

9 Day Outback & Kangaroo Island Adventure



Travel across the sunburnt Australian Outback to Uluru, Watarrka and south through the Flinders Ranges to Adelaide and Kangaroo Island

Capture the spirit of the Australia and witness its diversity on this adventure from the heart of the Outback to the tip of Kangaroo Island. From Alice Springs to Adelaide, take a tour around Uluru with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander guide, discover the Lost City in the Kings Canyon, head underground in the 'Opal Capital of the World', explore the historic township of Port Augusta, and drive through the beautiful Clare Valley wine region. Stop in up-and-coming Adelaide, then board a ferry to Kangaroo Island, home to more than just its namesake roos. Search for koalas and sea lions, board down sand dunes at Little Sahara, hike through the bush, and marvel at iconic rock formations. This is a journey through the heartland of Australia, rich in wildlife, culture, and enchanting natural beauty.

Why you'll love this trip

This trip provides you with the best guides in the business who know the Australian outback like the back of their hand

Wander through the iconic domes of Kata Tjuta, and gaze in awe at the sacred rock of Uluru

Dine under the stars and camp within privately owned sites on the red earth of the outback

Hike through natural amphitheatres, rocky chasms and lush oases in Kings Canyon

Discover the spiritual importance of the outback landscape to local Aboriginal communities on guided nature walks

In the opal-mining outpost of Coober Pedy, scorching daytime temperatures have driven the town's few residents to live in underground 'dugouts'. Explore the opal mine, hang out with some rescued joeys and spend the night in a subterranean bunker

Loll about with the local sea lions at Seal Bay

Give sandboarding a crack amid the white sand dunes of Little Sahara

Walk through Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary in search of koalas in their gumtree hideouts

Take in the impressive coastal views from Remarkable Rock

Itinerary

Day 1: Alice Springs/Kata Tjuta/Uluru

Starting in Alice Springs, we make our way to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and take a guided walk through the awe-inspiring Domes. We then head to Australia's most iconic landmark - Uluru. As the sun begins to set below the horizon, enjoy some tasty snacks and watch the rich colours change against the backdrop of a blazing Red Centre sunset. The perfect end to a remarkable day is awaiting you back at camp, as you enjoy a delicious spread of food with your group. If the weather permits, sit outside under the stars.

Notes: Total driving time is approximately five and a half hours. Total walking time is around an hour.

Accommodation: Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities: Uluru & Kata Tjuta National Park Entrance

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 2: Uluru sunrise

An early start this morning is rewarded with an Uluru sunrise. While the morning is fresh enjoy a walk around the base of Uluru, gaining insights into the land and the local First Peoples of Australia on an interpretive cultural walk to the Mutijulu waterhole with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander guide. Once you've had lunch, perhaps purchase some art and craft of the First Peoples of Australia at the Uluru Cultural Centre. Travel onto the exclusive campsite within Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon), where the group will eat and sleep for the night.

Note: Total driving time today is around three and a half hours. Total walking time is approximately two hours.

Accommodation: Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities: Uluru Cultural Centre

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Special Information

The Anangu people have dissuaded visitors from climbing Uluru for decades; as traditional owners of the land they feel a deep responsibility for everyone who travels to the area. In 1998 we were among the first tour operators to stop climbing Uluru. The Intrepid Group are proud to be involved with local communities in Uluru and to have an ongoing commitment to providing employment for the Anangu people. You show respect when you choose not to climb Uluru, but walk with Anangu throughout the area and share their stories instead

Day 3: Kings Canyon rim walk

Put your hiking shoes on after breakfast and head out to explore the formations and towering rock faces of Kings Canyon. The sheer size of the canyon is breathtaking. Trek for 6 kilometres along the Rim Walk, which takes you through a natural amphitheatre, past the striped sandstone domes of the 'lost city' and into the green oasis of the Garden of Eden. Stop for lunch before making your way to a campsite on the homestead of Erldunda, where you'll spend the night at the Desert Oaks campsite at Erldunda, where you can meet one of Australia most unique wildlife species, the Emu at the Erldunda emu farm.

Note: Total driving time today is around three hours. Total walking time is approximately two and half hours hour.

Accommodation: Permanent tented camp (with shared facilities) (1 night)

Included Activities: Kings Canyon Rim Walk, Erldunda Emu Farm

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Special Information

For the Kings Canyon Rim Walk it is a requirement that you have a minimum of 3 litres of water with you. Please consider bringing your own refillable water bottles.

Day 4: Coober Pedy

Depart early this morning and make your way to Coober Pedy, crossing the Northern Territory/South Australian border on the way (approximately five hours in total). Take a break to stretch your legs and enjoy lunch in the outback town of Marla. Coober Pedy is known as 'The Opal Capital of the World' and was one of the locations used to film the third Mad Max movie. Due to extremely hot temperatures in the area most of the town is constructed underground, with residents living in cave-like houses carved into the hillsides. Upon arrival, take a guided tour of the town, underground opal mine and museum. End the day hanging out with some rescued joeys at Josephine's Gallery and

Kangaroo Orphanage. Tonight stay in a multi-share underground bunkhouse in Coober Pedy.

Note: Total driving time today is around four and a half hours. Total walking time is approximately half an hour.

Accommodation: Underground Multishare (1 night)

Included Activities: Josephine's Gallery and Kangaroo Orphanage, Underground Mine & Opal Tour

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: William Creek

Today after breakfast we will travel into areas seldom seen by most tourists as we leave the sealed roads of the Stuart Hwy behind us and travel on unsealed roads to one of the remotest towns in the world, William Creek. On the way we will travel through the largest Cattle Station in the world, Anna Creek. As we drive gaze out at the endless horizons as we pass by the lake with the longest name in the world, Lake Cadibarrawirracanna.

Arriving into town we will set up camp and have dinner. After dinner lay down in your swag and fall asleep as you count the shooting stars.

Note: Total driving time today is around two hours. Total walking time is approximately half an hour.

Accommodation: Basic camping (with facilities) (1 night)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 6: Quorn

Today will be a long day of driving as we travel the famous Oodnadatta track to Quorn. Along the way we will visit Australia's Largest lake, Lake Eyre. Visit the outback towns of Marree, Lyndhurst and Hawker. Stay tonight in private accommodation at the Mill Lodge tonight, where you'll also have dinner.

Note: Total driving time today is around six hours. Total walking time is approximately half an hour.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 7: Adelaide

In the morning, eat a big breakfast and hike up one of the many peaks in the Flinders Ranges. Make your way back to Adelaide through the rolling hills and vineyards of the Clare Valley, arriving in the early evening. We will drop you at your Adelaide city accommodation, the Adelaide Central YHA for a good nights rest before you head off to Kangaroo Island tomorrow.

Note: Total driving time today is around three and a half hours. Total walking time is approximately two hours.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 8: Adelaide to Kangaroo Island

After an early morning start from the Adelaide Central Bus Station (meet at the SeaLink desk at 6.15am for a 6.45am departure), travel along the picture-perfect Fleurieu Peninsula to Cape Jervis for the 45-minute SeaLink ferry ride to Penneshaw, Kangaroo Island. While crossing, it is not uncommon to have an escort of local dolphins that can be viewed from the dolphin deck on the boat. Once you disembark, stop in at Rob's Shearing and Sheepdogs to check out how sheep are shorn, then continue to Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery – the only commercial eucalyptus distillery in South Australia. Next up is a visit to the Seal Bay Conservation Park, where you'll have the opportunity to see rare Australian Sea-lions up close in a wild breeding colony. Travel on to the white sand dunes of the Little Sahara, where you'll get the chance to give sand boarding a shot, then arrive at your exclusive accommodation in Vivonne Bay Lodge. Enjoy some free time to kayak on the Harriet River, go for a self-guided walk along the property's tracks, head out trail bike riding or swimming, or simply kick back along Vivonne Bay Beach.

Accommodation tonight is in eight-person dormitory rooms with shared bathrooms (bed linen provided).

Included Activities: Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery, Rob's shearing and sheepdogs, Sandboarding at Little Sahara, Seal Bay Conservation Park

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Special Information

1. As this itinerary consists of two separate trips, the composition of your group will most likely change today. Some will be starting, others will be finishing.
2. The coach transfer from Adelaide to the ferry is approximately 1.5 hours, with a sailing time of 45 minutes. On the Island, you will spend approximately 2 hours in the vehicle with frequent sightseeing. Walking and active time will depend on which optional activities you choose in the afternoon.

Day 9: Kangaroo Island to Adelaide

After breakfast, pop into the Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary and search for koalas lazing in the eucalyptus trees. Next up it's Flinders Chase National Park, where you'll find a collection of boulders that really live up to their name – the Remarkable Rocks. You'll arrive ahead of the crowds that come to see this signature sight of giant weathered stones that guard the view over Kirkpatrick Point. Ramble across the rocky coastline, admire the seascapes, then stop in at Admirals Arch on Cape Du Couedic to see the resident fur seals frolicking in the ocean or basking on the rocks. Depending on the time and weather, make a few stops en route to Penneshaw, where you can purchase dinner (own expense) before our arrival back in Adelaide.

Included Activities: Admirals Arch, Flinders Chase National Park, Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, Remarkable Rocks

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

Special Information

Driving time whilst on the Island will be the majority of the day, with constant stops for sightseeing. The ferry Journey is approximately 45 minutes back to the mainland with a journey of 1.5 hours back to central Adelaide. Arrival time will be approximately 10:30pm. Walking distances are several hundred metres at each location.

Teilnehmer: min 1 bis max. 24 Personen (Mindestalter 18 Jahre)

Transport: kleiner Bus / Van, Fähre, Transfer Coach

Includierte Mahlzeiten: 7x Frühstück, 9x Mittagessen, 7x Abendessen

Übernachtung: 5 Nächte Hostel, 3 Nächte Camping

geeignet für Menschen mit eingeschränkter Mobilität: ja (genauere Information auf Anfrage)

Rollstuhl geeignet: nein

Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch