



ALICE SPRINGS AND ULURU

25 - 31 JULY 2021

Ex Brisbane

“The heart, the soul, the centre”. Alice Springs lies in the Red Centre of Australia – literally in the middle of the Continent. The town is the heart and soul of Central Australia and, on this tour, is our base for 5 days. It began as an overland telegraph station and is now a modern community on the Sturt Highway – the north/south corridor connecting Darwin with Adelaide. Come and explore “the Alice” – the Australian Outback town made famous by the novel “A Town like Alice” by Neville Shute. Secure your place now or please call us for more information.



\$3,755*
per person twin share
ex BNE

\$575**
Single Supplement



INCLUSIONS

Return flights/taxes with Qantaslink from Brisbane to Alice Springs
2 nights' accommodation at Voyages Outback Hotel
4 nights' accommodation at Aurora Alice Springs
Touring in private air-conditioned coach
Meals as per itinerary

HIGHLIGHTS

Uluru
Kata Tjuta National Park
The Olgas
Uluru Camel Farm
Old Telegraph Station
Alice Springs Flying Doctor Base
School of the Air
Alice Springs Desert Park
Road Transport Hall of Fame



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TERMS & CONDITIONS: *All prices quoted are per person twin share. ** Single supplement applies. Credit card surcharges apply. A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at time of booking to secure tour. Tour is subject to minimum numbers. Prices may fluctuate if fees, surcharges or taxes change. Itinerary is subject to change. Prices are correct as at 02 July 2020. Final payment is due by 20 May 2021. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended. Norfolk Select T/A Uplift Tours and Travel ABN: 93367366822 ATAS Accreditation No: A10619

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DAY 1 (LD): BRISBANE TO YULARA**25 July 2021**

Welcome to our special **Red Centre, Ayers Rock and Alice Springs** tour. Making our way to the airport this morning sees us boarding our flight to the “**Red Centre**” of Australia. On arrival at **Yulara airport** our local coach will be waiting to meet us and take us for a quick introduction to the **Ayers Rock Resort**. It will be a little early to check into our rooms at the **Outback Pioneer Hotel**, so we can enjoy morning tea in the town centre and join in the **Bush Yarn Tour**. Be captivated by the yarns told by an Indigenous storyteller of Aboriginal history, culture, traditional techniques used on the land. Next we enjoy lunch in the **Bough House Restaurant**, then check into our rooms and head off on our afternoons touring. **Uluru** is located in the World Heritage Listed **Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park**. It rises 348 metres from the desert floor and has a girth of 9.4km. It's the world's most famous monolith with at least two thirds of the Rock lying beneath the surface. Our driver/guide will take us on a brief sightseeing tour stopping for photo opportunities along the way before arriving at the **Sunset Viewing Area** to watch the changing colours on this magnificent monolith as the sun sets over the horizon. Uluru puts on a remarkable light show as it changes from red to orange to lilac in a matter of minutes. We enjoy this special experience before returning to the resort for dinner.

Overnight: Voyages Outback Pioneer Hotel – 2 nights' accommodation

DAY 2 (BD): ULURU AND THE KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK**26 July 2021**

For the very early risers, at around 6.00 am the coach will depart for the Sunrise Viewing Area to experience the first glimpse of the day and some brilliant photo opportunities. For those not wanting such an early morning, there will be breakfast at the Hotel restaurant. Mid-morning we return to the National Park and arrive at the rock for the **Mala Walk**. Learn about Aboriginal perceptions of Uluru, its powerful spiritual significance and how Anangu Traditional Owners and Ranges are looking after the Park together. Next we spend some time at the **Cultural Centre** to learn about the ancient aboriginal culture and the role of Tjukurpa (*their creation stories and laws*). Back at the resort we can have a little free time to purchase lunch (*passengers own expense*), then this afternoon we head straight to the **Olgas**, called by the Aboriginal people, “**Kata Tjuta**” or place of many domes. There are excellent views from an observation deck then plenty of time for a walk among the ancient domes. Once at the **Valley of the Winds** lookout, we take some time to gaze out over the central valley of Kata Tjuta. This evening prior to sunset, we are in for a special treat, a unique outback experience. Our dinner this evening is at a rather different location, **Old Toms Waterhole** at the **Uluru Camel Farm**. Here we can enjoy a real outback style bbq dinner around the campfire.

DAY 3 (BLD): YULARA TO ALICE SPRINGS**27 July 2021**

We say goodbye to Uluru National Park after breakfast and travel to **Curtin Springs** for some time to stretch our legs and look through the gift shop. Passing by **Mt Connor** we head for **Erlunda** where we stop for lunch. This afternoon we arrive into Alice Springs and check into the Aurora Alice Springs for the next 4 nights. Located conveniently between the **Todd River** and the **Todd Mall** you may like to take a wander and look through the shops and art galleries before dinner in the Red Ochre Grill.

Overnight: Aurora Alice Springs – 4 nights' accommodation

DAY 4 (BD): EXPLORING ALICE SPRINGS**28 July 2021**

Following breakfast, we head off on our day's sightseeing. Our first stop is at **ANZAC Hill** for panoramic views of the town and the surrounding area. We then visit the **Old Telegraph Station** and the original Alice Springs. We will also take a look at the **Alice Springs Flying Doctor Base**. We now have some free time in Todd Mall to purchase our lunch – there are some unique galleries which may be of interest. We have two interesting visits this afternoon – the first is the **National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame** and the second is the **School of the Air**. Returning to the hotel, we have some free time before dinner.

Day 5 (BLD): WESTERN MACDONNELL RANGES**29 July 2021**

We have a great day in store, as we explore the majestic **Western MacDonnell Ranges**. The natural beauty in this area is outstanding! Our first stop this morning is at **Simpsons Gap** before morning tea at the **Hermannsburg Historic Precinct**, with time to look through the restored buildings and various artworks on display and for sale. Our touring then takes us past **Gosse Bluff**, with a stop at the lookout to take in the views below and then onto **Glen Helen Homestead Lodge** which overlooks the **Glen Helen Gorge**. This afternoon's scenery is breathtaking as we call into **Ormiston Gorge** and **Standley Chasm**. Late afternoon we arrive back into Alice Springs and enjoy dinner to complete our sightseeing day of the Western MacDonnells.

DAY 6 (BD): ALICE SPRINGS LIFESTYLE**30 July 2021**

There is still a lot to see in this area and our first stop today is at the **Alice Springs Desert Park**. This is a very special place and as we take the time to walk slowly through the displays we will gain a good understanding of this region with its highlights and challenges. There is a café on site where we can purchase lunch and a drink when it is time to take a rest. Our afternoon will be spent at the **Road Transport Hall of Fame**. Alice Springs is the traditional birthplace of the road train. For every visitor there is a history lesson on how Australia's tough terrain broke the best vehicles the world could throw at it; of how war at Australia's doorstep brought mechanisation and development to this nation - and Central Australia in particular; and how a unique breed of road transport pioneer used improvisation, innovation, ingenuity, commonsense and sheer will to carve a road transport network from stark wilderness and to give us an industry that has been the nucleus and backbone of Australia's development. We spend a couple of hours here before returning to our hotel.

Early evening, we experience the 'spirit of the outback at the **Earth Sanctuary**. From a spectacular sunset over the Eastern MacDonnell Ranges to an awe-inspiring canopy of stars, your hosts will captivate you with stories of local ecology, culture and astronomy along with a fitting bush BBQ. Feeling like more closely connected with this land, we return to our hotel for a good night's rest.

DAY 7 (B): ALICE SPRINGS TO HOME

31 July 2021

Unfortunately it's time to leave this magical part of the country. We may be leaving in body but I would be surprised if part of our spirit doesn't decide to stay! Our transfer to the airport has us boarding our flight this morning so we arrive home early afternoon.

