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## **RETRACING THE TRACKS OF LEN BEADELL**

Leading tag-along-tour operators, Global Gypsies, will soon embark on another new and exciting 4WD expedition, this time a discovery tour to retrace the tracks of legendary outback figure, Len Beadell.

A talented surveyor, road builder, bushman, artist and author, Beadell is often called "*the last true Australian explorer*". He was responsible for opening up over 2.5 million square kilometers of the last remaining isolated desert areas of central Australia in the 1940's and 1950's and his books are mandatory reading for modern day adventurers. There is also a fascinating museum dedicated to him at Giles Weather Station on the Great Central Road. To read more about Len Beadell, visit the website run by his daughter at [www.beadell.com.au](http://www.beadell.com.au) .

On this exciting escorted and catered 14-day, self-drive 'discovery' tour, the Gypsies will retrace for the first time the historic dirt tracks which Len created to make the outback more accessible. A small convoy of 4WD's will be led by an expert guide communicating by two-way radio – independent but not alone. They will begin the challenging journey in the goldfields hub of Kalgoorlie, head east towards the Great Victoria Desert and Laverton, take the Anne Beadell Highway to Neal Junction, travel north on the Connie Sue Highway to Warburton, tackle the Gun Barrel Highway through to Carnegie Station and conclude the expedition in the remote town of Wiluna.

Eco-accredited former Tour Guide of the Year and qualified mechanic, Jeremy Perks, will lead the expedition. Says Jeremy, "On this journey don't be fooled by the term *highway*. The tracks we will be travelling on will be rough and corrugated and suitable for robust 4WD's and heavy duty off-road camper trailers only."

To add a touch of class to the experience, Safari Hostess Rebina Criddle will provide her famous 'thousand-star' al-fresco catering with china, tablecloths and candles.

Tour dates are from July 6 – 20 and convoy numbers are strictly limited. Cost is \$2450 per person including services of a professional guide and safari hostess, quality catering (three meals a day plus morning tea), camping fees, national park fees, Len Beadell information sessions, bush cooking demonstration, 4WD instruction and a bush skills seminar. Hire vehicles and/or camping gear and two-way radios can be arranged at special rates. Those wanting to take a 4WD course before they depart will save \$100 if they book their training when they book the tour.

Global Gypsies specialises in escorted and catered self-drive 4WD 'tag-along-tours' to the outback. They also escort small groups to such exotic overseas destinations as Kenya, Zanzibar, Borneo, China, India, North and South America and run training courses in four-wheel-driving, towing and tour-guiding.

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*Caption for attached photo: The Global Gypsies escorted & catered self-drive 4WD expedition in July will retrace the tracks created by legendary outback figure Len Beadell (photo courtesy Beadell family)*

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