



Ochre Pits – West MacDonnell's



Palm Valley



The many moods of Uluru

Outback Explorer 6 day – inc. entry/exit

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 Resort or similar

West MacDonnell Ranges - day 2

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Venture west for a day of panoramic mountain scenery, visiting tranquil waterholes, rocky gorges, dramatic natural gaps and clefts carved from the ranges. Bird life abounds in the sheltered environment of the mountain valleys and the area is home to the local species of Black footed Rock Wallaby which is regularly sighted. Swim in the cool waterholes and explore the walking trails with your informative guide on hand to cater to your curiosity. The Ochre Pits offer a fascinating insight into the many traditional uses of this natural pigment. Visiting the grave of Flying Doctor pioneer Rev John Flynn provides a poignant reminder of the remoteness of Central Australia and the vastness of this land. Return to Alice Springs late afternoon.

Overnight: Alice Springs Resort or similar

Palm Valley - day 3

Your Outback Explorer experience continues with a day of 4WD adventure exploring the Finke Gorge National Park. Making our way along the mostly dry bed of the Finke River you'll marvel at the dramatic evidence of it's awesome flood history. Further along the track the magnificent Amphitheatre provides a stunning opportunity for photography, before finally reaching Palm Valley itself. Experience a walk amongst the rare Red Cabbage Palms, relics of a previous climate many millions of years past. After a gourmet picnic lunch we travel back along the track to the sealed road to visit the Hermannsburg Historic Precinct founded by Lutheran missionaries in 1877, and birthplace of watercolour painting in the region. Return to Alice Springs late afternoon.

Overnight: Alice Springs Resort or similar

Alice Springs to Kings Canyon - day 4

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Leaving the Alice, the main highways, and the crowds behind, we travel through mountain valleys to 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. Further along the track, the adventure continues on the 4WD track into the Gosse Bluff comet impact crater. Not just an astro-geological wonder but also a fantastic setting for our picnic lunch. Stroll around and admire the towering crater walls. After lunch we return to the dirt road traversing the Mereenie Wilderness Area as the mountain valleys give way to open plains before arriving at the Kings Canyon Resort in the late afternoon. Optional Sounds of Firelight Dinner

Overnight: Kings Canyon Resort

Kings Canyon to Uluru - day 5

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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 enjoy a picnic lunch amidst the 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 Tjuta 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 Tjuta to Alice Springs - day 6

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An early morning departure, to enjoy the tranquillity away from the crowds, and witness the subtle changes of the sunrise colours as they wash over Kata Tjuta (The Olgas). Your guide will show you around the massive domes on an informative walk. 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.

Departs: Sunday Tuesday and Friday -1.00pm approx

Tour Code	Accommodation – Alice Springs, Kings Canyon Resort & Ayers Rock Resort	LOW SEASON		HIGH SEASON	
		Sole Use	Twin Share	Sole Use	Twin Share
6OEFc	Alice Springs Resort Deluxe, Kings Canyon Resort Deluxe, Sails in the Desert Standard	\$3933	\$3135	\$4122	\$3230
6OESU	Alice Springs Resort Superior, Kings Canyon Resort Standard, Desert Gardens Standard	\$3590	\$2963	\$3784	\$3060
All prices quoted are valid from 1 Apr 2010 to 31 March 2011 and are per person AUD\$ NB: persons travelling alone must pay sole use price		1 Apr 2010 – 30 Jun 2010 1 Dec 2010 – 31 Mar 2011		1 Jul 2010 – 30 Nov 2010	

What's Included: 6 days touring, 4 Lunches, 5 Refreshments, 5 nights Accommodation, All 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

L – Lunch, D – Dinner, R – Refreshments

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