

7 DAY TOUR

RED CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS

ITINERARY SUGGESTION

INCLUSIONS:-

- ◆ Coach Transport with a Friendly & Professional Driver(s)
- ◆ Safari Trailer & Camping Equipment (tents, bed rolls, stools, tables etc)
- ◆ Accommodation (including camping fees)
- ◆ Freshly prepared Meals by one of our experienced Safari Cooks
- ◆ Attractions / Entries (as selected)
- ◆ Airfares
- ◆ Melbourne Airport Transfer

Travelling through the remote outback regions of Australia, experience a night underground in a big rock at Coober Pedy, the breathtaking views from the rim of Kings Canyon and the changing colours of Ayers Rock (Uluru) at sunset, this little tour captures the true beauty of our outback. Take a guided tour at Uluru and learn about the culture of our indigenous people and the meaning of their rockart.

DAY 1:-

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We have an early start this morning, as we board our coach to start our **7 Day Red Centre Highlights Tour**.

Travelling to Adelaide, the city of Churches, we pass through country towns like Beaufort, Horsham and Dimboola before crossing the border into South Australia.

After several stops along the way, we reach the Big4 West Beach Parks in Adelaide, where we set-up camp, whilst our Experienced Safari Cook prepares dinner.



Overnight:- Big4 West Beach Parks, Adelaide - Camping

DAY 2:-

B/L/D

Another very early start this morning, as we eat breakfast before packing up camp. Today we are travelling to the remote outback South Australian town of **Coober Pedy**.

Stopping for lunch in **Woomera**, you will have a chance to explore the dormant missiles and planes that are on show here.

Located in the South Australian desert, Woomera is an artificial town specifically designed by the Long Range Weapons Board of Administration to provide accommodation and facilities for personnel - scientists, technicians and ancillary staff - who came to work at an isolated experimental station which was used to test rockets, weapons and missiles.

Upon reaching **Umoona Opal Mine & Museum**, Coober Pedy late afternoon, one of their hostesses will meet our group and take them on a **Town Tour**—including underground churches and sites of interest in the town.

DAY 2:-continued

B/L/D

After the town tour, we come back to Umoona Opal Mine & Museum where you are shown their award winning documentary—'The Story of Opal', and followed by a hands-on cutting and polishing demonstration, that explains the different types of Opal.

Following the presentation, you are taken on a tour of an underground home and then deep into the original opal mine.

Your Tour Cook will have been busy preparing dinner, which will be waiting for you on completion of your 2-hour tour (approx.).

No tents to put up tonight, as you will have the unique experience of sleeping underground. A fantastic opportunity, and for most, a once in a lifetime opportunity, to personally experience how the people of Coober Pedy live.



Overnight:- Umoona Opal Mine & Museum—Underground

DAY 3:-

B/L/D

This morning we depart Coober Pedy and travel to Kings Canyon, passing through outback towns like Marla and Ghan before arriving at the **Kings Canyon Resort Campground**.

On arrival at camp, we set-up our tents for the next two nights, whilst dinner is prepared.



Overnight:- Kings Canyon Resort Campground—Camping

DAY 4:-

B/L/D

After breakfast this morning we head straight to **Kings Canyon**, where you can choose from a number of walks, all differing from reasonably easy to the more difficult Kings Canyon '**Rim Walk**'. The Rim Walk is the most famous and spectacular. The first part of the walk is an ascent of 1000 steps, with several places to stop and rest, however if you take it slow and easy, you'll find that the rest of the walk is pretty easy going once you've reached the top!

We enjoy lunch, before going to the **Lilla Community** for a **4-hour Cultural Activity Session**. Lilla is an aboriginal outstation community located in the **Watarrka National Park**. In the native tongue of the Luritja country, Lilla means sweet water.

Afterwards we head back to camp for some free-time and Dinner.

Overnight:- Kings Canyon Resort Campground—Camping

DAY 5:-

B/L/D

We pack-up camp once again and travel to **Uluru**. On arrival at the **Ayers Rock Campground**, we set-up camp and have lunch before going to one of the great natural wonders of the world, **Uluru/Ayers Rock** towers above the surrounding landscape.



Geologists say their formation began about 550 million years ago. Uluru is not only a spectacular natural formation, but its a deeply spiritual place. You can feel a powerful presence the moment you first set eyes on it.

For the local Aboriginal people, the Anangu, World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park holds a special cultural significance.

After lunch and a bit of free-time, we head to the 'Rock' to have a look around, look through the **Cultural Centre** or you might have even booked one of their talks (school to organise and pay for).

We enjoy soft drinks and nibbles as we watch the famous **sunset at Ayers Rock**. As the sun sets, watch the rock change colours. Dinner will be waiting for you, when you return to camp.

Overnight:- Ayers Rock Campground—Camping

DAY 6:-

B/L/D

This morning we meet our Accredited Guide at the base of Uluru. We will be taken on a guided walk on either the Mala or Kuniya Walks. You will learn about Bush-tucker and medicines, visit caves with ancient Aboriginal art and a waterhole of great significance. Uluru's "Dreamtime stories" called Tjurkurpa will be explained along with local Anangu customs and Law.

We return to camp for lunch before boarding our coach again, this time to visit **Kata-Tjuta** or **The Olga's**, as these rock formations are better known.

The Olgas is a group of large, domed rock formations or bornhardts. After watching the **sunset at the Olgas** (weather & time permitting), we return to camp for dinner and our last night at Uluru.



Overnight:- Ayers Rock Campground—Camping

DAY 7:-

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Sadly we pack up camp for the last time on this tour. Your Coach Captain will drop you at the Ayers Rock Airport in time to catch your flight home.

On arrival in Melbourne, there will be a coach waiting to transport you back to school, to end your **7 Day Red Centre Highlights Tour..**

Other Activities to Choose from or Add-on a night (or two):-

- ◆ Extra Night in Coober Pedy
 - Opal Noodling
 - Longer Town Tour
 - Breakaways Conservation Park
- ◆ Field of Lights, Uluru (Night Activity)
- ◆ A Camel Ride

MEAL LEGEND:-

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner

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