## **DID YOU KNOW?**

John McDouall Stuart
achieved the first successful
south-to-north crossing of
the Australian continent
in 1862. Leading multiple
expeditions, Stuart
significantly contributed to
the exploration and mapping
of Australia's inland regions,
opening up new territories
and laying the groundwork
for further development
of the continent's
geography.

### **STUART HIGHWAY**

The Stuart Higway, stretching from Port Augusta to beyond the Northern Territory border, traverses a diverse and historically rich landscape. Originally a rough track forged by explorer John McDouall Stuart in the 1860s, it evolved into a crucial road connecting South Australia to the Northern Territory. The route played a pivotal role during World War II as a strategic supply line. Over the years, advancements in infrastructure transformed it into a vital national highway, witnessing changes in landscape from arid plains and salt pans to desert terrain.

The highway passes through iconic landmarks such as Woomera and Coober Pedy, each with its own historical significance. The landscape morphs from the Flinders Ranges through vast expanses of red earth and ancient mountain ranges, showcasing Australia's unique outback beauty. The Stuart Highway stands as a testament to the nation's development, offering travellers not only a route to traverse but also a journey through time and diverse landscapes.



#### **EXPLORERS WAY**

Explorers Way, stretching over 3,000 km, begins in Adelaide, South Australia, and concludes in Darwin, Northern Territory. This iconic route unfolds a tapestry of history, culture, and diverse landscapes. Tracing the Flinders Ranges, it delves into Aboriginal heritage, showcasing ancient rock art and sacred sites. Travellers encounter charming outback towns, each with its unique history, from the mining hub of Coober Pedy to the historic Overland Telegraph Station in Alice Springs. The route encapsulates the explorations of early pioneers, offering a journey through Australia's heart that blends natural wonders, Indigenous richness, and the resilience of those who shaped this vast terrain.

#### **RM WILLIAMS WAY**

RM Williams Way is a 900 km drive in South Australia that pays homage to the iconic bushman RM Williams. This scenic route, from Morgan to the Flinders Ranges, traverses diverse landscapes, revealing the heart of outback Australia. The journey unfolds the history of RM Williams, showcasing his impact on bush culture. Travellers encounter picturesque riverbanks, rugged outback terrain, and historic sites. Highlights include the town of Hawker, the Flinders Ranges National Park, and landscapes that inspired Williams himself. RM Williams Way is a tribute to a legendary figure, offering a glimpse into the rich history and natural beauty of the Australian outback.



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