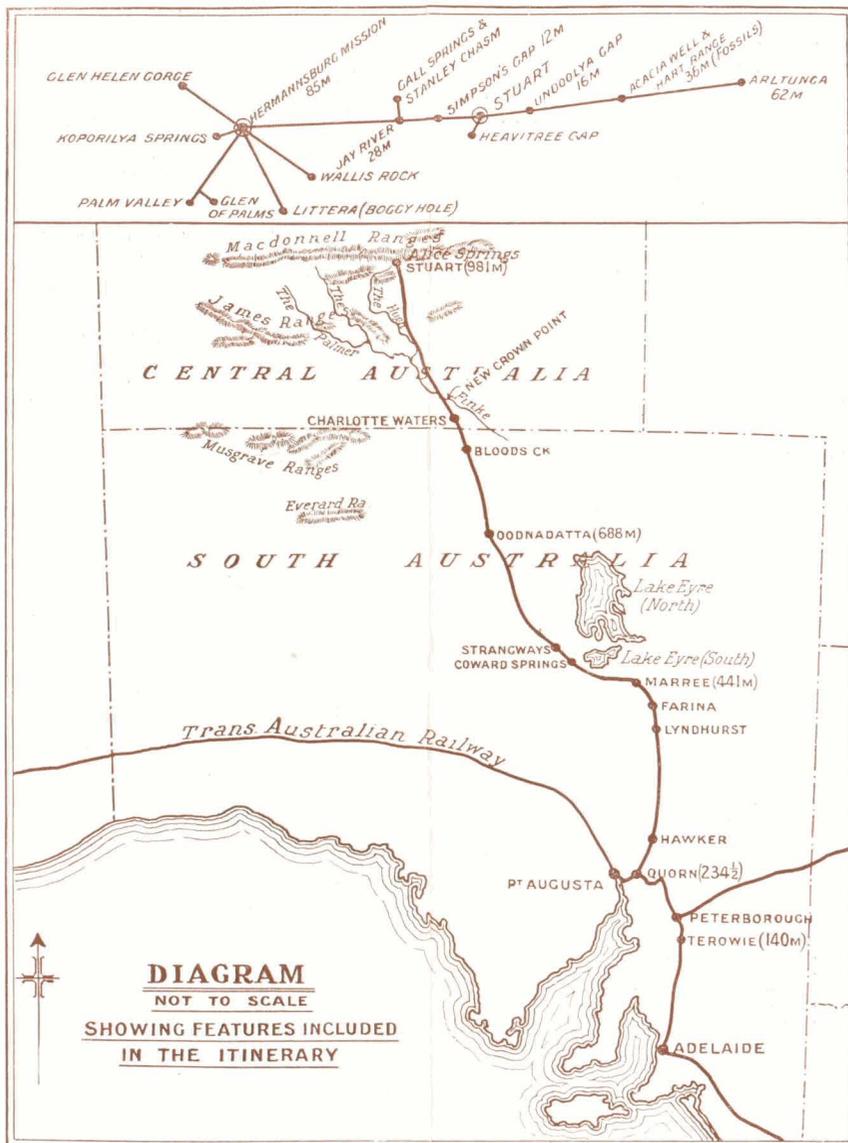


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Central Australian native in his primitive state.

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Arranged by the
Australian Railways Commissioners.

REALISING the growing interest that is being evinced in the relatively unknown heart of our Continent, the Australian Railways Commissioners have decided to make special facilities available whereby those interested may have an opportunity of making a visit to this area under the most favorable conditions possible.

The remoteness of this region, its complete isolation from the cares and worries of civilisation, and the conditions so unlike anything encountered elsewhere, give it special appeal. The winter climate is ideal. The air is crisp and clear and delightfully invigorating. The days are invariably bright and pleasantly warm, although low temperatures are recorded at night.

The scenic attractions of the interior are of a remarkable character. The grandeur of the gorges which appear at intervals in the gaunt mountain ranges, the bizarre coloration of the towering cliffs, the palm studded valleys and castellated ravines have a fascination which is accentuated by the consciousness that they have been reached after hundreds of miles of travel in the very centre of the great Australian continent, and in primitive territory, which bears but little evidence of its penetration by white men.

Apart from the purely tourist aspect, Central Australia offers much that is novel and of intense interest to the scientist and the geologist, to field naturalists, ornithologists and ethnologists. There are, in fact, features which must appeal to all.

While the influence of the Hermannsburg Mission Station, the story of the foundation of which reads more like a romance than a story of actual achievement, is gradually extending, there still exist many aborigines, of the Arunta and Loritja tribes, who are living under Stone Age conditions precisely as they were 10,000 years ago. The strange customs of these primitive people have excited the interest of scientists the world over.

ARRANGEMENTS have now been completed for a series of tours, of a unique character, throughout an extensive area of this fascinating territory.

The tours, which will be personally conducted, will each be limited to parties of 16 persons, and will permit of a stay of a clear fortnight in the interior.

It is not proposed to book ladies for the initial tours, but consideration will be given to the practicability of including them later on.

Commencing from Adelaide on Sunday, June 22nd, separate tours will be run fortnightly thenceforward to September inclusive. The parties will journey to the rail head at Stuart, 981 miles from Adelaide, by comfortable train equipped with sleeping and dining accommodation, and thence will cover approximately 500 miles by luxurious sedan motor cars. Where necessary, camels or donkeys may be used for short excursions to otherwise relatively inaccessible points of interest.

After leaving the train, the parties will be accommodated under camp conditions. Tents (each accommodating two persons) and blanket-lined sleeping bags, with ground sheets, will be provided. Adequate arrangements have been made for bathing and sanitation. A six-valve wireless set, capable of receiving all interstate stations, will be available. The camp will be lit electrically and by petrol lamps.

Excellent meals, prepared by experienced cooks, will be served during the whole of the tour.

TIME TABLE

Passengers will travel by the ordinary inter-system express trains as far as Quorn, S.A., where they will join the main party, and thence by the Central Australian Railway to Stuart.

The undermentioned time table gives an indication of the time occupied on the train journey. Further details are contained in a separate folder which will be issued to passengers, prior to the commencement of the tours.

BRISBANE	...	Depart	8.5 a.m. Thursday
SYDNEY	...	"	7.25 p.m. Friday
MELBOURNE	...	"	4.30 p.m. Saturday
ADELAIDE	...	"	10.15 a.m. Sunday
STUART	...	Arrive	12.0 noon Tuesday

Fourteen days will be spent in the interior, and the party will then return by train as follows:—

STUART	...	Depart	8.0 a.m. Wednesday
ADELAIDE	...	"	8.45 p.m. Friday
MELBOURNE	...	"	5.30 p.m. Saturday
SYDNEY	...	"	3.30 p.m. Sunday
BRISBANE	...	Arrive	6.40 p.m. Monday

Passengers from Perth will require to leave there at 9.30 p.m. on Thursday, arriving Quorn 9.28 a.m. Sunday, in order to connect with the passengers travelling from the Eastern States.

ITINERARY

Brief details of a typical itinerary which has been arranged (but which is subject to alteration or modification as circumstances warrant) are shown hereunder in respect of the fortnight which will be spent in the interior.

Tuesday.—Arrive Stuart 12 noon. Inspect township and Heavily tree Gap. Dine and sleep on railway car.
 Wednesday.—Proceed Koorilya Springs and erect camp.
 Thursday.—Visit Palm Valley and return to Koorilya Springs.
 Friday.—At camp. Visit to Hermannsburg Mission Station in evening.
 Saturday.—Glen of Palms and return.
 Sunday.—Littera (Boggy Hole) and return.
 Monday.—Wallis Rock and return.
 Tuesday.—At camp, and visit to bush natives' camp.
 Wednesday.—Glen Helen Gorge and return.
 Thursday.—Proceed Gall Springs and erect camp.
 Friday.—Visit Stanley Chasm.
 Saturday.—At camp.
 Sunday.—Proceed via Stuart to Acacia Well, visiting Simpson's Gap en route.
 Monday.—Arltunga and return.
 Tuesday.—Return to Stuart inspecting Undoolya Gap en route.
 Dine and sleep on train.
 Wednesday.—Depart Stuart 8 a.m. and return to Adelaide.

INCLUSIVE COST

The total cost per passenger, which includes rail fares, sleeping berths, meals, car trips, the use of camels and donkeys, where necessary, accommodation and all other charges is shown as from the Capital cities:—

FROM—		
BRISBANE	...	£83
PERTH	...	£75
SYDNEY	...	£73
MELBOURNE	...	£65
ADELAIDE	...	£57

BOOKING ARRANGEMENTS

Persons desirous of joining the tour should make application for inclusion to the Secretary for Railways or to the Director of the Tourist Bureau in the Capital City of the State in which they reside. In Victoria application should be made to the Central Executive, Australian Railways Developmental Tours, Railway Buildings, Spencer-street, Melbourne.

KNOW YOUR OWN COUNTRY!

These tours will give you an ideal winter holiday—strange, primitive country seen under novel conditions—sparkling days—comfortable travel service.