

# Outback Contrasts: A Journey to the Centre

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 the Dreamtime.

**5 DAYS** • Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuṯa • Uluru

## 🎯 Immerse

Experience true outback life as you enjoy lunch on Peter Severin's million acre property in the heart of the Red Centre.

## 🍷 Indulge

Bask in the glow of the campfire as you indulge in a five course degustation with matching wines in the beautiful Kings Canyon Resort.

## 🌿 Explore

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and discover the scenic wonders of the West MacDonnell Ranges.

## 🌿 Relax

Nestled in the rugged bush, unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort, with a private balcony overlooking a beautiful rock escarpment.



🌅 Sunset Viewing Platform, Kings Canyon Resort  
Witness the outback landscape reflect a kaleidoscope of colour as you toast your journey with fellow travellers.

As this journey departs from Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters at 9.00am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

### 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, site of the first European settlement in the town. Hear how the north and south of Australia were connected by a single wire. Then the **stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage**, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap, and later view Alice Springs and surrounds from the top of Anzac Hill. This evening, **enjoy an open-air Local Dining Experience** barbecue around a campfire with your local hosts, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

🏠 Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters  
🍷 Local Dining Experience

### Day 2: Alice Springs - Kings Canyon

🌿 Now we're **off the beaten track** exploring along the **Giles Track**, crossing dry river beds and outback landscapes to Kings Canyon Resort. This evening **you're treated to the unique Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon**, set in the wilderness under a canopy of the Southern Night sky (weather permitting). The only light comes from the moon and the flickering glow of the fire and the only sound is soft music intertwined with the whispering of the breeze through the Desert Oak trees and the

crackling flames. Enjoy sparkling wine and canapés followed by a degustation dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian Outback.

🏠 Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Room  
🍷 Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience



### Day 3: Kings Canyon - Uluru

🌿 This morning, **you're off on a six-kilometre Rim Walk**, an exploration of the spectacular Kings Canyon. As you venture around the rim, highlights include the domed 'Lost City', and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. If you'd prefer a more relaxed walk you can opt to set off on a two-kilometre stroll along the boulder-strewn canyon creek bed that leads to impressive views of the canyon rim. Now you will journey to Uluru. 🎯 **Immerse yourself in Indigenous culture on a visit to the Wanmarra Aboriginal Community** and learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land. Discover bush food and medicine used for spirituality and healing. Leaving Kings Canyon behind, travel across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. 🌿 **Afterwards, you'll arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's heart, in Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa National Park.** This evening, watch as the outback sun bids a fiery farewell, the perfect backdrop for sparkling sundowners at Uluru.

🏠 Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights  
🍷 Breakfast, lunch

### Day 4: Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light - Kata Tjuṯa

🎯 **Under the cover of darkness, wander through 50,000 magical hand-crafted frosted glass spheres of light**, in colours changing from ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white. Then make your way to the dune top and watch in awe as the sun pops up in the distance behind Uluru, flooding the landscape with light. Then you're off to explore the Uluru-Kata Tjuṯa Cultural Centre and learn about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land. **Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear timeless stories, view spectacular rock art**, and visit the culturally significant Muṯitjulu Waterhole. 🌿 **This afternoon you'll make your way to Kata Tjuṯa, 36 domes of red-hued sedimentary rock.** Join your Journey Director for a walk deep into Walpa Gorge, where you'll hear about the area's distinct geological and cultural history. The evening, join your fellow travellers for a Celebration Dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

🍷 Breakfast, Celebration Dinner



### Day 5: Farewell from Uluru

Your inspiring Red Centre journey comes to an end this morning and you'll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

🍷 Breakfast

## Departures

Start	End	Start	End
2021		2021	
Apr 06	Apr 10	Aug 10	Aug 14
Apr 20	Apr 24	Aug 24	Aug 28
May 04	May 08	Sep 07	Sep 11
May 18	May 22	Sep 21	Sep 25
Jun 01	Jun 05	Oct 05	Oct 09
Jun 15	Jun 19		
Jun 29	Jul 03		
Jul 13	Jul 17		
Jul 27	Jul 31		

See available prices or additional departure dates at [inspiringjourneys.com/crau](https://inspiringjourneys.com/crau) or contact your local travel agent.

Single traveller must pay the single price.

## Inclusions

- Small group (22 guests max)
- 10+ Unforgettable experiences
- 9 included meals
- 4 Nights premium accommodation

## CRAU: Alice Springs to Uluru

Flights are not included in holiday price.

Flight Information:

Day prior - flights to arrive anytime into Alice Springs Airport

Day 5 - flights to depart anytime from Ayers Rock Airport

For ways to save, see page 70.



📍 Start  
📍 Finish  
📍 Overnight  
📍 Sightseeing  
— Coach