

Centre Highlights

Small Group Outback Journeys



*An adventure itinerary not a highway itinerary
along the Red Centre Way.*

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Why choose Centre Highlights?

Small Group Accommodated Touring

Why travel in a big bus down the highway when Centre Highlights offers an Adventure itinerary NOT a Highway itinerary in comfortable expedition vehicles.

- Small group soft adventure experiences - max 20 travellers
- Standard accommodation options - Hotel (with ensuite) or Lodge (share bathroom)
- Active itineraries - bush walking and swimming
- 1 guide in 3 days - not 5 drivers in 3 days
- Unique itinerary for the price bracket

All extended tours include

- James Ranges • Camel farm • Mt Connor
- Lasseter Highway • Ayers Rock Resort
- Kata Tjuta • Uluru Sunset Base Tour
- Uluru Culture Centre • Kings Canyon

Additional with Centre Highlights extended tours

- The Red Centre Way - The NEW way to Uluru
- Aboriginal culture experience - without borders and boardwalks
- Wallace Rockhole Aboriginal Community - free time to interact with the locals
- Gosse Bluff - 140m.y.o. comet impact crater
- Mereenie Wilderness Area - undisturbed natural desert landscapes
- Gardiner Ranges - ancient and colourful ranges
- Camel Hump - significant outback landscape feature
- Santos Oil and Gas Field - natural resources at work
- No backtracking

1 Day

West MacDonnell Ranges

A day of spectacular mountain scenery, wildlife and waterholes. Our first stop for the day is Flynn's Grave where we learn of the inspiring story behind the iconic Royal Flying Doctor Service. View The Twin Gums painted by Albert Namatjira a famous Aboriginal water colour artist. Explore Standley Chasm a spectacular and rare geological formation of two opposing red rock faces. The Ochre Pits is a significant traditional source of ochre for ceremonies. Ascend the Finke River Lookout to gaining a panoramic view of Mt Sonder and the beginning of one of the oldest rivers in the world. Explore Ormiston Gorge a permanent waterhole set amongst deep ravines and peaked mountains and swim in an outback waterhole at Ellery Creek before returning to the Alice via Simpsons Gap.

What's Included

Lunch and entry fees

Departs: 8am Tue, Thu, Fri & Sun

Returns: 5pm approx

Adult: \$124 pp

Child: \$99 (under 12)



1 Day

Palm Valley

Join a day of adventure as we head west from Alice Springs through Owen Springs Cattle Station to explore the Finke Gorge National Park. This area known as Palm Valley contains some very rare and endangered living fossils. Enjoy a leisurely stroll along Palm Creek absorbing the ambience of this desert oasis. A more vigorous option is a climb to the top of the valley walls. Cycad Gorge offers an impressive cliff display of these rare plants, which only grow along the northern and western walls of the gorge. Kalarranga Lookout affords an impressive view of the amphitheatre, a site of significance for the local Aranda Tribe. Historical Hermannsburg is our next stop, time to explore this historical mission and stroll amongst the buildings in awe at the achievements in a hostile environment. Tour the gallery of the famous water colour artists of Hermannsburg. View the works of the father of this water colour art style Albert Namatjira. Purchase genuine works of art and artefacts of the sons and daughters of Hermannsburg. Return to Alice Springs late afternoon.

What's Included

Lunch and entry fees

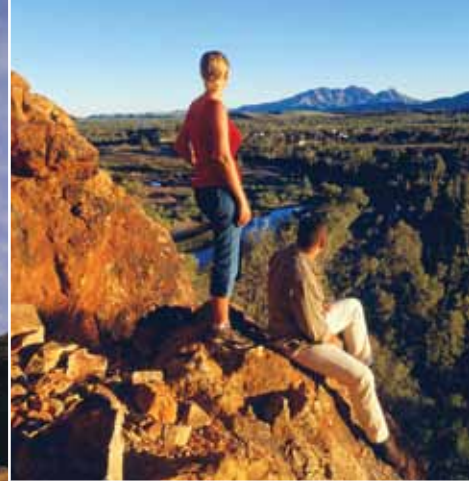
Departs: 7.30am Mon, Wed & Sat

Returns: 5pm approx

Adult: \$134 pp

Child: \$107 (under 12)





Front Cover: The Finke River.
 Clockwise from left: Kings Canyon, Kata Tjuta,
 Ormiston Gorge, Ellery Creek Big Hole, Lost City
 Kings Canyon, Mount Sonder, Uluru.

3 Days

Kings Canyon to Uluru

Day 1 - Gosse Bluff/Mereenie Wilderness (L)

Avoiding the crowds, we travel along Larapinta Drive to Wallace Rockhole, an Aboriginal community and join the rock art tour. Lunch enroute, explore Gosse Bluff (Tnorala), a comet impact crater 130 million years old. Learn of the Aboriginal significance in this unique natural environment. Further to the south we cross through Katapata Gap and the Mereenie Wilderness Area to the top of the jump-up, where we have an uninterrupted view of the George Gill Range and Carmicheals Crag.

Accommodation: Kings Canyon Resort – Standard Hotel or Budget Cabin with share facilities.

Day 2 - Kings Canyon/Ayers Rock (L)

This morning a climb to the rim of Kings Canyon, with time to explore the Garden of Eden, wonder at the exquisite environment of the George Gill Range. Enroute through vast cattle stations to Yulara we stop at Mt Connor Lookout (often mistaken for Ayers Rock). After lunch we visit the Uluru - Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre, before an informative base tour of Ayers Rock (Uluru), including Mutitjulu and Kantju Gorge before enjoying a champagne sunset overlooking Uluru.

Accommodation: Ayers Rock Resort – Lost Camel (or similar) or Outback Pioneer Budget Cabin with share facilities.

Day 3 - The Olgas/Alice Springs

Early morning we head off to the west to explore The Olgas (Kata Tjuta) in the serenity of the cool morning air, returning to Yulara in time to explore the resort before lunch (own expense), lunch time sees our departure from the resort for our return journey to Alice Springs.

Note: This tour can terminate at Ayers Rock.

What's Included

3 days touring, 2 lunches (L), 2 nights accommodation, Uluru champagne sunset

Departs: 8am Mon, Tue, Wed & Fri

Concludes: Ayers Rock Resort 12pm or Alice Springs 5pm approx

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| Adult (twin share) | Adult (sole use) | Child (8 -12inc) |
| \$1023/\$1120 | \$1309/\$1504 | \$818/\$896 |

Budget Share Facilities (CH3B)

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| Adult (twin share) | Adult (sole use) | Child (8 -12inc) |
| \$886/\$896 | \$1052/\$1081 | \$709/\$717 |

5 Days

Red Centre Getaway Highlights at a Glance

Day 1 - Alice to Kings Canyon (L)

- Wallace Rockhole Aboriginal Community • Gosse Bluff
- Katapata Gap Gardiner Ranges • Mereenie Wilderness Area
- George Gill Range • Carmichaels Crag

Accommodation: Kings Canyon Resort – Standard Hotel

Day 2 - Kings Canyon to Uluru (L)

- Kings Canyon • Garden of Eden • Angus Downs Cattle Station
- Mt Connor (Artilla) • Curtain Springs Cattle Station
- Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre • Uluru Sunset Tour

Accommodation: Ayers Rock Resort – Lost Camel (or similar)

Day 3 - Kata Tjuta to Alice Springs

- Kata Tjuta (Olgas) Sunrise • Valley of the Winds • Mt Walpa and Mt Olga
- Sand Dune Lookout • Return to Alice Springs along the Stuart Highway

Accommodation: Aurora Alice Springs (or similar)

Day 4 - Palm Valley (L)

- Owen Springs Cattle Station • Finke River • The Amphitheatre
- Palm Valley • Ridge Walk • Cycad Gorge • Kalaranga Lookout
- Hermannsburg Aboriginal Community

Accommodation: Aurora Alice Springs (or similar)

Day 5 - West MacDonnell Ranges (L)

- Flynn's Grave • The Twin Gums • Standley Chasm • The Ochre Pits
- Finke River Lookout • Glen Helen • Ormiston Gorge • Ellery Creek
- Simpsons Gap

What's Included

4 nights accommodation as specified, small group touring, hotel transfers, Uluru champagne sunset, 4 lunches (L), all entry fees

Please note: order of touring may vary however inclusions will remain the same.

Departs: Daily from in Alice Springs

Concludes: Alice Springs 5pm approx

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| Adult (twin share) | Adult (sole use) | Child (8 -12inc) |
| \$1826/\$1923 | \$2346/\$2541 | \$1461/\$1538 |

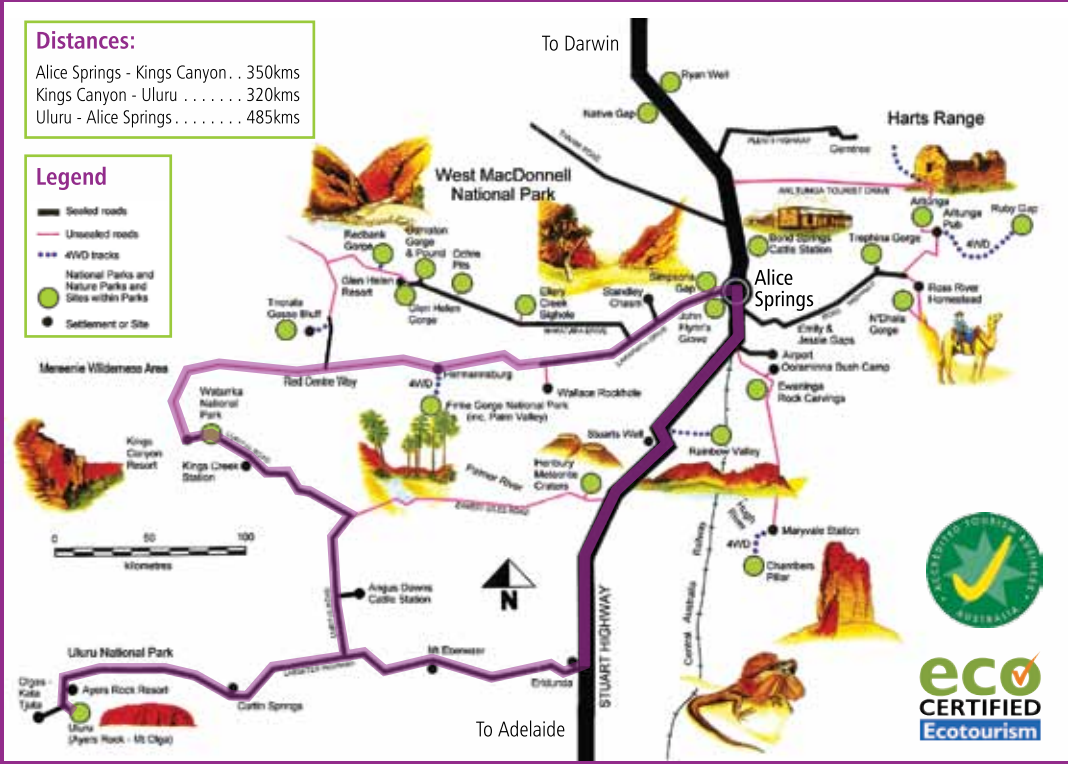
Low Season: 1 Apr 2011 - 30 Jun 2011 and 1 Dec 2011- 31 Mar 2012 High Season: 1 July 2011 - 30 Nov 2011

Distances:

Alice Springs - Kings Canyon . . . 350kms
Kings Canyon - Uluru 320kms
Uluru - Alice Springs 485kms

Legend

- Sealed roads
- - - Unsealed roads
- 4WD tracks
- National Parks and Nature Parks and Sites within Parks
- Settlement or Site



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