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in association with
Jol Fleming, Regional
Territorian of the Year,
2002, Alice Springs
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***Join artist Liz Cuming and friends for the
outback art experience of a lifetime!***

2007 artlovers tour of Central Australia - June 17-29

promises a truly unique experience for artists and art enthusiasts. This is no ordinary whistlestop rushed vacation - we know how important it is to spend time in the landscape and absorb its beauty - walk it, paint it, photograph - just soak up the magic. Visit remote and urban indigenous arts centers, see artists at work in their communities, and chat with centre co-ordinators about the role the visual arts play in contemporary aboriginal society. If you wish, purchase works direct at prices much lower than those asked by city galleries.

This economical, flexible accommodated tour offers you the best of both worlds - stay in comfortable self-contained apartments in Alice, and motel suites at Glen Helen Resort, and daytrip in the comfort of luxury 4wd vehicles to:

Titjikala, Chambers Pillar, Santa Theresa, Rainbow Valley, , Glen Helen, Gosse & Haast's Bluffs, Ikuntji, Ormiston Gorge, Ochre Pitts, Black Tank Community, Hermannsburg.....AND MORE!

Contact Liz for details - book by 28 February!

(NORTHERN TERRITORY LICENSED TOUR OPERATOR)

ARTLOVERS TOUR - CENTRAL AUSTRALIA - SUNDAY 17 TO FRIDAY 29 JUNE 2007

Alice Springs, Rainbow Valley, Hermannsburg Mission, Hermannsburg Potters & Ntaria Arts, Glen Helen, Ormiston Gorge, Haast's Bluff, Ikuntji Arts Centre, Ochre Pitts, Gosse Bluff, Titjikala Arts Centre, Chambers Pillar, Santa Theresa & Keringke Arts Centre, Black Tank Community,

- Day 1 (Sun)** Fly into Alice Springs. Make your way to Alice on Todd Apartments for 5 night stay. Liz will be available to drop guests into town, and hand out information packs. Stock up on grocery items, drinks, for picnic lunches/self-cater meals. Welcome bbq provided at Alice on Todd.
- Day 2 (Mon)** Drive the Old Ghan Road, visit Titjikala Arts Centre and Chambers Pillar. Basic lunch snacks available at Maryvale Station Store, or take a picnic. Lots of spectacular landscape as we enter the edge of the Simpson Desert on this day trip. If you wish in evening attend presentation by Jol Fleming on 4wd Techniques and Safety at Macdonnell Ranges Caravan Park. This runs from 7.30 to 8.30pm.
- Day 3 (Tue)** Drive to Rainbow Valley and spend the day painting or taking photographs or walk, relax, read. Take picnic - no shops beyond Alice. Do some painting or just explore Rainbow Valley.
- Day 4 (Wed)** Day trip to Santa Theresa and Keringke Arts Centre. Take picnic. Alice overnight again.
- Day 5 (Thu)** Visit "Black Tank" community. Bush tucker tours are available as well as visit to arts centre, and this should prove an absolute highlight. This evening pack up and leave excess baggage in storage at AOT as we move base to Glen Helen the next day. You might wish to shop for snacks to take to Glen Helen – luncheon foods/fruit/drinks. We will be at Glen Helen five nights.
- Day 6 (Fri)** Drive to Ikuntji Community at Haast's Bluff , then to Glen Helen Resort. Visit Arts Centre and meet with artists and Co-ordinators. This will be a long day but believe me it is worth it!
- Day 7 (Sat)** Relaxing day - explore Glen Helen Gorge, paint, draw, photograph or take one of the vehicles and explore surrounds. Overnight Glen Helen.
- Day 8 (Sun)** Daytrip to Gosse Bluff - take a picnic lunch as we'll spend the day there - good time for painting or just enjoy the landscape – stay GlenHelen.
- Day 9 (Mon)** Time to paint at spectacular rock formations north of Glen Helen. This is a special spot with unique rock shapes! Pack up to check out of Glen Helen following morning.
- Day 10 (Tue)** Visit Ochre Pitts, on the way to a day's painting at Ormiston Gorge. We will return to Alice on Todd this evening.
- Day 11 (Wed)** Visit Ntaria Arts Centre at Hermannsburg. Lunch at historic Mission precinct, then Hermannsburg Potters,
Stay at Alice on Todd that evening.
- Day 12 (Thu)** Visit Araluen Cultural Precinct in the morning, then explore Alice Springs at your leisure.
- Day 13 (Fri)** Fly home on early pm flight, or continue travels as per your own bookings.

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS AS AT NOVEMBER 2006

Out There Outback offers "boutique" arts-focussed tours, catering to those who yearn for affordable travel with other arty folk. Our tours are quite different from other Central Australian painting tours as we stay in comfortable accommodation - saving your time for the important activities of sightseeing and painting, rather than camping. We base ourselves at Alice Springs in self-contained apartments, Alice on Todd, just ten minutes walk from the city centre, and out of town at the spectacularly situated Glen Helen Resort, each offering a range of accommodation options. Apartments provide opportunity to self-cater for the budget conscious, and we get together for some fun evenings both there, and dining out in Alice's many and varied restaurants. Alice offers so much in terms of dining, culture, shopping – it's a great place to stay and explore when not out in the landscape. At Glen Helen, inexpensive and delicious meals are available at any time of the day with the homestead atmosphere being a unique outback experience – Irish dancing provided very amusing evenings in 2005.

In association with Jol Fleming (Territorian of the Year in 2002) of Direct 4wd Awareness (Alice Springs based), Out There Outback offers the opportunity to learn 4wd techniques, with emphasis on safe touring. Using quality Avis Nissan Patrols (diesel for fuel economy!) we explore unique territory - our tour begins with a half-day introductory course in 4wd handling, plus a presentation on safe outback travel. Licenced drivers aged 25 over have the opportunity to experience outback driving, and there is generally no shortage of volunteers to take the wheel. Your tour organisers are experienced 4wd operators who keep a keen eye to ensure safe travel. UHF radio is used to communicate between vehicles as we employ convoy procedure.

What is included:

- Accommodation - please complete accommodation selection sheet over and return with \$500 trip fee.
- Land transport – hire and fuel – however we do need some volunteer licenced drivers aged 25 or over (no upper age limit)
- Morning tea/coffee and snacks daily, plus welcome bbq on Day 1
- (the vehicles are available for your personal use at no extra charge when not being used for group purposes – say if you want to go shopping, to a museum, or out to dinner)
- Half-day 4wd course on Monday 18 June, for everyone not just drivers – passengers need to attend this as an introduction to outback travel, plus one evening's optional illustrated presentation, both these by Jol Fleming of Direct 4wd Awareness.
- Information pack including maps, parks information, and coolpack for you to use for your picnic lunches
- Lots of tales, fun, goodwill, chat, companionship and care
- End of trip exhibition in Alice at Alice on Todd, and possibility of show in Sydney if there is enough interest

What is not included:

- Air travel – our tour begins and ends in Alice Springs
- Food or beverages, other than morning tea/coffee/snacks
- Personal items
- Entry fees to museums or other attractions
- Transfers to/from Alice Springs Airport/Alice on Todd
- Upgrades on accommodation in the case of incompatibility with room/flatmates
- Personal travel insurance (all participants are responsible for their own personal travel insurances for duration of tour)
- Formal Art tuition

You need to bring:

- Personal items – medication, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, groundsheet to sit on whilst painting or collapsible chair, your own plastic or metal mug for morning teas/coffees, drinking water on a daily basis.
- Art materials – travel light and pack in check-in luggage as some items are not permitted in carry-on bags
- Driving licence if you intend to drive hire vehicles

COSTINGS FOR JUNE 2007 ARTLOVERS TRIP

Alice on Todd self-contained apartments (x 8 nights for tour duration)	
Studio apartments (suitable for single or double occupancy - contain one Double bed	\$ 94 per night
2 bedroom apartments (one bedroom with queen bed and en-suite, other bedroom has two singles and uses main bathroom)	144 per night
Glen Helen Resort motel rooms (x 4 nights) (contain queen bed plus one single or queen plus two singles (bunks) - rate is for two people, but three can be accommodated at extra charge approx \$25 per night	160 per night
Shuttle Bus to and from airport to apartments	20 per person for return ticket
Participation fee payable to Liz Cuming per booking, i.e. per individual or couple	500
4wd course with Jol Fleming on 19 June	100
Estimated cost of hire vehicle, excess kilometres and diesel fuel per person (note this is the most difficult to quote as km's might vary if we take detours, and fuel prices are an unknown quantity at this stage - always expensive in remote areas). Also, contribution may alter if for example we end up with a car with three rather than four passengers - then say with three cars and eleven passengers total cost over three vehicles divided by eleven rather than twelve people. Estimate based on 2006 trip plus 10%, and based on there being four passengers in each vehicle.	750
Qantas return fare Sydney/Alice Springs - cheapest at 17/11/06 as per www.qantas.com.au . Participants responsible for own air bookings and fares. I recommend book early as cheap tickets get booked up quickly.	460

Regarding timing and manner of payments:

Participation fee payable before 28 February 2007 as confirmation of booking.

Accommodation charges - I recommend you settle your own accounts with AOT and Glen Helen Resort when you checkout so that you can earn whatever benefits/points you earn on credit cards. I have made block bookings at both establishments and will liaise with them over special requests or changes, otherwise it all gets too complicated. As it is a "block booking", AOT give us their "corporate rate" which is being passed on to you. If you require extra nights to be booked, please let me know and I will organize - example if you are arriving before Sunday 17 June, or staying nights beyond 29 June. Glen Helen will put all your incidentals like drinks, meals, helicopter flights on your room a/c if you wish.

Shuttle Bus - buy return ticket when you land at Alice Springs airport.

Vehicle related expenses - share of "float" payable to me by 1 May 2007. Any adjustments or further charges will be notified at completion of trip upon return of vehicles to Avis and payable within 7 days of that date.

BOOKING FORM - Please complete and return to me by 28 February 2007

I / We..... of.....

..... Intend participating in the group trip to Central Australia being organized by Liz Cuming, to take place 17 - 29 June 2007.

My phone numbers are:.....and.....

I / We request sole or double occupancy of Studio Apartment at Alice on Todd
for the nights of 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 26, 27, 28 June at \$94 per room Yes / No

to share occupancy of a two bedroom/two bathroom deluxe apartment
at AOT if such share occupancy is made available by others requesting
same and to split costs of \$144 per night for the nights above Yes / No

I / We request reservation be made that we may occupy same apartment at Alice on Todd
for the extra nights of.....
to facilitate independent travel Yes / No

I / We request sole or double occupancy of motel suite at Glen Helen resort at \$160 per night Yes / No
for the nights of 22, 23, 24, 25 June

I / We request bed in share motel suite at Glen Helen resort (maximum three share) if
such opportunity to share arises and to share costs of \$160 per room per night
for the nights above Yes / No

I / We are licenced drivers and wish to be drivers during the trip Yes / No

Please contact
in case of emergency during travel.

Please be aware of the following allergies/medical conditions.....
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I / We agree to sign the attached Waiver of Indemnity and return with this form. I / We will ensure we hold suitable travel insurances for the period of travel.

Signed.....and.....

WAIVER OF INDEMNITY

I / We.....and..... will participate in a trip to Central Australia in June 2007 organized by Liz Cuming for a group of friends to provide the opportunity to explore the Central Australian Landscape, and visit indigenous communities and arts centres. I am entirely responsible for all risks to myself and my belongings associated with this trip, and those that I may pose to others. I hold appropriate personal travel insurance to cover myself for any expenses or loss during the period of travel, and understand that no other member of the group, including the said organizer, holds or could be deemed liable to hold any indemnity towards myself or my belongings, or on behalf of any action by myself. I agree as a participant in this project to abide by the belowmentioned parameters regarding use of vehicles hired and premises occupied.

VEHICLES:

Drivers to be licenced and registered with Avis as authorized drivers on any vehicle driven. All care must be taken to ensure safe operation. Vehicles must be locked when unattended or insurance is void. Overhead/roof/bonnet damage to vehicles is not covered so extra care must be taken not to collide with awnings, low ceilings in carparks, overhanging trees. No heavy objects, persons to be placed on bonnet or roof of vehicles. Tyre damage to be avoided. Do not drive if over .5 alcohol limit or insurance is void. Beware reversing – this is another insurance grey area – get out and look if you are unsure what is behind you, whether in the bush or town carparks – many have sail shades which have stanchions which protrude into parking spaces! On unsealed roads drive in tracks to avoid tyre damage, and take care to prevent scratches to paintwork by contact with roadside vegetation. Drivers whose actions cause issue of parking/driving infringements are responsible for payment of fines and any subsequent consequences.

ACCOMMODATION:

Outside doors to be kept locked. Premises to be left tidy and free of rubbish. Conduct to not offend other guests or management.

Signed.....and dated.....