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AUSTRALIAN **Outback** *Music Tour*

with **Brendan Scott**

13 to 27 September 2024

The sights of the Outback by day. The music of the Outback by night.



**15
Day
Tour**

Adelaide, Hahndorf, Barossa Valley, Flinders Ranges, Marree, Birdsville, Innamincka, Tibooburra, White Cliffs, Broken Hill, Mungo National Park*, Mildura, Melbourne (*Mungo N.P. optional)

*Tour starts in Adelaide
and finishes in Melbourne*

- Lots of musical highlights
- Transport by luxury coach
- Excellent accommodation throughout





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“Join me for an experience you will never forget. This is a fabulous tour, visiting many of the most remote, historic, and beautiful places in outback Australia. Plus a feast of great Aussie music and bush poetry!” - Brendan Scott

Brendan Scott is an accomplished and experienced performer who has been part of the Australian entertainment industry ever since his stage debut at age 4. He has worked in all facets of the entertainment industry and continues to use his wealth of experience to entertain audiences in many parts of Australia. In his performances, Brendan showcases his many talents. Not only does he sing many well-known songs, he also plays piano, guitar, saxophone, banjo, and violin. If that's not enough, Brendan often surprises audiences by launching into a Tap Dance. Add to this Brendan's flare for audience interaction and participation as well as his ability to have people in stitches with his comedy, and you have a complete entertainment experience.

DAY 1 Friday September 13, 2024

Adelaide

Morning: Depart Comfort Inn Regal Park, North Adelaide at 10am. Do a pick-up at Adelaide airport at 10.30am (please organise flights arriving in Adelaide no later than 9.30am). We will enjoy a sightseeing coach tour of central Adelaide and the beachside suburb of Glenelg. Drive past the Adelaide Cricket Ground. Visit the R.M. Williams Outback Heritage Museum, located on the site of the original R.M. Williams boot and leather goods factory. **Evening:** enjoy a special welcome dinner. Entertainment will be provided by outstanding Adelaide Celtic/country band The Borderers (if available). **Overnight:** Comfort Inn Regal Park, North Adelaide. (D)

DAY 2 Saturday September 14, 2024

Barossa Valley

Morning: Travel to the Hahndorf region, in the Adelaide Hills. Free time, for shopping and morning tea in the historic 'German' village of Hahndorf. On the way to the Barossa Valley visit the excellent Birdwood Motor Museum. Arrive in the Barossa Valley, one of Australia's premium wine growing regions. After a panoramic tour of the district we visit a well-known winery (includes wine tasting). Then check into our accommodation, in Tanunda, one of the Barossa's main towns. **Evening:** Attend the annual concert by the Marananga Brass Band. The Barossa Valley, with its German heritage, is famous for its outstanding brass bands. **Overnight:** Vine Inn Barossa & Vine Court Motel. (B,D)

DAY 3 Sunday September 15, 2024

Flinders Ranges

Travel to Wilpena Pound, via Marrabel, Burra, Peterborough, Orroroo & Hawker. In Burra (once a booming copper mining town) enjoy a tour of the town and sample one of the delicious local Cornish pasties (optional). Travel north to Wilpena Pound, in the spectacular southern Flinders Ranges. Near Wilpena Pound, see the Cazneau's Tree, subject of a famous photograph entitled *The Spirit of Endurance*, taken by Dick Smith's grandfather, Harold Cazneau, in 1937. Then proceed to Wilpena Pound, an extraordinary natural basin measuring approximately 14 x 7 kilometres. It's like a huge natural fortress, with only one entry point. **Afternoon:** You will have the opportunity of going on a sightseeing flight over Wilpena Pound (optional). Or, you might like to join John Howie for a walk into Wilpena Pound. Beautiful southern Flinders Ranges scenery. **Evening:** After dinner Brendan Scott will sing a few songs for us... a short, informal after-dinner performance! **Overnight:** Wilpena Pound Resort. (B,D)



Cazneau's Tree, with Flinders Ranges in background

DAY 4 Monday September 16, 2024

Marree

Travel to Marree. Morning tea in the historic town of Blinman. We then pass through scenic Parachilna Gorge and then visit Leigh Creek Township. Proceed to the town of Copley, where, for lunch, you may wish to sample one of the famous quandong pies at the Copley Bush Bakery. We then visit the ruins of Farina township before we arrive in the remote town of Marree, "where trains and camels used to be*". Upon arrival in Marree enjoy a short panoramic tour. You will also have time to explore the town on foot. **Evening:** Dinner in our hotel. Also, enjoy a performance by outstanding South Australian singer/songwriter/ comedy entertainer, Dave Prior. **Overnight:** Marree Hotel. (*A quote from the song *Out in the Outback*, by John Howie.) (B,D)

DAY 5 Tuesday September 17, 2024

Birdsville

Travel north to Birdsville, in far western QLD. Along the way we have lunch at Mungerannie Roadhouse. During lunch John Howie will host a session of Aussie bush poetry. You are invited to recite your favourite bush poems. On arrival in Birdsville check into our accommodation. **Evening:** Dinner in our hotel, then free time for you to meet the 'locals' in the main bar of the iconic Birdsville Pub. **Overnight:** Birdsville Hotel-Motel (the Birdsville Pub). (B,L,D)

DAY 6 Wednesday September 18, 2024

Birdsville

Morning: Tour of Birdsville with local guide. Travel a short distance west of Birdsville to see (and climb) Big Red, a huge sand dune at the edge of the Simpson Desert. We will also travel a short distance north of Birdsville, to see a small stand of Australia's rarest tree – the Waddy Tree. A member of the local aboriginal community (Jimmy Crombie) will accompany us on this morning's tour (if available), and talk to us about Birdsville and his working life (as a drover). **Afternoon:** Lunch at the excellent Birdsville Bakery, then free time. **Evening:** Enjoy a special concert, Brendan Scott Live in Birdsville! **Overnight:** Birdsville Hotel-Motel & self-contained cabins at Birdsville Tourist Park. (B)

DAY 7 Thursday September 19, 2024

Innamincka

Today we travel southeast to Innamincka. Picnic lunch along the way. Proceed to Innamincka, which is situated on Cooper Creek close to where the ill-fated Burke and Wills expedition of 1860-61 came to its tragic end. **Evening:** After dinner, spend a relaxing evening around our wonderful outback hotel. **Overnight:** The Innamincka Hotel. (B,L,D)

DAY 8 Friday September 20, 2024

Innamincka

Morning: Visit Burke's Grave and the beautiful Cullyamurra Waterhole, both a few kilometres east of our hotel. The scenery along Cooper Creek, in the vicinity of Innamincka, is stunning. Beautiful water holes, fabulous gum trees, and lots of colourful Australian birds. Then visit the famous Dig Tree, where on April 22, 1861 Burke, Wills and King probably realised they were doomed. **Afternoon:** You will have some free time. You may like to visit the former Australian Inland Mission Hospital building, now a National Parks office and museum, located right next



Dave Prior

Dave Prior is an outstanding Country singer, songwriter and comedian, from South Australia. For many years he worked in the commercial radio industry, as an announcer, program director and station manager. However, a mid-life career change saw him working as a singer/comedian, including touring with Adam Harvey, Doug Walters (cricketer), and Rodney Vincent. Dave has released many CDs, including an outstanding Merle Haggard tribute CD, *Silver Wings and Haggard Things*.



Broken Hill Civic Orchestra

The Broken Hill Civic Orchestra was established in 1975. It had 25 members for its first performance. The orchestra has continued with an annual program of concerts since that time. Like most community orchestras, BHCO consists of a string section, woodwind section, brass section and percussion section. The orchestra plays a wide range of music including classical and well-known popular music. The current conductor of the orchestra is Mark Curtis.



Marananga Brass Band

Brass bands have been part of the Barossa's heritage for more than a century. This community brass band was formed in 1925, with 25 local musicians. Today the band is made up of about 45 local musicians, both young and old. The band rehearses every Tuesday night in its own purpose-built hall, the Marananga Brass Band Room. The band puts on an annual concert, in the Barossa Valley, called 'A Night of Music'. We are the special guests at the 2024 concert, celebrating the band's 100th year.



The BordererS

"The passion in The BordererS music comes from growing up in really tough and bigoted areas of Glasgow and Belfast. The dream was to escape that life and start again. Australia gave us that chance." – Jim Paterson, The BordererS.
Jim and Alex arrived in Australia over 20 years ago, not knowing each other. They met in a recording studio in Adelaide. They are now one of the most outstanding, and exciting, Celtic/Country music acts in Australia. Alex is the lead singer...she has a beautiful voice.

to our hotel. **Late Afternoon:** Further exploration of Cooper Creek. Travel to the west of our hotel, including a visit to King's Marker (marks the spot where King was found alive by a search party following the Burke and Wills expedition). **Evening:** Enjoy a fun-filled Aussie Campfire Singalong, in the beer garden of our hotel. We will invite the locals to join us. (B)

DAY 9 Saturday September 21, 2024

Tibooburra

Today we travel southeast to Tibooburra. We stop at Cameron Corner, where the borders of NSW, Queensland and SA meet. See Australia's famous Dingo Fence. Have lunch at the Corner Store. We will also visit Fort Grey, where Sturt established his last base camp in 1845 before pushing on to the Cooper (Cooper Creek). Then proceed to Tibooburra, a true outback town in the 'corner country' of far western New South Wales. You will have time to explore the town, including the two pubs. The interior walls of the Family Hotel boast a mural of artworks by famous Australian artists, including Clifton Pugh and Russell Drysdale. **Evening:** John Howie and Gill Delaney will lead a fun-filled singalong session, on the porch of the Family Hotel, with Brendan Scott and, hopefully, some of the locals and tour group members joining in. Then enjoy an excellent dinner at T.J's Roadhouse. **Overnight:** 'The Granites' Motel. (B,D)



Dingo Fence, outback South Australia

DAY 10 Sunday September 22, 2024

White Cliffs

Morning: We will travel southeast to White Cliffs. On the way visit Milparinka, virtually a ghost town these days. Also visit Depot Glen, a shaded waterhole on Preservation Creek – one of the most famous exploration sites in Australia. It was here that explorer Charles Sturt and his party were marooned for 6 months, in 1845, on their epic search for an inland sea. Second in command James Poole perished here; we visit his grave. Lunch at Packsaddle Roadhouse. **Afternoon:** Tour of White Cliffs with local guide, including visits to the opal fields, an underground home, the White Cliffs Underground Motel, and an opal shop. **Evening:** After dinner Brendan Scott, John Howie and Gill Delaney will lead a fun-filled music session. We will invite local musicians to join us. **Overnight:** White Cliffs Hotel. (B, Morning Tea, L, D)

DAY 11 Monday September 23, 2024

Wilcannia/Broken Hill

Depart White Cliffs and head south-west to the mining town of Broken Hill. On the way visit the historic Darling River town of Wilcannia. Morning tea at the Wilcannia Club Hotel, where John Howie is planning to have a short music session with some of the local aboriginal musicians. On arrival in Broken Hill, sightseeing tour of this fascinating outback mining town, with local guide. Visit The Big Picture (excellent art gallery/retail establishment). **Evening:** Enjoy dinner at one of Broken Hill's best restaurants, and then attend an outback



Old buildings at mining site in Broken Hill

concert, featuring the Broken Hill Civic Orchestra. After the concert enjoy supper with the performers. **Overnight:** Comfort Inn Crystal Motel, Broken Hill. (B,D, Supper)

DAY 12 Tuesday September 24, 2024

Broken Hill

Morning: Mining has claimed more than 800 lives, over the years, in Broken Hill. We visit the impressive Broken Hill Miner's Memorial... a poignant monument to them all. Then visit Broken Hill's famous Royal Flying Doctor Service base. Morning tea at Bells Milk Bar and Museum (1950s milk bar, famous for its milkshakes, sodas, spiders, etc.). **Afternoon:** Travel to the fascinating mining town of Silverton, now virtually a ghost town. A colourful local guide/raconteur will accompany us on this trip. Visit the famous Silverton Hotel, which has featured in various movies and TV commercials. Brendan Scott, John Howie and Gill Delaney will lead a short acoustic jam session in the hotel's beer garden. Please join in! Return to Broken Hill, where we visit the Pro Hart Gallery. Finally, visit the Sculpture Symposium (12 sandstone sculptures, in the desert on the outskirts of Broken Hill). **Evening:** Enjoy a special concert... Brendan Scott live in Broken Hill! (B)

DAY 13 Wednesday September 25, 2024

Mildura

Travel south to Wentworth, NSW, where the Murray and Darling rivers meet. Sightseeing coach tour of Wentworth, including the river junction, Perry Sand Hills (ancient sand dunes), and Possum's Statue (Possum was a famous hermit who lived along the banks of the Murray). On arrival in Mildura, short panoramic tour. **Evening:** Dine at your leisure. Lots of excellent restaurants right next to our hotel. **Overnight:** Quality Hotel Mildura Grand. (B)

DAY 14 Thursday September 26, 2024

Mildura

Today you have a choice of (1) visiting the World Heritage listed Mungo National Park, famous for its lunar-like landscapes and aboriginal heritage, or (2) spending the day in Mildura. The Mungo N.P. day trip and the activities for those who stay in Mildura, are optional (more information, back page). Those staying in Mildura will visit Trentham Estate Winery, beautifully located overlooking the Murray River, for lunch (optional) (see further details, back page). **Evening:** Dine at your leisure. After dinner you are invited to an informal 'music session' with local acoustic/folk musicians. (B)

DAY 15 Friday September 27, 2024

Melbourne

Depart Mildura and travel by coach to Melbourne, stopping in Bendigo along the way. We will drop tour members at Melbourne Airport (approx. 4pm) and Southern Cross Station (approx. 5pm). The tour concludes. You may like to stay in Melbourne for the AFL Grand Final (optional), the next day. (B)

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The tour price \$ 6,295 per person, twin-share
Single supplement \$ 1,095

Included in the tour price are:

- Accommodation in well located hotels and motels, on a twin-share basis, with private facilities, throughout the tour, except for: (1) The 2nd night in Birdsville some tour group members may be staying in very nice self-contained cabins at the Birdsville Tourist Park (instead of the Birdsville Hotel-Motel), & (2) some tour group members may have shared bathroom/toilet facilities, for 1 night, at the White Cliffs Hotel, in White Cliffs. Hotel taxes and service charges are included in the tour price.
- Daily breakfast (except for Day 1); 9 dinners; 3 lunches (as indicated by B, L & D); 1 supper; 1 morning tea (at Milparinka); approx. 11 roadside morning & afternoon teas 'from the coach'; 1 wine tasting.
- Entrance to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'. Just to clarify, cost of entrance is included where we say 'visit' the attraction, as opposed to 'see' the attraction (where cost of entrance is not included).
- Entry to all music shows specifically mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional'.
- Sightseeing tours, with local guides, in Birdsville, White Cliffs, and Broken Hill.
- Travel in first-class chartered coach.
- Lots of fun-filled, informal music/singalong sessions, with Brendan Scott, John Howie & Gill Delaney.

Not included in the price are:

- **Airfares.** At the time of making your booking let **Travelrite International's experts** secure you the best available airfare.
- Travel insurance.
- Meals unless specified in itinerary.
- Sightseeing and general expenses not specified in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing flight over Wilpena Pound.
- Visit to Mungo National Park, Day 14.
- Additional travel arrangements not in the detailed itinerary – these will be quoted for separately.

The organisers reserve the right to change any details of the tour that they believe will enhance the safety, quality, success and smooth running of the tour. For instance, if any entertainment mentioned in the itinerary is unavailable, we need to replace that entertainment with similar alternative acts.



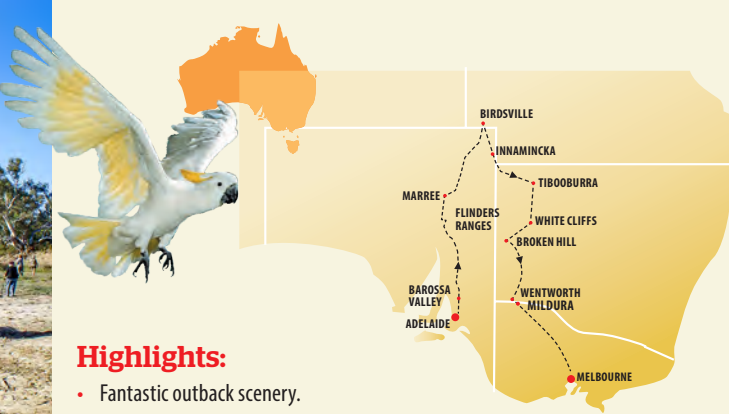
The tour manager will be John Howie

John was a secondary school music teacher for 23 years (taught Kylie Minogue). He and his twin brother, Graeme, perform as The Howie Brothers. John has been leading successful music tours & music cruises for 28 years.



The assistant tour manager will be Gill Delaney

Gill (accordion/ukulele/piano/mouth organ player from Wangaratta) has played in dance bands most of her life, and knows a million tunes! She will be coming on the tour as a musician and assistant tour manager, as long as we get sufficient bookings. She will be involved in lots of fun-filled informal music sessions with the tour group.



Highlights:

- Fantastic outback scenery.
- 2 night stay at the legendary Birdsville Pub (some tour group members may be in self-contained cabins, at the Birdsville Tourist Park, our 2nd night in Birdsville).
- Spend a day & night in the Flinders Ranges, staying at the Wilpena Pound Resort.
- A feast of great Aussie music & bush poetry, including: The BordererS, in Adelaide; Marananga Brass Band annual concert ('A Night of Music'), in the Barossa Valley; a few songs, after dinner, from Brendan Scott, at Wilpena Pound Resort; Dave Prior performance, in Marree; bush poetry session, at Mungerannie Roadhouse; Brendan Scott concert, in Birdsville; Aussie Campfire Singalong, in Innamincka; singalong session, on the porch of the Family Hotel, Tibooburra; music session, in White Cliffs; morning tea music session, in Wilcannia; Broken Hill Civic Orchestra concert, in Broken Hill; acoustic jam session, in beer garden at Silverton Hotel; Brendan Scott concert in Broken Hill; informal 'music session' with local acoustic/folk musicians, in Mildura.

Optional visit to Mungo National Park, Day 14. This day trip is with Mildura tour company, *Discover Mildura*. Depart Mildura at 8am; return to Mildura at approx. 4pm. The trip includes morning tea & lunch. It's a 1½ hour drive, from Mildura to Mungo N.P. After morning tea, enjoy tour with local guide, including the spectacular crescent shaped Walls of China dune, which flanks part of the ancient dried-up Lake Mungo. Also, visit magnificent Mungo Woolshed (1869). Approx. cost of this day trip: \$120 per person. *Please tick box on booking form, if you wish to visit Mungo N.P. Travelrite will add the \$120 to your invoice.*

Those who stay in Mildura, Day 14. For those who choose to stay in Mildura, Day 14, the visit to Trentham Estate Winery, for lunch, is optional. Each person will pay for their own lunch and drinks. Transport costs will be \$15 per person (for taxis to and from Trentham Estate Winery). Gill Delaney will collect money on the day. Apart from the lunchtime visit to Trentham Estate, the rest of the day you will have free time in Mildura.

General Information and Booking Conditions



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