

# Beltana Photography Tours

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Beltana Station is situated on the north western edge of the Flinders Ranges & 30km's south of Leigh Creek Township. Beltana Station (incorporating Puttapa Station) is 1,876 sq km's or 460,000 acres in total with Lake Torrens as the western boundary & Puttapa Station to the east.

Tours of the station include trips to the old Beltana Township which is still occupied today (ruins to wander around); the old Ghan Train line, Puttapa Springs, Lake Torrens, Sliding Rock mine, Copper King Paint mine & Mt Deception.

## Photography Day Tours - choice of 5 individual ventures around Beltana Station to capture & perfect your skills as a photographer.

**Trip 1** - Approx. 6hrs - Black & White Photography - this is a walk around the Beltana Station museum and historic station buildings then lunch before heading off for a trip to Beltana Township for a walk around the town photographing many historical buildings & ruins.

**Trip 2** - Approx. 8hrs - Landscape Photography - this tour takes you up Mt Deception for views over Lake Torrens & surrounding landscape, we then carry on to Ediacara Conservation Reserve to check out some fossils then head out over the dunes to Lake Torrens, here you will get a chance to take a walk on the lake & feel the solitude & take in the big skies that seem to never end, if the weather is kind & clouds about this is a great place for time lapse photography. We then head back over the dunes around & through the ranges past the Painted Hills & Mt Deception & back to the homestead.

**Trip 3** - Approx. 8hrs - Historical & Architectural Photography - this tour takes you around some of the historic mines & ruins on the station to capture a time long past, visiting Copper King paint mine, Sliding Rock mine & other small mines dotted around the station, on the way back to the station we will go via Puttapa Station visiting Puttapa Springs & more ruins, then on to Beltana Township for a look around the old buildings.

**Trip 4 Morning** - Approx. 3hrs - Landscape Photography - Early Morning Light - these are short trips to capture the early morning light. The eastern side of Beltana Station has views over the Flinders Ranges, whilst the western side looks out across the plains to Lake Torrens.

**Trip 4 Afternoon** - Approx. 3hrs - Landscape Photography - Late Afternoon Light - these are short trips to capture the late afternoon light. The eastern side of Beltana Station has views over the Flinders Ranges, whilst the western side looks out across the plains to Lake Torrens.

**Trip 5** - Approx. 3 - 4+hrs - This is a specialty night trip for anyone interested in some Astro-photography or long time exposure photography, for this trip a good prime lens in the 20mm - 50mm range with a low f stop (e.g. 1.8 or lower) & a sturdy tripod is a must, along with a cable release or remote with lock function.

### Notes:

- A meet & greet each morning to make sure we all have the required camera gear & essentials for each days excursion.
- We meet again each night after your trip to go over your photos & to share & critique & answer any problems you may have.
- You may want to bring either a small folding stool or a blanket to lie on when out in the field shooting. Ground can be rough & prickly.

Tour	Photography	**Cost/person min 2 persons	*Cost/person Single	Approx tour times
Trip 1	Black & White	\$250.00	\$450.00	6 hours
Trip 2	Landscape	\$275.00	\$500.00	8 Hours
Trip 3	Historical & Architectural	\$275.00	\$500.00	8 Hours
Trip 4A	Morning Light	\$150.00	\$200.00	3 Hours
Trip 4B	Afternoon Light	\$150.00	\$200.00	3 Hours
Trip 5	Night	\$150.00	\$200.00	4 Hours
<b>Note: ** based on min of 2 persons per trip, * based on only 1 person per trip</b>				
<b>All tours are a maximum of 4 persons, if booking a group of more than 4 persons please enquire when making the booking as to availability of a second vehicle.</b>				

### Equipment

Camera or phone - Tripod & camera remote or cable release - Lenses - wide angle & primes or telephotos - Memory Cards - Batteries & charger - Carry bag - Laptop to view photos at end of day - Portable Hard Drive or USB for storage & back-up  
Software program for editing e.g. Adobe Light Room, Elements or Photoshop

### Clothing

You need suitable footwear for these trips, preferably enclosed footwear, no thongs or flimsy footwear allowed on trip.

Comfortable clothing for walking in, only short walks on these tours, wet weather gear, jacket in case weather turns cold, especially needed at night.

### Personal Items

Please take & use sun protection creams, medications, insect repellent & any special dietary medications or products you need to take.

### Skill Level

Anyone with a passion for photography & history, from children to grey nomads, from novices to semi professionals you are all welcome to go on a Beltana Station Photography Tour.

### Weather

All tours are dependent on the weather. Trips can be cut short due to inclement weather e.g. rain, severe wind or cold, if this is the case we will meet in the common room for a lesson on Lightroom or other software & to show off your handy work. If time permits, tours could continue on the next day if no other tours are booked.

**Tours that are cancelled due to rain or severe weather conditions will receive a full refund for that tour.**

### Tour Dates

Tours will run from Easter weekend April 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 until July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017.

Tours can be subject to change without notice.

### Photographer

These tours are run by Colin McDonald from Shot at 35mm Photography, Colin specialises in Outback Landscapes & Black & White photography & has now visited Beltana Station on several occasions. This is Colin's first organised tours with us at Beltana Station.

