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Central Australia and Indigenous Community Stay
G.E.T Educational Tours
Price: $1,592 land only p/student based on 20 students, 2 FOC teachers
Suitable for: Secondary students

This 7 day immersion program is designed for schools looking to make a difference in the indigenous community. Students will be introduced to the stunning landscape of central Australia and develop their understanding and appreciation of our unique indigenous people and their relationship to the land.

Another highlight is the opportunity to form relationships with the Lilla and Ulpinyali children at the local Watarrka Aboriginal School through classroom interaction and sporting activities. Community service activities may also be arranged which are subject to availability.

This tour is suitable for secondary school students. Participants will increase their understanding of team work and leadership, improve cultural awareness and gain a greater understanding of nature.

Day 1. Arrive Yulara (D)
Arrive in Yulara this afternoon. Meet your guide and travel by bus to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and enjoy an orientation walk around the base of Uluru (Mala Walk). A short walk from the campsite is a viewing area for photographs of Uluru at sunset.

Day 2. Yulara (BLD)
A morning walk through Kata Tjuta National Park to experience the Olgas along the Valley of the Winds Walk. The afternoon will be spent at the Uluru Cultural Centre.

Day 3-5. Lilla & Kings Canyon (BLD)
Today is pack up and leave for Lilla, a remote Aboriginal community in the Watarrka National Park. Over the next few days, students will engage in a number of cultural activities with locals such as guided walks through Lilla exploring the sites of cultural importance such as waterholes, caves, and men’s and women’s areas. Learn about the dreamtime stories of the area, be welcomed to the land in the traditional Luritja way, learn about the development of community sustainability over the years, and try traditional dot painting art.

If visiting during school term, there may be opportunities for selected students to visit the local aboriginal primary school and meet local students and interact with them in social or structured in class activity.

Students will also walk the famous rim walk of Kings Canyon. In hotter months, swimming will also be available.

Day 6. Lilla - Alice Springs (BLD)
An early start for breakfast before packing up camp and farewelling the Lilla family. Drive to Alice Springs, and on to the Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre. This afternoon is spent learning about sustainable living. Spend your final night here enjoying dinner and a star show, then sleep in swags around the campfire.

Day 7. Depart Alice Springs (B)
After breakfast, pack up and transfer by coach to Alice Springs airport for your flight home.

Inclusions:
• 2 nights Permanent Camp Yulara
• 3 nights camping at Lilla community
• 1 night camping at Earth Sanctuary Alice Springs
• Quality coach with air-conditioning and seat belts
• Experienced cook to prepare all meals
• Swags (and dome tents)
• Fully accredited guide (including Wilderness First Aid and Working with Children Check)

Day 7
• All ground transport as per itinerary
• Sightseeing and activities as per itinerary

Not included:
• Airfares (contact G.E.T Educational Tours for the best available airfares)
For further enquiries please visit the G.E.T Educational Tours website www.getours.com.au or email G.E.T at contact@getours.com.au or call 1300 660 825.
Day 1. Darwin (LD)
Depart Melbourne for Darwin flying direct. Upon arrival travel to Lee Point caravan park to set up camp for the night. Enjoy a movie at the Deck chair cinema tonight!

Day 2. Darwin (BLD)
Take a heritage walk around Darwin with a specialist guide who will talk about Darwin’s involvement in WWII and more importantly the bombing of Darwin before visiting the Darwin military museum to have some hands on interpretive learning about Darwin’s military history.

Day 3. Darwin (BLD)
Join a private tour of Crocodylus Park today where students can get up close and personal with these prehistoric creatures. Travel to the Museum and art gallery in the afternoon before enjoying an afternoon swim at the waterfront.

Day 4. Darwin - Kakadu National Park (BLD)
Pack up camp and head out to Kakadu National Park. Students will be able to engage with the Park rangers and traditional owners of the park and learn about culture, sustainability, science, history and much more.

Day 5. Arnhem Land, Oenpelli & Yellow Water Cruise (BLD)
Today we cross over the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land where you will have an eye opening experience led by an Aboriginal guide. See rock art sites, visit a community and take a wander around a local art centre. Return to Kakadu and enjoy a sunset Yellow Water cruise.

Day 6. Kakadu National Park (BLD)
Today students will spend a full day with a local Aboriginal guide and traditional owner. Your guide will show you bush tucker, share his culture and there will also be opportunity to meet some of the local basket weaving ladies. Students might also have the opportunity to give weaving a go! Visit another important rock art sight in the afternoon before returning to camp.

Day 7. Kakadu – Katherine (BLD)
Departing your camp in Kakadu, we travel south to Katherine with a quick swim stop and one of the local waterfalls. Continue on to Katherine where students will stay at Ntumiluk National Park.

Day 8. Katherine Gorge and The Jawoyn People (BLD)
Take a cruise through Katherine Gorge this morning before participating in the ‘Footsteps of our Ancestors’ program. The footsteps program is about sharing culture, lifestyle and traditional ways of the Jawoyn people. The program allows students to understand the challenges that are faced by Indigenous Australians each day and the importance of preserving a living history.

Day 9. Katherine – Mt Bundy Station (BLD)
Departing Ntumiluk national park heading North, we follow a historic journey encompassing pioneering, historic industries and WWII events. Tonight we will be staying at a real life working cattle station at Mt. Bundy. Upon arrival, students can set up camp and wander around the property which lies along the Adelaide River.

Day 10. Mt Bundy Station - Darwin. (BLD)
This morning you will be taken on a tour of the property and may even have the opportunity to join in on some hands on activities. Mt Bundy Station provides students an opportunity to interact with the animals that freely wander the property throughout the day. Depart Mt Bundy Station heading towards Darwin to enjoy an evening of relaxation.

Day 11. Darwin (B)
Today you have the opportunity to spend at your own leisure.

Day 12. Litchfield National Park (BLD)
Today travel to Litchfield National Park, a hidden gem located just over 1 1/2 hours from Darwin. Visit Florence and Wangi Falls for a cool down in one of the crystal clear waterholes. The day also includes a visit to the unique termite mounds before heading back to Darwin for your last night.

Day 13. Darwin - Home (BL)
Depart Darwin for Melbourne. Lunch served on your flight. On arrival a transfer coach will be waiting to take us back to the School.

Inclusions:
- All accommodation including camping equipment (tents and mattresses)
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner as per itinerary
- All entry fees and touring expenses
- Specialist guides
- Professional coach captain + hostess/cook

No hidden extras!

*Cost is based on 40 students travelling with 4 teachers (Free of charge) inclusive of GST.
Day 1. School - Adelaide (D)
Assemble at school to depart aboard our express coach. Travel via the Western Highway, enroute to Adelaide and stay overnight in bunkhouses at Adelaide Shores Caravan Park.

Day 2. Coober Pedy (LD)
In the morning, continue onwards through the desert country to Coober Pedy. This town is famous for its opals and its population, as most live underground. Here enjoy lunch, witness an opal cutting and polishing demonstration and visit an underground home and mine. Settle in for an exciting underground camping experience.

Day 3. Coober Pedy – Uluru (BLD)
Enjoy the tranquility of the vast outback as we head for Uluru. On arrival, set up camp for the next two nights. Learn about the local Anangu culture at the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Before dinner, visit the “Sunset Strip” to witness the sunset over Uluru (Note: entry into park is an additional cost per person over the age of 16 years).

Day 4. Uluru – Kata Tjuta (BLD)
Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park is listed as a World Heritage Area. Take a circular tour of Uluru’s base and view the Aboriginal sacred sites and caves. Later visit Kata Tjuta - another scenic wonder of the Red Centre.

Day 5. Uluru – Alice Springs (BLD)
Travel to Alice Springs. In the afternoon, enjoy a city sights tour with visits to the Royal Flying Doctors Base, the School of the Air and Anzac Hill.

Day 6. Alice Springs - Daly Waters (BLD)
Leave “The Alice” and travel north on the Stuart Highway stopping at the Devils Marbles. Then stop at Daly Waters for an overnight camp.

Day 7. Daly Waters - Katherine (BLD)
Continue north to Mataranka Homestead, heart of the “Never Never” country. There will be time to bathe in the famous Mataranka Thermal Springs. It is then a short journey to Katherine Gorge National Park for dinner and overnight camp.

Day 8. Katherine - Kakadu National Park (BLD)
Begin the day with a morning cruise of the Gorges before heading to Kakadu National Park. Take a town tour of Jabiru and watch the sunset at Ubirr Rock. Settle in for two nights camp in Kakadu.

Day 9. Kakadu (BLD)
Enjoy a sunrise cruise on Yellow Water Billabong and view the abundant wildlife including powerful salt-water crocodiles, majestic Jabiru Storks and other reptiles and wildlife that call this area their home. It’s then back to Jabiru to visit the Ranger Station and Nourlangie Rock.

Day 10. Kakadu – Darwin (BLD)
Discover waterfalls, rock pools and magnetic termite mounds in Litchfield National Park. Enjoy lunch and a swim at Wangi Falls and Florence Falls. Later, head to Darwin for overnight camping.

Day 11. Darwin (BLD)
Pack up camp for the last time and load the coach. Enjoy some sights of Darwin including the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory and Fanny Bay Gaol. Browse for souvenirs before enjoying dinner and a new release movie at the Casuarina Cinemas (Note: movie at own arrangements and expense).

Day 12. Return home (BLD)
Depart Darwin early in the morning on our flight home.

Inclusions:
- Seatbelt equipped coach transport
- Air flights from Darwin
- Camping fees throughout itinerary
- Entry fees to most attractions
- 2 person pyramid style tents and sleeping mattresses
- Private cook for meals throughout the duration of your tour

- Reflective writing journal for every student
- Teacher resources and educational worksheets
- Dedicated Operations Coordinator

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DAY 1 - Travel to Coober Pedy
Early afternoon, meet your crew and get ready to start your NT adventure!
During your overnight express travel to Coober Pedy, travel via Horsham and Murray Bridge before heading north via Port Augusta. Stops will be made enroute for meals and breaks.
Meals provided today: Nil, all meals at own cost.

DAY 2 - Arrive Coober Pedy
Arrive Coober Pedy and set up for lunch. After lunch, enjoy a Town Tour, including the underground church, an underground home and then go deep into Umoona’s original opal mine. Also see a hands-on cutting and polishing demonstration.
Check into Umoona Opal Mine for your overnight stay.
Meals provided today: Lunch & Dinner only, breakfast at own expense.

DAY 3 - Coober Pedy to Uluru
Up early to continue north and cross the border into the NT. Continue via Mt Conner, often mistaken for Uluru.
Arrive Uluru and set up for two nights camping at Ayers Rock Campground. Late afternoon, visit Sunset Strip to view the many colour changes of the Rock at sunset.
Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 4 - Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park
After breakfast, visit the Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre, operated by the Anangu people. Learn about the culture and Tjukurpa (Aboriginal Law) during your self-guided visit.
You will then head to Uluru and take a drive around the base. Enjoy a walk to see some amazing rock art and beautiful scenery including diverse plants, animals and geological features of the park.
This afternoon travel to Kata Tjuta, made up of 36 domes spread over an area of more than 20 kilometres. Here you can take the “Valley of the Winds” walk.
Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 5 - Uluru to Watarrka National Park
After breakfast, retrace your steps via Mt Conner and stop at the lookout. Continue via Luritja Road to Watarrka National Park, home to the Northern Territory’s most spectacular gorge. On arrival, set up for your overnight camp at Kings Canyon Resort Campground.
Later today, take the Kings Creek Walk which meanders along Kings Creek, ending at a viewing platform with stunning views of the sheer Canyon walls.
Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 6: Watarrka National Park to Alice Springs
Up early for a sunrise climb to the top of the canyon rim. You will be rewarded with spectacular views, as the red sandstone walls plunge into natural rock pools and lush vegetation. No walk is complete without a visit to the beautiful “Garden of Eden” and the domes of the “Lost City”.
After one of the best walks in Central Australia, begin the journey to Alice Springs, an iconic outback town, known as the heart of the Red Centre. On arrival set up for your two nights camp at Big 4 MacDonnell Range Holiday Park.
Later this afternoon, enjoy a town tour including a sunset visit to Anzac Hill Lookout, for an amazing view over the town and the surrounding MacDonnell Ranges.
Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 7 - Alice Springs
After breakfast, enjoy a self-guided visit to the Alice Springs Desert Park.
At the Desert Park, enjoy a meet & greet with a brief introduction to the Park then you are free to explore with your teacher. Get up close and meet a Dingo, witness free flying birds demonstrating their natural behaviours, visit the Nocturnal House and discover rare and endangered species, and discover how people have lived in Australia’s harsh desert environment.
Also enjoy a guided tour of the Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS), and the School of the Air. The remainder of the day is free for relaxing back at camp or shopping at Todd Mall.
After dinner tonight, enjoy a visit from “Rex the Snake Man”, and his slippery mates.
Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner.

DAY 8 - Alice Springs - Fly to Melbourne - School
After breakfast, enjoy some of the sights of the Western MacDonnell Ranges including John Flynn’s Grave and Simpsons Gap.
Later this morning, it’s off to the Airport to check in for your direct flight home to Melbourne. On arrival at Melbourne Airport, you will be transferred back to school, with a lifetime of memories!
Meals provided today: Breakfast only, all other meals at own expense.

Inclusions:
- 5 star coach travel, fully compliant with Risk and Fatigue Management
- Services of a cook to supply all meals
- Hearty meal package including breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper
- Tents, sleeping mattresses and all equipment
- All camping fees and entry fees listed
- One way flight and transfer back to school

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