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# Australia From The Back Of A Camel



## Synopsis

The 12 camels plodded through Rainbow Valley in the Australian outback. Kelsey, the author's 7-year-old granddaughter, nudged her 1,000-pound camel in the belly and Charcoal charged off in a cloud of dust, galloping to the head of the line. The author and 3 of his grandchildren took a 7-day camel safari in the middle of the Australian desert. They spent 8-hour-a-day riding camels in search of caves with Aboriginal paintings, fossils, desert animals and unusual flora and fauna. At night they slept on the ground around a huge fire to ward off the near-freezing temperatures. It was winter in the desert. While the daytime temperature climbed to 80F or 90F, it dropped into the 30s at night. The Australian outback is not a Sahara sand-dune type desert. The terrain changed every few miles from thick clumps of small bushy trees to rolling hills, bright red sandstone buttes, open sandy plains, rocky water-holes and grass-covered range. The riders encountered kangaroos, wallabies, wedge-tailed eagles, dingos.

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## Customer Reviews

While most people dream of putting their feet up and relaxing when they retire, Allen Johnson saw retirement as an opportunity to tackle even bigger adventures and share them with his grandchildren. He has always been interested in travel. "Anywhere, any time" is his motto. He has flown around the world five times and visited 50 countries on 6 continents from Tierra del Fuego on the southern tip of South America to Thule Greenland, 600 miles from the North Pole. Allen was born and raised in the Southern Illinois town of Lawrenceville. He met and married his wife, Gloria,

while studying at the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. After receiving his degree in Electrical Engineering, Allen and Gloria moved to Boston where he worked for the Bell Telephone Laboratory. Two years later, the Johnsons and their two children, Judy and Don, moved to Dayton Ohio where Allen worked in the Aerospace Industry, designing and flight testing airborne radios. After working 37 years in the same job, he retired

I have read several of Mr. Johnson's books and find them all very informative. Being an Australian, was particularly interested in "Australia from the back of a Camel". This book gives a very accurate description of the vast expanse of inland Oz, and one can almost smell the dust. For anyone contemplating a trip to Central Australia, this book is a must.

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