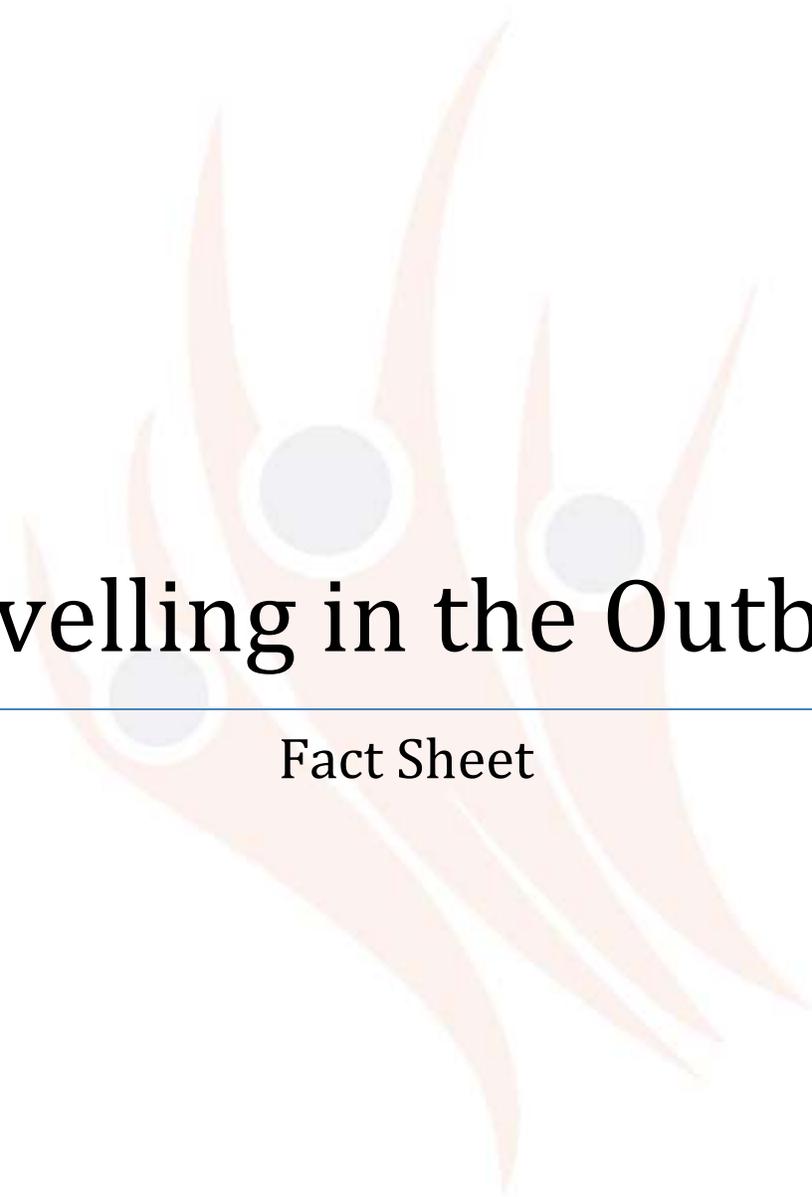


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Travelling in the Outback

Fact Sheet

Travelling in outback South Australia can be very exciting. The scenery is breathtaking, the wildlife unique and the flora exquisite. It can also be deadly if you don't plan adequately.

WHEN PLANNING YOUR TRIP TO THE OUTBACK CONSIDER THESE POINTS:

Firstly, know where you're going and how to get there. Unless you know the area well stay on the main tracks and don't be tempted to go bush to get to a point on the GPS.



Once you've planned your trip make sure someone else, not travelling with you, knows where you are and when you're expected to reach each destination. Check in daily. Don't wait days in between check-ins.

Know the road conditions before you set off. Check with the Department for Planning Transport and Infrastructure (South Australia) for any road condition and closures. Talk to the locals about what to expect on the next leg of your trip. There are very hefty fines for using a road that has been closed.

Carry spares. It's not metro city, service providers do what they can but can't cater for every type of vehicle. A fan belt, radiator hoses and if you're travelling in very remote, isolated areas, at least 2 spare tyres is a minimum. Extra fuel is also a good idea if you can carry it safely.

Travel with plenty of fresh water. Much of the water in outback South Australia is not suitable for drinking and you can't simply fill up along the way. Allow for break downs, flat tyres etc. Not only will they delay your arrival at a particular spot it may also mean you're working hard in hot conditions. Keep hydrated, by the time you realise you are thirsty, you are already on the way to being dehydrated.

Wear appropriate clothing. The days can be very hot and the nights very cold. Light clothing that protects you from the sun through the day and thicker clothing to keep you warm at night is best. Wear comfortable, enclosed shoes to protect your feet. A hat is a must. Unless you want to spend the daylight hours doing the great aussie salute, a fly net is a good investment.

If you can, avoid travelling between dusk and dawn. Despite the wide open spaces, kangaroos and other wildlife can be very hard to spot at night. Take a break and enjoy the Australian wildlife from the comfort of your camp site. Don't be fooled, they are about through day light hours too.



Above all else don't take un-necessary risks. A little common sense goes a long way, and you've got a long way to go.

So, take your time and enjoy the beauty of the outback.