

Discover Aboriginal culture in the Red Centre



Seven-day itinerary

Cultural tour at Standley Chasm
Angkerle Atwatye

TOP 10

1. Discover Aboriginal art at the **Araluen Arts Centre** in Alice Springs
2. Stop in at **Tjanpi Desert Weavers** to discover contemporary fibre works
3. Take a road trip to explore the birthplace of renowned watercolour artist, the late Albert Namatjira in **Hermannsburg**
4. Try bush tucker and walk through the walls of **Standley Chasm** with a local guide
5. Learn on Country with the Abbott family at **Karreke Aboriginal Cultural Experience**
6. Try your hand at a dot painting workshop with **Maruku Arts** at Uluru
7. Go further at Uluru and join a tour with a traditional owner on **SEIT Patji Cultural Tour**
8. Sit down under a blanket of stars and sample bush-infused flavours at a **Tali Wiru dinner**
9. See the rock art of **Uluru** and visit a peaceful ancient waterhole on the Kuniya walk
10. Choose an Aboriginal art work at one of the **Indigenous Art Code** approved galleries in the Red Centre

DAY 1

Arrive in the Red Centre hub of **Alice Springs** to start your week-long trip of Aboriginal cultural experiences.

The **Araluen Cultural Precinct** is the perfect first stop to get acquainted with the art and culture of the region. Next on the trail, learn about the unique skill of desert weaving at **Tjanpi Desert Weavers** before heading to one of the cafes in Todd Mall for lunch in town.

Make your to **Ilta Ntjarra Art Centre**, meaning 'many hands' in Western Arrente. The centre has a specific focus on encouraging artists of the Hermannsburg School, watercolour artists who paint in the stylistic form of the late Albert Namatjira.

Get on the road this afternoon with a trip to **Yeperenye / Emily and Jessie Gaps Nature Park**. This area is a significant site to the Central Arrente people and is home to caterpillar dreaming story, which tells the tale of how Alice Springs was formed. You can see rock art of this dreaming at Emily Gap.

DAY 2

Prepare ahead for today's road trip to the community of Hermannsburg, the birthplace of Albert Namatjira. Hermannsburg continues to uphold and develop its own contemporary styles of art. Visit the National Trust-listed **Hermannsburg Historic Precinct** to learn more about its history. Book a visit to **Hermannsburg Potters** to meet the artists at work and discover a style of clay art that uses traditional art with contemporary practices of pottery.

DAY 3

Head to west **Tjoritja (the West MacDonnell Ranges)** today on a tour with **Finke River Cultural Tours** as an Aboriginal guide takes you through mountain scenery and desert waterholes for a swim. You'll see and learn about the Rodna Waterhole and Itopalkara, which is known as the dog's back bone. Explore the mighty Lirra Pinta (Finke River) and be mesmerised by the Nthipa, dancing ladies, rock formation. The tour is a full day that takes you through 4WD tracks that are off the beaten track to go deeper into the region before returning to **Alice Springs**.

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Above: Araluen Arts Centre
Left: Maruku Arts Cultural Experience



DAY 4

Pack up and order ahead from [Kungkas Can Cook](#) to complement your picnic and try some of the bush delicacies of the region. Today's road trip takes you to [Angkerle Atwatye Standley Chasm](#), a place that highlights the havens that can be found amongst the red rock. Learn about the traditional methods of bush tucker and bush medicine or try your hand at a dot painting workshop on site.

Continue your journey to the [Ochre Pits](#) that was used to collect the raw material for painting and ceremonial body art. The site is still used by Arrente, the traditional owners and visitors are asked to respect the Country by not touching the rock. Continue the drive through the [Tjoritja](#) (West MacDonnell Ranges) to [Kings Canyon](#) and check in for your overnight stay.



DAY 5

This morning you have the choice to rise early for the [Kings Canyon Rim Walk](#). Make sure to take your time visiting the Garden of Eden, a marked trail leads you into the deep canyon where you can see the impressive cycads and birdlife that shelter in the shade.

Grab breakfast at [Kings Canyon Resort](#) before driving onwards to [Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Tour](#). Meet the Abbott family who established Karrke to preserve and maintain their Luritja and Pertame (southern Arrente) languages for the future of younger generations.

Continue your journey to the township of Yulara to check in and rest up before a day of exploring [Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park](#).

DAY 6

This morning take a walk on Country with a traditional owner on the [SEIT Patji Aboriginal Cultural Tour](#). Explore south of Uluru by 4WD with your Aboriginal guide, stopping along the journey to hear stories of land rights and the history of where Uluru is today. Continue on to a private sand dune to view the great expanse of the desert overlooking Uluru and [Kata Tjuta](#).

This evening settle into a five star setting under a blanket of stars at [Tali Wiru](#). This open-air gastronomic experience offers an intimate evening of fine dining infused with native ingredients on a remote sand dune overlooking Uluru and the distant domes of Kata Tjuta.

DAY 7

Get a better understanding of Uluru's magnitude and spiritual importance this morning by taking the Kuniya walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole. The Kuniya walk is a living cultural landscape. When you walk through, you'll start to understand how the creation stories live on. Kuniya and her spirit are here, and the caves she protects are still used by Anangu. After your morning walk, learn more at [Cultural Centre](#) where you can learn about Anangu culture and the Park's natural environment through exhibits and free presentations.

After you've finished exploring, check out of your accommodation and reflect on your week in the [Red Centre](#) while driving back to Alice Springs or taking a flight from Ayers Rock Airport to your home city.



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Visitor protocols and permits

When visiting the NT, please respect Country by ensuring you have the required permits and national park passes, enough fuel and appropriate recovery equipment specific for the area you are travelling. When booking a cultural tour, the permit is included in the ticket. Please check ahead with the tour operator.

Acknowledgement of Country

We respectfully acknowledge and honour the Aboriginal people of the Northern Territory and recognise the continuation of culture, connection to lands, water and country. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.



Above: Karrke Aboriginal Tourism
Right: SEIT Patji Cultural Tour