

# SIMPSON MAGIC

Sand, spinifex and – despite a desert tourism boom – solitude

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*Life in the desert. Yellow-top daisies add a dash of colour to the rust-red slope of one of the Simpson's countless dunes. The Simpson, one of the world's great sand-ridge deserts, is among Australia's harshest. Waterless most of the time, it bursts into life after rare rains.*