

# NORTHERN TERRITORY

2025-2026





Arrive at pure bliss in the Tiwi Islands—aptly named the Islands of Smiles—where a cultural hub full of vibrant art and tradition meets footy in the sand.





Welcome Traveller,

This year, I spent time with my family on one of our most popular tours, the Outback Adventure. From Adelaide's cultural hub (stocked with treats from our Adelaide Central Markets food tour), we ventured through the vast Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park and Port Augusta, discovering Wilpena Pound's dramatic landscape, before passing through Coober Pedy with a stay underground in a desert hotel.

But the best was yet to come: the Red Centre. By this time, other guests knew me as the "undercover boss", but my reaction to seeing Uluru and Kata Tjuta again matched theirs – complete awe and wonder. This year, thanks to recent rains, there's a beautiful mix of green in the surrounding flora, spectacularly contrasting with the red dirt and rock. The locals reckon you're not truly one of them until you've seen rain fall on Uluru. While I wouldn't call myself a local, my work allows me frequent visits to the Northern Territory, and each time I discover something new.

As my family and I dined at our exclusive outback barbecue, just 150 metres from Uluru, sharing stories with new friends under the stars, I felt the power of this place further embedded within me, a cherished moment that I'll remember forever.

You'll be drawn to rediscover this place over and over. With more than 100 years of experience, the Northern Territory is our heartland. Explore our expertly crafted tours, full of these amazing experiences and much more. Our premium coaches, knowledgeable Travel Directors, and friendly Driver Guides ensure your visit is exceptional every time. They're proof of how we push boundaries each year, curating the best travel moments for you.

Let us take you places, and together we will discover more!

Sincerely,

Ben Hall

AAT Kings Group | CEO





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# 100+ Years of Adventure and many more to come

A century ago, the Australian outback was but a twinkle in most travellers' eyes. But thanks to visionaries like the Pyke family and Bill King, how we explore the Land Down Under was about to change in unimaginable ways. Over the coming decades, maps were unfolded, desert cruisers and coaches were customised. and guides were trained. From humble beginnings, together we travelled to places few had gone before, pioneering new paths across Australia and New Zealand and taking intrepid domestic and international travellers on a wild and wonderful ride.

We've come a long way since then and clocked a few kilometres in the process. But some things will never change. Like our spirit for adventure, our oh-so-knowledgeable and passionate Travel Directors and Driver Guides, and the life-changing experiences we offer – the kind that only 100 years of exploring affords.

Join us on a fully immersive off-the-beaten-track adventure!

"Keep doing what you're doing, but try and do it better" – Bill King



#### 1920s

AAT Kings can be traced back to George Page's modest transport service from Melbourne to Brighton.

#### 1930s

The Pike family introduced Sydney to Katoomba.

#### 1960s

Bill King decided there was a real future with off-the-beaten-track journeys – Bill purchased two Land Rovers, an ex-army international ambulance and a Denning Bus and launched Bill King's Northern Safaris.

#### 1970s

Bill designed and built his own 18 passenger vehicles and called them Desert Cruisers. AAT Coachlines had commenced operations in the Northern Territory.

#### 1980s

AAT Coachlines purchased Bill King's Northern Safaris and operated as Bill King's Australian Adventure Tours.

#### 1984

AAT Kings brand formed.

#### 1997

AAT Kings joined The Travel Corporation Family of Brands.

#### 1999

AAT Kings began operations in New Zealand.

#### 2010

Small group immersive Inspiring Journeys brand was born.

#### 2018

Down Under Tours joined the AAT Kings Group.

#### 2019

SEIT Outback Australia joined the AAT Kings Group.





# Glennon (above)

#### **Northern Territory Travel Director**

"My journey to becoming a Travel Director with AAT Kings is deeply rooted in my family's history and connecting with my ancestors here in the Red Centre. Travelling from my home, the Tiwi Islands, I've had the chance to not only explore this country but also to share these destinations with visitors from around the world.

Come join us, and discover these locations for yourself, through the eyes of those who live here and know it best."

# Delma (left)

#### **Travel Director & Driver Guide**

"I travelled to Ulu<u>r</u>u by myself, and ended up working as a Travel Director, after a few years I was awarded a Smile Award and an Outstanding Achievement Award due to the great feedback I received from guests.

Every guest shapes who I am today, hearing their stories has such an impact on me, it's so special. I want to be a part of that, to ensure they have the most amazing time."

# Amazina Experiences

For a century, guests have entrusted us to help them explore almost every corner of this wild and wonderful country. And over the years, we've met a few characters along the way. These enduring friendships between our amazing people and the locals we visit help us craft expert and authentic travel experiences. Moments that will make you feel fully immersed, with real people, in locations you likely never knew even existed.

Here are some of our favourites, but there is so much more to discover.







#### Cruise Nitmiluk Gorge, Top End

As you journey up the gorge, moving from boat to boat and rock to rock, the true scale of this place reveals itself. Your cruise takes you deep within the waterways, past towering ancient rock formations with distinct earthy colours. The water reflects lush greens and blues as wildlife clings to the escarpments. You'll hear about the history of the Jawoyn people and the stories of the life-giving Rainbow Serpent that hides in the deep waters.



#### Walk through a Field of Light

Wander the paths and admire the 50,000 spires of colour that make up this art installation. As dawn breaks, you'll see the many wildflowers surrounding the area, one of the inspirations for Bruce Munro's vivid creation. Follow the faint sounds of laughter as you walk to the top of the sand dune, where a warm drink awaits, perfect for the crisp desert morning. People exchange stories and capture photos as Uluru shines in the distance.





The TreadRight Foundation was established more than 15 years ago and since then has supported over 60 sustainable tourism projects worldwide. Their mission is clear; to have a positive impact on:

SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES & CULTURES

SUSTAINABILITY & CONSERVATION

PROTECTION & AWARENESS F

Through our not-for-profit TreadRight Foundation, of which AAT Kings is a founding member, and our sustainability strategy, How We Tread Right, we're addressing the impact of our operations and trips. We're committed to reaching net zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions across our value chain by 2050 from a 2019 baseline year, with a primary focus to decarbonise. To do this, we have launched a four-point Climate Action Plan as well as a Carbon Fund dedicated to financing initiatives to reduce the carbon emissions of our business. You can read more about our plans to Measure, Reduce, Restore and Evolve at impact.ttc.com.

# Travel Your Way

No two travellers are ever the same. Which means that with AAT Kings, neither are any two trips. We understand that sometimes you want to switch off and enjoy the scenery, with your itinerary, accommodation and exclusive experiences all seamlessly sorted 'behind the scenes'. Other journeys require the essentials covered and insider tips provided, but need built-in flexibility so you can go your own way. Whether you have a couple of weeks or a couple of hours, whether you want to leave everything to us or customise parts of your journey, AAT Kings offers a travel style for every kind of traveller. And regardless of the trip you choose, you'll leave a minimal footprint, connect with culture and support the local communities you visit.



#### First Choice Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- · Exclusive experiences in the Northern Territory
- · More inclusions and meals
- · Everything taken care of by Travel Directors

There's nothing quite like setting off to see the Northern Territory, knowing that each wild encounter, all your accommodation – and everything in between – has been taken care of by your Travel Director, guides and the team of supporting experts. All you need to do is relax, make lasting connections and delve into the country's culture.



#### Best Buys Guided Holidays

For explorers who want:

- A flexible holiday with some inclusions, and some independent travel
- All the essentials managed by in-the-know Travel Directors

Designed for those who like travel fundamentals taken care of – the transportation, accommodation – but also like the option of exploring independently, with tips from knowledgeable Travel Directors to point you in the right direction if needed.



### Short

For explorers who want:

- To see the Northern Territory, but don't have weeks to spare
- A seamless travel experience to take in as much as possible in a short space of time

When you have a week or less to dive into thundering waterfalls, cruise through ancient gorges or dine under a carpet of stars at Uluru, this travel style is for you. Your journey unites everything that's great about AAT Kings into a fully curated, blissfully efficient, bite-sized package.



#### Day Tours

For explorers who:

Have a few hours and want life-changing experiences packed in

A century ago, AAT Kings became an Australian pioneer in day tripping, taking adventurous explorers where few others had gone before. We know this space well, and our Driver Guides have every connection to make your day of adventure – whether in Kakadu or the Tiwi Islands – as meaningful as possible.

# Kakadu National Park Litchfield National Park National Park National Park

#### Kakadu National Park

Only four sites in Australia appear on the World Heritage List for both their natural and cultural significance and Kakadu is one of them



# Northern Territory

The vibrant colour and irresistible spirit of Australia can be found everywhere, across its vast plains and mountain ranges, beaches and islands.

So many unforgettable moments await you – watch the sun turn golden across waterlily-filled Kakadu billabongs, immerse yourself in Mataranka's thermal pools, meet the people who make Tiwi Islands 'the island of smiles', and explore the mesmerising vastness between the Top End and Red Centre on your way to Australia's heart – Uluru.

The Northern Territory holds the key to the most unique and remarkable holiday you've ever had.

#### Litchfield National Park

Take in the splendour of thundering waterfalls, rainforests, and sacred sites. Litchfield is a haven for native bird species and a range of woodland flora.



#### Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge

Nitmiluk

Gorge

Cruise along Katherine
River and experience the
varied and ever-changing
landscapes as you move
deeper into the stunning
Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge.



#### Uluru

Australia's most sacred Aboriginal site, mighty Uluru stands proud, watching over the Red Centre, its history filled with myth and legend.

Kata Tjuta



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#### Kata Tjuta

The 36 red conglomerate domes of Kata Tjuta (meaning 'many heads') remain deeply spiritual and sacred to the local Anangu people.





### First Choice and Best Buys

AAT Kings offers two styles of guided holiday. First Choice with exclusive experiences and adventures, and Best Buys offering flexibility with some inclusions and some independent travel. Whether you want to leave everything to us or customise parts of your journey, regardless of the tour style you choose, you'll leave a minimal footprint, connect with culture and support the local communities you visit.



# Outback Adventure

#### **Highlights**

#### **(2)** Local Connection

Go off-grid at Earth Sanctuary, where the Falzon family inspire a sustainable lifestyle. Learn how you can, too, over a Be My Guest dinner and stargazing.

#### Cultural Immersion

Put life into perspective glimpsing 40,000-year-old rock art with an Indigenous guide. From Uluru to Kakadu, Songlines are strong.

#### **Make Travel Matter**

Wilpena Pound Resort is not just a pretty place to stay. When you check in, you're contributing to the local Adnyamathanha people and regional conservation projects.

#### World Class Nature

Coober Pedy is hot in more ways than one. This lunar landscape is as stark as it is staggering – even more incredible are the opals you'll find when you dig deep.

#### 1 Welcome to Adelaide 5 Ulu<u>r</u>u Sunrise – Kata Tju<u>t</u>a

At once cultured yet cool, Adelaide attracts foodies, historians, and art aficionados in equal measure. Explore it on a city tour, before meeting a local gourmand at the legendary Central Market, before joining your Travel Director for a Welcome Dinner. **Hotel: Crowne Plaza. D** 

#### 2 Adelaide - Flinders Ranges

One of Australia's oldest wine regions, the Clare Valley is all rounded hills, rippling vines and native forest. It's the postcard-perfect setting for historic Knappstein Enterprise Winery, producing sweet-scented rieslings and mineral-rich reds. Next, enjoy a visit to artist Jeff Morgan's gallery in Hawker, gateway to the Flinders Ranges. The best is yet to come, as you arrive at Wilpena Pound Resort in the shadows of a staggering natural amphitheatre. Hotel: Wilpena Pound Resort. B D

#### 3 Flinders Ranges - Port Augusta

The river red gums that envelop Hills Homestead will leave you lost for words. You get here on a leisurely walk along Wilpena Creek and continue to Wangarra Hill Lookout for views over the pound's peaks and curves. The drama is echoed as you travel to Pichi Richi Pass and the historic town of Quorn, where with a Local Guide, you'll hear the importance of this town in the ANZAC's Gallipoli Campaign, before easing into Port Augusta. **Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B D** 

#### 4 Port Augusta – Coober Pedy

The main attraction in Woomera is a former rocket-testing site, today stocked with disused rockets and missiles. Speaking of space, you'll think you've landed on the moon as you travel through sun-baked country to Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world'. Things get deep as you travel underground to visit the town's headscratching subterranean facilities. **Hotel: Desert Cave. B D** 

#### 5 Coober Pedy – Uluru

Emerge from your cave and cross the border into the Northern Territory. Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park has World Heritage status for a reason; under the gaze of the world's mightiest monolith, toast the end of the day with a glass of bubbles and a camera full of sunset photos. Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights. B

Pre-dawn wake-up calls are worth it when you get to enjoy a Red Centre sunrise. Marvel at the majesty of Uluru as you circumnavigate its base or join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole. This landscape takes you back to the beginning of time, a sacred place among the Anangu. More soul-salving landscapes await at Kata Tjuta, cool relief provided as you walk amid its domes to Walpa Gorge. **B** 

#### Uluru – Kings Canyon

Sleep in, or you might choose to rise early for Artist Bruce Munro's Field of Light (own expense) and another special sunrise over Ulu<u>r</u>u. Next chance to stretch your legs is at Kings Creek Station, the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia. All your senses will be activated at Kings Canyon, 440-million years in the making. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B D** 

#### 8 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Things are bigger in the NT outback, from the cattle stations to the MacDonnell Ranges, which stretch like a caterpillar's spine toward Alice Springs. Alice Springs makes Australian history for her 1872 Telegraph Station, one of 11 along the Overland Telegraph Line between Adelaide and Darwin. Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B

#### 9 Alice Springs

Aboriginal culture is strong in Alice Springs, as you'll fast find on a tour of the Alice Springs Desert Park. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, its base a museum that goes behind the scenes of the lifesaving health services delivered to people in remote realms. One of the benefits of being this far-flung is the lack of light pollution. And at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, this equates to epic stargazing. Your Be My Guest BBQ dinner here with the Falzon family is enlightening and uplifting - think stories of self-sufficient living and astronomy. **B D** 

#### 10 Alice Springs - Tennant Creek

1.3 million square kilometres – that's the eye-watering distance the School of Air's lessons are broadcast across daily. If touring during the school term, you may be lucky enough to observe live educational sessions featuring children who otherwise may not have access to public education. Approximately an hour south of Tennant Creek is Karlu Karlu, the Devils



Marbles, a collection of hundreds of boulders that vary in size, with some 6 metres high. These boulders have formed over millions of years and continue to crack and change over time. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D** 

#### Tennant Creek - Katherine

Since the 1930s, the Daly Waters Historic Pub has been dishing up schnitzels, barramundi burgers and hearty steaks. The walls are lined with 'treasures' that passers-by leave behind. 'Land of the Never Never' awaits at Mataranka. Visit a replica of the Elsey Homestead, used in 1982 Aussie drama We of the Never Never. Or wander palm-lined walkways to take a dip in the region's thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B D** 

#### 12 Katherine - Kakadu National Park

The Jawoyn have called Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge home for millennia. Find out about the ancient story of the cicada, embodying the spiritual connection between the Jawoyn people and their land. Traverse the land into Kakadu National Park. The Yellow Water billabong cruise is a mesmerising journey through this ancient landscape, guided by knowledgeable locals. **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B D** 

#### 13 Kakadu - Darwin

Decisions, decisions: morning scenic flight over Kakadu (own expense), or a sleep in. We vote for the former before you venture toward Ubirr and its ancient Aboriginal rock art. The night is yours in steamy Darwin, where the characters are as large as the shadows cast at sunset. **Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 2 nights. B** 

#### 1 Darwin Free Time

Today, go your own way. That might mean sleeping in, and then heading out for a delicious tropical lunch. Or signing up for optional experiences, like explorations into Litchfield National Park. Or, head north to the Tiwi Islands, where you take a deep dive into Indigenous history and art with First Nations guides (both own expense). Whichever route you go, we'll see you at the Farewell Dinner. **B D** 

#### 15 Farewell from Darwin

Time to bid adieu and head home to sort through all those photos. Even better are the memories; two weeks of wild outback adventures.  ${\bf B}$ 



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#### 15 DAYS

#### **Departure Dates**

2025-26 Season				
2025			2025 continued	
Jun	10, 17		Aug	05, 12
Jul	08, 15		Sep	02

#### **Dining**

14 Breakfasts B 10 Dinners D

#### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 12.30pm into Adelaide Airport

Day 15: Flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

Return Airport to Hotel transfers are included in the tour price. Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

#### **Extensions & Add-Ons**

- Ask us about adding a journey on The Ghan Expedition from Darwin to Adelaide to the end of your tour. (Code: NAADR)
- Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner as an add-on to Day 5. (Code: BBQA)
- Add Bruce Munro's Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light to Day 7. (Code: FOL).
- Add Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Experience to Day 14. (Code: TFER)







#### **Highlights**

#### Local Connection

Go behind the scenes with local guides (they know where to spot crocs) while cruising Kakadu's Yellow Water Billabong, or touring the School of the Air.

#### Cultural Immersion

Thirsty visitors have been leaving mementos on the walls of the Daly Waters Pub for 40+ years. Over a beer think about what you can contribute.

#### **Make Travel Matter**

On your cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge learn about the local culture of the traditional Jawoyn landowners through your indigenous quide's expertise.

#### World Class Nature

Mataranka Thermal Hot Springs is a natural wonder with crystal-clear waters surrounded by lush tropical vegetation and palm trees.

#### 1 Welcome to Uluru

Today is one of colours. The ochre soil spiked with cycads as you come into land. The endless blue sky. The russet hues of Uluru... And that's all before the enchanting hour. Uluru has been home to the Anangu for millennia. You will discover their connection to the land when you arrive in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park at sunset watching the shifting colours transform the desert. Elevate your evening with the exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner (own expense). Hotel: Desert Gardens, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights.

#### 2 Ulu<u>r</u>u Sunrise – Kata Tju<u>t</u>a

Help protect the highlights of Australia's wilderness through your bucket list visit to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. You'll encounter the iconic Uluru, half a billion years old, standing 348 metres high and taller than the Eiffel Tower. If you're looking for a reason to roll out of bed before dawn, make it an Uluru sunrise. We're not saying it's better than the sunset. But rising with the birds certainly has benefits. Like being cool when you tour the base of the world's biggest monolith. A circumnavigation is 11 kilometres, if you're up for it. Or you can join a guided walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole, a sacred spot decorated with Aboriginal rock art. Dive even deeper into First Nations traditions at the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Then wander through Kata Tjuta and Walpa Gorge, with more bubbles to serenade another sunset. B

#### 3 Uluru – Kings Canyon

The only other reason to get up before dawn is to glimpse the Uluru Field of Light, a dazzling installation by British artist Bruce Munro that sees 50,000 stem-like globes blanket the Uluru soil (own expense). It's optional – we won't judge you for sleeping in, steeling yourself for today's adventures. But if you've come this far, it would be a shame to opt for shut-eye over eye-popping. Speaking of which, did you know Australia has the largest population of wild camels in the world, and Kings Creek Station, your next stop, is the largest exporter of these doe-eyed creatures? From here, the land eases into Kings Canyon, part of the immense Watarrka National Park. Feeling fit? Get your heart pumping on the 500 step climb on the 6km rim walk or take it easier on the creek bed walk. **Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B D** 

#### 4 Kings Canyon - Alice Springs

Cattle stations are the size of small nations in the NT outback, as you'll discover on your journey toward Alice Springs. The other 'big' thing in these parts is the MacDonnell Ranges, undulating across the red earth like a caterpillar's spine. Back in 1872, Alice Springs was a hive of activity, as a Telegraph Station was built to connect Adelaide and Darwin as part of the Overland Telegraph Line. Sweat and tears went into the project, as you'll discover browsing the grounds. Finally – panoramas from Anzac Hill steal the scene. Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B

#### 5 Alice Springs

Visit the Alice Springs Desert Park. It's home to a vast range of plants and wildlife native to the area. You can really appreciate the beauty and diversity of this incredible landscape. In remote parts of Australia, community is everything, whether to ensure stories of the Arrernte people are not forgotten, or to help those who need help. The passionate Royal Flying Doctor Service health workers commute hundreds of kilometres to provide aid. End the day on a high at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, where the Falzon family host a BBQ Be My Guest dinner under the stars. This is a lesson in off-the-grid, sustainable living. Let it inspire you to follow suit at home. **B D** 

#### 6 Alice Springs - Tennant Creek

The whole of Peru covers 1.3 million square kilometres – the same size playing field that the School of the Air broadcasts daily classes to. If you are lucky enough to be there during school term you might see a live session with kids in some of Australia's most remote reaches, providing them with educational tools otherwise unavailable. Undeniably otherworldly are the precariously balanced boulders that characterise Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) and the landscapes surrounding gold-rich Tennant Creek. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D** 

#### 7 Tennant Creek - Katherine

When you're not working hard in the Australian outback, you're having a lot of fun. Case in point the Daly Waters Historic Pub, where the food – schnitzels, burgers – comes second to the atmosphere. Follow the lead of those here before you and leave a memento to decorate the walls. If you were a fan of TV drama We of the Never Never, you'll recognise your next



destination: the (replica) Elsey Homestead in Mataranka. Explore, or soak in the palm-shrouded thermal springs. **Hotel: Contour. B D** 

#### 8 Katherine – Kakadu National Park

Explore the natural beauty of Nitmiluk National Park on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience cruise along Nitmiluk Gorge. You'll wind through this gorge carved through ancient sandstone alongside steep cliff walls, watching for lush rainforest gullies in giant cracks, and maybe a freshwater crocodile or two on the banks. You can almost feel the spirits yawning as they created this landscape on Jawoyn land, part of Nitmiluk National Park. It takes your breath away. More wildlife lurks in Kakadu's Yellow Water Billabong, which is a mecca for sea eagles, brolgas and little kingfishers. Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru. B D

#### Kakadu - Darwin

The best way to grasp the immensity of Kakadu National Park? From the air, should you wish to take a scenic flight (own expense). You won't regret it – perspective is always a good thing. Speaking of which, Ubirr's Aboriginal rock art dates back an eye-watering 20,000+ years. If it looks familiar, that's because it starred in classic Aussie movie, Crocodile Dundee. Get your Darwin bearings on a quick tour – we want to give you as much time as possible to enjoy the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn, 2 nights. B

#### 10 Darwin Free Time

Today, go your own way. That might mean sleeping in, then heading out for a delicious tropical lunch. Or signing up for optional experiences, like explorations into Litchfield National Park. This pocket of the NT is a staggering union of magnetic termite mounds and waterfalls (swimming is seasonal and opening is controlled by NT Parks). Alternatively, head north to the Tiwi Islands, where you take a deep dive into Indigenous history and art with First Nations guides (both own expense). Whichever route you go, we'll see you at the Farewell Dinner. **B D** 

#### 11 Farewell from Darwin

'Ma Muk' ('See you later'), as the Larrakia people would say. This Outback adventure is over for now, but we're positive your memories will last forever.  ${\bf B}$ 



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#### 11 DAYS

#### **Departure Dates**

2025-26 Season						
2025			2025 continued			
Apr	26			Jul	26	
May	17			Aug	23	
Jun	28					

#### **Dining**

10 Breakfasts B

6 Dinners D

#### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Ayers Rock Airport

Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Darwin Airport

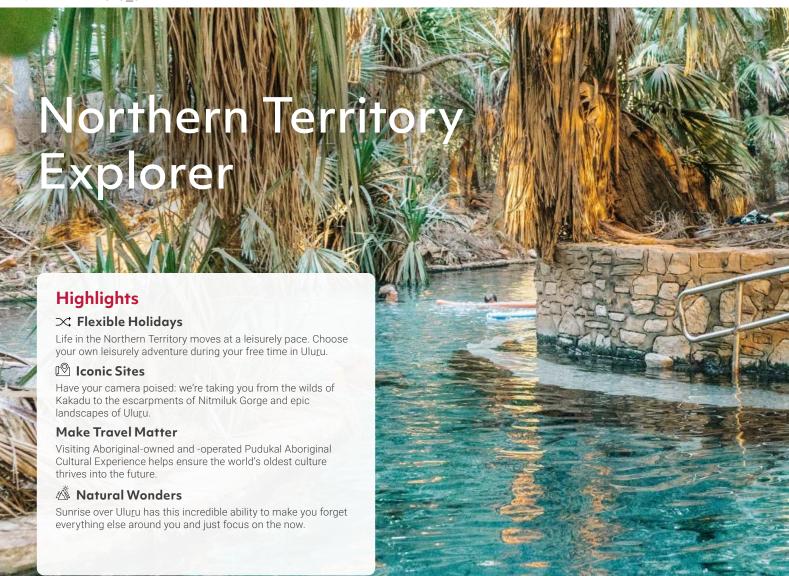
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#### **Extensions & Add-Ons**

- Start your tour in Adelaide. See Outback Adventure on page 14.
- Ask us about pre-booking our exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner as an add-on to Day 1. (Code: BBQA)
- Add Bruce Munro's Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light to Day 3. (Code: FOL).
- Add Tiwi Islands Aboriginal Cultural Experience to Day 10. (Code: TFER)







#### Welcome to Darwin

Get to know the steamy NT capital at your own pace – you'll fast find that the characters here are almost as colourful as the sunsets. You'll enjoy the latter over drinks and dinner with your Travel Director and fellow adventure-seekers. A tasty entrée to your 11-day odyssey. **Hotel: Vibe Darwin Waterfront, 2 nights. D** 

#### 2 Darwin

Today is about getting your Darwin bearings on a city tour revealing the events that have shaped the city over the decades, from wars to natural disasters. You'll be a Darwin expert after visiting attractions like East Point Military Reserve and the MAGNT (Museum and Art Gallery Northern Territory). The afternoon is at your leisure. If you're at a loss for ideas, we can point you in the direction of the Royal Flying Doctor Service Tourist Facility, perhaps, or the Mindil Beach Sunset Market, loaded with 200+ stalls. Grab a bite and watch the day end with your feet in the sand. **B** 

#### 3 Darwin - Kakadu

Aboriginal culture is strong in this part of Australia, and its kept alive by Traditional Landowners on this morning's tour. 100% Aboriginal owned and operated family business, Pudakul offers cultural and nature-based cultural experiences from the Adelaide River Flood Plains on Aboriginal owned land Limilngan-Wulna. On this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, dive deep into First Nations heritage, highlighting art, music and bush tucker. Your next deep dive is into the heart of Kakadu, a World Heritage listed national park that is one of Australia's most important living ecosystems. Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B D

#### 4 Kakadu National Park

Kakadu is vast, spanning almost 20,000 square kilometres. The best way to gain appreciation for just how immense it really is from the air on a highly recommended morning flight (own expense). Now that you have your bearings, take to the land to discover ancient Aboriginal rock art and cruise the wildlife-packed Yellow Water Billabong to search for enormous saltwater crocs – your eagle-eyed local cruise guide knows where to look. **B** 

#### 5 Kakadu - Katherine

From one glorious national park to another... today's backdrop is the escarpments of Nitmiluk National Park, carved out over millions of years. Cruising through Nitmiluk Gorge is a humbling experience even before you know the region's history. Hear the ancient story of the cicada, embodying the spiritual connection between the Jawoyn people and their land.

#### Hotel: Knotts Crossing Resort. B D

#### 6 Katherine – Tennant Creek

If the Elsey Homestead looks familiar, that's because it starred in the 1982 Aussie drama We of the Never Never. Today it's better known for its Mataranka thermal hot springs. Pop on your swimsuit and have a soothing soak, the magical setting surrounded by palms. The only thing more refreshing is a cold beverage at the Daly Waters Pub, self-declared as Australia's 'original outback pub'. You can imagine the kind of swagger the locals bring. Visitors are encouraged to leave their mark as well; a memento, something of their own. **Hotel: Bluestone Motor Inn. B D** 

#### 7 Tennant Creek - Alice Springs

The Stuart Highway is long (2,700 kilometres), very straight and very flat. Which makes the appearance of Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) on the horizon all the more dramatic. These granite boulders pock the countryside. But they're not just a pretty sight – they're a sacred place for the Aboriginal community reflecting cultural beliefs and serving as a sacred site for ceremonies and storytelling. Get the lay of the land atop Alice Springs' Anzac Hill. From this vantage, the East and West MacDonnell Ranges appear to stretch to the horizon. Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, 2 nights. B

#### 8 Alice Springs

Visit the Alice Springs Desert Park, home to a vast range of plants and wildlife native to the area. You can really experience the beauty and diversity of this incredible landscape. The Arrente people, traditional owners of the park, are also on hand to share their local wisdom and knowledge. Save some energy for this afternoon's visit to the historic Telegraph Station – the reason the town was formed – and School of the Air, to gain an insight into outback and remote learning. **B** 





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#### 11 DAYS

#### **Departure Dates**

2025-26 Season			
2025 2025 continued			continued
Apr	16	Jul	02, 16, 23, 30
May	07, 28	Aug	13
Jun	04 18 25		

#### **Dining**

10 Breakfasts B 5 Dinners D

#### Flight Information

Day 1: Flights to arrive prior to 3.00pm into Darwin Airport
Day 11: Flights to depart anytime from Ayers Rock Airport

Return Airport to Hotel transfers are not included in the tour price. Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.

#### Alice Springs - Uluru

From the moment you wake up until the last of day disappears, spiritual Aboriginal culture is all around during today's exploring. Get set to be in awe over stories about the creation of Uluru, the world's largest monolith. It's particularly pretty at sunset when the fading rays change the desert's colour with every sip of your sparkling wine and nibbles. Choose to extend your evening under the stars with with an exclusive Uluru Barbecue Dinner (own expense). Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge, 2 nights. B

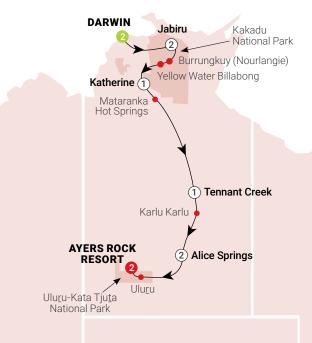
#### 10 Uluru

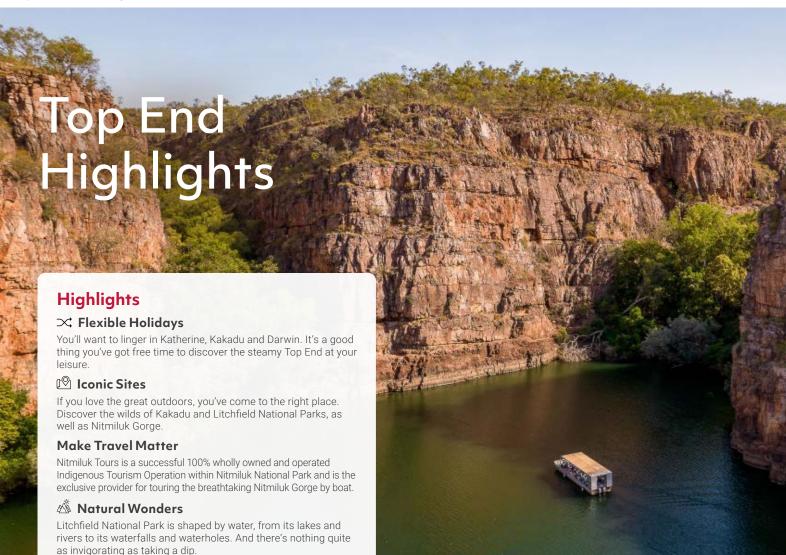
There aren't many things worth getting up in the dark for. Sunrise over Uluru is one. It's a magical time of day, the shifting light casting the countryside aglow. Exploring the base on an Uluru tour, you'll begin to understand why this part of the country is so special to the Anangu, who have called the region home for millennia. Go at your own pace this afternoon. We wouldn't blame you for taking a dip in the resort pool to cool off. But if you want to see Uluru in another different light, opt to chopper around it on a scenic helicopter flight (own expense). You'll have plenty of stories to tell over your Farewell Dinner. B D

#### 11 Farewell from Uluru

Another reason to rise early: to catch the Field of Light art installation by artist Bruce Munro that blankets the desert floor (own expense). Your spirit will glow just as brightly as you bid farewell to this epic Northern Territory tour.  ${\bf B}$ 







#### 1 Welcome to Darwin

Darwin is the kind of place that excites all your senses. It's always tropical, which means you have a constant glow. The aroma of Top End delights wafts from markets. The horizons are wide and sunsets blazing. Take in sights and attractions that tell stories of the NT capital's history on a city tour. As the day begins to disappear, follow the lead of the colourful locals to the Mindil Beach Sunset Market. Your Travel Director will give you the lowdown, highlighting the eclectic range of cuisine on offer – expect everything from Greek to Japanese but it is always hard to go past a Laska (own expense). What a tasty start to your getaway. **Hotel: Travelodge.** 

#### 2 Darwin - Katherine

The ancient landscapes of Litchfield National Park are shaped by water, as you'll fast discover when exploring this immense protected wilderness. There are rivers, waterfalls and waterholes. Get set to visit Florence Falls, then take a dip in the gin-clear pool of Wangi Falls, this dreamy setting enveloped by monsoon forest. (Swimming is seasonal and opening is controlled by NT Parks). The landscape is also shaped by termites. The national park is pocked with enormous termite mounds, which are architectural feats complete with tunnels and nursery chambers. Small creatures with a big vision. Hotel: Contour, 2 nights. B D

#### 3 Nitmiluk Gorge

The region's main attraction is its stunning Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, which carves the countryside in spectacular form. This awe-inspiring natural wonder features a series of gorges sculpted from ancient sandstone, offering breathtaking views and unique geological formations. Sit back and enjoy a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® cruise through this ancient landscape, home to the Jawoyn people, where you'll have the opportunity to learn about their rich cultural heritage and traditions. The cruise not only provides a visual feast but also enriches your understanding of the deep spiritual connection the Jawoyn people have with the land. In the afternoon, join Tom Curtain's award-winning Katherine Outback Experience to delve into the Northern Territory's unique pastoral history and culture. B

#### 4 Katherine – Kakadu

Today is your chance to reset your body's natural rhythms with a morning dip in Katherine Hot Springs – because days are better when you begin them in thermal waters. These hot springs will have you relaxed in no time. Before venturing deep into Kakadu, you're poised for refreshments with a short stopover in the film-set-like town of Pine Creek, where buildings date to the heady gold rush days. In Kakadu, you'll take a guided walk to view ancient Aboriginal rock art at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie). **Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Jabiru, 2 nights. B** 

#### **5** Kakadu National Park

If you want a different perspective, sign up for a scenic flight over the national park, revealing just how wide, wild and wonderful this part of the world really is (own expense). Australia is home to some of the oldest art in the world, and much of it decorates rock walls at Ubirr – this jawdropping site protects Aboriginal rock paintings and carvings dating more than 20,000 years. If you thought that was impressive, wait till you see the view over Kakadu from the top of the escarpment. This afternoon, there's nothing between you and nature, the dramatic escarpments, waterholes and abundant wildlife of Kakadu looming large. Speaking of large, there are saltwater crocs to spot while you drift away on a Yellow Water Billabong cruise. Your local cruise guide will share the secrets of these ancient waterways. Top off your holiday sharing a Farewell Dinner with your Travel Director and travel mates. **B D** 

#### 6 Farewell from Darwin

Following your Kakadu tour, you may also spot enormous 'salties' lurking in river crossings you pass by. Plus you may also see them at Fogg Dam. But here you will definitely witness a cacophony of birds. This really is a twitcher's paradise. A fitting end to this epic wilderness journey. **B** 





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#### 6 DAYS

#### **Departure Dates**

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2025		2025	continued
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Jun	05, 12, 19	Sep	04
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#### **Dining**

5 Breakfasts B 2 Dinners D

#### **Flight Information**

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# Ulu<u>r</u>u, Alice Springs & Surrounds

## Short Breaks and Day Tours

The Red Centre boasts an ancient landscape and a First Nation's culture that is inspiring. The sheer size of Uluru dominates. To its west are the 36 domes of Kata Tjuta. To the northeast lies Kings Canyon, a spectacular chasm. And beyond is Alice Springs, Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Palm Valley, and the West MacDonnell Ranges, waiting for you to explore.





### ALICE SPRINGS RETURN: Uluru base tour • Mutitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Kings Canyon

As this Short Break departs at 7.00am from Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

#### Alice Springs – Uluru Sacred Sites Sunset

Travel in comfort in an air-conditioned vehicle from Alice Springs to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Take in the rugged desert landscapes of the region, passing through the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges. While travelling through this remote country, your Driver Guide will provide informative and entertaining commentary. Learn about the natural and geological history of the region, as well as the unique Australian desert flora and fauna such as the Perentie, the Thorny Devil and the Red Kangaroo. Stop at a local Roadhouse for a quick break and comfort stop and then see Atila (Mt Conner) in the distance as you travel through Curtin Springs Station before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort. Later, enter the Uluru-Kata Tiuta National Park for an afternoon of discovery. Visit the Cultural Centre where you'll have time to explore the galleries and you may be lucky enough to see local Aboriginal Artists at work. Travel to the base of Uluru, where your local guide will share the Aboriginal Tjukurpa (creation) stories that breathe life into this giant formation. Feel the spirit of the land as your guide takes you on a walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole, interpreting the meaning of the ancient Rock Art and four sacred sites you'll see along the way. Later, travel to the Uluru Sunset Viewing Area where you can relax

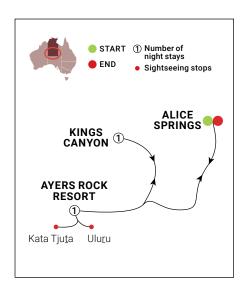
with a sparkling wine or two while you enjoy a famous Uluru sunset. Witness the incredible changing colours as the sun sets below the horizon. **Hotel: Outback Hotel & Lodge.** 

#### 2 Uluru - Kings Canyon

This morning you might choose to have a slow start to the day or to book a Sunrise Field of Light tour or scenic helicopter flight (both own expense). Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Ayers Rock Resort. Along the way to Kings Canyon your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the history of the surrounding cattle stations. Keep a look out for wild horses and camels along the way. You'll arrive at Kings Canyon Resort in time to relax before enjoying a spectacular sunset. In the summer months drinks are available to purchase at the sunset viewing area. After dinner on your own you might choose to experience the Light Towers by artist Bruce Munro (own expense). Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort. B

#### 3 Kings Canyon - Alice Springs

Make the rocky climb to the rim of the canyon for marvellous views of Watarrka National Park at sunrise. Follow the rim of the canyon stopping to look down into the gorge at various points. Time permitting, you may choose to descend into the green oasis of the 'Garden of Eden'. The circuit walk takes approximately 3 hours to complete and is rocky and steep in parts. It is recommended for those with a very good level of fitness. Or, you may wish to take an easier, shorter walk to explore the boulder



strewn canyon floor. Later, board your coach to travel to Alice Springs. Stop at Erldunda, a classic Northern Territory Roadhouse located at the junction of the Stuart Highway and Lasseter Highway, before arriving in Alice Springs where your Short Break concludes. B

As this Short Break concludes at 6.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.



ALICE SPRINGS RETURN: Uluru base tour • Mutitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunset • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge • Dot Painting Workshop • Kings Canyon • Light Towers

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**Light Towers** 

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#### 2 Kata Tjuta

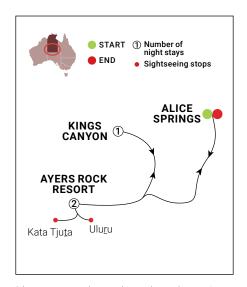
Enjoy panoramic views of the southern side of Kata Tjuta from the dune viewing platform before arriving at Walpa Gorge. Spend time exploring the gorge and the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The 1.3km walking trail through Walpa Gorge follows the natural creek between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. Return to Ayers Rock Resort in time for lunch on your own. The afternoon is free for you to relax. **B** 

#### 3 Dot Art Painting Workshop & Uluru – Kings Canyon

This morning you might choose to have a slow start to the day or to book the Sunrise Field of Light tour (own expense). Then delve into indigenous art. You will be taught by a local Anangu artist (and an interpreter). Learn about traditional art, symbols, tools and more! Be inspired by the ancient ways of the desert and create your own work of art as a memento of your Red Centre experience. Travel through spectacular desert scenery to Kings Canyon. You'll arrive at Kings Canyon Resort in time to relax before viewing a spectacular sunset. In the summer months drinks are available to purchase at the sunset viewing area. After dinner on your own, you'll experience the Light Towers by artist Bruce Munro. Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort, B

#### 4 Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

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### **ULU<u>R</u>U RETURN**: Ulu<u>r</u>u Sunset • Aboriginal Rock Art • Kings Canyon • Ulu<u>r</u>u Sunrise • Kata Tju<u>t</u>a • Walpa Gorge • Ulu<u>r</u>u Field of Light

1 Arrive Uluru - Sacred Sites & Sunset On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport, you'll be transferred to the resort (flights to arrive prior to 1.30pm). This afternoon, visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre and later travel around the base of Uluru in comfort as your Driver Guide provides commentary about the numerous sacred sites and features at Uluru. Learn about the native flora, fauna and intriguing culture of the traditional owners, the Anangu, and discover an array of fascinating sites. Continue by coach to the Kuniya Walk where your Driver Guide will escort you to the Mutitjulu Waterhole. Late afternoon, witness the striking colour changes of Uluru at sunset, while enjoying sparkling wine. Hotel: Choice of Outback Hotel & Lodge, Desert Gardens or Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock Resort, 3 nights.

#### 2 Kings Canyon

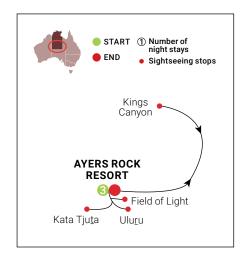
You'll get a sense of the remoteness of outback Australia as you travel to Kings Canyon. Located in the heart of Watarrka National Park, it lies in an ancient landscape that is sacred ground for the Ulpanyali and Lilla people. The Rim Walk is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The climb up a 100-metre cliff face reveals views of sandstone walls, grottos, chasms and cliffs. Or, for something more relaxing, set off on a two-kilometre stroll along the creek bed that leads to impressive views of the canyon rim. Return to Ayers Rock Resort. B

#### 3 Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta – Uluru Sunset

Witness an Uluru sunrise, and then continue to Kata Tjuta, a series of 36 ancient red rock domes. On your way, enjoy panoramic views of its southern side from the dune viewing platform before arriving at Walpa Gorge, where you can spend time exploring the unusual conglomerate rock formations. The 1.3km walking trail through the gorge follows the natural creek between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. Late afternoon begins with another magical Uluru sunset.

#### 4 Field of Light – Depart Uluru

Experience acclaimed artist Bruce Munro's Field of Light. Under cover of darkness, wander through 50,000 magical hand-crafted frosted glass spheres of light, in colours of ochre, deep violet, blue and gentle white. Then make your way to the dune top, where you'll be served tea, coffee or hot chocolate. Watch the sun pop up in the distance behind Uluru, flooding the landscape, including Kata Tjuta behind you, with light. Transfer to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight (flights to depart after 9.30am.)



### **ULURU TO ADELAIDE**: Coober Pedy • Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park • Port Augusta • Lake Hart • Woomera • Wadlata Outback Centre • Clare Valley

As this holiday departs at 7.00am from Ayers Rock Resort, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

#### 1 Uluru - Coober Pedy

There's something starkly beautiful about the Australian outback. The pindan soil, silvery gums, horizon-busting skies, vast swathes of sun-baked nothingness. This is your backdrop as you cross from the Northern Territory into South Australia, ready to get deep at your destination. Coober Pedy, known as 'the opal capital of the world', is all lunar landscapes at the surface, and psychedelic colours underground. You'll get to stay at a motel right in the heart of this quirky town. And then learn more about the region's history at the Big Winch 360°, a 'circlevision' cinematic experience. Hotel: Mud Hut Motel, 2 nights.

#### 2 Coober Pedy

Once you've explored this fascinating community – including fossicking for opals in surrounding mines – look further afield to Aboriginal owned Kanku-Breakaways Conservation Park, where you'll travel along a stretch of the Dog Fence: a barrier spanning 5,300 kilometres across three states. As mind-boggling as the construction is, it pales in comparison to the setting's moonscape of fossilised shells and cracked grey clay. The only thing more surreal than the natural landscape is the constructed one this afternoon at Coober Pedy Opal Fields Golf Club, where the fairways

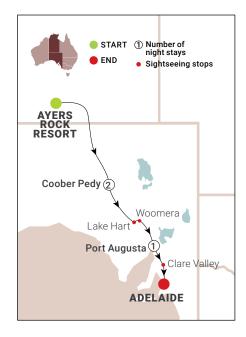
are dirt and sand. Pick up a club to thump balls around the oil-soaked putting green.  ${\bf B}$ 

#### 3 Coober Pedy – Port Augusta

It's hard to imagine landscapes more dramatic than those you've experienced so far. But nature ups the ante at Lake Hart, a vast saltpan that sparked a community in the 1930s. Today, it's all but deserted, adding to the ethereal atmosphere. The vastness of the South Australian outback was no doubt one of the reasons why it was chosen to become the world's largest military land base. Believe it or not, Woomera has been a testing base for atomic bombs, ballistic missiles and satellite boosters. Mull over that en route to SA's natural harbour of Port Augusta. Hotel: Majestic Oasis Apartments. B

#### 4 Port Augusta - Adelaide

The Wadlata Outback Centre on your Port Augusta tour was created to decode some of the countryside you've been traversing over the past two days. Come face-to-face with giant ripper lizards, journey back in time to when dinosaurs roamed this land, and meet some of the people who, explored and settled the region - as well as some of those who live here today. There are fossils and more opals, and interactive exhibits; have you ever tried Morse code? All this outback is thirsty work. Thankfully the Clare Valley is on the horizon. Gather in the cellar door at historic Knappstein Wines to find out just why their riesling takes home so many awards. Your tour comes to an end on arrival in Adelaide this afternoon. B



As this Short Break concludes at 5.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.

Add on an Uluru Short Break to the start of this tour. Visit aatkings.com





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#### DEPARTS

2.30pm (Apr-Oct) and 3.00pm (Nov-Mar) from Ayers Rock Resort

#### CONCLUDES

10.30am (Oct-Mar) and 11.00am (Apr-Sep)

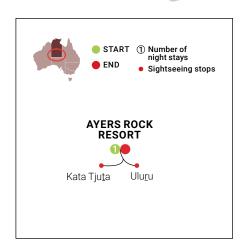
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ULURU RETURN : Uluru Sunset • Mutitjulu Waterhole • Aboriginal Rock Art • Uluru Sunrise • Kata Tjuta • Walpa Gorge

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Walk where your Driver Guide will escort you
to the beautiful Muţitjulu Waterhole. In the

late afternoon witness the striking colour changes of Uluru at sunset. Hotel: Choice of Outback Hotel & Lodge, Desert Gardens or Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock Resort.

2 Uluru Sunrise – Kata Tjuta – Depart Uluru Rise early to watch the first rays of the sun set Uluru and the Red Centre alight. Make your way to the viewing platform to see many kilometres into the distance, providing an ideal photo opportunity. Later, travel to the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta and continue to the base of Walpa Gorge. The walking trail through the gorge follows the natural creek bed between two of the tallest domes of Kata Tjuta. Afterwards, you'll be transferred to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight. Flights to depart after 12.45pm (Oct-Mar) & 1.15pm (Apr-Sep).







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#### **DEPARTS**

2.30pm (Apr-Oct) and 3.00pm (Nov-Mar) from Ayers Rock Resort

#### CONCLUDES

30 minutes after sunrise

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ULURU RETURN : Kata Tjuta sunset • Walpa Gorge • Uluru Sunrise • Uluru Sunset • Uluru Base Tour • Aboriginal Rock Art • Field of Light

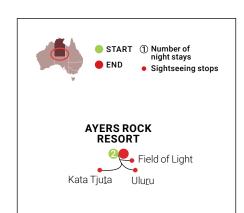
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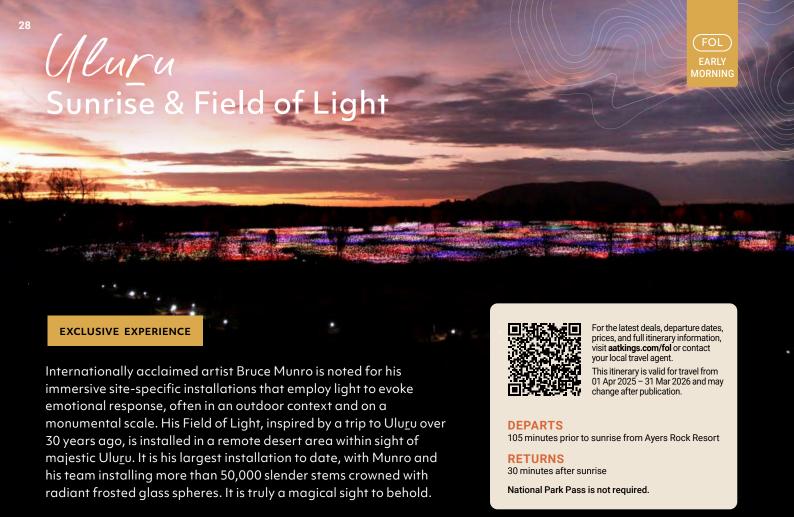
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#### 3 Field of Light & Depart Uluru

See Day 4 of U4L for details (pg 25). Transfer to Ayers Rock Airport for your onward flight (flights to depart after 9.30am.)







# Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta Uluru Morning Guided Base Walk

The early rise is well worth it as you experience the two major landmarks in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Start with an amazing sunrise at Talinguru Nyakunytjaku, the Uluru sunrise viewing area. Afterwards, on the 45 kms drive to Kata Tjuta your Driver Guide will provide you with an historical overview of the National Park. The walk through the sheer walls of Walpa Gorge won't disappoint as you're led into a world of rare plant species and lush evergreen scrubs.

#### **DEPARTS**

90 minutes prior to sunrise from Ayers Rock Resort

#### **RETURNS**

5 hrs approximately after sunrise

Fitness level is Grade 3, Moderate. National Park Pass is not included. See page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/Y14 Watch the first rays of the sun set the Red Centre alight before you accompany your guide on the 10.5 kms walk around the entire base of Uluru. At Kuniya Piti hear the Tjukurpa story of the Mala Men. Continue the Mala Walk, and into Kantju Gorge. The Lungkata Walk leads you to the Mutitjulu Waterhole. Your guide will point out the natural features of the landscape, Aboriginal rock paintings, and relay more traditional stories relating to this special place. Includes light breakfast.

#### **DEPARTS**

 $60\ minutes$  prior to sunrise from Ayers Rock Resort

#### **RETURNS**

4½-5 hrs after sunrise

Ulu<u>r</u>u Base walk is Grade 3, Moderate. National Park Pass is not included. See page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/Y40



# Y53 HALF DAY Dot Art Painting

#### Kata Tjuta & Valley Of The Winds

Accompanied by our expert guide, you'll be immersed in the rich tapestry of geological wonders, cultural insights, and historical anecdotes that define Kata Tjuta. Witness the sheer grandeur of these 36 towering domes of red conglomerate rock, remnants of a geological saga that unfolded over half a billion years ago. Your adventure unfolds with a 5.4-kilometre trek to the Valley of the Winds, a sanctuary nestled amidst the heart of Kata Tjuta's domes.

#### Uluru Sunrise & Cultural Experience

View sunrise at majestic Uluru, followed by the Mala Walk led by an Aboriginal guide. You'll uncover the rich history and sacred significance of this ancient monolith, including exploration of the Kitchen Cave. After your walk, unleash your creativity through a Dot Art Painting class, a hands-on experience with a local Anangu artist. Your tour includes time to explore the Cultural Centre. Here you can gain insight into the traditions and customs of the Anangu, the traditional owners of the land.

#### **DEPARTS**

12.30pm from Ayers Rock Resort

#### **RETURNS**

5.00pm approximately

Walk to Karu lookout is Grade 3, Moderate.
Walk to Karingana lookout is Grade 4, Difficult.
National Park Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details.
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#### **DEPARTS**

90 minutes prior to sunrise

#### **RETURNS**

5½ hrs approximately after sunrise

National Park Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/Y53





#### Kings Canyon & Outback Panoramas

You'll get a sense of the remoteness of outback Australia as you travel to Kings Canyon. Located in the heart of Watarrka National Park, it lies in an ancient landscape that is sacred ground for the Ulpanyali and Lilla people. The rocky climb to the canyon rim reveals views of sandstone walls, grottos, chasms and cliffs. Or, for something more relaxing, set off on a two-kilometre stroll along the creek bed that leads to impressive views of the canyon rim. Includes breakfast at Kings Creek Station.

#### Kata Tjuta Sunset

Late afternoon, take the leisurely drive to Kata Tjuta for one of our favourite sunset experiences in Central Australia. Along the way your Driver Guide will explain the geological and cultural history of the area. Marvel at the unique flora and admire the view of the central valley of the domes of Kata Tjuta, as you take in a magnificent outback sunset while relaxing with nibbles and Australian wine.

#### **DEPARTS**

4.00am (Oct-Mar) and 4.30am (Apr-Sep) from Ayers Rock Resort

#### RETURNS

5.00pm (Oct-Mar) and 5.30pm (Apr-Sep) to Ayers Rock Resort

Rim Walk is Grade 4, Difficult. Creek Bed Walk is Grade 2, Easy. NT Parks Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/Y19

#### **DEPARTS**

90 minutes prior to sunset from Ayers Rock Resort

#### RETURNS

60 minutes approximately after sunset

National Park Pass is not included. See page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/Y8

#### EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCE

Be part of the only group dining in Uluru-Kata Tjura National Park after sunset, with Uluru so close you can almost touch it. Relax in the company of friends and fellow travellers and enjoy sparkling wine on arrival and dine on favourites from the grill and a selection of freshly prepared salads, followed by a tasty dessert. There's even time for star gazing. Your guide will conduct a tour of the night sky, pointing out some of the visible constellations, and will also explain some Aboriginal stories that relate to the stars.

The Uluru BBQ may only be purchased as an Add-on to the Y11 or Y17. See tours below.



#### Ulu<u>r</u>u Sacred Sites & Sunset + BBQ Dinner

Visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Later, travel around the base of Uluru in comfort as your Driver Guide provides commentary. Learn about the native flora, fauna and intriguing culture of the traditional owners, the Anangu. Continue by coach to the Kuniya Walk where your Driver Guide will escort you to the beautiful Mutitjulu Waterhole. Late afternoon, witness the striking colour changes of Uluru at sunset while enjoying sparkling wine. Add on our BBQ Dinner Y17B.

#### **DEPARTS**

2.30 pm (Apr-Oct) and 3.00 pm (Nov-Mar) from Ayers Rock Resort

#### RETURNS

Y17 30 minutes or Y17B 21/2 hours approximately after sunset

National Park Pass is not included. See page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/Y17 or Y17B



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#### Ulu<u>r</u>u Sunset + BBQ Dinner

Travel to the Uluru sunset viewing area. Enjoy sparkling wine as the sun sets over the western horizon and the evening sky brings out the many shades of colour for which Uluru is famous. Add on our exclusive BBQ Dinner. Dine on favourites from the grill, a selection of fresh salads, a tasty dessert and Australian wine. Top off the evening with a talk about the spectacular night sky. Y11B.

#### **DEPARTS**

60 minutes prior to sunset from Ayers Rock Resort

#### **RETURNS**

Y11 30 minutes or Y11B 21/2 hours approximately after sunset

National Park Pass is not included. See page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/Y11 or Y11B



#### A Town like Alice

Tour the sights of 'The Alice' including the School of the Air and the historic Telegraph Station, which marks the original site of the first European settlement in Alice Springs. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service, where you'll see how medical aid reaches those who live in the remote outback. Call in at the Alice Springs Reptile Centre and end the day with a panoramic view of Alice Springs and the MacDonnell Ranges from the top of Anzac Hill. Add on a visit to Alice Springs Desert Park A3D.

#### **DEPARTS**

1.05pm from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

#### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/A3 or A3D



#### **Best of Alice**

This morning you're headed for the beautiful West MacDonnell Ranges. Along the way your Driver Guide will point out significant landmarks and share details of the region's history and rich culture. In this scenery packed itinerary, you'll visit the iconic sites of Simpsons Gap and Angkerle (Standley Chasm). Learn how the town of Alice Springs has evolved into the central hub of the Australian outback. Visit historical sites and some of the essential services delivered from Alice to the community of this vast region.

#### **DEPARTS**

7.00am (Feb-Nov) from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

#### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately

NT Parks Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/A73



#### Palm Valley Safari by 4WD

Travel through the West MacDonnell Ranges to Hermannsburg, an Aboriginal community and historic precinct which is renowned for its Aboriginal art collection and the works of Albert Namatjira. Travel down the bed of the Finke River, one of oldest water courses in the world, into Palm Valley. See spectacular rock forms, white sands and an oasis of rock pools and palm trees. Plants such as 'Livistonia Mariae' (cabbage palm) are known world-wide as relic plants and are unique to Central Australia. Visit the spectacular rock formation known as the Amphitheatre. Includes picnic lunch and morning or afternoon tea.

#### **DEPARTS**

6.35am (Apr-Sep) from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

#### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately

Walk in Palm Valley is Grade 3, Moderate. NT Parks Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/A5



#### West MacDonnell Ranges

Visit the Grave Memorial of Reverend Flynn, the founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Travel to Simpsons Gap, featuring towering cliffs and a permanent waterhole, a site significant to the Arrente people. Continue to Standley Chasm, known as Angkerle Atwatye, sacred in Aboriginal culture. Take a 1.2 kms walk to access the 80-metre-tall rock-face. The unique microclimate in this valley has created distinctive features, such as ancient Cycads and a myriad of rock types and pebbles that are thousands of years old, washed down from miles upstream.

#### **DEPARTS**

7.00am (Feb-Nov) from Alice Springs (earlier from your hotel)

#### **RETURNS**

12 noon approximately

NT Parks Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/A7

# Uluru Sightseeing Passes

Now you've seen everything, why not buy a bundle of tours – and save on the cost of individual tours!

Your pass is valid for 3 consecutive days from the start of your first tour and includes the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass. This brochure contains each of the tours in these Sightseeing Passes.



#### Wiru Pass 2 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) + Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light (FOL)

Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)



#### Piti Pass 2 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) + Uluru Sunrise & Kata Tjuta (Y14)

Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA) Add on Kings Canyon (Code: Y19)



#### Manta Pass 3 Day Pass Includes:

Uluru Sacred Sites & Sunset (Y17) + Kata Tjuta Sunset (Y8) + Uluru Sunrise & Field of Light (FOL)

Add on Uluru BBQ (Code: BBQA)

# Red Centre Connections

Travel between Ayers Rock Resort, Alice Springs or Kings Canyon on one of our coach transfers with informative commentary from your Driver Guide along the way.

#### Alice Springs to Ayers Rock Resort



#### **DEPARTS** From 6.15am

#### **RETURNS**

1.00pm approximately

Departing Alice Springs, take in the rugged desert landscapes, as you pass through the MacDonnell Ranges. Your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the natural and geological history of the region, as well as the unique Australian desert flora and fauna. Call in at a roadhouse for a quick break and see Atila (Mt. Conner) before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort.

#### Ayers Rock Resort to Alice Springs





#### **DEPARTS**

12.30pm (Oct-Mar) 1.00pm (Apr-Sep)

#### **RETURNS**

6.30pm approximately (Oct-Mar) 7.00pm approximately (Apr-Sep)

ravel through spectacular desert scenery from Ayers Rock Resort. Pass through Curtin Springs Station and see Atila (Mt. Conner). Call in at Erldunda, a roadhouse located at the junction of the Stuart and Lasseter Highways, where you can purchase afternoon tea. Continue along the Stuart Highway before arriving in

#### Ayers Rock Resort to Kings Canyon





#### **DEPARTS**

4.00am (Oct-Mar) 4.30am (Apr-Sep)

#### **RETURNS**

9.00am approximately (Oct-Mar) 9.30am approximately (Apr-Sep)

Departing Ayers Rock Resort, pass through Curtin Springs Station and see Atila (Mt. Conner). Stop for breakfast at Kings Creek Station. Along the way your Driver Guide will provide informative commentary about the history of the surrounding region. Keep a look out for wild horses and camels

#### Kings Canyon to Ayers Rock Resort



**RETURNS** 



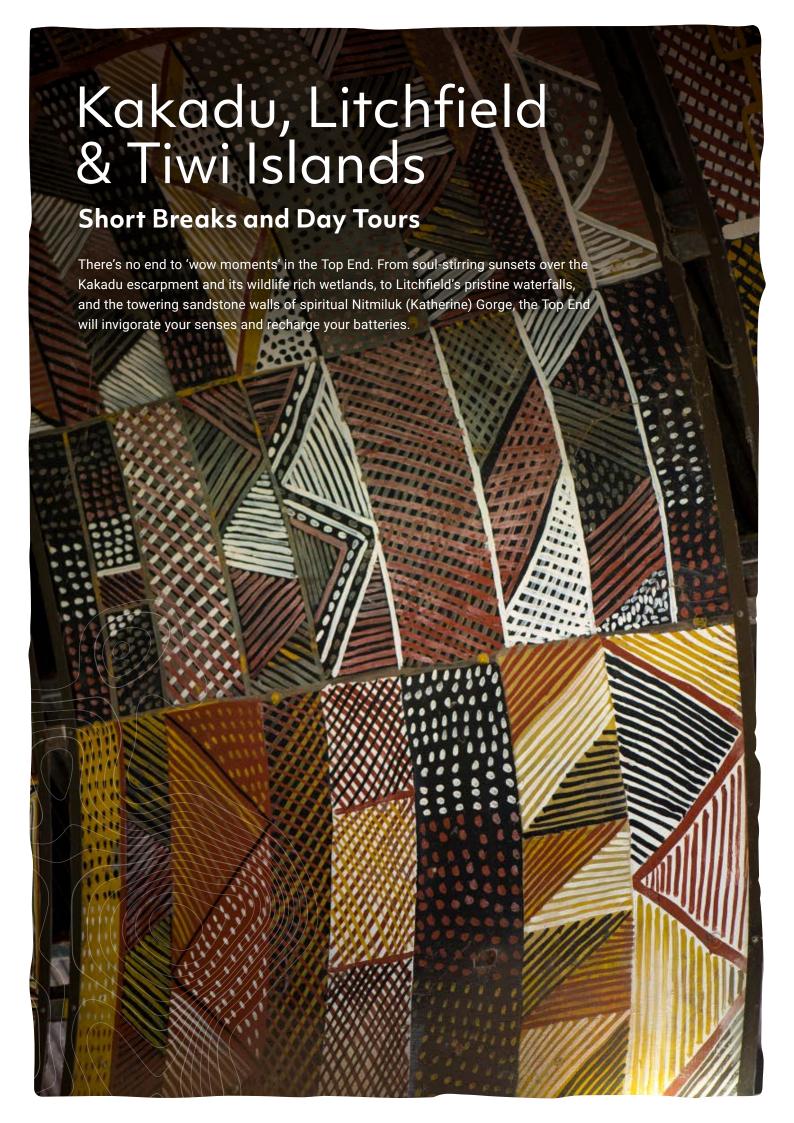
#### **DEPARTS**

1.00pm (Oct-Mar) 1.30pm (Apr-Sep)

#### 5.00pm approximately

(Oct-Mar) 5.30pm approximately (Apr-Sep)

Travel through spectacular desert scenery from Kings Canyon. See Atila (Mt. Conner) and pass through Curtin Springs Station. Continue along the Stuart Highway before arriving at Ayers Rock Resort.





DARWIN RETURN: Kakadu National Park • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Aboriginal Rock Art & Culture • Warradjan Cultural Centre • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide • Tiwi Islands Experience

As this Short Break departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

 Darwin - Kakadu National Park Depart Darwin and travel along the Arnhem Highway, through major river systems and wetlands, into Kakadu National Park. The national park covers 20,000 square kilometres of landscape from rocky escarpment home to historic Aboriginal rock art dating thousands of years, to floodplains abundant with wildlife. Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre to view the informative displays depicting the traditions of the Aboriginal people in Kakadu. Join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong. Search for saltwater crocodiles and the colourful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. After lunch, stop at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie), where your Driver Guide will lead you on a walk to view the rock art galleries. Hotel: Mercure Kakadu

**⊕ Kakadu Scenic Flight** [+SKF50]

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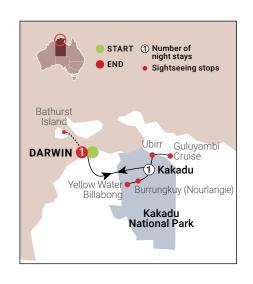
Today, experience Kakadu from the air for a true sense this wondrous landscape. **Please enquire for details.** 

2 Kakadu –
Guluyambi Cultural Cruise – Darwin
Join your Driver Guide to explore the World
Heritage area of Ubirr, where you'll climb
up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art

galleries to the lookout for the view over the wetlands. Later, board the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise along the East Alligator River. An Aboriginal guide will provide an insight into their culture and the river's abundant food chain. With special permission of the local people you'll be able to go ashore in Arnhem Land, before heading back downstream. Visit Marrawuddi Art Gallery before returning to Darwin. Hotel: Travelodge Resort. L

3 Darwin – Tiwi Islands – Depart Darwin Take the 2½ hour ferry to Bathurst Island. You'll be met by your local guide for a journey through the progressive, modern day Aboriginal community of Wurrumiyanga. Visit the Tiwi Museum with its displays of traditional art and depictions of Tiwi 'dreamtime' stories, and Early Mission Precinct with its unique Tiwi-style Catholic Church. Spend time with some Tiwi ladies, while they work on their painting. Your guides and the ladies will demonstrate their totem dances and perform a smoking ceremony to bless the visitors. Take time out for lunch. Visit the Arts & Crafts Centres, where you can purchase art and crafts at reasonable prices. Transfer to your ferry departing the island at 3.15pm for Darwin, where your Short Break concludes. L

If you wish to take home Aboriginal artwork from Tiwi Islands, please ensure you have cash for your purchases from the Museum and local artists, and credit card for the Arts Centre.





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This itinerary is valid for travel from 01 Apr 2025 – 31 Mar 2026 and may change after publication.

**DEPARTS** 7.25am (May-Oct)

CONCLUDES 6.00pm approximately

NT Parks Pass is included.

**DARWIN RETURN**: Jumping Crocodile Cruise • Kakadu National Park • Aboriginal Rock Art • Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise • Leliyn (Edith Falls) • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise

As this Short Break departs at 7.25am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

L eliyn (Edith Falls)

Kakadu, & Nitmiluk

(Katherine) Gorge

#### Darwin - Jumping Crocodile Cruise - Kakadu

Cruise on the Adelaide River, home to over 1,600 crocodiles, where you'll see these prehistoric creatures up-close. Later, travel into Kakadu National Park, home to a myriad of animals and hundreds of bird species. Stop at the Marrawuddi Art Gallery, and then continue to Ubirr. Climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries to the lookout for a spectacular view over Jabiru. Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile. L

#### 2 Kakadu - Katherine

This morning you'll be mesmerized as you explore the renowned Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) rock art site, which had provided shelter to Aboriginal people for millennia. Visit the Warradian Cultural Centre for an insight into the local Bininj culture. Later, join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong, Kakadu's most famous wetland and home to saltwater crocodiles and dozens of species of colourful birdlife. Continue to Katherine, the third largest town in the Northern Territory, stopping at Leliyn (Edith Falls) along the way. The paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at the base of the falls is suitable for swimming throughout most of the year (conditions permitting). Hotel: Contour. B L

#### Kakadu Scenic Flight (+SKF30)

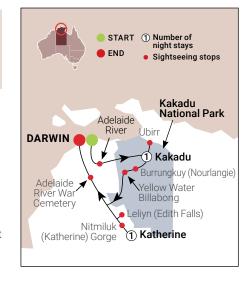
Today, experience Kakadu from the air for a true sense this wondrous landscape. **Please enquire for details.** 

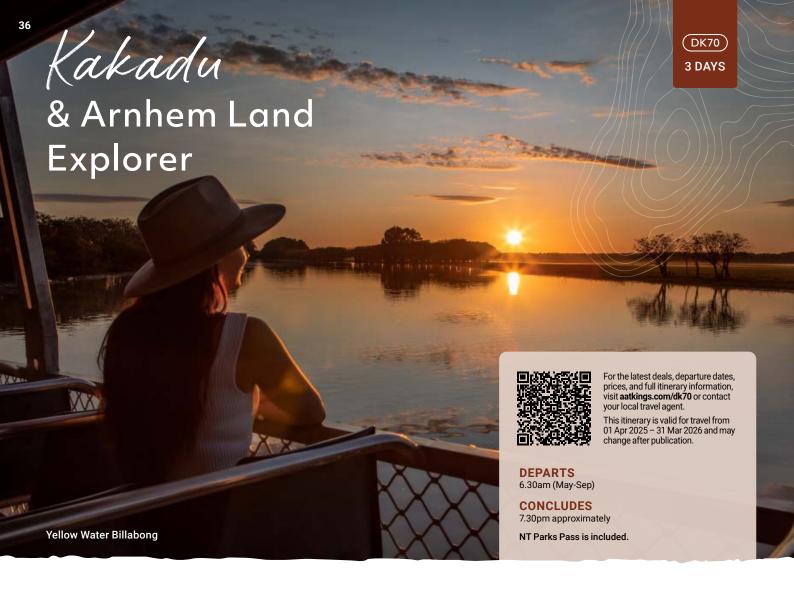
#### 3 Katherine - Depart Darwin

Enjoy a morning cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, a stunning network of thirteen gorges carved from billion-year-old sandstone. You'll be at its heart among freshwater crocodiles, wonderful birdlife and amazing scenery. Later, view the displays at the Nitmiluk Visitor Centre, where you may purchase artefacts handmade by the Jawoyn people. Return to Darwin, stopping at historic gold mining town of Pine Creek and the poignant Adelaide River War Cemetery. Your Short Break concludes this evening. B

As this Short Break concludes at 6.00pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.

Add on a Day Tour to Litchfield National Park. See D5 on page 39 or visit aatkings.com/D5.





**DARWIN RETURN**: Kakadu National Park • Aboriginal Rock Art • Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Arnhem Land by 4WD • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

As this Short Break departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Darwin – Kakadu National Park
Depart Darwin and travel into Kakadu
National Park. Visit the Warradjan Cultural
Centre to view the informative displays.
Join your local guide for a cruise on Yellow
Water Billabong. Search for saltwater
crocodiles and the colourful range of birdlife
for which this region is renowned. After
lunch, stop at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie),
where your Driver Guide will lead you on a
walk to view the rock art galleries. Hotel:
Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights. L

#### ★ Kakadu Scenic Flight +SKF50

Today, experience Kakadu from the air for a true sense this wondrous landscape. **Please enquire for details.** 

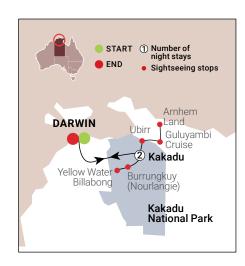
2 Arnhem Land 4WD Adventure

This morning travel by 4WD vehicle into Western Arnhem Land and the Mikinj Valley. The scenery includes forests, sandstone outcrops, escarpments, floodplains and billabongs. You'll visit places inaccessible to most, including ancient rock art sites. Learn about traditional land ownership, bush skills, hunting, food gathering and bush tucker preparation. Most tours are accompanied by an Aboriginal guide. L

#### 3 Kakadu – Guluyambi Cultural Cruise – Depart Darwin

Join your Driver Guide to explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr, where you'll climb up through the ancient Aboriginal rock art galleries, believed to be 20,000 years old, to the lookout for the view over the surrounding wetlands. Later, board the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise along the East Alligator River. An Aboriginal guide will provide an insight into their culture, including local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, as well as bush survival skills. With special permission of the local people you'll be able to go ashore in Arnhem Land, before heading back downstream. Visit Marrawuddi Art Gallery before returning to Darwin. where your Short Break concludes. L

As this Short Break concludes at 7.30pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.



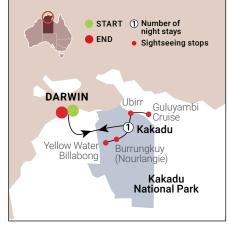
DARWIN RETURN: Kakadu National Park
• Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Rock Art •
Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

As this Short Break departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

Darwin – Kakadu National Park
Travel into Kakadu National Park. Visit
the Warradjan Cultural Centre to view the
informative displays. Join your local guide for
a cruise on Yellow Water Billabong. Search
for saltwater crocodiles and the colourful
range of birdlife for which this region is
renowned. Stop at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie),
where your Driver Guide will lead you on a
walk to view the rock art galleries. Hotel:
Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu. L

2 Guluyambi Cultural Cruise - Depart Darwin This morning, head off with your Driver Guide to explore the World Heritage area of Ubirr, where you'll explore extensive Aboriginal rock art galleries believed to be 20,000 years old. Climb to the lookout for stunning views over the floodplains, woodlands and dark ribbons of rainforest of the surrounding Nadab wetlands. Then take the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise along the East Alligator River, where an Aboriginal guide will provide insights into their culture, including local mythology, the river's abundant food chain, as well as bush survival skills. With special permission of the local people, you are able to go ashore in Arnhem Land. Return to Darwin, where your Short Break concludes, L.

As this Short Break concludes at 7.30pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.





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2 DAYS

This itinerary is valid for travel from 01 Apr 2025 – 31 Mar 2026 and may change after publication.

**DEPARTS** 6.30am (May-Sep)

CONCLUDES

7.30pm approximately

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NT Parks Pass is included.

DARWIN RETURN: Kakadu National Park
• Yellow Water Billabong Cruise • Aboriginal
Rock Art & Culture • Warradjan Cultural
Centre • Cultural Cruise with Aboriginal Guide

As this Short Break departs at 6.30am, accommodation will need to be pre-booked for the previous night.

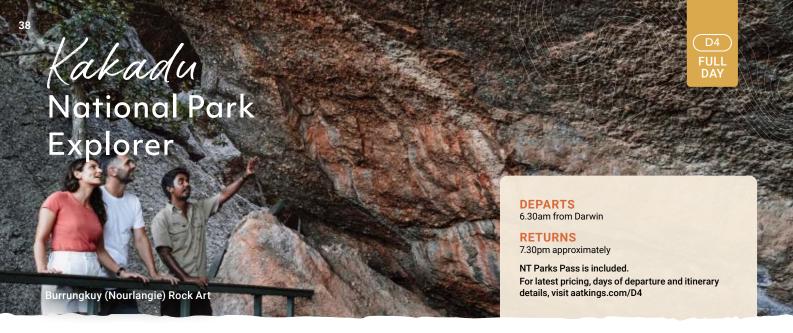
Darwin – Kakadu National Park
Depart Darwin and travel through pristine
wetland regions into Kakadu National Park.
The national park covers 20,000 square
kilometres, from rocky escarpments home to
historic Aboriginal rock art dating thousands
of years, to floodplains abundant with wildlife.
Visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre to view the
informative displays depicting the traditions
of the Aboriginal people in Kakadu. Join
your local guide on a cruise on Yellow Water
Billabong. Search for saltwater crocodiles

and the colourful range of birdlife for which this region is renowned. After lunch, stop at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie), where your Driver Guide will lead you on a walk to view the ancient rock art galleries. Hotel: Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, Kakadu. L

2 Arnhem Land by 4WD - Depart Darwin
This morning travel by 4WD vehicle into
Arnhem Land and the Mikinj Valley. The
spectacular scenery includes sandstone
outcrops, escarpments, forests and floodplains.
Learn about traditional land ownership, bush
skills and bush tucker and view Aboriginal
rock art. Most tours are accompanied by an
Aboriginal Guide. Return to Darwin, where your
Short Break concludes. L

As this Short Break concludes at 7.30pm, you may like to pre-book accommodation for tonight.





World Heritage listed and the largest National Park in Australia, Kakadu is one of the most diverse landscapes you'll ever experience, and you'll be amazed at the population of wildlife in the water, on the land and in the air. See some of the most amazing terrain Australia has to offer on your way to and inside Kakadu. Marvel at the concentration of rock art sites that illustrate Aboriginal culture, some dating 50,000 years. A scenic flight over Kakadu is available (own expense).

#### **EXPERIENCE THIS:**

#### Kakadu National Park

Travelling along the Arnhem Highway, the Marrakai Plains will provide a beautiful backdrop for your journey.

#### Warradjan Cultural Centre

Call in to the centre to learn more about the Kakadu region.

#### Bininj People

Learn about the traditional owners of the Bininj Mungguy, generations of whom have lived on and cared for this land for tens of thousands of years.

#### Yellow Water Billabong Cruise

Join a local guide to spot saltwater crocodiles and colourful birdlife, including sea eagles, brolgas and tiny brilliantly hued kingfishers.

#### **Estuarine Crocodiles**

See these prehistoric creatures basking in the shallows and on the sandy banks.

#### Lunch

Enjoy time out for lunch at Cooinda Lodge.

#### Burrungkuy (Nourlangie)

Walk with your Driver Guide to Burrungkuy to find some of the world's oldest and most impressive rock art.



This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit a modern-day Aboriginal community. Tiwi locals will provide you with an insight into their rich culture and lifestyle. The tour will reveal scenes seldom seen by many outsiders and will leave you with a lifetime memory. Many cities are blessed with island destinations close by, but only Darwin has the Tiwi Islands.

If you wish to take home Aboriginal artwork from Tiwi Islands, please ensure you have cash for your purchases from the Museum and local artists, and credit card for the Arts Centre.

#### **EXPERIENCE THIS:**

#### Bathurst Island

Take a 2½-hour ferry ride from Darwin aboard Tiwi Mantawi. On arrival you'll be met by your local guide for a journey through this progressive, modern day Aboriginal community of Wurrumiyanga.

#### Visiting sites

Visit the Tiwi Museum with its displays of traditional art and depictions of Tiwi 'dreamtime' stories, and Early Mission Precinct with its unique Tiwi-style Catholic Church.

#### Lunch

Take a break for lunch.

Make your own way to Cullen Bay Ferry Terminal for 7.30am check-in and 8.00am departure

#### RETURNS

Depart Bathurst Island at 3.15pm to arrive in Darwin at 5.45pm approximately

For latest pricing, days of departure & itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/TFER

#### Tiwi Artisans

Spend time with some Tiwi ladies while they work on their painting.

#### **Smoking Ceremony**

Your guides and the ladies also demonstrate their totem dances and perform a smoking ceremony to bless the visitors and explain the meanings behind them.

#### **Arts & Crafts Centres**

Visit the successful Arts & Crafts Centres and see where the artists work. You can purchase artworks, including screen-printed fabrics directly from the artists at reasonable prices.





# Jumping Crocs & Nature Adventure

Join us on the Adelaide River, home to over 1600 crocodiles, for the Jumping Crocodiles tour. Cruise the river and thrill as these awesome creatures launch themselves out of the water. The cruise will enable you to see these prehistoric creatures at close range. Afterwards, continue to Howard Springs Nature Park, a great place to enjoy wildlife including turtles, barramundi, and freshwater fish species.

#### **DEPARTS**

1.30pm from Darwin

#### **RETURNS**

6.30pm approximately

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/D7

#### Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise & Edith Falls

Stop at the Adelaide River War Cemetery. Continue to Edith Falls for a swim in the waterhole beneath the falls (conditions permitting). Cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge with a chance to see freshwater crocodiles. The cruise of the first two gorges takes us past sheer rock walls and requires a short walk to reach the second gorge. Return to Darwin through Katherine, and via Pine Creek for a comfort stop. Includes lunch.

#### **DEPARTS**

6.30am from Darwin

#### **RETURNS**

8.30pm approximately

NT Parks Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/D11



### Darwin City Sights

Visit the Darwin Aviation Museum to view the impressive collection of 19 aircraft on display, including the iconic B-52 Bomber. Continue to the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and visit the lush Botanic Gardens. Conclude your tour at the Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Facility, gaining insight into the vital role of this iconic institution in providing medical assistance to remote communities.

### Litchfield National Park Waterfalls

Established in 1986, Litchfield National Park is a stunning location. You can take in the splendour of thundering waterfalls, rainforest pockets and historic sacred sites. It is a haven for hundreds of native bird species, and the plateau supports a rich range of woodland flora. The traditional custodians of the Park are the Wagait people, many of whom still call the area home. Includes lunch.

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#### **DEPARTS**

8.30am from Darwin

#### **RETURNS**

2.00pm approximately

For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/D2

#### **DEPARTS**

7.30am from Darwin

#### **RETURNS**

6.00pm approximately

NT Parks Pass is not included. See Page 40 for details. For latest pricing, days of departure and itinerary details, visit aatkings.com/D5

# Travel Essentials

### My AAT Kings Travel Portal

For peace of mind and a seamless tour from the moment you book until you return home, you can personalise your tour online with ease in the My AAT Kings Travel Portal.

By registering your details online you'll be able to advise us of any preferences or dietary requirements for a more enjoyable tour, have access to useful information and links and be assured that we have any emergency contact details securely stored in case of an unlikely event whilst travelling with us.

#### Registering for My AAT Kings

It's quick & easy to register online

- 1. Visit my.aatkings.com
- 2. Enter your first name, last name and email address
- 3. Create a unique password & click Register User
- 4. Add your booking number and click Add my Booking

Registering is quick and easy. You'll need the following information in order to create your secure login:

- · Your AAT Kings booking number and last name
- · Emergency contact details
- · Passport details for international travellers

You'll be able to register 24 hours after you've confirmed your booking with us. Once you have completed your online registration you'll also be able to download, save and print your travel documents within 3 weeks of your departure date.

To read about how we store and manage your personal information, visit our Privacy Policy at aatkings.com/privacy

#### Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is highly recommended for all guests covering all applicable dates of travel with AAT Kings & Inspiring Journeys. This insurance should cover: trip interruption, personal injury, medical expenses, evacuation and repatriation cover including during pandemic events. The choice of insurer is yours.

Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass: The price of this pass must be added to the Day Tour prices in this brochure, where indicated.

Northern Territory Parks Pass (separate from Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Pass): The price of this pass must be added to the Day Tour prices in this brochure, where indicated.

These are additional compulsory government charges and are subject to change without notice. You must carry your pass with you every time you enter the National Parks or you will be required to purchase another. **Visit aatkings.com/park-passes for further information.** 

Booking Conditions

Full Booking Conditions can be found at <u>aatkings.com/booking-conditions</u> and form the legal agreement between us and you as our guest.

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# Gold Seal Protection

AAT Kings' Gold Seal Protection (GSP) plan costs only \$99 per person upon payment of your deposit. GSP gives you additional peace of mind should your travel plans change, and includes:

#### **Pre-Departure Cancellation**

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Should your holiday be interrupted and you leave at any time during the tour due to personal illness or injury; or be required to return home because of the serious injury, illness or death of an immediate family member<sup>^</sup>:

- (a) you will be refunded up to \$90 per person/per day for the unused portion of the holiday. Please note that in some cases hotels require a 1-night cancellation fee.
- (b) AAT Kings will pay the additional cost of airline travel for earlier or later return home in the same class of air travel on the first available flight, provided the original return air tickets were booked through AAT Kings from Australia on AAT Kings' recommended airline. A medical certificate is required to qualify for this holiday interruption and return flight security provision.

Your Gold Seal Protection plan is available only upon paying your deposit and cannot be added at a later date. Please note that the GSP plan cost is not refundable for any reason and is only available to Australia and New Zealand residents. Travel Agent fees and cancellation costs may apply.

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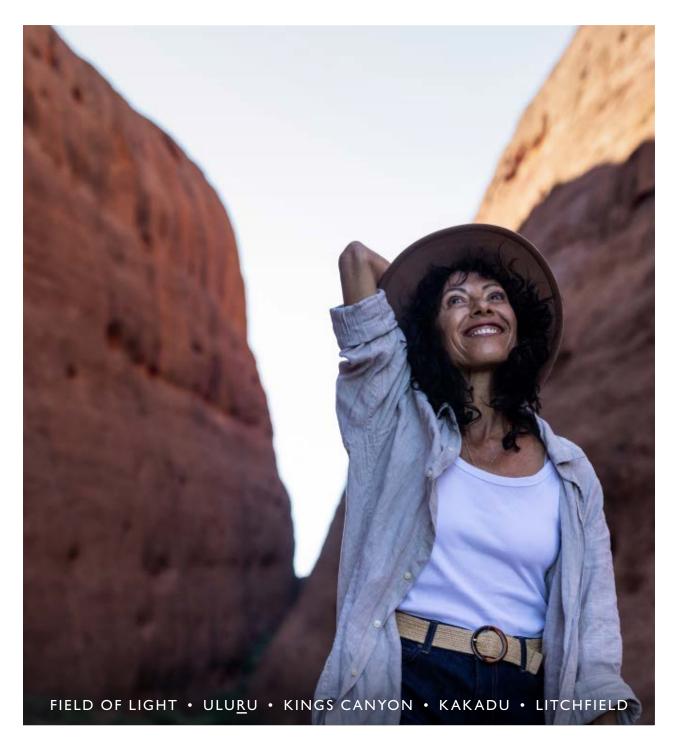




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### NORTHERN TERRITORY DREAMING

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJUTA | ULURU



Be immersed into the very heartland of Australia and experience its most sacred landscapes, bountiful National Parks and waterfalls. Discover the Top End's striking landscape then journey to the magical Red Centre, seeing iconic Uluru, the mystical domes of Kata Tjuta, and windswept Walpa Gorge.

#### Day 1: Welcome to Darwin

Touch down in Darwin and transfer to your hotel, where the adventure begins. Dive straight into the essence of Australia's Northern Territory at Aboriginal Bush Traders, where your taste buds will be tantalized with native flavours, before you explore the indigenous art. Later, immerse yourself in the heart of Darwin, where every corner reveals a new story. **HOTEL** Hilton Darwin

#### IMMERSE

Aboriginal Bush Traders in Darwin, and embark on a journey through the ancient Aboriginal art galleries.

#### ♥ INDULGE

Unwind on an indulgent Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge dinner cruise, and dine at the award-winning Cicada Lodge.



#### ( EXPLORE

Enter Walpa Gorge, an ancient temple crafted by Corroboree Billabong.



Unwind at Kings Canyon Resort, and stay in the heart of Nitmiluk at eco-friendly Cicada Lodge.

#### Day 2: Darwin - Kakadu National Park

Departing Darwin, your journey begins with the serene beauty of the Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise, where you'll glide through pristine wetlands, spotting crocodiles and colourful birdlife. Continue to Kakadu

National Park, where ancient landscapes await. Dive into the rich indigenous culture at the Marrawuddi Art Gallery, admiring exquisite artworks that tell stories of tradition and spirituality. Cap off your day with a degustation dinner

HOTEL Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights MEALS Breakfast dinner

#### Day 3: Kakadu National Park

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You might choose to begin your morning with a Kakadu scenic flight soaring over

#### Day 4: Kakadu - Nitmiluk National Park

Travel to the small town of Katherine and immerse yourself in the heartwarming hospitality of the Curtin family during an exclusive meet and greet, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience ahead. Dive into the immersive Katherine Outback Experience, where the essence of Outback life unfolds before your eyes. As the sun sets, retreat to the luxurious comfort of Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park, where your dinner awaits.

HOTEL Cicada Lodge, 2 nights MEALS Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 5: Nitmiluk Gorge

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before venturing to the tranquil Katherine Hot Springs for a mid-morning soak amidst lush surroundings. As the afternoon unfolds, embark on an enthralling cruise along majestic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, with its towering cliffs and ancient rock formations that bear witness to millennia of natural history. With the sun beginning its descent, board your Sunset Dinner Cruise, where the golden hues of twilight cast a magical spell over the Nitmiluk Gorge landscape where dinner is perfectly complemented by the stunning scenery. After a day filled with blissful moments and unforgettable experiences, retire again to the sanctuary of Cicada Lodge.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 6: Katherine - Darwin

Enjoy breakfast before setting out for one last adventure in the Top End. Travel to a different corner of Nitmiluk National Park, where the enchanting Leliyn (Edith) Falls beckon. With the opportunity for a refreshing swim (seasonal) immerse yourself in the cool waters and soak in the tranquillity of this natural oasis. Travel along the Stuart Highway and return to Darwin.

HOTEL Hilton Darwin
MEALS Breakfast

#### Day 7: Darwin - Alice Springs

After a morning flight to Alice Springs your Central Australian Journey Director will provide a unique perspective on life in this remote town. Explore the history of the region at the iconic Overland Telegraph Station, then delve into the world of indigenous culture with an exclusive experience led by Rayleen Brown. Rayleen will share her knowledge of Aboriginal bush tucker, accompanied by a tantalizing tasting of native-flavoured foods. Join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Tali Restaurant.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 8: Alice Springs - Kings Canyon

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'. Your degustation menu is complemented by matching wines. 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, dinner

#### Day 9: Kings Canyon - Uluru

spellbinding 6km sunrise Rim Walk, past the sandstone domes of the 'Lost City' and down the stairs through the lush 'Garden of Eden'. Or you can opt for a gentler stroll along the canyon creek bed. Then 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. Now you'll journey across desert landscapes to Curtin Springs Station, a vast farming property, for lunch. Feel the stirring of something bigger than you as you arrive at Australia's spiritual heart, Uluru. Uncover the foundations of Anangu culture and the important creation stories of Uluru, when you visit the Cultural Centre before returning to the resort. This evening dinner is at Ilkari Restaurant.

Gaze across the deep chasm at the edge of Kings Canyon as you embark on the

**HOTEL** Sails In the Desert, 2 nights **MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### Day 10: Field of Light – Uluru – Kata Tjuta

Start your day with the breathtaking Sunrise Field of Light by artist Bruce Munro. Immerse yourself in the mesmerising installation and enjoy the desert awakening as the sun rises over Uluru. After breakfast, travel to Kata Tjuta for a morning of exploration and awe-inspiring landscapes as you wander through Walpa Gorge. Enjoy some free time for lunch, before embarking on a tour at the base of Uluru, delving into the rich cultural significance of this sacred site. Cap off your day with sunset drinks, while witnessing the changing colours of Uluru as the

sun sets. The evening is yours to unwind and enjoy at leisure.

**MEALS** Breakfast

#### Day 11: Uluru - Alice Springs

Traverse the outback landscapes, before turning the corner at Erldunda. Stop for a break at Stuart Wells, another classic outback roadhouse on the Stuart Highway.

Before arriving at Alice Springs, you'll divert to the West MacDonnell Ranges to explore the rugged beauty of spectacular Simpsons Gap. As evening approaches, delve into the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges for your open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner. Your meal is accompanied by a bush balladeer, who will regale you with tales of outback life beneath the vast expanse of the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way. It's an authentic outback experience that will leave you with lasting memories.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 12: Farewell From Alice Springs

Relax this morning, before you bid farewell to your travelling companions and your epic inspiring journey ends.

MEALS Breakfast



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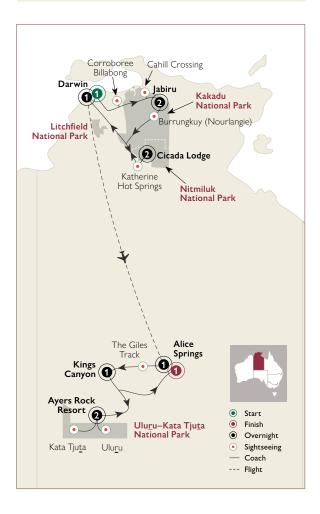
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- Small group (average 16 guests)
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#### NOTES

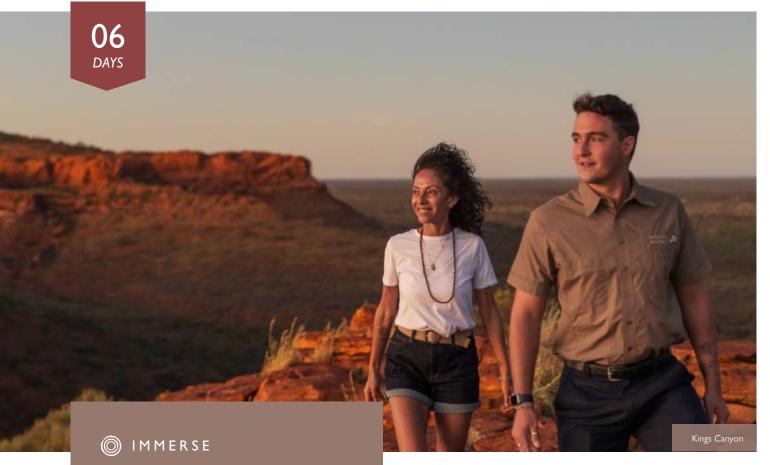
#### MNCR: DARWIN TO ALICE SPRINGS

- Day 1 flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Darwin Airport
   Day 12 flights to depart anytime from Alice Springs Airport
- Tour price includes internal-holiday airfare.
- Private vehicle return airport to hotel transfers in Darwin are included in the price.
- · Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.



# **OUTBACK CONTRASTS**

ALICE SPRINGS | WEST MACDONNELL RANGES | KINGS CANYON | KATA TJU $\underline{\mathsf{T}}$ A | ULU $\underline{\mathsf{R}}$ U



Experience true outback life at 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 ■ Continuous Conti

Nestled in the rugged bush, unwind in a Deluxe Room with a private balcony overlooking a rock escarpment, at Kings Canyon Resort.

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 thousands of years, witness striking landscapes and be immersed in the stories of the Dreamtime.

#### Day 1: Welcome to Alice Springs

Explore the vibrant culture and rich history of Alice Springs with a tailored itinerary that promises unforgettable experiences. Begin by meeting your insightful Journey Director, who will provide a unique perspective on life in this remote town. Explore the history of the region at the iconic Overland Telegraph Station, then into the world of indigenous culture with an exclusive experience led by Rayleen Brown. Rayleen will share her knowledge of Aboriginal bush tucker, accompanied by a tantalizing tasting of native-flavoured foods. Join your fellow travellers for a Welcome Reception at Tali Restaurant, where you will dine on local cuisine and reflect on the day's discoveries.

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

#### Day 2: Alice Springs - Kings Canyon

← 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'. Your degustation menu is complemented by matching wines. 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, dinner

#### 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 head off towards Uluru, visiting the
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**HOTEL** Sails In the Desert, 2 nights **MEALS** Breakfast, lunch, dinner

#### Day 4: Uluru & Kata Tjuta

- Start your day with the breathtaking Sunrise Field of Light experience by Artist Bruce Munro. Immerse yourself in the mesmerising art installation and enjoy the desert awakening as the sun rises over Uluru. After sunrise return to the hotel for breakfast.
- Then, venture to Kata Tjuta for a morning of exploration and awe-inspiring landscapes as you wander through Walpa Gorge. Enjoy some free time for lunch, before embarking on a tour at the base of Uluru, delving into the rich cultural significance of this sacred site. Cap off your day with sunset drinks, soaking in the
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  MEALS Breakfast



#### Day 5: Uluru - Alice Springs

Traverse the captivating outback landscapes, before turning the corner at Erldunda. Pause for a break at Stuart Wells, a classic outback roadhouse on the Stuart Highway. Before arriving at Alice Springs, you'll divert to the West MacDonnell Ranges to explore the rugged beauty of spectacular Simpsons Gap. As evening approaches, delve into the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges for your open-air bush BBQ Celebration Dinner. Indulge in savoury dishes and refreshing drinks while enjoying the tunes of a bush balladeer, who will regale you with tales of Outback life beneath the vast expanse of the Southern Hemisphere's Milky Way. It's an authentic outback experience that will leave you with lasting memories.

**HOTEL** Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters **MEALS** Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 6: Farewell from Alice Springs

Relax this morning. Consider a hot air balloon ride to experience the scenic landscapes of the Outback (own expense) before your inspiring journey ends.

**MEALS** Breakfast



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#### DEPARTURES (2025-26 Season)

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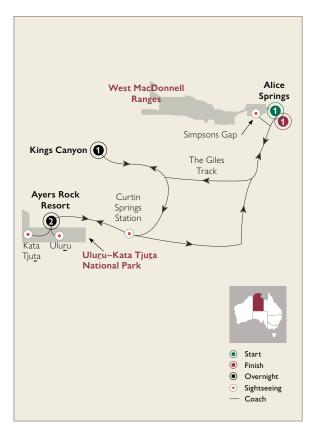
#### INCLUSIONS

- Small group (average 16 guests)
- · 11 included meals
- 5 nights premium and authentic accommodation

#### **NOTES**

#### **CRAA: ALICE SPRINGS RETURN**

- Day 1 flights to arrive prior to 12 noon into Alice Springs Airport
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- Flights to and from your tour are not included in the tour price.



# KAKADU'S ANCIENT SECRETS

DARWIN | KAKADU NATIONAL PARK | NITMILUK (KATHERINE) GORGE | ABORIGINAL ROCK ART



#### (C) IMMERSE

showcasing horsemanship, working dogs, and bush tales, and join an Aboriginal Guide at Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art Site.

#### ♥ INDULGE

Nitmiluk Gorge, and indulge in a degustation dinner in

#### ( EXPLORE

Billabong Cruise, and disembark in Arnhem Land on

#### ₩ RELAX

and take a dip in the paperbark and pandanus fringed natural pool at Leliyn (Edith) Falls.

Explore Kakadu, an ancient landscape of billabongs, gorges and hidden canyons teeming with spectacular wildlife. Admire rock art and hear stories of the Dreamtime. Embark on a journey to the haunt of the Lightning Man, Aboriginal clans and the crocodiles that roam Kakadu's floodplains.

#### Day 1: Welcome to Darwin

Touch down in Darwin and let the adventure begin with your airport transfer. Dive straight into the essence of Australia's Northern Territory at Aboriginal Bush Traders, where your taste buds will be tantalized with native flavours, before you explore the indigenous art. Later, immerse yourself in the heart of Darwin, where every corner reveals a new story. Trace the city's history through iconic landmarks like Parliament House, Government House, and the beautifully restored historical Administration building, on a short walking tour.

**HOTEL** Hilton Darwin

#### Day 2: Darwin - Kakadu National Park

- Embark on a whirlwind of adventure and cultural immersion in Australia's Northern Territory. Departing Darwin, your journey begins with the serene beauty of the Corroboree Billabong Wetland **Cruise**, where you'll glide through pristine wetlands, spotting crocodiles and colourful birdlife. Continue your exploration in Kakadu National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where ancient landscapes await.
- Dive into the rich indigenous culture at the Marrawuddi Art Gallery, admiring exquisite artworks that tell stories of tradition and spirituality. Cap off your day with a culinary extravaganza at the Mercure Crocodile Hotel, indulging in a degustation dinner.

HOTEL Mercure Kakadu Crocodile, 2 nights

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 3: Kakadu National Park

This is another day of unparalleled adventure and cultural immersion in the heart of Kakadu National Park. You might choose to begin your morning with a Kakadu scenic flight soaring over the ancient landscapes and majestic waterways in the early morning (own expense). Then get ready for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience as you delve into the ancient history of the region with a guided tour of Burrungkuy (Nourlangie) Rock Art, hosted by knowledgeable Aboriginal guides, who will share stories of tradition and spirituality. Enjoy some leisure time for lunch. This afternoon, embark on the Guluyambi Cultural Cruise, where you'll journey along the East Alligator River, encountering wildlife and learning about traditional customs and practices from local Aboriginal guides. Immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of culture and

nature that defines the Northern Territory, creating memories to last

**MEALS** Breakfast

#### Day 4: Kakadu - Nitmiluk National Park

Travel to the small town of Katherine, where adventure and discovery await. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the heartwarming hospitality of the Curtin family during an exclusive meet and greet, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience ahead. Dive into the immersive Katherine Outback Experience, where the essence of Outback life unfolds before your eyes. From the skills of working dogs to the art of horse training, gain insights into the challenges and triumphs of Outback living, deepening your appreciation for the rugged beauty of the Australian landscape. As the sun sets, retreat to the luxurious comfort of Cicada Lodge in Nitmiluk National Park, where your dinner awaits amidst the whispers of the bush, marking the perfect conclusion to a day filled with exploration, cultural immersion, and the timeless allure of the Northern Territory.

HOTEL Cicada Lodge, 2 nights MEALS Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 5: Nitmiluk Gorge Cruise

Start the day with a leisurely breakfast before venturing to the tranquil Katherine Hot Springs for a mid-morning soak amidst lush surroundings. Indulge in the soothing thermal spring waters, allowing nature's warmth to melt away any cares. Afterwards, enjoy free time for lunch in the charming town of Katherine. As the afternoon unfolds, embark on an enthralling cruise along majestic Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge, marvelling at towering cliffs and ancient rock formations that bear witness to millennia of natural history. With the sun beginning its descent, board your Sunset Dinner Cruise, where the golden hues of twilight cast a magical spell over the Nitmiluk Gorge landscape as you savour your meal, perfectly complemented by the stunning scenery. After a day filled with blissful moments and unforgettable experiences, retire again to the sanctuary of Cicada Lodge, where the comforts of home await amidst the rugged beauty of Nitmiluk National Park.

MEALS Breakfast, dinner

#### Day 6: Nitmiluk National Park - Farewell from Darwin

On the final day of this remarkable journey, enjoy a delicious breakfast before bidding farewell to Cicada Lodge and setting out for one last adventure. Travel to the northern corner of Nitmiluk National Park, where the enchanting Leliyn (Edith) Falls beckon. With the opportunity for a refreshing swim (seasonal) immerse yourself in the cool waters and soak in the tranquillity of this natural oasis. As the day progresses, travel up the Stuart Highway back to Darwin, where this unforgettable tour ends. Reflecting on the memories made amidst the stunning landscapes and cultural treasures of the Top End of the Northern Territory, cherish the experiences that have filled your heart and soul along this extraordinary journey.

**MEALS** Breakfast



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#### NOTES

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