Itinerary 2013/14



5 Day Darwin to Alice Springs Explorer incl. Uluru

Tour Code: DASU5

Tour Departs: Adventure Tours Australia shop at 06:30am (Shop 2/ 52 Mitchell

St, Darwin)

Year round: Sat

Tour Finishes: Alice Springs accommodation evening day 5

Tour Style: Explorer

Max People: 48/24

ITINERARY:

Day 1 – Darwin to Katherine Gorge

<u>DEFAULT/ONLY PICK UP: Adventure Tours Australia Shop, 52 Mitchell St Darwin, 06:30am.</u>

We depart from Darwin early, and we make our way to Nitmiluk National Park: the home of magnificent Katherine Gorge. Here you will have the chance to take an optional cruise through the first 2 gorges (own expense and seasonal). If you are not interested in the cruise, you also have the option of canoeing through the first gorge (own expense and seasonal), or taking a guided walk to Baruwei lookout; you can get a nice postcard shot of the gorge and learn about this stunning area and its significance to the local Jawoyn Aboriginal people. Once we finish exploring the gorge we continue our journey south, arriving in time for dinner and a beer at the historic Daly Waters Hotel: the territory's oldest pub (own expense). The journey down towards Alice Springs continues overnight.

Day 2 - Alice Springs

In the early hours of the morning, we make a stop at Tennant Creek so that you can stretch your legs and grab some refreshments before we continue on to Alice Springs. There is also one last photo stop as we cross the tropic of Capricorn. We arrive at our final destination around 8am. You have the rest of the day free to explore the heart of the Red Centre.

Day 3 – Alice Springs to Kata Tjuta and Uluru PICK UP DAY 3: Haven Backpackers, 06:10am

Kick off your adventure on top of a camel! Our first stop is the Outback Camel Farm where you can choose to ride atop one of these desert giants (at own expense). From here it's off to Uluru (Ayers Rock), and a bite to eat. Kata Tjura will fascinate you, and you will discover some of the secrets of this ancient landform on the Valley of the Winds hike. You'll be mesmerised as the desert sun sets over Uluru. As the night

grows darker, curl up in your permanent tent or enjoy the option of a swag (Aussie bedroll) and experience a night under the outback stars. (LD)

Day 4 – Uluru to Kings Canyon

It's an early start this morning, but you'll be rewarded with a glorious Uluru sunrise. While the morning is fresh, enjoy an unguided walk around the base of Uluru. You will then deepen your understanding of the land and the Mala people as you take a cultural interpretive walk with an

Aboriginal guide (and interpreter).* It is a unique opportunity to share experiences, connect with and learn about the oldest culture on earth. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to purchase Aboriginal arts and crafts at the Uluru Cultural Centre before we travel to our exclusive campsite within the Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon) where we sleep for the night. (BLD)

Day 5 – Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

Get your hiking shoes on today as we head out to explore the impressive formations of Kings Canyon. You'll be left breathless by the sheer beauty of the canyon as we trek through the Amphitheatre, the Lost City, the lush and ancient Garden of Eden and the North and South Walls. Lunch is a welcome prospect, before we make our way back to Alice Springs. (BL)

BRING:

Sturdy walking shoes, hat and sunscreen, water bottle, towel and toiletries, torch, warm clothing in winter, insect repellent, camera, pillow, sleeping bag (can be purchased for \$30).

INCLUDED:

Experienced guides, national park entrance fee, meals as indicated, accommodation transfers, Aboriginal culture interpretive walk*, 2 nights' camping fees and equipment, 1 night overnight coach tour and one night dorm accommodation with share facilities in Alice Springs.

NOTES:

- Itineraries may vary and/or attractions be substituted for any cause including seasonal conditions, weather extremes, traditional owner and national park requirements. See terms and conditions for full details.
- Travel Insurance is compulsory for all travellers on all tours and details must be presented to tour guide before departure.
- *Where Aboriginal guide is unavailable an Adventure Tours guide will lead the interpretive cultural walk.
- Please note that activities at Katherine Gorge are seasonal and may not be available during the wet season.
- This is a packaged tour; therefore you may travel with a different guide and passengers on each section.



- Safaris must be reconfirmed 48hrs prior to departure by phone on 1300 654 604 (within Australia).
- A STRICT luggage limit of 15kg applies
 B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

