

# 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.



Under a Desert Moon dinner

## Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

This afternoon you'll meet your Journey Director who will share their take on what life is like in such an isolated Australian town like Alice Springs. We'll visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service to see how this facility provides medical assistance to those living in outback Australia. Then a visit to the School of the Air, a crucial service providing education to children living in remote Australian communities. Tonight, you will enjoy a Local Dining Experience with your hosts at an open-air barbecue dinner with campfires as the Milky Way lights up the wide Australian sky.



 Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, 2 nights  
 Local Dining Experience

## Day 2: West MacDonnell Ranges

This morning you will visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and learn about the overland telegraph line and why Alice Springs is in this location. Then you will drive to Simpsons Gap and Angkerle (Standley Chasm), which was created over millions of years, the deep red sandstone formation contrasts with the lush green ferns and gum trees on the valley floor. This afternoon you have some free time to relax by the pool or choose to explore more of Alice Springs on your own.



 Breakfast, lunch, dinner with wine

## Day 3: Alice Springs – Mereenie Loop – Kings Canyon



Today we drive further through the West MacDonnell Ranges to Kings Canyon. Along the way there'll be time to see the cool waters at Ellery Creek Big Hole. Travelling off-road along the 4WD-only Mereenie Loop Road we will travel past Tylers Lookout and Gosses Bluff. 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 four-course dinner, prepared from fresh produce and ingredients unique to the Australian Outback.



 Kings Canyon Resort  
 Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

## Day 4: Kings Canyon – Curtin Springs – Uluru

This morning, you're off on a 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'. Now you will journey to Uluru. Your first stop is Curtin Springs which 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. Sit down to a barbecue lunch and meet one of the





Mereenie Loop



📍 locals as you hear about the Severin family and the logistics of running a million acre cattle property. This afternoon we enter Uluru-Kata Tjuṛa National Park and make our way to the domes of Kata Tjuṛa. Here you'll join your Journey Director for a guided walk through Walpa Gorge. The large, steep dome-like formations of Kata Tjuṛa are amazing to walk through and have great cultural significance for the Anḁangu people. As the sun sets, you'll see spectacular changing colours over Uluṛu from the prime sunset viewing area. This evening share a few laughs with your fellow travellers over a delicious meal at Ilkari Restaurant.

🏠 Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort  
🍽️ Breakfast, lunch, Celebration Dinner

### Day 5: Kata Tjuṛa – Farewell from Uluṛu

📍📍 You'll start the day with an impressive sunrise over Kata Tjuṛa and Uluṛu from the sunrise viewing area. From here it's off to the Uluru-Kata Tjuṛa Cultural Centre for an insight into the history of the local Anḁangu People. Having lived in and looked after the Uluru and Kata Tjuṛa region for tens of thousands of years, the Anḁangu – the areas Traditional Owners – have a strong connection with this land. At the base of Uluṛu hear timeless stories, view spectacular rock art, and visit the culturally-significant Muṛitjulu 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.

🍽️ Breakfast

## 5 DAYS Alice Springs • West MacDonnell Ranges • Kings Canyon • Kata Tjuṛa • Uluṛu

### 📍 Discover

Experience outback town life in Alice Springs, and journey through the magnificent, sprawling West MacDonnell Ranges.

### 📍 Explore

Venture into Kings Canyon on the six-kilometre guided Rim Walk, and the 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuṛa.

### 📍 Immerse

Learn about ancient Indigenous rock art at Uluṛu, and visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service and School of the Air.

### 🍷 Relax

Enjoy a unique open-air barbecue dinner in Alice Springs, and toast an unforgettable Uluṛu sunset with sparkling wine.

## Choose this journey if you'd love to experience:

- The history of the local Anḁangu people
- The taste of local ingredients unique to the Australian Outback
- Hiking to the top of awe-inspiring Kings Canyon
- The iconic Uluṛu sunset and sunrise

## Dining

- 4 Breakfasts
- 3 Lunches
- 1 Dinner with wine
- 2 Local Dining Experiences
- 1 Celebration Dinner

### CRAU: Alice Springs to Uluṛu (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.

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