

Uluru & surrounds

Seven-day itinerary



Longitude 131



DAY 1

Start your day at the **Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre** to find out more about the Park and local Aboriginal culture. The Anangu people are Uluru's traditional custodians and have lived in the area for more than 22,000 years. At the Cultural Centre you can purchase Anangu art, watch craft demonstrations, or join a bush tucker session and guided walk.

See Uluru from all angles on **The Mala Walk**. The walk is wheelchair-friendly and takes you to a quiet waterhole at the base of a dramatic rock face. Only 90 minutes (return) walk. Take your time looking at the caves filled with ancient Aboriginal rock art.

If you're feeling particularly adventurous, take to the skies on an adrenaline-pumping **skydive** to see incredible views of Australia's most famous natural landmark. Soak up the panoramic views and take plenty of photos on a helicopter flight or jump on the back of a **Harley Davidson motorcycle for an adventure ride** with spectacular views.

At Ayers Rock Resort you can choose self-contained apartments, hotels, a five-star luxury wilderness camp, backpacker rooms or a campground with sites and cabins. Make sure to visit the **Field of Light** – an incredible light installation designed by internationally renowned artist, Bruce Munro. Walk along a trail surrounded by more than 50,000 solar powered glowing stems and admire the scene under the desert night sky.

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See Australia's most iconic landmarks from every angle – by foot, camel, bicycle, on the back of a Harley or from the air.

This seven-day itinerary takes you on a journey from Uluru to nearby Kata Tjuta and on a trip to Watarrka National Park to see the majestic Kings Canyon, Mt Conner and the eye-catching natural formation of Lake Amadeus. Learn about Aboriginal culture in the Red Centre and venture further to see what it's like working on an Outback camel station at Kings Creek Station.



TOP 10

1. Visit the **Uluru Cultural Centre** to learn about the history of the Park and local Aboriginal culture
2. Get the adrenaline pumping with epic views of the Outback from above on a **skydive** or **scenic flight**
3. **Ride like a camel** through the desert dunes at sunrise or sunset
4. Walk or **cycle** the 10.6 km circuit around Uluru to appreciate its raw beauty and visit Aboriginal rock art sites
5. Dine under the stars and sample native flavours at the **Sounds of Silence** dinner
6. Stroll through the **Field of Light** exhibition created by internationally-acclaimed artist Bruce Munro
7. Explore **Kata Tjuta** by taking the short walk to Walpa Gorge or hike the Valley of the Winds
8. View the majestic Kings Canyon and hike the Rim Walk in **Watarrka National Park**
9. Ride a quad bike through the Outback at **Kings Creek Station**
10. Explore the salt lakes near Mount Conner on a guided tour from **Curtin Springs**

Uluru Camel Tours



Uluru Motorcycle Tours

DAY 2

Try a different way to see the desert scenery at sunrise with multi-award winning **Uluru Camel Tours**. Climb atop and sit back as you take a leisurely pace while admiring the incredible views of the icons.

Join a walking tour led by an Aboriginal guide or hire a bike near the Cultural Centre and circumnavigate Uluru on the 10.6 kilometre base walk, which is dotted with interpretive displays. It's a great way to see the many springs, waterholes, rock art caves and ancient paintings around Uluru's base.

In the afternoon, jump on the back of a Harley Davidson motorcycle and enjoy the spectacular views. Make dinner memorable – the **Sounds of Silence** is a unique dining experience that starts with canapés and a 360-degree view of the sunset over Uluru and Kata Tjuta. Enjoy your next course, a gourmet barbecue of native game, with bush salads and fine Australian wines, which is followed by a guided tour of the night sky; lead by the resident 'star talker'.

DAY 3

Nearby is Kata Tjuta, which means 'many heads' and is a series of enormous rock domes that date more than 500 million years. Start your morning early with a drive to the Kata Tjuta dune viewing area. A short walk from the carpark offers magnificent panoramic views of the domes and a relaxing place to sit and absorb the ever-changing colours of the landscape.

Continue on the road to Kata Tjuta and find out just how ancient and imposing the domes are by tackling one of the two popular walking tracks. The **Walpa Gorge Walk** is an easy walk which takes an hour return and follows a stream to a grove of flourishing spear wood. The famed **Valley of the Winds** walk is a moderately difficult 7.4 kilometre hike which weaves through the immersive domes and treats you to spectacular views over the desert plains from its two lookout points.

Finish off the evening at the sunset viewing area and observe the sun go down over the spectacular Central Australian landscape.



Kata Tjuta at sunrise

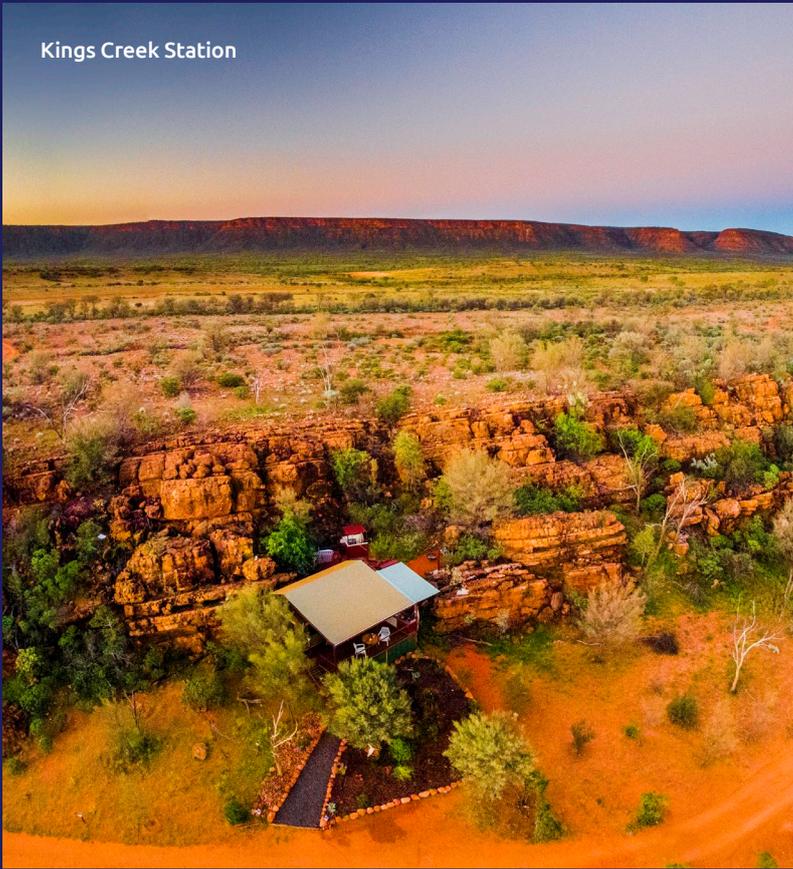
DAY 4

No drive into the Red Centre is complete without a trip to **Watarrka National Park** and the magical sandstone formation of Kings Canyon – three hours from Uluru. Break up your journey with a stopover at Curtin Springs to indulge in the authentic home-style meals on offer at the historic Bough Shed. The restaurant uses the stations very own meat for a multitude of the delicious dishes. Walk the gardens and learn about the history of area. Be sure to take home some handmade Curtin Springs Paper created from the native grasses as a distinctively beautiful souvenir of Central Australia.

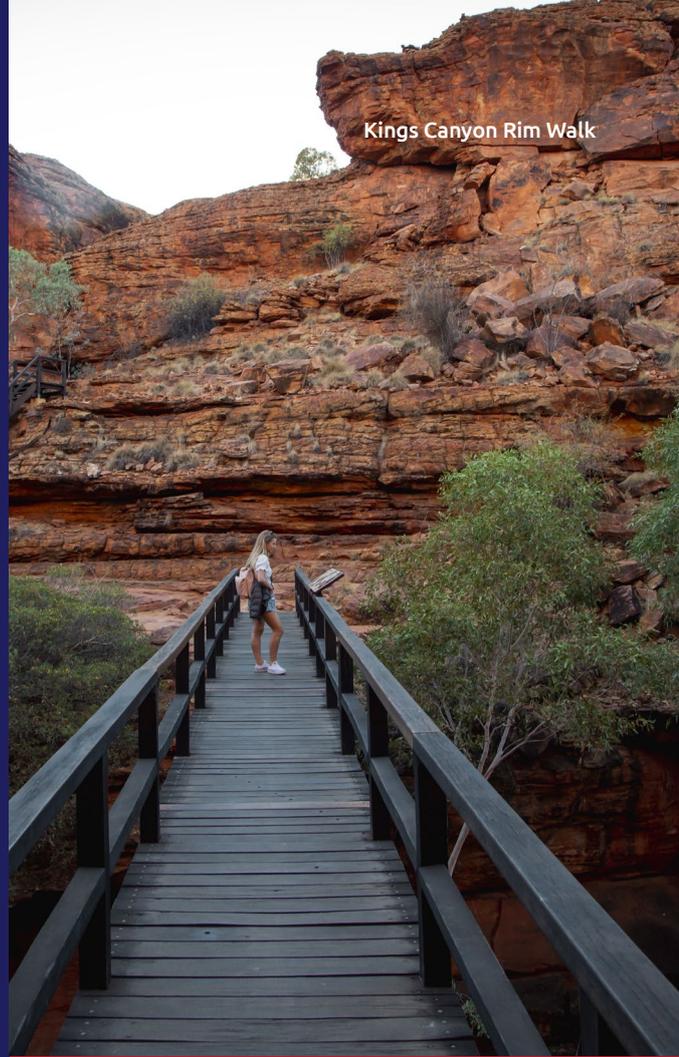
Following the Lasseter and Luritja highways, in just over two hours you will arrive at the ancient sandstone walls of Kings Canyon that tower 100 metres and lead into a lush waterhole. Explore the valley floor and climb up to the rocky domes on the canyon rim. The gentle, shady Kings Creek Walk trail extends 2.6 kilometres along the valley floor to a viewing platform. Guided ranger walks and talks are run May–September. Stay to see the changing colours of the canyon at sunset.

At Kings Canyon Resort, just seven kilometres from Watarrka National Park, choose accommodation ranging from motel-style rooms to campsites. There's a service station and convenience store at the resort as well as bars and restaurants – splurge on an unforgettable **Under a Desert Moon** dinner of six-course alfresco indulgence (available April–October).

Kings Creek Station



Kings Canyon Rim Walk



DAY 5

Get up early to see the sunrise and walk around the canyon rim to take in magnificent views of the weathered, buttressed domes of The Lost City and the sheltered lush valley below in the Garden of Eden.

Bid Kings Canyon farewell and drive the 35 kilometres to **Kings Creek Station** – a working cattle and camel station at the foot of the George Gill Range. Explore this epic slice of the Australian outback on a short or overnight quad bike tour. Look for kangaroos, wild camels, wedge-tailed eagles and colourful parrots. Book a camp site or stay in a safari cabin set among natural bush, try a famous Kings Creek camel burger, or stroll to the George Gill lookout for magnificent views of the range.



DAY 6

Travelling back along the Lasseter and Luritja highways today towards Uluru, make another stop over at **Curtin Springs**. This time you will be spending the night. There is lots to see and do in this area including viewing the famous salt lakes and getting up close to Mount Conner, both which can be accessed on a tour with Curtin Springs. Mount Conner is not quite as famous as Uluru, but it is no less remarkable. It is a flat-topped and horseshoe-shaped mountain that stands 300 metres above the surrounding desert. Here you can see Lake Amadeus – the largest salt lake in the Northern Territory and makes for fantastic photos.

As the daylight hours wane, enjoy a glass of wine and watch the changing colours of the sunset over Mount Conner followed by a three-course outback dinner prepared by the cook at Curtin Springs. There are many accommodation options to choose from tonight at the Curtin Springs Wayside Inn including ensuite, budget and family rooms as well as powered and unpowered campsites.



DAY 7

Enjoy breakfast and a hot coffee this morning at the Curtin Springs Bough Shed before making the journey back to Uluru. Take your time and stop along the way for some last minute photos of the majestic icon of the Outback as it comes into view.

Before bidding farewell, pay a quick visit to the township of Yulara which is the perfect spot for some last minute souvenir shopping and also has some great cafes to choose from for lunch. Recap on an incredible week of adventures and once in a lifetime experiences of getting to know the area a little more intimately.

It is time to make your way to the airport to catch your flight home.



Kings Canyon Resort



Watarrka National Park