

8th world solar challenge 2005



The Country, The Route, The Adventure

The World Solar Challenge is a journey through Australia's Outback, a journey that takes you through a modern nation to the heart of an ancient land.

It's an adventure through a land blessed with outstanding natural attractions and a unique indigenous culture over 60,000 years old. It's an exciting trip of extreme contrasts: from the magnificent wetlands of the northern tropics, through and cattle grazing lands and desert to the rich farmlands in the south.

Crossing Australia from north to south, the 3000-kilometre route follows the fully sealed Stuart Highway, named after one of Australia's most famous explorers John McDouall Stuart.

In 1862, he completed the first European crossing of Australia from Adelaide to the north, passing through the Red Centre and returning safely along the same route.

The northern half of the journey starts in the cosmopolitan city of Darwin. It leads travellers from the tropical rainforest and wetlands of the north, through savannah woodlands and into the semi-arid and ancient desert regions of Outback Central Australia.

The southern half of the drive takes travellers into the remarkable South Australian Outback, full of compelling landscapes, rewarding experiences and rich in Aboriginal and European heritage. The vast spaces give way

to the awesome grandeur of the Flinders Ranges, then the undulating countryside that surrounds Adelaide.

The Challenge finishes in Adelaide, one of the most beautiful small cities in the world: a great place to start the Australian holiday you deserve after all that hard work.

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