



RED CENTRE EXPERIENCE



ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

A 4.5 hour drive (462 km) south-west of Alice Springs. This national park represents the spiritual heart of Australia. Uluru is one of the great natural wonders of the world; this magnificent sandstone monolith stands 348 metres high with the bulk of the monolith beneath the surface. This national park also houses the great weathered rock domes which lay east of Uluru - Kata Tjuta also known as the Olgas.



WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK

Just 300 km north-east of Uluru Watarrka National Park is a great conservation area as the rock holes and Georges provide place of safety for the large range of plants and native animals although more commonly know to house the mighty chasm that cleaves the earth to a depth of 270 metres, the sheer red rock face of the Canyon soars over a 100 metres above cycad gardens.

DRIVE TIMES & DISTANCES

(Approximates only)

Alice Springs to Uluru	4-5 hours	462 km
Alice Springs to Kings Canyon	4-5 hours	495 km
Alice Springs to Tennant Creek	5 hours	507 km

CLIMATE & EXPECTED TEMPERATURE

Central Australia, which incorporates Alice Springs, Tennant Creek, Yulara/Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and Kings Canyon/Watarrka National Park and surrounding regions, has a desert climate with an average temperature of 33 degrees.

This desert climate is considered to be the best weather as it is a dry warm summer with bright sunny days and spectacular late sunsets and a cool change over winter where the days are sunny and mild yet providing cold adventure by night.



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DAY 1 ADELAIDE TO COOBER PEDY ON ROUTE TO CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

Depart from South Australia heading north along the Stuart Highway to Coober Pedy. Travel into the vast South Australian Outback, to the opal center of the world, Coober Pedy. Step back in time and experience a night underground at one of the available accommodation available, visit a local underground home, mine and church. Learn about the lives of miners and their families.

DAY 2 COOBER PEDY – YULARA (ULURU)

Depart early for a journey across the border into the Northern Territory taking the left route along the Lasseter's Highway to the township of Yulara the home to Uluru- Kata Tjuta National Park and set up camp for a two night stay.

DAY 3 ULURU TO KATA TJUTA

Visit the Uluru – Kata Tjuta National Park and Cultural Centre to increase students understanding of the Anangu people through story. Walk around the world's greatest monolith rising 348m above a flat sandy plain, with the opportunity of a 13km base walk one of the many walks available at Uluru. In the afternoon visit Kata Tjuta (Olgas) and enjoy from of the choice of walks within these gigantic domes. After such a lively day enjoy free time and opportunity to take in the cultural and the relaxing environment of the region.

DAY 4 ULURU TO KINGS CANYON (WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK)

Enjoy an education stop at Curtin Springs working cattle station (also a great location for staying overnight within the region & touring) it is also the location gateway to Mt Conner (more touring and education opportunities available) stop at the lookout to view the incredible formation. Take time to view Lake Amadeus, a giant salt lake within the region continue to Kings Canyon, situated in Watarrka National Park. Set up camp at Kings Creek Station, a working cattle station providing opportunities for students to learn about the, culture, outback living and partnerships. If time permits; allow for the Kings Creek Walk which roams through the creek to the viewing platform where you can experience stunning views of the sheer canyon walls.

DAY 5 KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS

Option for a morning climb to the top of the canyon rim will be impressed views of red sandstone walls plunging into flourishing vegetation and natural rock pools. Experiencing this few will fill one with energy and feel of being in the heart of Australia. Following the magnificence climb depart Kings Canyon and travel at leisure to Alice Springs. Set up camp for two (to three) nights with one of the local caravan parks or community stays.



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DAY 6 VISIT THE WEST MACDONNELL RANGES

Begin today travelling through the ranges with stops at Simpson's gap, Ellery or Ormiston Gorge to name a few. Enjoy a swim at the waterhole (pending weather as it does get cold in the winter) Standley Chasm also offers spectacular natural midday viewing of the Chasm. Stop in to the Alice Springs Desert Park for a summary of your adventures today with a guided walk. Freshen up back at camp for dinner and show at the Earth Sanctuary one of the many evening activities for school groups.

DAY 8 ALICE SPRINGS

Breakfast followed with half day town tour including many local attractions before lunch. Opportunities for the afternoon may include visits to local a local aboriginal community, plan for your evening awards activity night or simply have time out in Alice Springs. Evening activities can be around your campfire that evening with local reptile presentations or you group could have an outing to view the Sounds of Starlight theatre Didgeridoo show.

DAY 9 SCHOOL

Enjoy your final breakfast in Alice Springs at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station before meeting your flight home or your overnight bus travel back south.