

Outback Contrasts: A Journey to the Centre

Witnessing the rugged splendour of Australia's Red Centre is a life-changing experience. On this journey, the majesty of Uluru, Kings Canyon and the soaring West MacDonnell Ranges combine with unique dining experiences under the stars and the outback vibe of Alice Springs.



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

Discover

The sprawling West MacDonnell Ranges
Wander through Simpsons Gap
Iconic Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Explore

Fascinating Angkerle (Standley Chasm)
The 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)

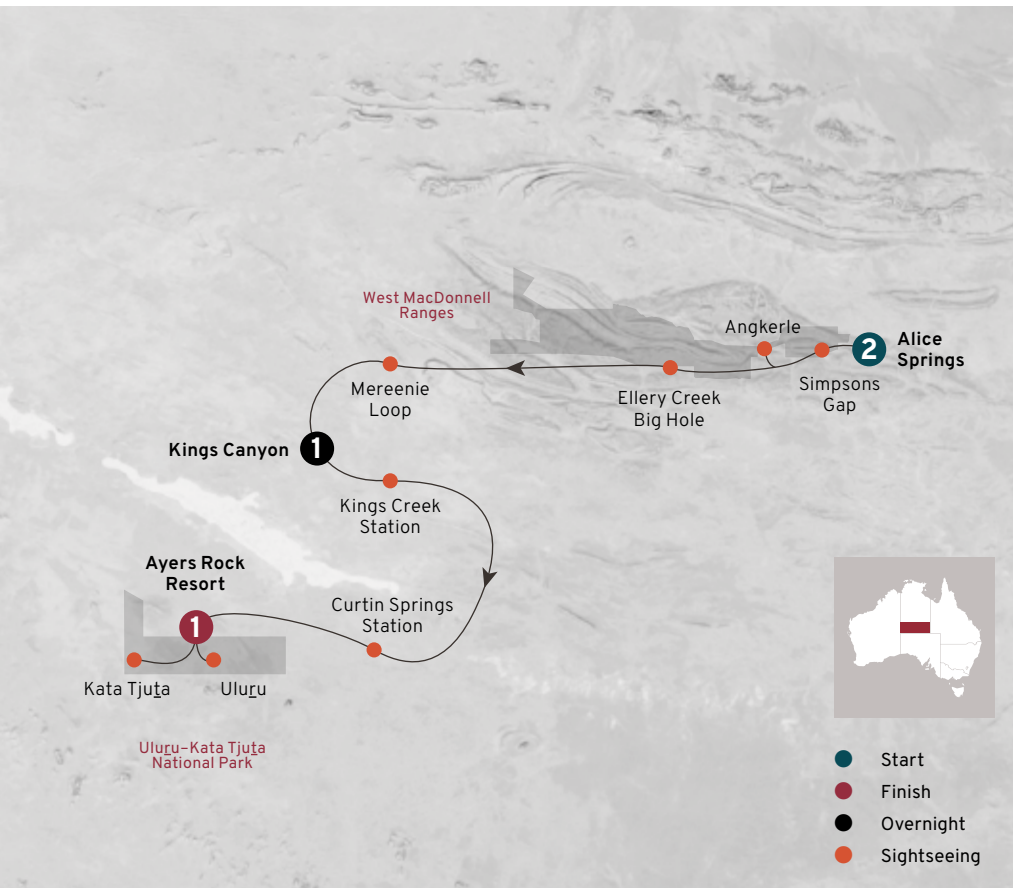
Immerse

Hike to the top of Kings Canyon for magnificent views
Learn about Aboriginal rock art at Uluru
Hike through Walpa Gorge

Relax

Unwind in your Deluxe Spa Room at Kings Canyon Resort
Experience a spectacular Red Centre sunrise
Toast an Uluru sunset with sparkling wine





At a glance:

TOP 3 HIGHLIGHTS

1. Under a Desert Moon dining experience at Kings Canyon Resort
2. Learn about the traditions and culture of the local Anangu people
3. Experience the magic of Uluru and Kata Tjuta sunrise

DINING

- 4 Full buffet breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 1 Dinner with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner



Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Your outback Inspiring Journey begins on arrival in Alice Springs. Meet your Journey Director for a visit to the lifesaving outback institution of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in remote Australia. Nearby, visit the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. This evening, **join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception and Local Dining Experience barbecue dinner around a campfire with your Alice Springs hosts, as the Milky Way lights up the sky.**

- 🏠 Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights
- 🍷 Local Dining Experience

Day 2: Alice Springs

This morning visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station, site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs, and learn how it relayed messages between Darwin and Adelaide for 60 years. Then the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell Ranges take centre stage as you embark on a walk through Simpson's Gap and dramatic Angkerle, which was created over millions of years. The deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the carpet of lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. Later, back in Alice Springs, you'll have free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more, at your own pace.

- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

Day 3: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

En route to Kings Canyon you'll **travel off-road along the 4WD Mereenie Loop Road, passing Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff.** On arrival, gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on a 6km rim walk, past the domed 'Lost City' and the luscious 'Garden of Eden'. This evening **you're treated to the unique dining experience, Under a Desert Moon, set in the wilderness under a canopy of the Southern Night sky.** The flickering glow of the fire is the perfect accompaniment to sparkling wine and canapés followed by dinner, prepared from fresh produce and

ingredients unique to the Australian outback.

- 🏠 Kings Canyon Resort, Deluxe Spa Rooms
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 4: Kings Canyon – Uluru

Now you're bound for Uluru. On your way visit Curtin Springs Station, a million-acre property, where you'll gain insights into the cattle rearing heritage of the Severin family, before kicking back in true Aussie-style at a delicious barbecue lunch. This afternoon enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, experiencing the magnificence of the 36 red conglomerate domes that form Kata Tjuta, and joining your Journey Director for a walk through Walpa Gorge. Later, witness the spectacular changing colours as the sun sets over Uluru, while sipping sparkling wine. This evening toast your holiday with your fellow travellers at a Celebration Dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

- 🏠 Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort
- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

Day 5: Farewell from Uluru

Experience a majestic sunrise over Kata Tjuta and Uluru from the fantastic Kata Tjuta dune viewing platform. From here it's off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre for breakfast and **an insight into the history of the local Anangu people.** Take a walk around to the base of Uluru, hearing timeless stories, viewing spectacular rock art, and visiting the culturally-significant Mutitjulu Waterhole. In the late morning, when your Inspiring Journey comes to an end, you'll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight.

- 🍷 Full buffet breakfast

CRAU: Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock)

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:
 Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Alice Springs Airport
 Day 5 – flights to depart after 1.00pm from Ayers Rock Airport.