



### **6 Day / 7 night Red Centre Tour**

#### **Day 0 (Dinner) - arrival day into Alice Springs- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Upon arrival into Alice Springs Airport, please make your way to our hotel. Taxis and an airport shuttle are available.

The rest of the day is at your leisure to explore the town and settle into our accommodation.

This evening we'll have our first group dinner at the hotel. This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow travellers.

Overnight accommodation- Double tree by Hilton Alice Springs, Guest room with en-suite

#### **Day 1 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

We start our 6 day tour today, as we travel west to Aboriginal owned Angkerle Atwatye (Standley Chasm). Gouged from tough sandstone by the floods that, over untold millions of years, have surged down a narrow tributary of the Finke River system, the result is a deep red cleft, with slopes on either side rising 80 metres above the floor.

To get to the Chasm, we follow a creek where spring-fed pools attract a great variety of wildlife, especially birds and the gully floor is lush with plants that range from delicate ferns to tall gums.

We then hit the unsealed dirt road and travel along the Mereenie Loop Road to Kings Canyon. The trip along the Mereenie Loop road is an adventure in itself and is a lovely drive through some beautiful desert country. Keep your eye out for wildlife too.

The flora and fauna around the Resort is unique to the Watarrka National Park. This ancient landscape is rich in diversity but provides harsh conditions with little rain and intense summer heat. Some of the species who have adapted over the years include camels, donkeys, dingoes, brumbies, kangaroos, wallabies, emus and over 100 species of colourful birds from the central Australian area.

Overnight accommodation- Kings Canyon Resort, motel room with en- suite (2 night stay)

#### **Day 2 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) - Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

We have an early start today, driving to the magnificent Kings Canyon in (Watarrka National Park). Containing the western end of the George Gill Range, this is a scenic landscape of rugged ranges, rockholes and gorges. The sheer red rock face of Kings Canyon soars over 100 metres above dense forests of palms, ferns and cycads; sheltering them from the surrounding desert conditions.

You have the option of taking the South Wall Walk or the Kings Creek walk. Your guide will explain the options to you before you set off and you can choose the best option for you.

The South Wall Walk starts with a steep climb to the south wall of Kings Canyon escarpments to take in magnificent views across the desert or into the lush valley below. This walk is part of the more difficult 6km Rim Walk, and once we reach the gate, we turn around and return to the car park by the same route.

The Kings Creek hike is a gentle 2.6 kilometre walk that follows a trail between the two soaring canyon walls. As you arrive at the lookout point, you will be welcomed by spectacular views of the sheer cliff face at the far end of the canyon. This hike is completely immersive as you see, feel and smell the natural wonders and the flora and fauna of the canyon.

This afternoon is free for you to relax in your room, take an optional helicopter flight (extra cost), take the 2.3km loop walk at the resort or take a walk to the Luritja lookout for sunset.

Overnight accommodation- Kings Canyon Resort, motel room with en- suite

### **Day 3 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

We have a later start this morning, before departing the resort and travelling south to the Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park. The park is world heritage listed for the importance of its natural phenomena and cultural significance.

After lunch, we check into our accommodation and then this afternoon we drive to Uluru for our first opportunity to view the Uluru sunset. It's also a great place for photos of Australia's most famous landmark ! You also have the option of taking the Sounds of Silence dinner experience (additional cost).

Overnight accommodation- Standard motel room with en-suite at the Outback Pioneer Hotel (3 night stay).

### **Day 4 (Breakfast, Dinner) - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May**

We have a free morning today. You can relax at the resort or pursue your own interests. There are a range of optional tours available, including a variety of free activities at the resort or choose an optional tour such as a Harley ride, helicopter flight or a camel ride – which incur an extra cost. For the early risers, there is an opportunity for sunrise over Uluru this morning, by walking to one of the resort lookouts.

This afternoon we head out to Kata Tjuta meaning “many heads”. The enormous domes, 36 in total, rise out of the sand and weathered over millions of years they are now rounded peaks. The tallest, Mt Olga, is higher than Uluru! The Walpa Gorge walk is a rocky track that gently rises to a stream, passing rare plants and ending at a grove of spearwood. Walk within the sheer walls and experience this amazing landscape.

We have another opportunity to see sunset this evening, either at Uluru or over Kata Tjuta, depending on how sunset was last night.

Overnight accommodation- Standard motel room with en-suite at the Outback Pioneer Hotel

### **Day 5 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

We have an early start (but it's well worth it!) today for sunrise at Uluru. The giant monolith emerges from the inky landscape, changing from purple through to rusty browns and red in the golden sunlight.

Then we take the base walk around Uluru, which includes the Mala Walk and Muñitjulu waterhole, home of a wanampi, an ancestral watersnake.

After the walk we visit the Cultural Centre.

This afternoon is free for you to pursue an optional activity or relax at the resort.

Overnight accommodation- Standard motel room with en-suite at the Outback Pioneer Hotel

### **Day 6 (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner) - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

Departing Yulara this morning, we start our journey back to Alice Springs, via Mt Connor and to Rainbow Valley. Mt Connor (Artila) is situated on Curtin Springs cattle station and is a 244m high mesa, or isolated table-top mountain and we stop for photos en-route.

We hit the dirt again now, for a scenic drive into Rainbow Valley. These free standing sandstone cliffs are part of the James Range and are very photogenic !

We'll arrive back into Alice Springs at approximately 5pm for our final dinner as a group and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight accommodation- Double tree by Hilton Alice Springs, Guest room with en-suite

### **Departure Day from Alice Springs (Breakfast) - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

Your tour ends after breakfast this morning.

**END OF TOUR**

**B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner**

Prices are based on travel in May 2023 and include GST.

**AUD \$5485 per adult, twin share.**

**AUD \$5285 per child (10-15 years), twin share.**

**AUD \$7015 single room**

For solo travellers who prefer to twin share, we'll try our best to match you up with someone else of the same sex but this cannot be guaranteed. If we are unable to match you up to twin share, you will have a single room and have to pay the single room rate

Maximum 15 guests

Itinerary is exclusive to Sacred Earth Safaris and subject to availability, road, weather and cultural conditions.

**Inclusions:**

- Seat in 6WD coach, with professional driver guide
- Meals as stated
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Alice Springs at the Double Tree by Hilton Alice Springs
- 2 nights accommodation at Kings Canyon Resort in a motel room with en-suite
- 3 nights accommodation at Yulara Resort in standard rooms at the Outback Pioneer Hotel
- Uluru/ Kata Tjuta Park entry fee
- Mereenie loop pass
- Standley Chasm entry fee

**Exclusions:**

- Arrival / departure flights into Alice Springs
- Travel Insurance
- Airport transfers
- Alcohol or soft drinks
- Optional activities such as helicopter flights, camel rides, Harley rides, Sounds of Silence dinner experience