

Red Centre Road Trip: An Art & Culture Expedition

13 May – 17 May 2024



Itinerary Summary

Embark on a captivating road trip through Northern Territory's cultural tapestry. Explore the rustic Red Centre in Alice Springs, Uluru, and Kings Canyon, where ancient stories blend with modern creativity. Witness vibrant Indigenous art, modern light displays, and enchanting stargazing under the Southern Hemisphere's celestial wonders. Guided by expert Anna Dakin, indulge in high-end accommodations, exclusive tours, and Anna's 'Paint by Night' experience beneath the West MacDonnell Ranges. This curated journey offers profound insights into Australia's diverse artistic landscape. Join us for an unforgettable adventure, leaving with cherished memories of this vibrant heritage.

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Tourism NT respectfully acknowledges the First Nations people of this country and recognise their continuing connection to their lands, waters and communities. We pay our respects to the Aboriginal cultures, and their leaders past, present and emerging.

Welcome to Australia's Northern Territory!

Monday, 13th May



1100 Arrive in Uluru

Arrive Uluru, also known as Ayers Rock (AYQ).

Visit one of the greatest natural wonders of the world, Uluru. Not only is it a spectacular natural formation, Uluru is a deeply spiritual place. You can feel a powerful presence the moment you set eyes on it. At 348m high, Uluru is one of the world's largest monoliths, towering over the surrounding landscape and some 550 million years old. Made of sandstone, Uluru is often referred to as the heart of the 'Red Centre' and is one of Australia's most recognisable landmarks. Breathe in, see the colours change before your eyes, hear the stories of time and be amazed as Uluru captures your heart.

1110 Collect your bags

Meet your Tourism NT host, and your Tour Guide, Anna. Anna will be your tour guide during your time in the Red Centre.

Art Tours Australia

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Art Tours of Australia is a leading small group tour company led by top Tour Guide in the NT finalist, Anna Dakin. Travel to some of the best and most remote places in the Red Centre to make art outdoors, experience wild and remote landscapes, and learn from the oldest continuous living culture in the world.

1200 Lunch – Walpa Bar & Restaurant

Enjoy lunch at Walpa at Ayers Rock Resort.

1300 Check in & arrive at Outback Hotel & Lodge – Ayers Rock Resort

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Laid-back accommodation meets warm Australian hospitality at the Outback Hotel & Lodge. Perfectly suited for budget-minded travellers, the Outback Hotel & Lodge offers comfortable, affordable stays with access to all facilities, including swimming pools, shops, art galleries, tour information centre, and more. It's also the social hub of the Resort, where you can meet new friends and swap tales of adventure over delicious BBQ dishes, refreshing drinks, and live music.

1400 Tour commences – Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park with Art Tours of Australia

Start your trip at the spectacular Mutitjulu waterhole, mala walk and finish it off at the Cultural Centre to support the local community and deepen your understanding of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Here you can learn about Anangu culture and the park's natural environment through exhibits and free presentations with Anangu and park rangers.

1600 Tour concludes

1630 Media briefing in lobby of Outback Hotel & Lodge

Briefings will be led by:

- Uluru Media (Parks Australia)
- Voyages

1715 Meet in reception for pick-up

1745 Tour commences – Wintjiri Wiru

Wintjiri Wiru Sunset Dinner

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Take your seat in the open-air desert theatre set upon a dune top. You'll be greeted with delicious cocktails, infused with native ingredients while taking in the incredible views of Uluru and Kata Tjuta. Embark on a culinary adventure with a gourmet dinner hamper where native ingredients are combined with modern culinary techniques to create a masterpiece for the palette. Then, as darkness falls, witness the Mala story brought to life like never before with ground-breaking technology. Choreographed drones, lasers, and projections will light up the desert sky in a modern, artistic expression of an ancient Anangu story.

2000 Tour concludes

Please get an early night as tomorrow is an early start. Have your bags mostly packed in the morning.

Overnight: Outback Hotel & Lodge

Tuesday, 14th May

Today wear sun protective clothes and enclosed shoes.

0530 Collect takeaway breakfast from reception

TNT host to collect from reception. This meal is courtesy of Tourism NT.

0630 Tour commences – Kata Tjuta with Art Tours of Australia

After a relaxing night's stay at Yulara, we will rise early to see the sun come up over Kata Tjuta, and see the conglomerate rock domes up close. In Kata Tjuta choose from a number of walking trails that range from easy strolls to longer, more difficult tracks. At the end of the short walk to the Kata Tjuta dune viewing area you can sit and take in the magnificent panoramic view of the domes.

1000 Tour commences – Bush Medicine Workshop with Maruku Arts

Depending on the season and the weather conditions, senior Anangu ladies invite you to learn about the use and the production of traditional bush medicine. Tour including presentation by an Anangu elder in language teaching about the use of the plants with an interpreter and the production of traditional bush medicine ointment.

Maruku Arts

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1100 Tour concludes

**1110 Drive to Kings Canyon
Drive time: 3.5 H**

1500 Arrive and check in – Discovery @ Kings Canyon Resort

Discovery Resorts @ Kings Canyon

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Experience the wonder of the Red Centre at Discovery Resorts - Kings Canyon, halfway between Uluru and Alice Springs in Australia's Northern Territory. Just 7 kilometres from the entrance to Watarrka National Park, unforgettable outback landscapes and a variety of accommodation will make your stay with us a lifelong memory. As a sacred site of the Lurijta and Arrente peoples for more than 30,000 years, we encourage you to engage your full set of senses whenever you explore Watarrka. Reward your journey here with anything from a Deluxe Spa Room with private balcony, a newly refurbished Standard Room, or a much-loved Superior Glamping Tent.

1730 Meet at Luritja lookout, 5 mins from reception

1805 Tour commences – Bruce Munro Light-Towers

Drinks and canapés are included.

From the butterfly mind of internationally renowned light and sound artist Bruce Munro, 'Light Towers at Discovery Resorts – Kings Canyon' will immerse you in the pure magic of light, sound and landscape in this iconic location. Consisting of 69 two-metre towers of light, which change colour in response to soundscape by Orlando Gough, guests are invited to wander amongst the maze of Light Towers during one of three available viewing sessions; Sunrise, Sunset and By Night. A local guide will greet and introduce guests to the Light Towers at Luritja Lookout where you will receive a session wristband, before following a lit path into the field of red earth where the Light Towers experience takes place.

1900 Dinner – Carmichael's Restaurant @ Kings Canyon Resort

Enjoy dinner at Kings Canyon Resort courtesy of Tourism NT.

Overnight: Discovery @ Kings Canyon Resort

Get an early nights rest as tomorrow is an early start. Please have your bags packed prior to departing on your morning tour.

Wednesday, 15th May



Today wear sun protective clothes and enclosed shoes.

0530 Early morning check out

0545 Meet Anna in hotel reception

Early morning Rim Walk – Kings Canyon

Distance: 6km

Enjoy the famous Kings Canyon Rim Walk.

Make sure you drink 1L of water every hour and wear sun protection.
Please walk at your fitness level and walk as much as you feel comfortable.

Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon)

Watarrka National Park is best known as the home of Kings Canyon, a mighty chasm that cuts into the George Gill Ranges, but it has been home to the Luritja people for more than 20,000 years. Watarrka is an important conservation area with rock holes and gorges providing refuge for more than 600 species of plants and animals. The sheer red cliff faces of the canyon rises 100 metres above dense forests of palms, ferns and cycads sheltering them from the

surrounding desert conditions. The six-kilometre Rim Walk takes in magnificent views of the Canyon.

0730 Breakfast at Garden of Eden provided by Anna

A beautiful rockhole surrounded by rare plants, before ascending to 360° panoramic views over the red sand dunes. This meal is courtesy of Tourism NT.

0900 Hike concludes

0930 Drive to Finke River via Mereenie Loop with Anna

Drive time: 3H 30 M

1300 Lunch provided by Anna

1400 Leisure time

1600 Arrive at Camp Spot & Setup – Two Mile Bush Camp, Finke River

The Finke 2 Mile campground sits on the Finke River, near the Mt Sonder Lookout in the Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park, around 130 kilometres west of Alice Springs.

2000 Dinner – BBQ Dinner provided by Anna

2100 Paint the Moonlight Workshop with Art Tours Australia

Engaging in night painting offers a unique sensory experience, allowing us to perceive our surroundings in a different light. In Central Australia, the brilliance of starlight and moonlight often rivals daylight, illuminating the landscape and our evolving paintings, provided there's no dense cloud cover. This workshop provides an opportunity to view the world through nocturnal eyes and learn the art of painting using a limited colour palette.

Overnight: Glamping under the stars with Art Tours of Australia

Thursday, 16th May

0630 Breakfast – provided by Anna

This meal is courtesy of Tourism NT.

0900 Ghost Gum Walk at Ormiston Gorge – 3km

Ormiston Gorge showcases the spectacular geology and landforms of the MacDonnell Ranges. The Gorge has a permanent waterhole, estimated to be up to 14 metres deep at its southern end.

1130 Early lunch provided by Anna

1200 Depart to Alice Springs

1400 **Check in to hotel**

Arrive and check into Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters. Your accommodation and breakfast are courtesy of Tourism NT. All other charges are at own expense. You may be asked to produce a credit card for incidental charges.

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Lasseters enjoys picture-perfect surroundings beneath the stunning MacDonnell Ranges, alongside the banks of the Todd River and backing onto the Alice Springs Golf Course. Guests can enjoy the range of great facilities the hotel offers including the beautiful heated resort pool and spa, free Wi-Fi, in-house entertainment, fully equipped Health Club, and complimentary mountain bikes to explore Alice Springs. Experiencing the amazing sights of Central Australia is a breeze with advice from knowledgeable staff and concierge services.

1900 **Dinner at Tali**

Enjoy dinner at Tali Crowne Plaza Lasseters, located inside the hotel at Crowne Plaza Lasseters Alice Springs.

Overnight: Crowne Plaza Lasseters

Friday, 17th May

0555 **Meet in hotel reception for transfer**

0600 **Private Tour – Outback Ballooning**

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Travel south of Alice Springs and join your group as the crew inflates the hot air balloon. As the sun rises over the Spinifex covered landscape, enjoy a scenic flight over the MacDonnell Ranges. The tour concludes with light refreshments and a glass of sparkling wine or tropical apple and guava juice.

0900 **Tour concludes**

0930 **Breakfast in house**

Enjoy your buffet breakfast at Tali, in house.

1100 **Late check out & meet Anna in hotel reception**

Settle any incidentals and ensure you have all of your belongings. Meet Anna your driver at the hotel reception.

- 1110** **Transfer to airport**
- 1235** **Check in for flight with Qantas Airlines on QF 797**
- 1335** **Depart on flight to Melbourne**

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