



5 Day Alice Springs to Darwin Explorer incl. Uluru

Tour Code: ASDU5

Tour Departs: Select Alice Springs accommodation from 5:40am
Default pick up: Haven Backpacker Resort at 06:10am

or

Ayers Rock Resort 1:45pm** from Desert Gardens Hotel, for tours departing before October 6th. Please see notes below for pick ups for departures on or after October 6th.

Year round: Sun

Tour Finishes: Darwin accommodation around 1:00pm day 5

Tour Style: Explorer

Max People: 24/48

ITINERARY:

Day 1 – Alice Springs to Kata Tjuta and Uluru

DEFAULT PICK UP (begin Alice Springs): Haven Backpacker Resort, 06:10am

DEFAULT PICK UP (begin Ayers Rock): Desert Gardens Hotel, 1:45pm**

Why not kick off your adventure on top of a camel? Our first stop is an authentic outback camel farm where you can choose to go for a short ride on one of these desert giants (at own expense). From here we're off to Uluru (Ayers Rock) where we make a quick stop for lunch. Kata Tjuta 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 2 – 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 3 – Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

You'll need your hiking shoes on today as we head out to explore the remarkable formations that make up Kings Canyon. The sheer beauty and size of the canyon will leave you

breathless as we trek through the Amphitheatre, the Lost City, the lush Garden of Eden and the North and South Walls. Enjoy lunch before we make our way back to Alice Springs. Overnight dorm accommodation is included. (BL)

Day 4 – Alice Springs and Devils Marbles
PICK UP FOR DAY 4: Haven Backpackers, 11:00am.

Leaving Alice Springs, we pass by the Tropic of Capricorn and make our way to Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles) where there's time to explore the well known marble shaped granite boulders, a site sacred to its traditional owners. Tennant Creek is our next stop and a chance for you to purchase some dinner and stretch your legs before we make the overnight journey to Katherine.

Day 5 – Katherine Gorge to Darwin

An early morning stop in Katherine gives you the chance to purchase breakfast before we arrive at Nitmiluk National Park home to Katherine Gorge. Here you will have the chance to take an optional 2 hour breakfast cruise through the first 2 gorges (own expense and seasonal Apr-Nov). You're in for a treat because early morning is the perfect time to experience and photograph the gorge in all its glory. If you're looking for something more active our guide will lead a short return walk to Baruwei lookout where 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 drive the last leg into Darwin arriving around 1:00pm with the afternoon free to explore the Northern Territory's capital city.

BRING:

Sturdy walking shoes, hat and sunscreen, water bottle, towel and toiletries, torch, warm clothing in winter, insect repellent, camera, travel 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 and one nights dorm accommodation in Alice Springs.

NOTES:

- **** Pick ups from Ayers Rock:**

Tours departing before October 6th:

The Yulara Airport Shuttle (free) is available to catch from the airport to the Desert Gardens Hotel. No bookings are required, just look for the shuttle out the front of the airport once luggage has been collected. Lunch is not included on Day 1.

Qantas QF1851, 0955am – pick up from Desert Gardens Hotel at 1345 (catch airport shuttle)

Virgin VA1627, 1305pm – pick up from Desert Gardens at 1345 (catch airport shuttle)

Jetstar JQ660, 1335pm – pick up is from Ayers Rock Airport at 1415 (do not catch shuttle)

Qantas QF1941, 1450pm – no pick up available.

Tours departing on and after October 6th:

There will be no 1345 Desert Gardens Hotel pick up from 6th October onwards. Lunch will be included on Day 1 for all passengers.



Qantas QF1851, 0950am – pick up from Desert Gardens Hotel at 1310 (catch airport shuttle).
This 1310 pick up will not be available for any other flight, and so may not operate all days.
Virgin VA1627, 1145am – pick up is from Ayers Rock Airport at 1300 (do not catch shuttle)
Jetstar JQ660, 1235pm – pick up is from Ayers Rock Airport at 1300 (do not catch shuttle)
Qantas QF1941, 1450pm – no pick up available.

- 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.
- *Where Aboriginal guide is unavailable an Adventure Tours guide will lead the interpretive cultural walk.
- Travel Insurance is compulsory for all travellers on all tours and details must be presented to tour guide before departure.
- Please note the cruise at Katherine Gorge is 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.
- Tour must be reconfirmed 48hrs prior to departure by phone on 1300 654 604 (within Australia).
- It is you or your clients' responsibility to contact Adventure Tours with your preferred accommodation pick up point. Please contact our inside sales teams for information on other available pick up points. If we do not hear from you, we will assume you will make your way to our default pick up point as listed on this document. We will not be responsible for missed pick-ups (and a missed tour) if we do not receive notification from you or your travel agent, and if you are not at the default pick up point at the appropriate time.
- A STRICT luggage limit of 15kgs applies.
- B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.