

Uluru & Outback Explorer Sydney - Alice Springs - Uluru

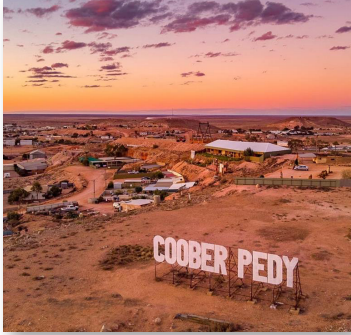
With Trade Travel - ex Sydney

11 Days / 10 Nights - Fully Escorted

Tour Departs: Thursday 12 September - Saturday 22 September, 2024.



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Day 1. Thurs 12 Sept: Sydney - Cootamundra - Hay

Dinner

Today we begin our **Uluru and Outback Explorer** journey heading across to the New South Wales country township of Hay. We enjoy morning tea and a comfort stop along the way before arriving in **Cootamundra** for the chance to purchase our own lunch before taking a stroll alongside 42 of our cricketing greats including Sir Donald Bradman, Arthur Morris, Ian & Greg Chappell, Alan Border and many more of our Aussie legends presented along the **Captains Walk**. After another comfort stop across in Narrandera, we arrive in Hay for check in and dinner at the Bishops Lodge Motor Inn.

Overnight Hay: Bishops Lodge Motor Inn

Day 2. Fri 13 Sept: Hay - Balranald - Trentham Estate - Renmark - Peterborough

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast, we are back on the road with our first stop at the **Balranald Discovery Centre**. Balranald provides an interesting stop as we take a stroll through the state-of-the-art tourist complex, a rare gem and surprise to find in an outback town. Our lunch will be near Mildura at the **Trentham Estate Winery**, enjoy the relaxed ambience of the award-winning restaurant, where the elegant surrounds with stunning views of the Murray River compliment the delicious food. Back on the road we cross into South Australia enjoy a short comfort stop alongside the **Paringa Silo Artworks** before travelling via Renmark and Monash to the historic railway township of Peterborough. After check in we gather for dinner in the on-site restaurant before enjoying a good night's rest.

Overnight Peterborough: Roundhouse Motel

Day 3. Sat 14 Sept: Peterborough - Woomera - Coober Pedy

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

After breakfast and checkout we call in at **Steamtown**, once home to South Australia's busiest regional railway hub, employing more than 1,000 people that looked after more than 100 passing trains every day. After our tour we continue to **Woomera** enjoying a comfort stop en-route before arriving at the **Heritage Museum**, which exhibit displays relating to the Woomera Rocket Range and the now closed Joint Defence Facility at Nurrungar. After a stroll through Missile Park and **lunch in the Outback Diner**, we continue up to Coober Pedy taking a comfort stop at the **Glendambo Roadhouse**. We reach the opal mining capital of the world 'Coober Pedy' late afternoon and notice the unique moonscape and bizarre layout of the township as we make our way into town. After settling into our accommodation we meet up in the underground bar to purchase a pre-dinner drink before dinner.

Overnight Coober Pedy: Desert Cave Hotel (underground rooms available on request)

Day 4. Sun 15 Sept: Coober Pedy

Breakfast & Dinner

Today is all about Coober Pedy as we are joined by **our local guide**, and take a look at the Old Cemetery which dates back to 1921, The Boot Hill tombstones (including the 18 gallon beer keg for Mr Karl Bratz), the Coober Pedy Opal Fields, Dog Fence, Race Track and Golf Course. We look inside St Peter and Paul's Catholic Church, the first purpose-built **underground Catholic Church** of its type in the world. Back in town at the **Opal Shop** we enjoy an opal cutting demonstration and time to browse the opal shop, before enjoying free time for lunch. This afternoon we tour an **authentic Coober Pedy dugout**, **Faye's Historic Underground Home** and mine and learn about mining and living underground. We then have some free time to do some shopping, and freshen up before heading out to the **Big Winch Lookout in time for Sunset drinks and nibbles before dinner**.

Overnight Coober Pedy: Desert Cave Hotel

Day 5. Mon 16 Sept: Coober Pedy - Alice Springs

Breakfast & Dinner

Departing early from **Coober Pedy** we continue north along the Stuart Highway towards Alice Springs. **Marla** will be our first **comfort stop** before crossing the SA/NT Border. A little over an hour into the Northern Territory will see us arrive at the **Kulgera Roadhouse** for lunch (own expense). We continue into **Alice Springs late afternoon** and check into our accommodation. Tonight we will be joined by our second tour group, we gather for a meet and greet in the bar for a welcome drink (own cost) before enjoying dinner together in the restaurant.

Overnight Alice Springs: Double Tree By Hilton

Day 6. Tues 17 Sept: Alice Springs

Breakfast & Dinner

After breakfast, we are joined by our local guide for an introduction to Alice Springs and its surrounds. We view Alice Springs and its magical surrounds from the **Anzac Hill Lookout** then hear the story of the **Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historic Reserve and Museum**. Our last visit before lunch will be the **Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitor Centre** where we hear of the incredible history that has shaped the RFDS of today. After our wonderful morning of site seeing we have some free time to purchase lunch and explore at own leisure in Alice Springs. Late afternoon we relax back at the hotel before dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Alice Springs: Double Tree By Hilton

Day 7. Wed 18 Sept: Alice Springs

Breakfast & Dinner

This morning we visit the **Pyndan Camel Tracks Camel Farm** to hear and learn the heritage and history of camels in Australia. **Those wishing have the option of taking a camel ride (pre booking required and at extra cost - see below)**. After our camel experience and morning tea, we make our way to the **Alice Springs Desert Park**. Join a local guide for an informative tour followed by some free time to explore at own leisure and purchase a snack from the cafe. This afternoon we return to the hotel to rest up, before heading out for an evening of entertainment and outback cuisine. Set in the remote and isolated East MacDonnell Ranges, the **Original Outback Bush BBQ** is a unique and authentic experience where we become immersed in the spirit and grandeur that is the Australian Outback. Tuck into a mouth-watering meal of prime Australian beef, enjoy a cold beer or wine from the Aussie Bush bar, and get to know the locals who will share with us the epic story of their life and survival in the outback.

Overnight: Alice Springs: Double Tree By Hilton

Day 8. Thur 19 Sept: Alice Springs - Standley Chasm - Kings Canyon

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Our journey continues across this great land to the spectacular **Standley Chasm** created by the floods that, over untold millions of years, have surged down a narrow tributary of the Finke River system. Today the result is a deep red cleft in the **West MacDonnell Ranges** crowded on either side by craggy slopes that rise 80 metres above the floor. The Chasm is at its most dramatic an hour either side of noon where on a bright sunny day the sheer quartzite walls glow from reflected sunlight to create a breathtaking display of stark form and rich colour. After our guided walk (optional) into the chasm, lunch will be provided for us at the cafe which is set amongst the shady gum trees on the bank of the Angkerle Creek. After lunch our drive takes us along the **Mereenie Loop Tourist Drive to the beautiful and majestic Kings Canyon**. Enjoy **sunset drinks and nibbles overlooking the canyon** before dinner at our hotel.

Overnight Kings Canyon: Kings Canyon Resort

Day 9. Fri 20 Sept: Kings Canyon - Yulara

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Optional - Some may choose to rise early to enjoy a guided **'Canyon Walk'** before breakfast. After checkout we enjoy one final look out across the iconic Kings Canyon before beginning our drive across to Uluru. Prior to reaching Curtin Springs we stop to view and take photos of the **300 meter high Mount Conner**, a distinctive flat-topped sandstone capped sand and rock mountain. This horseshoe-shaped inselberg is one of the most distinctive formations in the region. We stop by the **Curtin Springs** cattle station to learn about its history and paper making and enjoy lunch. We then continue on to Yulara, the village town to the spectacular **Uluru**, the largest sandstone monolith in the Southern Hemisphere. Once settled into our accommodation we have some free time to visit the township of Yulara as we wish. Late afternoon we head out to take in the magical sunset over Uluru before making our way back to the resort for dinner.

Overnight Yulara: Desert Gardens Hotel



Day 10. Sat 21 Sept: Uluru - The Olgas - Dinner & Field of Lights

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

Today is a highlight of our tour, as we learn about the real heart of Australia. We travel out to the **Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre** where we learn about the traditional and ancient cultures and all that **Uluru** has to offer. We also view the interesting displays which explain more about Uluru and its traditional owners, before enjoying a **leisurely short flat loop walk with our local guide, which takes in the Minymaku Platform around the base of Uluru**, before travelling out to **Kata Tjuta**, the cluster of rocks known as **'The Olgas'**. These massive and vividly coloured, round rocks are a dramatic outline of this landscape. We enjoy our picnic lunch amongst this spectacular backdrop. This evening we immerse ourselves in the exclusive **dining experience** under the outback sky with a once in a lifetime **Field of Lights spectacular**. With magnificent views of Uluru at sunset, a special three-course bush tucker menu, premium selection of Aussie wines and beers, fascinating star talk, and self-guided walk through the Field of Lights, our final night in the centre is complete.

Overnight Yulara: Desert Gardens Hotel

Day 11. Sat 22 Sept: Uluru - Sydney

Breakfast

Optional - for those willing to get one last look at Uluru at sunrise, you can journey out for one last look, before returning for breakfast. We then checkout and transfer to the Yulara Airport for our flight back to Sydney after a wonderful time away with Trade Travel.

Flight Details: Yulara - Sydney - (flights to be confirmed and times to be advised)

Our Uluru & Outback Explorer Tour Highlights & Inclusions

Tour Highlights:

Cootamundra Captains Walk; Balranald Discovery Centre; Trentham Estate Winery; Paringa Silo Murals; Historic Railway Township of Peterborough - Steamworld; ; Woomera Heritage Museum & Missile Park; Umoona Opal Mine; Faye's Historic Underground Home; St Peter & Paul Catholic Church; Anzac Hill Lookout; Alice Springs Telegraph Station Historic Reserve & Museum; Pyndan Camel Tracks Camel Farm; Alice Springs Desert Park; Standley Chasm; John Flynn Memorial Reserve; Original Outback Bush BBQ & Show; Kings Canyon; Curtin Springs; Mt Conner Lookout; Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre; Uluru; Sunset & Sunrise options of Uluru; Kata Tjuta (The Olgas); Uluru - Dinner & The Field of Lights + much more.



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Credit: Shaana McNaught & Tourism NT



Tour Price Includes:

- Trade Travel Tour Host
- Flight from Yulara to Sydney
- Luxury coach travel
- 10 Nights quality accommodation
- Breakfast, lunch & dinner as per itinerary (25 meals)
Inclusive of Field of Lights Dinner Uluru
Original Outback Bush BBQ
- All entry fees & guides as per itinerary

Optional Extras Addition Costs:

- Camel Ride at Pyndan Camel Tracks Camel Farm \$100 pp

Tour Cost ex Sydney: \$6898.00 per person Twin Share (Single Supplement \$1740.00)

A minimum of 20 passengers is required for this tour to proceed. Limited single rooms available.

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change at any time without notice.

Please note: *Flights are subject to confirmation/change and price increases at any time.*

Deposit: A deposit of **\$500** per person is due on booking to secure your place on this tour, along with completed & signed booking form! **Don't miss out, spaces are limited!**
(\$150 non refundable at time of booking).

Final Payment: Due no later than **Friday 14 June, 2024.**

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