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Inspiring Journeys

# AUSTRALIA



TASMANIA • ULURU • KAKADU • THE BAROSSA • MARGARET RIVER

# OUTBACK CONTRASTS

ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJUṬA | ULURU

06  
DAYS



Old Quarry

## IMMERSE

Experience true outback life as you enjoy lunch on Peter Severin's million acre property in the heart of the Red Centre.

## INDULGE

Bask in the glow of the campfire as you indulge in a five course degustation with matching wines at Kings Canyon Resort.

## EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by nature, and discover the scenic wonders of the West MacDonnell Ranges.

## RELAX

Nestled in the rugged bush, unwind in your room at Kings Canyon Resort, with a private balcony overlooking a beautiful rock escarpment.

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.

### Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Meet your Journey Director who will share their take on what life is like in such an isolated town as Alice Springs. Visit the historic Overland Telegraph Station and hear how the north and south of Australia were connected by a single wire. Then **the stunning landscapes of the West MacDonnell take centre stage**, as you embark on a walk through Simpsons Gap, and later view Alice Springs and surrounds from the top of Anzac Hill. This evening join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Tali Restaurant.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters  
**MEALS** Dinner with wine

### Day 2: Alice Springs – Kings Canyon

We head off along the 4WD Giles Track, crossing dry riverbeds and outback landscapes, to Kings Canyon Resort. The flickering glow of this evening's fire, dancing under the canopy of a starry Southern Hemisphere sky, is the perfect accompaniment to your **Local Dining Experience 'Under a Desert Moon'**. This degustation menu with matching wines is the perfect end to the day. Sit back and listen to the sounds of the outback come alive at night in the company of new friends.

**HOTEL** Kings Canyon Resort  
**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, Local Dining Experience

### Day 3: Kings Canyon – Uluru

- Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on the spellbinding 6km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs to the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed, treading in the footsteps of the Luritja people who once found sanctuary amidst the Itara trees at the canyon's base. Then we head off towards Uluru, **visiting the local Wanmarra Community to learn about the Luritja and Pertame people's spiritual connection to the land at the Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience**. Discover bush food and bush medicine used for spirituality and healing. Now you'll wander across desert landscapes arriving at Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch.
- Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive at Ayers Rock Resort, your launchpad to Australia's spiritual heart in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. As the day fades, the outback sun bids a fiery farewell. Uluru towers over the Northern Territory's remote landscape, the perfect back drop for this evening's sparkling sundowners.

**HOTEL** Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights

**MEALS** Breakfast, lunch



Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience

### Day 4: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

- Enjoy a relaxed start to the day before exploring, and **learning about the spiritual connection the local Anangu caretakers have with the land**. Skirt the red walls of Uluru, hear ancient tales and see rock art, then visit Mutitjulu Waterhole. Relax by the resort pool or take to the skies to see Uluru from above before an afternoon visit to Kata Tjuta for a walk through Walpa Gorge. This evening enjoy dinner at Ilkari Restaurant.

**MEALS** Breakfast, Dinner with wine

### Day 5: Field of Light – Uluru – Alice Springs

- Observe the shifting lights of Bruce Munro's impressive Field of Light art installation as the desert awakens and the sunrise lights up across Uluru. Traverse the vast outback to the hidden gem, Rainbow Valley, a significant site to the southern Arrernte people, before arriving in Alice Springs. Enjoy free time to wander around the town. The Todd Street Mall has cafés and many Aboriginal art galleries to explore. **Immerse yourself this afternoon and evening against the backdrop of the outback at our open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner**. Located off the beaten track in the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges, you'll enjoy drinks as a bush balladeer sings classic Australian songs and shares stories of outback living. Indulge in a dinner of local produce as the Milky Way lights up the sky.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters  
**MEALS** Breakfast, Celebration Dinner

### Day 6: Farewell from Alice Springs

Relax this morning as your journey comes to an end. You might choose to take an optional hot air balloon ride to experience the scenic landscapes of the outback before your journey is completed.

**MEALS** Breakfast

## DEPARTURES

2024	
Apr 16, 30	Aug 06, 20
May 14, 28	Sep 03, 17
Jun 11, 25	Oct 01, 08
Jul 09, 23	

Definite Departures highlighted in red.

For prices, latest deals and year-round offers including past guest offers, group booking discounts for 9+ guests, multi-trip savings and additional definite departure dates visit [inspiringjourneys.com/craa](https://inspiringjourneys.com/craa) or contact your local travel agent. A limited number of single rooms are also available.

## INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- 10+ Unforgettable experiences
- 11 included meals
- 5 Nights premium accommodation

## NOTES

### CRAA: ALICE SPRINGS RETURN

- Flights are not included in holiday price.
- Flight Information:  
Day 1 – flights to arrive prior to 12.00pm into Alice Springs Airport  
Day 6 – flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport

