



Treasures of the Red Centre
Classic Land Tour | 7 Days

Uluru – Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

Explore the highlights of the Northern Territory on this new group tour. Experience the magnificence of this region that Australia has to offer. From stunning scenery to local interactions this tour has a mix of everything.

- Uluru sunset with Champagne toast
- Enjoy an evening at the Field of Lights and Sounds of Silence Experience at Uluru
- Enjoy the magnificent Rim Walk
- Visit the historical sites of Alice Springs
- Nocturnal Tour



### Treasures of the Red Centre tour inclusions:

- All accommodation
- Most meals (6 Breakfasts & 4 Dinner)
- All sightseeing and entrance fees
- All transportation and transfers
- Expert tour leader
- Specialist advice from our experienced Travel Consultants

The only thing you may have to pay for are personal expenditure e.g. drinks, optional excursions or shows, insurance of any kind, tipping, early check in or late check out and other items not specified on the itinerary.

## Classic Land Tours:

See the classic sights in the company of expert guides so you can really understand the culture of the destination. On our classic Land tours we take care of just about everything, leaving you to sit back and enjoy the experience to the full.

### Physical Level 1:

All our tours feature a physical rating to help you select the right holiday for you. To travel on any of our tours requires unaided mobility and the ability to stroll around the sights.

This tour is rated as a **physical level 1** tour. A reasonable level of fitness is required but it's more about spending time on your feet rather than covering large distances. You'll be getting on and off coaches and boats, walking around the sights and climbing some steps. There will be sightseeing on foot for both short and extended periods of time



Of course, our guides will always endeavour to provide the highest level of service and assistance; however, they cannot be expected to cater for customers who are unfit to complete the itinerary.

### Joining Your Tour

The tour is 7 days in duration and does not include flights to Uluru or from Alice Springs. Tour price includes your arrival/departure airport transfers if arriving/departing on the start and conclusion date of your tour. Please advise your flight times to reservations.

Join the tour on Day 1 in Uluru and end the tour on Day 7 in Alice Springs. Please refer to your final itinerary for more specific meeting instructions pertaining to your departure.

### **Itinerary Changes:**

It is our intention to adhere to the day-to-day itinerary as printed; however, the order of events or sightseeing may change as we look to improve our tours or as local conditions dictate. In these circumstances, we will make the best possible arrangements maintaining the integrity of your trip.



# Itinerary – Treasures of the Red Centre

### Days 1: Arrive Uluru

Upon arrival into Ayers Rock Airport, you will be met by your local guide and/or driver from Wendy Wu Tours. You will be taken to your hotel in Yulara. This afternoon you will transfer out to the Kata Tjutas (The Olgas) for the Walpa Gorge walk followed by champagne and nibbles from the Viewing Platform at Kata Tjuta.

**Important note:** Recommended time of arrival is 1pm. Arriving later then the suggested time may result in missed touring.



Hotel: Sails in the Desert (Superior Room)

#### **Destination Information**

**Uluru** – located in the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park it stands out as a massive sandstone monolith in the heart of the arid "Red Centre" in the Northern Territory. It is a sacred site to indigenous Australians, thought to have started forming around 550 million years ago





constellations that will illuminate your evening.

Hotel: Sails in the Desert (Superior Room)

This morning rise early for a sunrise over Uluru. After a full breakfast at your resort, enjoy a guided base walk and Mutitjulu Waterhole tour. Tonight board a shared transfer to watch the sun sink behind Uluru and then watch the desert light up with the once-ina-lifetime field of light installation by celebrated artist Bruce Munro which is on display for a limited time. Then take your seat at the Sounds of Silence Experience! Enjoy a 3-course meal infused with bush tucker flavours all while listening to a resident star talker that will help decipher the blanket of



#### **Destination Information**

**Mutitjulu Waterhole** – The waterhole lies at the foot of one of the folds of the rock face of Uluru. The body of water that collects here is so calm it reflects the backdrop like a mirror. The waterhole also hosts a series of rock paintings that depict Indigenous stories and history, and reflect importance of this area to the Anangu People.

### Day 3: Uluru – Kings Canyon

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This morning following one more sunrise, a visit to the Cultural Centre to see the Dot Painters in action, and some time for lunch at leisure (at own cost), transfer to Kings Canyon for an early evening arrival. Enjoy dinner and a drink on the sundower deck upon arrival.

Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort (Standard Room)

#### **Destination Information**

**Kings Canyon** – 440 million years in the making Kings Canyon offers landscape like no other place on earth. It is a canyon in the Northern Territory of Australia located at the Western end of the George Gill Range. The rock faces sore high above Kings creek and the Rim walk is most definitely a highlight of the area.

### Day 4: Kings Canyon

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This morning rise early and enjoy the magificent Rim Walk (3 -4 hours) at Kings Canyon including a visit to the Garden of Eden. Arrive back at your resort in time for a lunch at leisure and an afternoon spent lazing by the pool.

Hotel: Kings Canyon Resort (Standard Room)

#### **Destination Information**

**Rim Walk** – This is a walking path around the rim of a sandstone canyon, with some steep climbs and views of the rock formations



# Day 5: Kings Canyon – Alice Springs

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This morning following breakfast, transfer to Alice Springs. Learn how the town of Alice Springs has evolved into the central hub of the Australian outback. Visit historical sites and some of the essential services delivered from Alice to the community of this vast region over the next 2 days. The traditional custodians of the land are the Arrernte people, who refer to Alice as 'Mpwante'. Visit Alice Springs Reptile Centre.



Hotel: Hilton Doubletree Alice Springs (Guest Room with Mountain Views)

#### **Destination Information**

**Alice Springs** – The gateway to explore the Red Centre. A remote town found halfway between Darwin and Adelaide.

### Day 6: Alice Springs

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Today continue your touring of this fascinating region. Visit the School of the Air, the Telegraph Station and the Royal Flying Doctors HQ. Tonight, following dinner and a tasty pint at Alice Springs Brewing Co, meet your expert guide in the Alice Springs Desert Park Courtyard and receive your own specialised head torch before starting a Nocturnal Tour. Your guide will lead you to the Mulga Walk, a large predator-proof enclosure located in the foothills of the MacDonnell Ranges. Join your guide in small groups as you walk through a rich desert habitat full of life. Stopping to spotlight endangered animals of Central Australia showcasing their natural behaviours. Get up close to animals including bilby, echidna and mala.

Hotel: Hilton Doubletree Alice Springs (Guest Room with Mountain Views)

#### **Destination Information**

**Mulga Walk** – Is a small section of a 10-acre enclosure that holds a range of threatened species once wide spread in Central Australia.

### Day 7: Depart Alice Springs

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Transfer to the airport Any time before your flight is at leisure.



### Treasures of the Red Centre - Travel Information

#### Insurance

We strongly recommend that you take out a policy as soon as you pay your deposit. Wendy Wu Tours cannot in any way be made liable for any additional cost incurred by the customer on any tour due to the customer not having adequate travel insurance.

We also encourage all customers to take a copy of their travel insurance documents (especially relevant international contact numbers) with them while on tour. We advise that you check the inclusions and procedures for lodging claims prior to your departure. These documents should be stored separately from the original.

#### **COVID** Safe

Your safety and well-being will always be our Number 1 priority which is why we've instituted the most stringent COVID health and safety protocols on all of our tours.

As we continue to monitor current restrictions and operational impacts, these protocols will evolve, and we will provide detailed guidelines for your particular tour prior to departure.

For further details, please go to the following link <a href="https://www.wendywutours.co.nz/about-us/travel-with-confidence">https://www.wendywutours.co.nz/about-us/travel-with-confidence</a>

### Accommodation

Your accommodation is selected for convenience of location, comfort or. Hotels are generally rated as local four-star to 5 Star standard. All group tour hotels have private bathroom facilities, air conditioning, TV and telephone. If you experience any difficulty, please speak to your National Escort/Local Guide. Rest assured that all hotels used by Wendy Wu Tours are regularly inspected by our staff and our partners to ensure that standards meet your needs.

#### Porterage

Please be aware that porterage is included on our tours in Australia.

### Transport

**Coaches:** Coaches with air conditioning are used on our group tours for city sightseeing, short excursions to the countryside and longer transfers where necessary.



### **Group Size**

Most of our groups consist of 15 travellers or more and will be accompanied by both a National Escort and local guides. On this Classic Australian Tour there will be no more than 20 travellers in each group although you may encounter other Wendy Wu tour groups while you are travelling. For some specialty experiences (cruising, flights, or speciality vehicles) and meals you will join in on a larger group.

All our departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 15 travellers booked (unless cancelled due to factors beyond our control). However, at our discretion we may operate departures with a smaller group size as we try to operate advertised departures wherever it is viable to do so.

### **Tipping Policy**

Although tipping in Australia is not customary, if you feel you have received an excellent service, please feel free to tip your guide at your discretion.

### Luggage

All travellers are limited to two items of luggage each: a suitcase with a maximum weight of 23kg and one piece of hand luggage with a maximum weight of 10 kilograms. It is essential that your luggage is lockable. Please note that authorities will only allow bottles onto the aircraft if they have been checked in as main baggage confiscated.

### Personal Expenses & Optional Tours

Personal Expense - You will need to take some extra money to cover drinks, laundry and souvenirs, plus any additional sightseeing that may be offered to you. Based on the advice of previous customers an approximate amount of NZ\$250 per person, per week should be sufficient; however, for those that cannot resist a bargain or may wish to participate in all of the optional excursions, consider allocating a higher amount.

Optional Tours - May be offered in each city you visit during your tour. These are not included in the standard itinerary and will only be available if time permits and if seats are available.

Please ensure you have additional funds available if you feel you may wish to participate in any extra activities. Each option will be arranged locally by your National Escort/Local Guide, participation and tipping for optional excursions is completely at your discretion.

#### Vaccinations and Your Health

We recommend that you contact either your Doctor or Health Centre for advice on vaccinations and travel health. The NZ Government safe travel site has a comprehensive website that you may also find useful <a href="https://www.safetravel.govt.nz">www.safetravel.govt.nz</a>

#### Before You Leave

We strongly recommend registering your travel plans with <a href="www.safetravel.govt.nz">www.safetravel.govt.nz</a> as in the event of an emergency, New Zealand Consular assistance will be more readily available. You can also access the New Zealand Government's travel advisory service for up to date information about your destination on the same website.



# After Your Booking

Once you have booked with Wendy Wu Tours, you will receive a confirmation invoice followed by deposit documentation, which includes a visa application form (if applicable). Your final documentation pack will be sent to you approximately 2-3 weeks prior to departure.

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