

This itinerary has been tailored for a family of 2 adults and 2 children and prices have been provided based on the rates applicable during the winter season. Some places may be closed over the summer season due to extreme temperatures.

Day 1: Unveiling Coober Pedy's Hidden Gems

Morning:

Arrive in Coober Pedy after a scenic drive along the Stuart Highway, filled with anticipation for the adventure ahead.

Check into your unique underground accommodation at the [Lookout Cave Hotel](#), where you'll experience the thrill of sleeping beneath the earth's surface.

[Coober Pedy Visitor Information Centre](#) will be your place to start to gather all the all the tips that Gaby, local for over 40 years, can give you to make your stay a unique experience. As you plan your stay with Gaby, the VIC is also the place to purchase your permit to drive through the Kan̄ku-Breakaways Conservation Park that you will visit later during your stay.

It is 12pm and lunch is calling, head to [Downunder and Gallery Café](#). Enjoy a fresh handmade sandwich. While you take a break, have a look through the underground art gallery, full of paintings by Coober Pedy's amazing and talented artists.

Afternoon:

Head to the [Old Timers Mine](#) to relive 100 years of blood, sweat and tears that it took to build this iconic town. It will give you the insight you need to understand the history of the town and the hard work the pioneers went through to build such a unique place in one of the world's most unforgiving climates. The museum includes an historic home within the mine dating back to the 1960s giving you a taste of living like the locals. Kids will also love running through the tunnels of this hand-dug mine! This self-guided tour will take you 30 minutes. The family tour for 2 adults and 2 children cost \$40. After exploring this historic mine and museum, watch Nicko cut opal and work his magic to turn a rough opal into this treasured polished gem.

Around 3pm, catch opal fever at [Tom's Opal Mine](#). Guided tours are hosted by an experienced opal miner, taking you through the mine and showcasing modern-day machinery used in opal mining. Kids will have a blast going up and down a shaft on a winch like an opal miner. All the family will feel like they are starring in an episode of Outback Opal Hunters! If you are lucky, Paul might even show you the opal shining in the walls thanks to his UV light.

As the day is ending around 5pm, 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.

Evening:

Indulge in a mouthwatering dinner at the [Outback Bar and Grill](#), where sizzling flavours and outback ambiance create the perfect atmosphere for a memorable meal.

Cap off your evening with a cinematic experience under the stars at [Coober Pedy's Drive In](#).

The last drive-in in South Australia is in Coober Pedy! Still operating thanks to a small group of dedicated volunteers, you and the family can sit back in your car or lay down at the back of your van or ute and watch one of the latest blockbuster movies. This is something unique that will make the kids understand what it was like when their parents (or maybe grandparents!) met. The movie starts after the sun at set, check out their website for exact starting time. Entry is \$20 per car.

Day 2: Thrilling Outback Escapades

Morning:

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 several feet under the hotel.

At 10am, right next door, embark on a journey into the depths of the [Umoona Opal Mine and Museum](#), uncovering ancient fossils and glittering opals that whisper tales of the outback's secrets. Wandering through the museum is free but the 1 hour guided tour will give you inside knowledge from a local into what it's like to live in Coober Pedy (\$47 for 2A / 2C).

Cross the road and treat your taste buds to the flavours of the outback with a Coat of Arms pizza at [John's Pizza Bar and Restaurant](#), tantalising your senses with a culinary adventure like no other.

Afternoon:

With everything you have learned about the area and your permit purchased through the VIC, take a drive out to the [Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park](#) which starts

just 15kms outside of Coober Pedy. Experience the rugged beauty of this 15,000-hectare conservation park, which was once submerged under the inland sea. The striking sandstone plains and mesas, which transforms into a spectacular red, pink and orange hued landscape during the golden hour, are also home to a unique array of native desert flora and fauna. Travel back to town via the moon plain and along a section of the Dog Fence, the world's longest man-made structure at 5,300km! This drive should take you 2 hours, which will give you plenty of time to stop and take amazing photos of the landscape.

If you want some culture to balance your outback adventure, stop by one of the underground churches including the world-famous [Serbian Orthodox Church](#). Its striking scalloped ceiling, carved sculptures of saints, and brilliant stained-glass windows will leave you in awe.

Evening:

For the late eaters, conclude your day with a mesmerising journey through Coober Pedy's [Big Winch 360](#), where immersive storytelling and panoramic views transport you to the heart of the outback's majesty.

Big Winch 360 is also the place to spoil your belly with amazing food and perfect lookout of the town to dinner on the green grass.

Day 3: Adrenaline-Pumping Thrills and Farewell

Morning:

Wake up early to the aroma of freshly brewed coffee and indulge in a delectable breakfast at [Waffle and Gems](#), igniting your senses for a day of excitement ahead.

Arrive at the Coober Pedy airport by 7.45am for your thrill of the day that will take you to watch the outback from above with a scenic flight. This flight will give you a glimpse into the wild heart of Coober Pedy and the pilot will fill you with crazy information about the outback. [WrightsAir](#) offers flights from Coober Pedy daily during the winter season, but book in advance to make sure your spot is secured. There is a wide range of flights durations and prices that can all be found on their website.

Afternoon:

When back on the floor, savour the flavours of adventure with a gourmet lunch at [CK Confectionaire](#), where every bite is a culinary delight crafted with love and passion. This family food will give you the opportunity to discover unique Filipino dish.

Tee off at Coober Pedy's grassless golf course, Opal Fields Golf Club. It's the first and only golf course that has been granted reciprocal playing rights with the oldest and most prestigious golf club in the world, St. Andrews in Scotland! Pop into [Opalios](#) shop in the main street to organise access to the course. You never know, you may even find your own opal in the rough.

After your 3 days in Coober Pedy, if you haven't found your own opal souvenir, there are plenty of options to buy one in town, and maybe even chat to the person who has created your new piece of jewellery.

Evening:

Now that you have experienced the underground and discovered this hidden gem of a place, it's time to head home. Drive home on the Stuart Highway while the kids are comparing their rough opal in the back of the car, tired and amazed by their outback adventure, you can start planning your next trip to Far North SA to discover even more of this beautiful and unique region.