

A photograph of four children of diverse backgrounds standing outdoors. From left to right: a young girl with light skin and blonde hair wearing a red hoodie with white stars; a young girl with dark skin and a pink headband wearing a pink hoodie; a young boy with light skin and blonde hair wearing a black t-shirt; and a young girl with dark skin wearing a grey patterned hoodie with a blue hood. They are standing in front of a building with a corrugated metal roof and green trees in the background.

# DESERT FAMILIES

23 - 28 September 2012

A value-based desert experience for the whole or part of your single or two parent family. Based in the old Mission town of Hermannsburg, this program seeks to introduce children to indigenous culture and create lifelong friendships. This is holiday that could change your life

## DESERT FAMILIES - 2012



DESERT FAMILIES is an exciting program that looks to provide modern families with a chance to be introduced to aboriginal children over a week in Hermannsburg. We will camp in the old mission town from where we will travel to daily excursions into the bush or activities based in the community with local children.

Camping in the old mission town of Hermannsburg 120 kilometres from Alice Springs, families will be offered a chance to learn, interact and play with the local children. On field trips the local Aranda kids will show tracking and bush tucker, hunting for witchetty grubs and honey ants, following tracks of lizards and kangaroos. Families *or mobs* will be required to share in the cooking and daily tasks. On days based in Hermannsburg organized activities will centre on creative play and cultural interaction.

We are looking to establish a journey that gives families the chance to experience the joy and accomplishment that is possible in achieving a walk together. We are looking to further enhance the simplicity of the experience by relying on simple non-electronic enjoyment, so no gameboys or iPods and that goes for the parents as well.

All family units will be welcome whether that be mum, dad & the kids; mother & daughter/son; father & son/daughter or any other configuration.

*Age groups for children can range from 5 to 16.*

Sun Pick up at your accommodation at 8 am. Briefing before leaving for Hermannsburg via Simpson's Gap. Arrive and establish camp in Hermannsburg

Mon Each day will be determined by the weather but will be spent visiting different places such as Palm Valley, Ipolera and Gosses Bluff with short walks and swimming as options. Days spent in Hermannsburg will be centered around group activities with local children and will include dot painting, singing and a group performance

Frid Break camp and return to your accommodation in Alice Springs



### TOTAL COST OF \$1500 PER PERSON INCLUDES

- 5 nights in the old Lutheran mission town of Hermannsburg, all camping equipment provided
- Licensed guided walk with facilitator, lead guide, support vehicle & camp manager.
- All cooked breakfasts, morning & afternoon teas, lunches, dinners, snacks on the track.
- Indigenous interactions with children, local Traditional Owners
- First aid, satellite phones, all National Park fees etc.
- Surprises that you will just have to take my word for.

#### EXCLUSIONS:

- airfares - flight options can be viewed on the website
- accommodation in Alice Springs

A non-refundable deposit of \$600 will secure your your place.  
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## OVERALL

Please note that the itinerary may change due to weather, aboriginal cultural imperatives or simply to better suit the objectives of the group.

## THE CONCEPT

This concept is designed for families who are seeking to introduce both their children and themselves to a part of Australia that is often conveniently forgotten. The country that we will visit is absolutely stunning and the very process of walking, playing and swimming together is a delight. Meeting and playing with aboriginal children will be an experience that will hopefully never be forgotten.

## ABORIGINAL

The children of Hermannsburg will be your hosts in this program, charged with the responsibility of introducing your children and you to the secrets of tracking and bush tucker.

## CAMP LIFE

The Hermannsburg camp will be in tents with sleeping bags provided. All camping gear is supplied. You will be expected to share some tasks around the camp such as rolling your sleeping bag etc. There are flush toilets and limited showers.

## CLIMATE

Expect cool nights and warm to hot, clear days. This is generally a magnificent time of the year in the Australian desert with everything that crawls soundly asleep and no or few flies.

## ALCOHOL

Hermannsburg is an alcohol free environment.

## WHAT TO BRING

A printable equipment and clothing list is provided on the website under the specific journey notes.

## FLIGHTS & ACCOMMODATION

A printable flights and information list is provided on the website under the specific journey notes.

## UPON BOOKING

A representative of the Into the Blue Creative Walks shall call you upon booking. Final payment is due one month before your departure. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions you might have.

