# Outback Spirit

# **RED CENTRE EXPLORER**

## **ALICE SPRINGS - ULURU**

SAMPLE ITINERARY

This is a sample itinerary and may be subject to change. We may need to alter or amend itineraries, excursions, accommodation, or sightseeing arrangements from those published, with little or no notice. This may be due to road conditions, weather, cultural considerations, safety factors and other operational considerations or government regulations. Final itineraries are sent to passengers approximately 2-3 weeks before travel.

### DAY 1 – ALICE SPRINGS

Today you'll be met by your friendly and professional crew. Enjoy a brief tour of Alice Springs including Anzac Hill, before checking in to the DoubleTree by Hilton for our overnight stay. (D)

#### **DAY 2 – ALICE SPRINGS - KINGS CANYON**

Today we depart Alice Springs and travel the Mereenie loop through the West MacDonnell Ranges to Kings Canyon. Enjoy the scenic drive and visit Standley Chasm and Ormiston Gorge before checking in to the Kings Canyon Resort where we will spend the next two nights (B,L,D)

### DAY 3 - KINGS CANYON - WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

Today enjoy the wonders of the majestic Kings Canyon. Two walks are available, including the spectacular 6 km rim walk. This walk features breathtaking views of the Watarrka National Park before descending into the 'Garden of Eden'. A less arduous walk is also available along the canyon floor (2.6km).

Upon returning to the resort this afternoon, there is the opportunity to take helicopter flights over Kings Canyon and Watarrka National Park. 15 minute flights cost approximately \$190 per person. (B,L,D)

Please note: Weight limits apply to all scenic flights

### DAY 4 - KINGS CANYON - ULURU

This morning we depart Kings Canyon for Uluru. Pass through Kings Creek Station and enjoy an informative paper talk and lunch at Curtin Springs, before arriving at the award-winning Sails in the Desert Hotel, part of the Ayers Rock Resort.

Enjoy a lap of Uluru before returning to the resort, ready for this evening's unique 'Sounds of Silence' dining experience under the stars. Offering the best of the Red Centre distilled into four magical hours, the evening begins with canapes and chilled sparkling wine served on a viewing platform overlooking the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. As the sun sets and darkness falls, listen to the sound of the didgeridoo and enjoy a premium bush tucker inspired buffet incorporating native bush ingredients. Afterwards, settle back and listen to the resident star talker decode the southern night sky. (B,L,D)

Note: Voyages Ayers Rock Resort have moved to cashless transactions

# DAY 5 – ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK & FIELD OF LIGHT

This morning, early risers will experience the sun rising over Uluru and the colours of dawn spreading across the landscape. After breakfast, head off to discover Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) and admire the stunning rock formations on a guided walk into Walpa Gorge.

We take in the cultural centre and enjoy a guided tour around the base of Uluru, which stands 348 metres above the desert plains. Learn about traditional Anangu culture as you marvel at one of the largest monoliths in the world!

Later this afternoon we prepare for our visit to artist Bruce Munro's global phenomenon 'Field of Light'. Aptly named Tili Wiru Tjuta Nyakutjaku (looking at lots of beautiful lights), 'Field of Light' features 50,000 slender stems crowned with radiant frosted spheres, spread across an area the size of 7 football fields.

Departing the resort before sunset, we head to an exclusive dune top location with majestic views of Uluru. Enjoy drinks and canapes as Field of Light gently illuminates and the 50,000 glass spheres come to life. After your host provides some insights into this remarkable installation, you'll head off to explore the stunning display via the dedicated pathways.

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This evening we return to the hotel for dinner and our final night at Sails in the Desert. (B,L,D)

\*Please note that dinner this evening will be at approximately 9pm.

### DAY 6 – AYERS ROCK RESORT

After breakfast enjoy the morning at your leisure. You will then be transferred to the airport or back to Alice Springs. (B)

Please note if you are travelling back to Alice Springs to catch the Ghan, it will be an early start and lunch will be provided.

Every effort will be made by your crew to ensure that the above itinerary is followed. However, Outback Spirit reserves the right to alter the itinerary once on tour as required due to weather and track conditions or other operational considerations.

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