

# 11 DAY OUTBACK SAFARI

## DESTINATIONS

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DARWIN  
KAKADU NATIONAL PARK  
KATHERINE GORGE  
TENNANT CREEK  
ALICE SPRINGS  
KINGS CANYON  
ULURU



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## TOUR ITINERARY

### DAY 1

Destination	Uluru
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, or similar

On arrival at Ayers Rock Resort you'll meet your Travel Director and travelling companions (be sure to arrive at AYQ prior to 3pm). Drive the short distance to dual World Heritage listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, where sparkling wine is served at a Welcome Reception as you watch the sun set over Australia's renowned natural landmark. Witness the phenomenon of the changing colours on the massive sandstone monolith before returning to the comfort of your hotel for the night.

### DAY 2

Destination	Uluru 🚗 Kata Tjuta 🚗 Uluru
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, or similar

Rise early to experience a majestic Uluru sunrise while sipping a warming cup of tea or coffee. After a tour of the base of Uluru, you may like to take either a self-guided walk around its 11km perimeter, or a shorter guided walk to the Mutitjulu Waterhole. Your Travel Director will explain the significance of the ancient Aboriginal rock paintings you'll encounter and the culture of the traditional owners, the Anangu people. This afternoon's journey takes you to superb Kata Tjuta, a series of 36 magnificent domes of orange-hued sedimentary rock, where you can toast the magnificent sunset with a glass of sparkling wine.

### DAY 3

Destination	Uluru 🚗 Kings Canyon
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Kings Canyon Resort, or similar

Awe-inspiring Kings Canyon is your destination today. Stop for a lunch break at Kings Creek Station, the largest exporter of wild camels in Australia, and hear the intriguing story of owners Ian and Lynn Conway and their dedication to Aboriginal children in the region's remote communities. Continue to Kings Canyon, a spectacular natural formation whose sheer sandstone walls soar to a height of over 100 metres. A 6km 'rim walk' around the canyon will reward you with marvellous views of Watarrka National Park. An easier walk along the canyon's boulder strewn creek bed is another option.

### DAY 4

Destination	Kings Canyon 🚗 Alice Springs
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ Mercure Alice Springs Resort, or similar

Travelling past vast cattle properties today, you'll develop a true appreciation of the enormous magnitude of the Australian outback. On arrival in Alice Springs, visit the historic Telegraph Station established in 1872, and drive to Anzac Hill for panoramic views over 'The Alice'.

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### DAY 5

Destination	Alice Springs
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Mercure Alice Springs Resort, or similar

After breakfast this morning, join an Aboriginal guide at the Alice Springs Desert Park to gain an insight into the culture and traditions of the local Arrernte people. Later, at the headquarters of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, you'll learn how this iconic facility provides emergency medical assistance in the outback. This evening, join the Falzon family for a Be My Guest home-cooked barbecue dinner at Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre, and later listen as they speak of their passion for local ecology, astronomy and culture.

### DAY 6

Destination	Alice Springs 🚗 Tennant Creek
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Bluestone Motor Inn, or similar

Before leaving Alice Springs, visit the School of the Air to witness a classroom lesson broadcast to children living in remote locations. Then travel north, stopping to view Karlu Karlu, an intriguing group of precariously-balanced granite boulders. Your destination is the former gold-mining town of Tennant Creek.

### DAY 7

Destination	Tennant Creek 🚗 Katherine
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Paraway Motel, or similar

Travel further north, visiting the quirky Daly Waters Pub before continuing to Mataranka, where a swim in the warm, crystal-clear waters of the thermal springs is a must-do. Tonight is spent in Katherine.

### DAY 8

Destination	Katherine 🚗 Kakadu National Park
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	4 ★ Mercure Kakadu Crocodile Hotel, or similar

Travel to Nitmiluk National Park, where a tranquil cruise along the spectacular Katherine Gorge will allow you to sense the spirituality of the land. Catch glimpses of the resident freshwater crocodiles and learn about the history and culture of the local traditional owners, the Jawoyn people. Then, travel deep into Kakadu for a cruise on the famous Yellow Water Billabong, famed for its stunning variety of birdlife. You'll also see estuarine crocodiles basking on the sandy banks.

### DAY 9

Destination	Kakadu 🚗 Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	3 ★ Mantra on the Esplanade, or similar

Visit fascinating Ubirr with its superb Aboriginal rock art dating over 20,000 years. Then, climb to the top of the rocky

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outcrop for majestic views over the floodplains and escarpment country. This afternoon in Darwin, choose an Included Choice sightseeing experience. Visit the colourful Mindil Beach Sunset Market where we'll treat you to dinner or Crocosaurus Cove to explore at your leisure.

### DAY 10

Destination	Darwin 🚗 Litchfield National Park 🚗 Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast, Dinner
Hotel	3 ★ Mantra on the Esplanade, or similar

Travel to Litchfield National Park, pausing to examine the amazing termite mounds that dot the landscape. Then continue to Florence Falls, a double plunge waterfall leading to a popular swimming hole. Venture on to Wangi Falls for a swim in the large waterhole before heading back to Darwin. Join your Travel Director for a Darwin Harbour Farewell Dinner Cruise.

### DAY 11

Destination	Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast
Accommodation	N/A

Say farewell to your fellow travellers when your holiday comes to an end after breakfast.

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## Inclusions

### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Arrival and departure transfers with guide assistance
- 10 nights quality accommodation
- All transportation
- Meals: 16 as per itinerary
- Group size: maximum 50
- 1 English speaking tour leader – Will accompany the group throughout
- All accommodation as listed
- All entrance fees to the sites listed (except optionals)
- All activities listed in the itinerary unless a paid optional
- Comfortable, dedicated private transportation throughout
- 24/7 customer service and your own Dedicated Support Agent

## Fine Print

### HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

#### Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with only a \$200 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$837 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

#### Booking Process

- Select the purple 'Reserve Your Seat' tab to begin your booking (you must 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password)
- Then select the purple 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Departure City, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the purple 'Proceed to Secure Checkout' tab
- Enter your credit card or PayPal details to secure your deposit/payment. You may also pay via BPAY (not available within 70 days of departure)
- Once your order is complete, you will be prompted to complete a Booking Form so that we can fulfil your booking
- Your booking is on request and will be confirmed by Inspiring Vacations once all components of your package have been secured with our partners, please see below for further information

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### Booking On Request

- Your Inspiring Vacations package is made up of multiple components and travel partners. Once your booking is made and passenger details form submitted, we will begin to confirm all of your arrangements. Please note, this process can take several business days to complete.
- Once all elements have been confirmed we will send you an email confirmation, if we are unable to confirm we will provide you with alternative dates or offer a full refund of your deposit or re-credit your account if a travel credit was used.
- Please DO NOT book any additional services, such as flights, until we have confirmed your Inspiring Vacations package in writing. Inspiring Vacations will not be liable for any fees or charges incurred to change or cancel components not booked by Inspiring Vacations should your selected package be unavailable.

### EXTRA SERVICES

You can enhance your holiday by arriving or departing before or after the tour, or booking a tour extension. On this tour you can choose from the following options:

#### Pre and post-tour accommodation

- Pre-tour accommodation: \$346 per room per night for twin and \$626 for single at Desert Gardens Hotel, Uluru.
- Post-tour accommodation: \$157 per room per night for twin and \$279 for single at Mantra On The Esplanade, Darwin.

Please specify in the 'Special Request' field when making your purchase your preferred travel arrangements and if you would like our team to book additional nights' accommodation. The additional cost for these land arrangements will be added to your final payment invoice and are subject to availability. Alternatively, you may purchase 1 pre or post-night accommodation, at time of booking.

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### EXCLUSIONS

- Return airfares
- Visas (if applicable)
- Travel insurance (compulsory)
- Tipping
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Fitness Requirements**

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, a basic level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

As a general rule, portage is not included, therefore at all times you are expected to handle your own luggage where help may not be available.

#### **Tipping**

A friendly reminder that tipping is not included in your package. While tipping is not customary, it's of great significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels, inspires excellent service, and is an entrenched feature of the tourism industry across many destinations.

You may also consider tipping your tour leader and driver for outstanding service throughout your trip. Remember, a tip is not compulsory and should only be given when you receive excellent service.

#### **Accommodation**

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard. Bedding configurations (double or twin) are requests only. All efforts will be made to meet your preferences, however, any changes are beyond our control.

#### **Single Supplement**

Single supplement is \$1460 per person, in addition to the twin-share price.

#### **Triple Share**

Not available.

#### **Travel Insurance**

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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We have partnered with nib to offer our customers competitive rates for their travel insurance. You can book comprehensive or budget cover simply by clicking [HERE](#) to arrange your policy.

### **Visa & Passport information**

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure they have a valid passport. The passport must be valid for a minimum of six months from the intended date of your return.

Please note that these details are subject to change without notice. We recommend visiting <https://smartraveller.gov.au> for up to date information in terms of entry requirements.

### **Tour Documentation**

Final documentation, including e-tickets and hotel details, will be provided approximately 30 days prior to travel.

### **Group Size**

Maximum 50 people.

### **Children**

Children must be 5 years old or over and share a room with parents at all times. Children are charged the same price as adults.

### **Tour Length**

The total length of the tour in days includes time spent inflight and is subject to change, depending on the flight schedule. Please refer to the day-by-day itinerary for the time spent in your destination(s).

### **Advance Purchase**

All departure dates from 1st April 2021 are not guaranteed, itinerary and pricing is subject to change.