



Cultural interaction – Wallace Rockhole



Kings Canyon – The Key Hole

Around Alice and the Rock 4 day - inc. entry/exit day

Arrive Alice Springs day 1

Welcome to Alice Springs! On arrival, you will be met by an Alice Springs Holidays representative for a complimentary transfer to your hotel. Following check in Desert Park Transfers will take you to the Alice Springs Desert Park. Enjoy a relaxing stroll through the 3 major desert habitats, complete with walk through aviaries. The Desert Park is home to the world's largest nocturnal house and breeding programmes for many endangered species of the Australian bush. Be enthralled by the free flying raptor display at Nature's Theatre.

Overnight: Alice Springs

Alice Springs to Kings Canyon day 2

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Leaving the Alice, main highways and settlements behind, we travel through mountain valleys to the Wallace Rockhole aboriginal community. Here experience a rock art and culture tour with a local guide. Visit the gallery, which provides an opportunity to purchase a variety of local art. The adventure continues on the 4WD track into the Gosse Bluff comet impact crater. Not just an astro-geological wonder, but a chance for a leisurely stroll to admire the towering crater walls and dramatic views.

Returning to the dirt road traversing the Mereenie Wilderness Area, where mountain valleys give way to open plains, we arrive at the Kings Canyon Resort in the late afternoon. Optional *Sounds of Firelight Dinner*.

Overnight: Kings Canyon Resort



Kings Canyon to Uluru day 3

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We begin our day with an exploration of the majestic Kings Canyon, with a choice of activities. The energetic will find the hike around the Canyon rim a stimulating option, offering panoramic views and in parts steep climbs. Alternatively, experience a gentler stroll through the Canyon floor, amid abundant bird life and ancient cycad plants. Our next stop is Uluru, enroute we transverse expansive landscapes of

changing eco systems, vast salt lakes and the mesa-like formation of Mt Connor. Arrive Ayers Rock Resort and check into your hotel. This afternoon we visit the Uluru - Kata Tjuṯa Cultural Centre, followed by an exploratory tour with your guide, of the base of this unique monolith. The crowning touch to the day is a champagne sunset, featuring fine Australian foods and sparkling wine.

Overnight: Ayers Rock Resort

Kata Tjuṯa to Alice Springs day 4

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An early departure to enjoy the morning solitude and tranquility as the subtle colours of another day dawning, wash over Kata Tjuṯa (The Olgas). Your guide will take you for an informative walk around the massive domes of Kata Tjuṯa, a site of significance to the local Anangu people. Hear of the geology, history and ecological significance. We return to the resort in time for lunch (own expense) and your transfer to the airport for your departure and onward flight to your home port or next adventure. Alternatively you may choose to extend your stay at the Ayers Rock Resort or return to Alice Springs arriving late afternoon approx 6pm..

	Accommodation – Alice Springs, Kings Canyon Resort & Ayers Rock Resort	LOW SEASON		HIGH SEASON	
		Sole Use	Twin Share	Sole Use	Twin Share
First Class	Alice Springs Resort Deluxe, Kings Canyon Resort Deluxe, Sails in the Desert Standard	2347	1804	2534	1897
Superior	Alice Springs Resort Superior, Kings Canyon Resort Standard, Desert Gardens Hotel Standard	2114	1687	2295	1778
All prices quoted are valid from 1 Apr 2008 to 31 March 2009 and are per person AUD\$		1 Apr 2008 – 30 Jun 2008		1 Jul 2008 – 30 Nov 2008	
NB: persons travelling alone must pay sole use price		1 Dec 2008 – 31 Mar 2009			

What's Included: 4 days touring, 2 Lunches, 3 Refreshments, 3 nights Accommodation, entry fees, Airport or rail meet and greet on arrival, Departure airport transfer at Ayers Rock, Small Group (min 2), On Board Library, Naturalist Guide, Luxury Air conditioned Expedition Vehicle
Departs: Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 1:00 pm

L – Lunch, D – Dinner, R – Refreshments

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