

## 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

### Is this trip right for you?

- This trip is made up of two separate tours and you'll be traveling with a different Guide for the Red Centre and Outback portion of your trip and Kangaroo Island. Each Guide specialises in their region of touring
- The Kangaroo Island portion of the trip are two full days of touring. Whilst there isn't too much physical exertion, there are early starts and arrival back into Adelaide on the second day is late in the evening around 10:30pm.

## Itinerary

### Day 1: Alice Springs/Kata Tjuta/Uluru

Welcome to Alice Springs. Hit the road and head off to Uluru (Ayers Rock) for lunch, before exploring the 36 rocky landforms of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). In the evening, watch the sun set over Uluru, the perfect end to a remarkable day then enjoy a delicious spread of food and wine with your group. If the weather permits, sit outside under the stars.

Note: Total driving time today is around four and a half hours. Total walking time is approximately one 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 Eraldunda, where you'll spend the night at the Desert Oaks campsite at Eraldunda, where you can meet one of Australia's most unique wildlife species, the Emu at the Eraldunda emu farm.

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

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

Included Activities: Kings Canyon Rim Walk, Eraldunda 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: Quorn / Wilpena Pound

Head to the quintessential country town of Quorn. After lunch enjoy expansive views of the Flinders Ranges as you drive towards Wilpena Pound, a natural amphitheatre of rocky mountains. Enjoy an easy group hike to explore the area, then settle into your camp among the trees.

Total driving time today is around five hours.

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

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Special Information: Please note that if your group would prefer, there is an option to return to Quorn for your overnight stay, instead of camping in Wilpena Pound.

### **Day 6: Quorn / Warren Gorge**

Return to Quorn via a winding country road that passes rugged mountain ranges and crumbling colonial-era homesteads. Spend the day exploring this wild country. Hike through the orange rock spires of Warren Gorge, taking in pockets of unique flora along the way. Trek through low-lying native shrubbery and gnarled trees. As the sun sets, rest your weary limbs in the comfort of your accommodation for the evening, a historic grain mill.

Accommodation: Multishare lodge (1 night)

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 7: Adelaide**

Make your way back to Adelaide through the rolling hills and vineyards of wine country, arriving in the early evening. As your journey comes to an end here, we will drop you at your Adelaide city accommodation.

Note: Total driving time today is around five.

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

### **Day 8: Adelaide to Kangaroo Island**

After an early morning bus ride from Adelaide Central Bus Station (departs 6:45am), 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.

Stop in at Rob's Shearing and Sheepdogs to witness sheep being 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.

Travelling on to the white sand dunes of the Little Sahara, give sand boarding a shot before arriving at our 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).

Note: 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.

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

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

### **Day 9: Kangaroo Island to Adelaide**

After breakfast, pop into the Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary for a walk among eucalyptus trees in search of lazing koalas. Next, continue on to Flinders Chase National Park, arriving at iconic Remarkable Rocks ahead of the crowds. Ramble across its craggy coastline, marvel at its dramatic seascapes, and 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. If time and weather permits, several stops may be made en route to Penneshaw, where

you can purchase dinner (own expense) before our arrival back in Adelaide.

Note: 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 10:40pm. Walking distances are several hundred metres at each location.

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

Meals Included: Breakfast, Lunch

## **Inclusions**

### **Meals**

7 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 7 dinners

### **Transport**

Minibus, Transfer coach, Ferry

### **Accommodation**

Multishare dormitory (3 nights) Permanent tented camp (3 nights) Underground multishare (1 night) Lodge multishare (1 night)

## **Included activities**

- Uluru & Kata Tjuta National Park Entrance
- Uluru Cultural Centre
- Kings Canyon Rim Walk
- Erldunda Emu Farm
- Josephine's Gallery and Kangaroo Orphanage
- Underground Mine & Opal Tour
- Rob's shearing and sheepdogs
- Emu Ridge Eucalyptus Distillery
- Seal Bay Conservation Park
- Sandboarding at Little Sahara
- Hanson Bay Wildlife Sanctuary
- Flinders Chase National Park
- Remarkable Rocks
- Admirals Arch

## **Important notes**

1. This trip departs Alice Springs at 6:05am on day 1 and finishes at approximately 10:30pm on day 9. Onward travel must be booked the following day.
2. 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.
3. This trip can also start in Yulara.
4. The Kangaroo Island portion of this trip departs from the Adelaide Central Bus Station (85 Franklin Street) on the morning of day 4. Please meet at the SeaLink desk at 6.15am for a 6.45am departure.
5. This trip requires a sleeping bag.

**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:** Hostel, Camping

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

**Rollstuhl geeignet:** nein

**Die Sprache während der Tour ist englisch**