# OUTBACK CONTRASTS

ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJUTA | ULURU



IMMERSE

## ♥ INDULGE

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Witness the rugged landscape of the Red Centre and marvel at the ancient cultures that have cared for this land for generations. Experience the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and view rock art dating back thousands of years, witness striking landscapes and be immersed in the stories of

#### Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Meet your Journey Director who will share their take on what life is like in such an isolated town as Alice Springs. Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and hear how the north and south of Australia were connected

by a single wire. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell take centre stage, as you embark on a walk though Simpsons Gap, and later view Alice Springs and surrounds from the top of Anzac Hill. This evening join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Dinner at Tali Restaurant. HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

MEALS Welcome Dinner

#### Day 2: Alice Springs - Kings Canyon

- We head off along the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry riverbeds and outback landscapes, to Kings Canyon Resort. The flickering glow of this evening's fire, dancing under the canopy of a starry Southern Hemisphere
- sky, is the perfect accompaniment to your Local Dining Experience 'Under a Desert Moon'. This degustation menu with matching wines is the perfect end to the day. Sit back and listen to the sounds of the outback come alive at night in the company of new friends.

HOTEL Kings Canyon Resort MEALS Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

#### Day 3: Kings Canyon - Uluru

- Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on the spellbinding 6 km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs to the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed, treading in the footsteps of the Luritja people who once found sanctuary amidst the Itara trees at the
- canyon's base. Then we head off towards Uluru, visiting the local Wanmarra Community to learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land. Discover bush food and bush medicine used for spirituality and healing. Now you'll wander across desert landscapes arriving at Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's spiritual heart in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. As the day fades, the outback sun bids a fiery farewell. Uluru towers over the Northern Territory's remote landscape, the perfect back drop for this evening's sparkling sundowners.

HOTEL Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights MEALS Breakfast, lunch



#### Day 4: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before exploring, and learning about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land. Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear ancient tales and see rock art, then visit Mutitjulu Waterhole. Relax by the resort pool or take to the skies to see Uluru from above before an afternoon visit to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. This evening enjoy dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

MEALS Breakfast, Dinner with wine

#### Day 5: Field of Light - Uluru - Alice Springs

Observe the shifting lights of Bruce Munro's impressive Field of Light art installation as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Traverse the vast outback to the hidden gem, Rainbow Valley, a significant site to the southern Arrernte people, before arriving in Alice Springs. Enjoy free time to wander around the town. The Todd Street Mall has cafés and many Aboriginal art galleries to explore. Immerse yourself this afternoon and evening against the backdrop of the outback at our open-air bush BBQ

Celebration Dinner. Located off the beaten track in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges, you'll enjoy drinks as a bush balladeer sings classic Australian songs and shares stories of outback living. Indulge in a dinner of local produce as the Milky Way lights up the

HOTEL Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters MEALS Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

#### Day 6: Farewell from Alice Springs

Relax this morning as your journey comes to an end. You might choose to take an optional hot air balloon ride to experience the scenic landscapes of the outback before your journey comes to an end.

MEALS Breakfast

### Visit our website for prices

\*Itineraries and inclusions may be subject to change\*

#### **DEPARTURES**

Oct 04, 11

04, 11, 18, 25 May 02, 09, 16, 30 06, 13, 20, 27 04, 11, 18, 25 01, 08, 15, 22, 29 Sep 05, 12, 19, 26 Oct 03, 10

See available prices or additional departure dates including those from 01 Apr 2024 at inspiringjourneys.com/craa or contact your local agent. Single traveller must pay the single price.

#### INCLUSIONS

- Small group (22 guests max)
- · 10+ Unforgettable experiences
- · 11 included meals
- · 5 Nights premium accommodation

#### NOTES

#### CRAA: ALICE SPRINGS RETURN

- · Flights are not included in holiday price.

Day 1 - flights to arrive prior to 12.00pm into Alice Springs

Day 6 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport

