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TREK TRIPE

25th September 2023

TREK ENTRIES:

You are able to enter your car now, however I am still working with several venues and local authorities regarding disbursements fees, and it might be a few weeks until Trek 2024 can be properly costed. COVID has left many residual issues that need to be overcome. The information regarding entry payments is on the last page. As soon as the budget for disbursements is finalised, I will create the entry forms and advise everybody on the mail list, by both text & email.

N.B.: Due to capacity constraints at some of the overnight locations, Trek 2024 will be limited to 220 people.

TREK TOWNS & ROADS:

Trek 2024 towns will include a mix of old favourites and some new places. The Trek will stop at several tiny towns/locations, several mid-sized towns, and our second-last night will be in the city of Toowoomba.

The mid-sized towns and Toowoomba should provide many accommodation options for you and in two of the tiny locations we have booked out all of the rooms. I will ballot out these rooms to entries received by January 12th.

Most of the roads will be new to the Trek, and this may very well be your last opportunity to travel the Strzelecki Track before it is bituminised.



Not a bad run these last few years – the Birdsville Track, the Gibb River Road, and now the Strzelecki Track. Perhaps Trek 2025 might incorporate the Oodnadatta Track?

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ACCOMMODATION:

The event is named **“The Outback Car Trek”** for good reason - it is an event that is designed to take people off the beaten track and away from the cities and large towns. Therefore, it stands to reason that bright lights and crisp white sheets are few and far between.

At Arkaroola and Innamincka both locations have accommodation. But there are not enough rooms for everyone on the Trek. However they do have great camping facilities, and meals to die for. To make things equitable for all participants, the Trek has booked all of the available accommodation in these two places. Approximately 10 rooms in each place will be put up for Auction to the highest bidder in April, with all profits going to the RFDS.

The remaining rooms will be subject to a ballot amongst cars who have entered by no later than January 12th. The ballot will be held on Saturday January 20th 2024.

Wanaaring has zero accommodation available, but a great rodeo ground with good facilities for our use.

Please don't ring any of these locations demanding rooms – I am receiving negative feedback from the venues, and it is affecting the Trek's (and the RFDS) reputation.

When booking accommodation in the other towns, I suggest you refer to the trek route page on the website and book somewhere close to the dinner venues. In Mildura and Toowoomba buses will be put on to help people get to and from the dinner.

To be clear: to go into the ballot for rooms in Arkaroola and Innamincka your car must be entered into the 2024 Outback Car Trek by no later than Friday January 12th 2024.

WANAARING SCHOOL RAFFLE – PLEASE HELP:

The local school is running a raffle to raise funds for their excursion for the kids to visit Melbourne. Tickets are \$20 and first prize is an 80 litre Engel Fridge Freezer drawn on 27th October. Tickets can be purchased at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1116174>

SEA WORLD:

As we arrive on the Sunday of the long weekend in NSW & Victoria, some Trekkers might want to invite family or friends up to the Gold Coast prior to our arrival on the Sunday, and perhaps stay for several days. Make a family holiday out of it, have the kids/grandchildren greet you at the finish line, visit the marine park, the rides and attractions. Sea World will hold a block of rooms for our group until 21 December 2023; after that date rooms will be returned to the hotel's pool and will be available to be booked by the general public.

We have negotiated the accommodation rates over the page with Sea World for our group. Please refer to the pricing structure, and use the booking link, on the next page.

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Sea World accommodation – Friday-Saturday

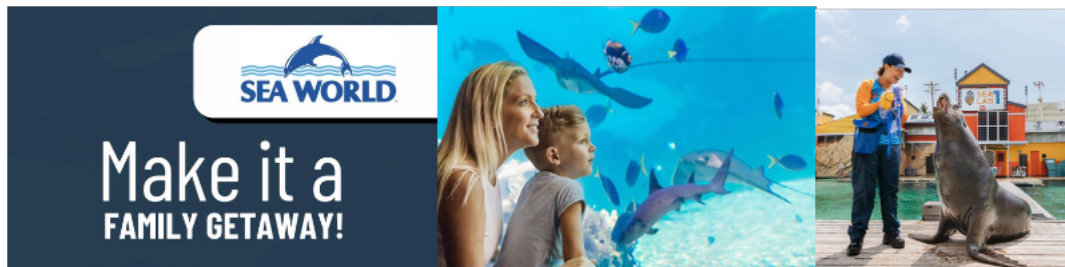
Deluxe/Premium Double -\$249 per room per night
Deluxe/Premium Queen -\$274 per room per night
Premium Queen View -\$299 per room per night
Premium Broadwater Suite -\$374 per room per night

Sea World accommodation – Sunday –Thursday

Deluxe/Premium Double -\$209 per room per night
Deluxe/Premium Queen -\$234 per room per night
Premium Queen View -\$259 per room per night
Premium Broadwater Suite -\$334 per room per night

To book your accommodation at the Sea World Resort please click on the link (or copy and paste it into your browser):

<https://bookings.travelclick.com/107594?groupID=3998537#/guestsandrooms>



ONLY 250 SLEEPS

(But don't be fooled – they will pass in the blink of an eye)

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ENTRY FEE

PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD or BANK TRANSFER

Entry fees may be paid BY:

MasterCard or **Visa** ONLY (please circle) or by **bank transfer** to the account shown below. We are unable to accept cheques for entry fee payments.

Entry Fee (to RFDS) \$ 1,050 per car \$ _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS:

Your card number: _____ Your Trek car number _____

_____/_____/_____/_____

Name on card _____ Expiry date _____

Signature _____

BANK TRANSFER PAYMENTS:

Account Name: Royal Flying Doctor Service S-E Section

BSB 032-816

Account 199 573

When paying by bank transfer, PLEASE PLEASE use your car number or surname as the deposit reference, and please email billp@outbackcartrek.com.au at the time of deposit.

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