transfer

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Credit card (Visa or Mastercard)

Complete details on this form.

Cheque

Payment can be made by cheque in Australian dollars.

