

DAY 1/NIGHT 1

After your outback trek along the Stuart Highway, start your discovery of this unique town with a jump back in time.

Head to the Old Timers Mine and Museum to relive 100 years of tears and sweat it took to build this iconic town. The historic home dating back to the 1960s gives you a taste of living the local way. It will give you the insight you need to understand the history of this town and the hard work the pioneers went through to build this unique place. Kids will love running through the tunnels of this hand dug mine.

Try your luck fossicking for opals, or noodling, as the locals call it and see if you can find a gem of your own. Be careful, it gets very addictive for both young and old! Once you've found your precious gem, head to the Opal Cave to get your own opal polished. There, they can also tell you about Faye and her unique history.

Lunch calling your name? Head to Downunder and Gallery Café. Enjoy a fresh handmade sandwich. While you enjoy your rest, have a look through the underground art gallery, full of paintings by Coober Pedy's amazing and talented artists.

Get opal fever at Tom's Working Mine. Guided tours are hosted by an experienced opal miner, touring you through the mine, showcasing modern-day machinery used in opal mining. See opal still in the walls and have a blast going up and down with the winch! All the family will feel like they are filming an Outback Opal Hunter episode!

If you don't find your own opal souvenir, there's plenty of options to buy one in town, and maybe even chat to the person who has created your new piece of jewellery.

As the day is ending, head to Josephine's Gallery and Kangaroo Orphanage where the kids will love hand feeding a big red kangaroo and have a cuddle with a baby joey, all rescued by Jo and Terry.

Dinner at Outback Bar and Grill is a perfect way to end your first night in Coober Pedy. From pizzas to seafood and meals for the kiddos, you can't go wrong. If all your adventure of the day has made you hungry, you will love their famous Souvlaki.

After enjoying your first day in Coober Pedy, drive down the main street where you will see a big movie screen... yes, the last drive-in of South Australia is in Coober Pedy! Still active thanks to some dedicated volunteers, you and the family can sit back in your car or lay down at the back of your van and watch a movie. This is something unique that will make the kids understand what it was like when their parents (or maybe grandparents!) met.

The Lookout Cave Hotel will allow you to relax in the quiet serenity of underground accommodation. This quirky underground hotel offers parking and wifi access – and no light or noise to interrupt a long, peaceful sleep.

If you prefer above-ground, the Mud Hut Motel with its deep mudbrick walls has you covered, or if you're looking for something on a budget, Coober Pedy's caravan parks, like the Oasis Caravan Park, Big 4 Stuart Range or Opal Inn will welcome you for the night.

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After experiencing the best night's sleep ever, head to the only underground café in Coober Pedy, Crystal Cave Café located in the Desert Cave Hotel. While you're there, walk through the free underground display which takes you a few feet under the hotel.

Right next door, enter Umoona's to see amazing fossils discovered from the area's extinct inland sea, and learn the ancient secrets of the Breakaways. See how life is lived in a modern Coober Pedy underground dugout, and how the old timers started mining for opal in the area.

If lunch is what you're after, look no further than John's Pizza Bar and Restaurant. The award-winning restaurant caters to all needs. You can't leave Coober Pedy without trying their Coat of Arms pizza.

With everything you have learned about the area, take a drive out to the Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park. Experience the rugged beauty of a 15,000-hectare conservation park, which was once an inland sea, just 15kms outside of Coober Pedy. The striking sandstone plains, which turn to spectacular reds and oranges at golden hour (sunset), are also home to a unique array of native flora and fauna.

If you want some culture to balance your outback adventure, stop by one of the underground churches or the world famous Serbian Orthodox Church. Its striking scalloped ceiling, rock carved sculptures and brilliant stained-glass windows will leave you gob-smacked.

As your day is ending, head to Coober Pedy's Big Winch 360, the Outback's newest world class attraction and home to Australia's first permanent 360 degrees Circlevision cinematic experience. The movie there will allow you to explore Coober Pedy's surrounding such as William Creek and Oodnadatta without leaving the comfort of the soft sofas.

If your belly is grumpy...grab some drinks and food, and head outside to watch the sunset, laying on the freshly mowed grass.

After a full day, sleep underground at the Comfort Inn. This old mine has been turned into a modern hotel. The old tunnels will take you to your comfortable bedroom.

If you are after more unique accommodation, head to one of the many underground B&Bs, such as Di's Dugout, Ali's Underground, Dug Out B&B, Potch & Color or Underground B&B, Radeka's or even Riba's Underground and set up your swag or your tent... you guessed it, underground!

DAY 3

Excited about discovering more of Coober Pedy, get woken up by the smell of freshly made coffee. Waffle and Gems will serve you fresh waffles and delicious coffee.

Choose a tour, any tour! From a scenic flight with Wrightsair or even in the mailrun to outback stations, you can discover the other side of Coober Pedy. Most of these tours will take up a full day and might require you to come up for a future trip!

You can tag-along in your own vehicle for a town experience with Follow Me Downunder, where the experienced guide will show you some of Coober's best kept secrets. The guide will take you through his house, to show you how his family lives underground. You will then enjoy

driving through the opal fields to see working mine in actions. But be careful, don't step out of the car as shafts are everywhere!

If you don't have your own four-wheel drive, jump on board with Noble Tours to explore the town and nearby outback attractions. Noble Tours will also take you to their own private claim and help you experience noodling on safe ground.

Hunting for opal definitely works up an appetite - CK Confectionaire will satisfy your hunger with their fresh made pies, pasties and sausage rolls. If you are something more exotic, enjoy their lunch special that makes you discover new flavours every day.

Tee-off at the only grassless golf club, Opal Fields Golf Club. It's the first and only golf course that has been granted reciprocal playing rights at the oldest and most prestigious Golf Course, St. Andrews in Scotland. Pop in to Opalios shop in the main street of town to organise access to the course. You never know, you may even find your own opal in the rough.

Now that you have experienced the underground and discovered this hidden gem of a place, it is time to drive home. Head back on the Stuart Highway and while the kids are comparing their rough opal at the back of the car, tired and amazed by their adventure, you can start planning your next trip Far North to discover even more about this beautiful and unique region only a few hours drive away.