

BIRDSVILLE BIG RED BASH : **TRAVEL GUIDE** **PERTH TO BIRDSVILLE**

Approximately 45 hours driving time or leisurely sightseeing over 8 days

This is an adventurous journey - not for the faint hearted but well worth the trip for those adventurer seekers. Explore National Parks, visit remote indigenous communities and stop off at the iconic Uluru landmark.

Load up the car and head off on a leisurely 8-day trip up to Birdsville, showing the kids all the best of what our great country has to offer these school holidays.

Perth to Kalgoorlie (Approximately 6 hours)

- Starting off in the sunny capital of Perth, hit the road on the Great Eastern Highway. The Great Eastern Highway stretches all the way to the historic mining community of Kalgoorlie. This is a 6 hr journey so be sure to plug your Bash spotify playlist tunes in.
- Travel 3 hrs from Perth on the Great Eastern Highway and reach Merredin. Merredin represents an important town on the Golden Pipeline Heritage Trail. Merredin also has a range of interesting museums that are well worth a look at including the Railway, Military and Dam museum. Café 56 is also the perfect spot to grab a good coffee and a snack for the journey ahead.
- 2 hrs from Merredin along the Great Eastern highway stretch is Goldfields Woodlands National Park be sure to stop off here for a stretch and sightsee. The park is the largest remaining area of intact Mediterranean climate woodland left on earth. The Goldfields railway and pipeline also run parallel through the park with a site at Woolgangie Rock. From Goldfields Woodlands National Park 4WD's can also take the popular 4WD Holland track all the way to Coolgardie.

Kalgoorlie to Warbuton (Approximately 12 hours)

- Take a break in Kalgoorlie, the Kalgoorlie Boulder is Australia's largest Outback City with a population of more than 30,000 people. Kalgoorlie also offers plenty of pet friendly accommodation for you and your pouch - if they're in tow, as well as food options for you to stop, recharge and refuel.
- Be sure to also check out the renowned rabbit proof fence (the longest fence in the world) spanning from Wiluna to Esperance, which borders the Great Eastern Highway meeting at Kalgoorlie.

- Kalgoorlie sits on the edge of the famous Golden Mile, and has an economy, which has been driven by gold since 1893. Stroll through the main street, Hannan Street, which is awash with glorious buildings all bearing testament to the wealth that has been generated. Be sure to stop by The Kalgoorlie – Boulder Visitor Centre for information on accommodation and restaurants in Kalgoorlie. Kalgoorlie is also an ideal base for weary travellers to rest for the night.
- From Kalgoorlie head to Goongarrie National Park about 4 hours drive north, boarding Lake Goongarrie and including part of Lake Marmion providing an ideal spot for a bit of sightseeing. The wildflower display is in full bloom after good rains.
- Be sure to pop in at Lenora, 4 hrs drive north for a look at the little miner's village. The villages have all been restored by a group of local volunteers, and each house is unique and has been restored in a different manner.
- Tjukayirla Roadhouse is a great stopover destination on the way to Warburton, located 300km east of Laverton offering a welcome respite for weary travellers. They also claim to have great coffee and the best burgers in WA – the perfect excuse to stop!

Warbuton to Alice Springs (Approximately 13 hours)

- Arrive in Warburton home to the largest of the Ngaanyatjarra indigenous communities, the magnificent Warburton ranges and the red sandy plains of the Gibson Desert. Warburton provides a rich array of Indigenous art, history and culture for you to explore.
- A must-see in Tjulyuru is the Cultural and Civic Centre, which features the Tjulyuru Regional Art Gallery and the Warta Shop. This Centre reflects the vivid colours of their homelands and exhibits an extensive collection of Indigenous art, including beautiful paintings, artefacts, spinifex paper, baskets, art and glassware. The Tjulyuru Cultural centre complex is a civic and cultural hub for visitors and locals based at the Warburton Community on the Great Central Road.
- 3hrs drive out of Warbuton is Warakurna Roadhouse, a shop that sells raspberry cordial and has an in house Aboriginal Art gallery to explore. Visitors can buy local Aboriginal art for \$100 a piece with all money going straight back into the community – a must stop for unique items that you will not find anywhere else.
- Uluru, a must stop destination for any outback traveller, is truly one of the world's greatest wonders and a must visit on anyone's bucket list. There are a number of short stay package options and guided tours on offer allowing you to get the full experience of this sacred landmark. Mutitjulu Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is also located at the eastern end of Uluru Mutitjulu waterhole and waterfall; these are both great destinations for a stop and a stretch.
- After exploring Uluru, turn left onto National Highway 87 as you begin the 5hr journey to Alice Springs. There are a wide range of activities and beauty to explore in Alice Springs.