

SPIRIT OF THE RED CENTRE

THE GHAN

DEPARTURE MONDAY

Travel deep in to the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park where you will feel the spirit of the traditional ancestors and the history of our pioneers. Sense the emotion of the outback without the crowds on an exciting, adventurous and interpretive experience.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights accommodation in Alice Springs including breakfast daily
- Return coach transfer from and to Alice Springs and Ayers Rock Resort
- 4 nights accommodation in Ayers Rock Resort including breakfast daily
- 1 day SEIT Cave Hill small group touring
- 1 day SEIT Patji small group touring
- 1 day SEIT Mount Conner Outback 4WD Adventure small group touring
- Transfer from Hotel to Alice Springs Rail Terminal
- 2 days/1 night aboard The Ghan, Alice Springs to Darwin, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursion in Katherine
- 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners

HIGHLIGHTS

- Journey deep into the desert of Pitjantjatjara Lands of Central Australia
- Visit the site of the Seven Sisters Tjukurpa (Creation time)
- View the magnificent cave paintings of Cave Hill
- Learn about the oldest living culture in the world
- Discover an ancient inland salt lake
- Enjoy an outback dinner at Curtin Springs Station

DAY 1 ALICE SPRINGS

Arrive in Alice Springs. Check in to your accommodation and enjoy time exploring this famous remote town.

OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

DAY 2 ALICE SPRINGS TO ULURU

After breakfast, join your coach transfer to Ayers Rock Resort. This afternoon is free to explore at leisure. There are many activities to enjoy including garden walks, bush yarns or artist demonstrations.

OVERNIGHT: 4 nights Voyages Desert Gardens Hotel (B)

DAY 3 CAVE HILL

This is a once-in-a-lifetime exclusive invitation to visit the remote Pitjantjatjara Lands of Central Australia. You will travel by 4WD deep into the desert to meet your Aboriginal hosts, the traditional owners of Cave Hill – the most significant art site in Central Australia. Experience the culture and history of the Anangu, listen to the teachings from the traditional owners, explore the Aboriginal songlines (stories), and enter the cave to survey the rock art of ancient times. (B, L)

DAY 4 PATJI

Enjoy some free time this morning before your afternoon touring commences. Hosted by one of Uluru's traditional owners you'll visit Patji, located just outside of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Explore this extraordinary environment by 4WD and marvel at the expanse of desert overlooking Uluru and Kata Tjuta while enjoying drinks and light snacks at sunset. (B)

DAY 5 MOUNT CONNER

This morning is free to relax by the pool. This afternoon you will enjoy the quintessential Aussie outback experience and absorb the ambience of the Red Centre. Explore Mount Conner, situated on a vast, fully operational, privately owned cattle station called Curtin Springs Station. You will discover an ancient inland salt lake. While you enjoy a glass of sparkling wine, be captivated by the spectacular changing colours of sunset in the outback. Relish a three-course dinner at Curtin Springs Station before heading back to Ayers Rock Resort. (B, D)

DAY 6 ULURU TO ALICE SPRINGS

Take in any last-minute sights this morning before joining your coach transfer to Alice Springs.

OVERNIGHT: 2 nights Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters (B)

DAY 7 LEISURE DAY

Today is free for you to explore the Alice at your own pace. (B)

DAY 8 BOARD THE GHAN IN ALICE SPRINGS

Join The Ghan to travel further north towards Darwin. Back on the train there's time to talk through the week's discoveries with your fellow travellers.

OVERNIGHT: The Ghan (B, D)

DAY 9 THE GHAN, KATHERINE AND DARWIN

Today you will discover the wonders of Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge with a variety of Off Train Excursions to choose from before continuing to your final destination, Darwin. (B, L)