



## Classic outback route

This outstanding, intricately researched and comprehensive tome is a must-have guide for anyone wanting to go on a modern expedition following the tracks of the ill-fated 1860–61 Burke and Wills expedition. Rich in historical and contemporary information, it splits the journey into 16 one-day drives, following the original route as closely as possible while staying on public roads and tracks, with each day finishing at a nice camp site or town. Each section has an excellent, easy-to-follow map, as well as photos of memorials and features along the way, places to see markers and evidence of the expedition, excerpts from the original diaries, historic paintings, sketches and suggested small detours to other points of interest.

Almost 400 pages long, it is dense in *fascinating and helpful information*, and includes a comprehensive index, glossary and page of references.

Author Dave Phoenix has done an extraordinary amount of historical research to produce this book, including walking the 3500km route from Melbourne to Karumba in 2008. “While the route is certainly not the quickest way to get from Melbourne to the Gulf, it is picturesque and will give you a sense of isolation that will help you to appreciate the conditions the Expedition faced over 150 years ago,” he writes.

***Following Burke and Wills Across Australia***

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