



## Meet the brumbies in Australia!

*Are you up to a once in a life time journey? If you are, it is possible for you to join me visiting the Brumbies in Australia. I promise you're up to a great adventure with a stunning nature filled with magical moments, that might change your life!*

### PROGRAM

**Day 1** – Pick up Alice Springs airport and 4 wheel drive trip to Kings Creek Station. Spend the sunset on a waterhole and watch horses come in to drink. Trap horses for viewing the following day. Brumby foot education session with Brian- interactive 2 hour power point session.

**Day 2** – Brumby handling, foot observations. Watching brumbies by waterhole. Brumby foot education session with Brian- interactive 2 hour power point session.

**Day 3** – Day of adventure- desert drive visiting waterholes and deserted stock camps while viewing wild horses and camels along the way. Sit and relax at a waterhole and wait for horses to come to drink. Late afternoon helicopter ride over the Giles Range, Petermann Pound looking for horses and camels. Enjoy the stock camp presentation at night and learn about the Aboriginal and European history of the area.

**Day 4** – Early start with a desert drive through Ukaka country visiting old brumby traps, stockyards, ancient waterholes, Aboriginal rock art and underground river systems. Visit the former Tempe Downs Homestead, centre of life for this 4,000 square kilometer cattle station. Spend the night at a waterhole, sleeping in a swag, stockman style, under the red cliffs. Experience bush camp cooking.

**Day 5** – Shift camp to another ancient waterhole and watch horses come in to drink.

**Day 6** - Return to Alice Springs by 4 wheel drive. Interactive recap session with Brian and 2 hour powerpoint summarizing the experience and knowledge gained from the trip. Motel accommodation and fly out the next morning.

## Who's Brian Hampson?

Brian has a Ph D in Veterinary Science. The Kings Creek Station desert fringe area was the main study site for his 4 year research project on the ecology of the Australian brumby. As far as the bush is concerned, Brian is not only an academic but an experienced bushman and horseman. He can identify the plants the horses are eating, dart a wild horse and fit a GPS tracking collar as well as catch and ride a wild horse. Brian is also a scholar of Australian bush history and will explain the ways of the early explorers, horsemen and cattlemen as they labored their way through the early settlement of the hostile center of Australia. He combines these skills with experience in handling a 4 wheel drive and will get you to places other people can only see in photographs.

## Why go all the way to Australia?

Australia is one of the most secretive lands with great natural and cultural treasures. This is a journey to the world's end with wide open spaces and an indigenous culture more than 40,000 years old. Australia has 1.2 million wild horses and over 1 million wild camels running freely. Most of these animals are in the harsh center of the continent. There is no other place in the world where you can get up close and personal with these animals and observe them in their free roaming habitat. This Aussie adventure will take place on the old cattle grazing property called Tempe Downs Station which was settled in the mid 1800's. This station is 4,000 square kilometers of pristine desert fringe country and is now owned by the traditional landowners, the Aboriginal Ukaka community. This is private land with no public access. We will meet Ukaka elders who now work alongside Brian as stockmen to manage the thousands of wild horses, camels and cattle on their country. In march the weather is between 15 – 25 C.

### Price

For the price of 1000 AUS Dollar you'll get:

- Airport transfers
- 5 nights' accommodations in swags.
- Breakfast and dinner each day
- Transportation according to the program
- English speaking seminars with Brian Hampson
- Join Brumby handling
- Join Brumby tracking and catching

### Costs do not include:

- Flight tickets
- Safari cabins instead of the swag
- Other personal expenses and meals not mentioned above

Price reservations: The cost is based on 5 persons in a group. Gyllenhov claims the right to make adjustments in the program and price due to exchange rate and other changes that is out of our control.

### Travel dates

- 5 - 11 March 2012
- 12 - 18 March 2012
- 19 - 25 March 2012