

SPIRIT OF THE RED CENTRE

THE GHAN

DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY

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

- 2 days/1 night aboard The Ghan, Darwin to Alice Springs, including all meals, beverages and Off Train Excursion in Katherine
- Transfer from Alice Springs Rail Terminal to Hotel
- 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 Patji small group touring
- 1 day SEIT Cave Hill small group touring
- 1 day SEIT Mount Conner Outback 4WD Adventure small group touring
- 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 BOARD THE GHAN IN DARWIN

Settle in to the comforts of The Ghan, relax in your cabin or mingle with fellow travellers in the Outback Explorer Lounge. Enjoy lunch ahead of your Off Train Excursion in Katherine. In a region renowned for jaw-dropping natural assets, Katherine boasts one of the Top End's best – the incredible Nitmiluk Gorge.

OVERNIGHT: The Ghan (L,D)

DAY 2 THE GHAN, ALICE SPRINGS

Arrive into Alice Springs after breakfast and transfer to your accommodation. Enjoy time exploring this famous remote town.

OVERNIGHT: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs Lasseters

DAY 3 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 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 **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 6 **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 7 **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 8 **LEISURE DAY**

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

DAY 9 **FAREWELL**

Your Alice Springs adventure concludes today after checking out of your accommodation. (B)