Outback Australia: The Colour of Red

Journey to the Red Centre of Australia to the sacred landscapes of the Outback and imposing Uluru, as you uncover an ancient culture that dates back thousands of years. Delve into fascinating rituals of the Anangu and share in their spiritual connection with this ancient land that spans millennia.

Day 1: Welcome to Uluru

Welcome to Uluru. This afternoon you’ll meet your Journey Director and fellow travellers and then take a drive to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Having lived in the region for tens of thousands of years, Traditional Owners, the Anangu, have a strong connection with this land. You’ll learn about Tjukurpa, the history, knowledge, religion, morality and law of the local Aboriginal people and their ancestors. Travelling to the spectacular domes of Kata Tjuta, you’ll take a guided walk through Walpa Gorge, following the natural creek bed between two of the largest domes. Kata Tjuta has great cultural significance for the Anangu people, specifically for Anangu men. Later enjoy canapés and wine at the Uluru sunset viewing area. As the sun sets over the western horizon, the evening sky brings out the many shades of colour for which Uluru is renowned. This evening get to know your fellow travellers over a delicious meal at Ilkari Restaurant at your hotel.

Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort  
Dinner with wine

Day 2: Uluru – Curtin Springs – Kings Canyon

Start the day with an impressive sunrise over Uluru from the sunrise viewing area. Take a walk at the base of Uluru and hear timeless stories, see rock art, and visit Mutitjulu Waterhole, once an important water source for the Aboriginal people and animals in the area. Visit Curtin Springs Station at lunch time. Curtin Springs has been home to the Severin family since 1956, when Peter Severin arrived with his young wife Dawn, their toddler son Ashley and 1,500 head of cattle. Take part in a paper-making workshop at Curtin Springs Paper, then sit down to a barbecue lunch and meet one of the locals as you hear about the Severin family and the logistics of running a million-acre cattle property. This evening you’re treated to Local Dining Experience, Under a Desert Moon, set in the wilderness under a canopy of the southern night sky. Enjoy sparkling wine and canapés followed by a four-course dinner, prepared from fresh produce.

Kings Canyon Resort  
Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

Day 3: Kings Canyon – Mereenie Loop – Alice Springs

Perfect for observing the changing colours of the landscape, today you’re off on a sunrise six-kilometre Rim Walk 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 for a walk along the Creek Bed. Afterwards you’re off the beaten track, travelling along the Mereenie Loop.
Crua: Uluru (Ayers Rock) to Alice Springs

Flights are not included in holiday price. Flight Information:

Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12:30pm into Ayers Rock Airport

Day 5 – flights to depart after 12:30pm from Alice Springs Airport

For departure dates, pricing, and ways to save, see pages 66 & 68/69.

For the detailed itinerary and additional departure dates, please visit inspiringjourneys.com/crua, or speak to your travel agent.