



6-DAY RED CENTRE EXPLORER

ALICE SPRINGS, KINGS CANYON AND ULURU (AYERS ROCK) – NORTHERN TERRITORY

The vast desert landscapes of Australia's red heart are punctuated by a range of unique natural wonders. From the massive ochre domes of Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas) and the magnificent East and West MacDonnell Ranges to the great salt plains of Lake Amadeus. From the charm of Alice Springs to the majesty of Kings Canyon and the spiritual pinnacle of Australia Uluru (Ayers Rock), the Red Centre is a remarkable travel destination.

There is no better way to explore Outback Australia than at your own pace. Start and end in Alice Springs, travel via Kings Canyon through to Ayers Rock. Or travel one-way in either direction, fly into Alice Springs and travel by 4WD or coach via Kings Canyon to Ayers Rock.

DAY 1 - ALICE SPRINGS

- Fly into Alice Springs
- Grab some lunch in town and discover the bustling cultural and shopping centre of Alice Springs
- Tour the sights of Alice Springs including the historic Telegraph Station, the Old Ghan Train and take in the panoramic view of Alice Springs from Anzac Hill. Visit the Alice Springs Reptile Centre where you'll see unique Central Australian reptiles. Tour these sites at your own leisure or join ½ Day A Town Like Alice Tour run by AAT Kings

DAY 2 - ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON

- Rise early for a hot air balloon ride, witness the delicate colours of daybreak against the backdrop of the mighty MacDonnell Ranges. After your flight, enjoy a traditional Balloonist breakfast before you're dropped off back at your hotel
- Set off on your journey to Kings Canyon. Take a coach transfer, or drive 4 hours by hire car at your own pace. For 4WD enthusiasts, the Mereenie Loop Road (partly unsealed) brings you right to the doorstep of Kings Canyon. The drive passes some incredible sites including Standley Chasm, Ellery Creek and Ormiston Gorge
- In the afternoon take the short 2.6 km Kings Creek Walk which traces the bottom of the gorge or if you're after a bit more adventure take a guided afternoon sunset tour of Kings Creek Station on your own 4-wheel quad bike

DAY 3 - KINGS CANYON TO AYERS ROCK

- The best time of day to tackle the famous Rim Walk is early in the morning, just as the sun is coming up. The Rim Walk begins with a challenging 500-step climb. Upon reaching the summit marvel at the breathtaking views of Watarrka National Park and into the canyon itself before descending into the green oasis of the 'Garden of Eden'. The total walk is 6km and will take around 3.5 hours to complete. The walk is rocky and steep in places and is recommended for those with a good level of fitness
- After lunch continue your journey to Uluru (Ayers Rock) this is a 3.5 hours drive on sealed roads.
- On arrival at Ayers Rock Resort settle into your hotel enjoy a cocktail at Tali Bar located in Sails in the Desert Hotel before heading to dinner at one of the 6 restaurants located around the resort

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DAY 4 - AYERS ROCK

- Wake early and join the Desert Awakenings tour. Before sunrise travel by 4WD into the outback, where a Bushman's Breakfast is served as the sun rises over Uluru. The tour provides an introduction to the natural and cultural landscapes of this remarkable region and includes a visit to Muñitjulu waterhole in the shadow of Uluru (Ayers Rock) and stops off at the Cultural Centre.
- After lunch it is time to discover Kata Tjuća (The Olgas) on a guided walk through Olga Gorge. This 3-hour tour returns back to the resort in time for the award winning Sounds of Silence dinner
- One hour before sunset, you'll be collected from your hotel, and taken to a secluded sand dune in the desert. As a didgeridoo player weaves his magic enjoy a welcome drink and a selection of outback-style canapés. As the sun sets, feast on a 3-course BBQ buffet of authentic Australian delicacies. Attention then turns to some of the world's best stargazing, as our star talker takes you on a tour of the spectacular southern night sky

DAY 5 - AYERS ROCK

- This morning discover the great Central Australian desert from the back of a camel or climb on the back of a Harley Davidson motorcycle and tour through the beautiful Uluru-Kata Tjuća National Park
- Enjoy lunch back at the resort before joining Aboriginal artists at the Uluru Cultural Centre for a fun introduction into Aboriginal art with a Dot Painting Workshop
- In the afternoon laze by one of the resort pools and book in for an indulgent and reenergizing spa treatment at the Red Ochre Spa
- This evening enjoy a do-it-yourself BBQ at the Outback Pioneer BBQ and Bar and kick back and enjoy the nightly entertainment

DAY 6 - AYERS ROCK

- After enjoying the sunrise with breakfast as you overlook Uluru join your Aboriginal guides of Anangu Tours on the famous Liru Walk as you retrace the path of the Liru Ancestors through the bushland near Uluru.
- Before departing make sure you have paid a visit to the Mulgara Gallery, located at Sails in the Desert Hotel, where you get to meet and watch talented artists from the 'Artist in Residence' program at work

DISTANCES

Alice Springs to Kings Canyon 337km - unsealed for 197km, driving time approx. 4 hours. Alternatively travel via the Stuart Highway sealed road, approx. distance 461km and 4.5 hours travelling time

Kings Canyon to Uluru (Ayers Rock) 306km - 3.5 hour drive from Ayers Rock Resort sealed road

Uluru (Ayers Rock) to Alice Springs 465km - 4.5 hours driving on sealed road

GETTING AROUND

Car Rental

All major national car rental companies operate out of Alice Springs. Avis, Hertz and Thrifty car rentals are also available at Ayers Rock Resort. You can choose from a range of vehicles including 4WD and standard Sedan options. Car rental prices start from as little as \$66 a day. Car rental bookings can be made through Voyages.

Coach Transfers

Coach transfers are available and operate services between Alice Springs, Kings Canyon, and Ayers Rock Resort. Your driver or guide will provide comprehensive commentary as you pass through the beautiful rugged scenery of the outback. Coach bookings can be made through Voyages.

TOURS AND ACTIVITY BOOKINGS

To avoid disappointment we strongly recommend pre-booking your tours and activities.



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