

13 DAY ULURU & KAKADU DREAMING

DESTINATIONS

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DARWIN
ULURU
KINGS CANYON
KAKADU
KATHERINE GORGE



TOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1

Destination	Uluru
Meals included	Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents (Swag Optional), or similar

On arrival there is a free shuttle which will take you to the Desert Garden Hotel. From here you will be collected to travel the short distance to Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. The afternoon is dedicated to exploring this extraordinary monolith starting with an interpretive walk led by your guide, and hearing of the Aboriginal law and religion (Tjukurpa). You will also learn about the art and culture of the local custodians, the Anangu people, and visit the acclaimed Cultural Centre where you can explore the displays and learn of the flora and fauna unique to this area.

Experience the famous changing colours of Uluru at sunset complete with sparkling wine and nibbles and plenty of photo opportunities. This is a great time to kick back and contemplate the vastness of the desert while getting to know your fellow travellers. Afterwards settle in at our private camp, complete with our signature Endless Star dining experience before retiring to your swag under the amazing night sky or your comfortable safari tent complete with beds.

DAY 2

Destination	Uluru 🚗 Kings Creek Station
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents (Swag Optional), or similar

Rise early this morning for an unforgettable experience to view the sunrise over Uluru and Kata Tjuta and witness the changing colours. After, we head to Kings Creek Station for our second nights' remote private bush camp, complete with flushing bush toilets and hot showers. With nobody else for miles, this camp has stunning views out over the George Gill Ranges and gives you a real feel for the outback. Tonight, enjoy dinner around the campfire and million star setting.

DAY 3

Destination	Kings Creek Station 🚗 Kings Canyon 🚗 Owen Springs Reserve
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents (Swag Optional), or similar

Today we head off to Watarrka (Kings Canyon) for a mind blowing 6km walk through the towering walls, crevices and plateaus of Watarrka. We will visit the Amphitheatre, Lost City and the tranquil 'Garden of Eden'. Afterward we travel a short distance to our next stop to enjoy a well-earned lunch followed by the opportunity to immerse yourself in an authentic indigenous cultural experience. Enjoy a leisurely guided walk with our indigenous custodians while learning about bush tucker and the healing powers of bush medicine, and gain an insight into Aboriginal dot painting.

This afternoon we start our trip towards our remote bush camp at Owen Springs Reserve. Sleep tonight under the clearest skies with no light pollution. You will think that you can almost touch the stars.

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DAY 4

Destination	Owen Springs Reserve 🚗 Ellery Creek Big Hole 🚗 Goose's Bluff 🚗 Kings Creek Station
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents (Swag Optional), or similar

Following an early breakfast we embark on a stunning 4WD experience traveling through Owen Springs Reserve, we then rejoin the sealed road and arrive at Ellery Creek Big Hole, one of the West MacDonnell Ranges most picturesque swimming and walking spots known to the locals as Udepata. Arrive at Ormiston Gorge to hike the Ghost Gum Walk followed by a swim in the rock hole.

After lunch we head to Gosse's Bluff sacred site to view the original crater which is believed to be the remnants of a comet impact almost 1 million years ago, then it's time for some four wheel driving on the famous Mereenie Loop Road which presents a great opportunity to spot some native wildlife amongst amazing scenery.

We return to our private camp at Kings Creek Station in time for a welcome hot shower before dinner and stargazing around the campfire.

DAY 5

Destination	Kings Creek Station 🚗 Kathleen Springs 🚗 Uluru
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents (Swag Optional), or similar

Enjoy a relaxed breakfast before we leave Kings Creek Station and begin making our way back to Uluru. We stop en route at Kathleen Springs to enjoy a leisurely 1.5 hour walk which takes us to a picturesque spring- fed waterhole at the head of Kathleen Gorge, this is an ideal spot to sit and enjoy the tranquillity before we hit the road again.

This evening you can also visit Bruce Munro's art installation 'Field of Light' (optional and at your own expense - paid locally) or opt to stay back at camp and marvel at the clearest skies you can imagine.

DAY 6

Destination	Uluru ➔ Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast
Hotel	4 ★ DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin, or similar

Enjoy your final breakfast in the Outback before we travel to Ayers Rock Resort. Here you will have free time to explore some of the Resort facilities or board the complimentary the airport shuttle to meet your flight to Darwin.

On arrival in Darwin, please make your own way to your hotel. Darwin Airport is located approximately 10km from your hotel. A taxi ride will cost you between \$25 to \$30.

DAY 7

Destination	Darwin
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin, or similar

Today is a free day to enjoy this tropical city.

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Please note: The following optional tours take place at the same time. Only 1 may be selected.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - JUMPING CROCS & NATURE ADVENTURE

Spectacular Crocodile Cruises takes you on the Adelaide River to educate you on crocodile biology, territorial habits, and their value to the eco system. On this cruise your wildlife guide offers the crocs a taste of buffalo meat in return for them swimming out to say hello and show their incredible hunting techniques. At Window on the Wetlands Visitor Centre learn about wildlife and Aboriginal history and enjoy the views across the Fogg Dam Conservation Reserve. Collection is from the Mantra on Esplanade.

OPTIONAL INSPIRING SIGHT - AFTERNOON DARWIN CITY SIGHTS TOUR

Join a city sights tour for the perfect introduction to Darwin, with expert commentary by a local guide. See the lush Botanic Gardens and the Chinese Temple, which was re-built after it was totally demolished by Cyclone Tracy in 1974. Tour the historic sites of the city including the East Point Military Precinct. See the Stokes Hill Wharf area and the Mooring Basin. There is also time available to explore the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory, whose collections encompass Aboriginal art, visual arts and Northern Territory history and natural sciences. Collection is from the Mantra on Esplanade..

DAY 8

Destination	Darwin 🚗 Litchfield National Park 🚗 Kakadu National Park
Meals included	Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents, or similar

Today we depart Darwin early to begin the short journey to Litchfield National Park, famous for its spectacular array of waterfalls. Discover the intriguing cathedral and magnetic termite mounds before enjoying a swim at a nearby waterhole.

This afternoon we make the journey to Kakadu National Park. Travelling past billabongs and traversing water crossings, there is plenty of time for wildlife spotting. This evening, we arrive at our own private camp with comfortable permanent tents, you'll have time to shower and refresh while your guides prepare dinner before enjoying an evening with your fellow travellers and some stargazing.

DAY 9

Destination	🚗 Yellow Water 🚗 Twin Falls 🚗 Jim Jim Falls
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents, or similar

Nothing is quite like waking up to the sound of the surrounding bush. Enjoy breakfast this morning before heading to the iconic Yellow Water cruise. A must do activity within Kakadu National Park, the award-winning Yellow Water Cruises is Aboriginal owned and centres around a spectacular billabong system that is home to some remarkable and diverse wildlife. Spotting crocodiles is only one of the many wildlife viewing opportunities on this unique water system.

After the cruise we travel to the iconic Twin Falls and Jim Jim Falls. Twin Falls, only accessible by 4WD and a short boat ride is well worth the effort. Once there relax on the sandy banks and admire the falls. There's more 4-wheel driving as we make our way to Jim Jim Falls where a walk through a monsoon forest and over boulders takes us to the waterfall

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and plunge pool, which are surrounded by 150 metre cliffs. Spend the afternoon taking in the sheer beauty of your spectacular surrounds before we make our way back to camp for a hearty dinner and well-earned rest.

DAY 10

Destination	Nourlangie Rock 🚗 Bowali Visitor Centre 🚗 Ubirr Aboriginal art site 🚗 Jabiru
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents, or similar

This morning we travel to nearby Nourlangie Rock. Here you can see how local Aboriginal people lived in this area through changing times. Environmental and social changes are reflected in the rock art and in the ground, where archaeologists have uncovered over 20,000 years of Aboriginal occupation. Visit the Bowali Visitor Centre, a Gundjeihmi name for the local area and creek on land owned by the Mirarr clan. See the audio-visual presentations and Marrawuddi Gallery showcasing Aboriginal art by artists from within Kakadu and the wider region. Lunch today is at the culturally significant Aboriginal art site, Ubirr, located within the East Alligator region of the park. Here you will view a wide range of ancient Aboriginal art which will be interpreted by your guide. Learn the story of the Rainbow Serpent and climb the Nadab Lookout for panoramic views over the floodplain and beyond into Arnhem Land before heading to our private campsite at Jabiru. Enjoy some free time late this afternoon where you can relax by the pool with a cold beverage until dinner is ready.

DAY 11

Destination	Jabiru 🚗 Gunlom Falls 🚗 Katherine Region
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
Hotel	Private Camp with Permanent Tents, or similar

It's a relaxed start to the morning today with the chance of a sleep in before a leisurely breakfast. Then it's time to head to Gunlom Falls made famous by the movie Crocodile Dundee! After a tasty picnic lunch, relax around the lower plunge pool before hiking to the top of the falls where you can enjoy the many rock holes and the amazing view on offer beyond the natural infinity pool. After lunch we travel toward the Katherine region arriving at our private campsite in the early evening.

DAY 12

Destination	Katherine Region 🚗 Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge) 🚗 Edith Falls 🚗 Darwin
Meals included	Breakfast, Lunch
Hotel	4 ★ DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin, or similar

Rising early this morning we head to Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge). Here you have the opportunity to join a boat cruise (own expense - \$105 paid locally) or walk along the sheer rock walls that are so iconic to the area. A short drive later we arrive at Top Didj Cultural Experience and meet Indigenous artist Manuel Parrikal who will teach you about Aboriginal culture and the significance of his painting style in this interactive activity. Our next stop is at Edith Falls for lunch and one final swim before heading back to Darwin via a comfort and refreshment break at the Adelaide River.

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DAY 13

Destination	Darwin
Meals included	
Hotel	4 ★ DoubleTree by Hilton Darwin, or similar

Your Red Centre and Top End journey comes to an end today. At the appropriate time make your own way to the airport or continue your onward journey. Your hotel is located approximately 10km from Darwin Airport and a taxi ride will cost you between \$25 to \$30

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Inclusions

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Incredible sightseeing, including Uluru, Kings Canyon, Gosse Bluff, Litchfield National Park, Kakadu National park and the incredible Katherine Gorge
- 3 nights deluxe hotel accommodation in Darwin
- 9 nights permanent tent with beds, mattresses and linen
- Domestic flight between Uluru and Darwin
- 9 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 9 dinners
- Transportation in purpose built modern 4WD coaches
- Two escorted tour guides throughout (Day 1 - 5 and 8 - 12)
- All park and entry fees

SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel to the sacred location of Uluru and experience the changing colours of a sunset visit.
- Explore the extraordinary monolith starting with an interpretive walk led by your guide, and hearing of the Aboriginal law and religion
- Visit Watarrka (Kings Canyon) for a mind blowing 6km walk through the towering walls, crevices and plateaus of Watarrka.
- Embark on a stunning 4WD experience traveling through Owen Springs Reserve
- Stop at Gosse's Bluff sacred site to view the original crater which is believed to be the remnants of a comet impact almost 1 million years ago
- Discover the intriguing cathedral and magnetic termite mounds
- Journey to Kakadu National Park. Travelling past billabongs and traversing water crossings
- Board the award-winning Yellow Water Cruises, home to some remarkable and diverse wildlife.
- Travel to the iconic Twin Falls and Jim Jim Falls. Twin Falls, only accessible by 4WD
- See the audio-visual presentations and Marrawuddi Gallery showcasing Aboriginal art by artists from within Kakadu and the wider region.
- Walk along the sheer rock walls Nitmiluk National Park (Katherine Gorge)

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INSPIRING FEATURES

- **Tastes:** Experience the famous changing colours of Uluru at sunset complete with sparkling wine and nibbles and plenty of photo opportunities.
- **Sights:** To enhance your journey, we're offering guests 1 bonus sightseeing experience out of a choice of 2 options (further details listed under 'Optional Tours').
 - Afternoon Darwin city sights
 - Jumping Crocs & Nature Adventure
- **Stays:** Enjoy 1 million star accommodation, lying under the stars in the ink black outback of Australia with optional included swag experience.

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VEHICLES, CAMPING & PACKING INFORMATION

Vehicles

We operate a range of late model large and small 4WDs trucks and minibuses. For your comfort, our fleet of high end vehicles have all been modified or custom built to suit the harsh Australian outback conditions our tours travel in. Vehicles are purpose build 4WD ISUZU TRUCK coaches up to 21 seats.

Permanent Tents

These 4WD tours are suitable for all ages seeking an authentic outback experience providing a moderate level of comfort. With remote and some powered campsites they include hot water, flushing toilets, complete with permanent safari tents with beds, all linen, pillow and sleeping bags. Swags are also available for those wanting to sleep out under the stars. Sleeping bags are included, however you are welcome to provide your own.

What to pack

Sunscreen, torch (preferably hands free head light), camera (plus spare fully charged batteries), mosquito repellent (summer), face fly net, towel, toiletries, any medication required, water bottle (1.5 litre is best). Fresh water supplies for refilling bottles will be available throughout the tour. If you have walking/trekking poles/sticks these can also be handy in some of the undulating terrain.

In summer shorts and a shirt is all that is really needed. We would also recommend light weight long sleeve shirts and long (zip off) pants. Our temperatures can be excessive and this can impact fair skinned people. A jumper/pullover is recommended for the early morning if it happens to get a bit chilly. Swimwear is recommended as there will be swimming opportunities - don't forget a towel! Also bring a broad brimmed hat (not a baseball cap), sunglasses and sunscreen.

Winter days are generally mild and most of the time you can still wear shorts and a shirt during the day. However, the nights and early mornings can be very cold. You will need to bring warm clothes - long pants, a good jumper, wind breaker, a beanie, scarf, gloves and good woollen socks are recommended.

Fine Print

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\$750 BONUS OFFER TERMS & CONDITIONS

Over \$750 Bonus Value per couple

- Free Flexible Date Change cover - Change your date free of charge up until 60 days prior to departure (Valued up to \$99 per person) Exclusions apply. Please see Fine Print
- \$250 per couple Future Travel Credit with Inspiring Vacations to use in 2021 - Book today and use your credit to secure your next holiday
- \$125 per couple Future Travel Credit with Travel Spree - Book now and lock in your next domestic holiday with Travelspree.com.au, for use in 2021
- \$250 per couple Future Travel Credit with Inspiring Vacations to use in 2022 - Book today and use your credit to secure your 2022 adventure
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Note: The single traveller bonus value amount is \$450 per person.

How to add the bonus value offer to your booking

- Follow the 'book now' prompts
- After selecting your departure date and room type, add the Special Offer to your order by clicking 'add to booking'.

Terms and Conditions

- Offer valid until 11:59PM 12th of March 2021 or until sold out. Bonus value is based on 2 people, single/solo booking value will be based on the 1 person equivalent.
- Inspiring Vacations reserves the right to finish the offer prior to the finishing date at its discretion.
- Future Travel Credits can not be used for existing bookings or used as a future payment method for any booking made in conjunction with this offer.
- Flexible Date Change cover is underwritten by our Book with Confidence terms and conditions.
- Travel credit vouchers must be used within 12 months of issue date or are forfeited
- All credit or voucher amounts will be issued within 14 days of the conclusion of the campaign or after your 1st installment payment has been made (which ever is greater).
- Amounts are not refundable for cash or transferable or combinable with any other offers or competition.
- Inspiring Vacations reserves the right to cancel the value offer

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in the instance of a force majeure event as described in the Inspiring Vacations terms & conditions.

- In such instances, no deferral, rebooking or compensation will be available.
- All other Inspiring Vacations terms & conditions along with specific package fine print continue to apply
- Only applicable to select packages

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BOOK WITH CONFIDENCE

INCLUDED - Book now, change later with our Flexible Date Change option, giving travellers the flexibility to change your date without penalty (subject to availability, less third party costs incurred, plus any applicable surcharges for the new date selected).

Date change must be requested prior to 60 days before your original selected departure date*. Once inside 60 days of departure, date changes are not permitted.

*some packages may have a varied period in which you can request a date change due to limitations with the third-party provider.

The Flexible Date Change option does not cover cost incurred for components not fulfilled by Inspiring Vacations or in the event extra services have been booked with Inspiring Vacations outside of the standard package, including but not limited to airfares, pre/post accommodation or insurance.

Promotion ends 12th March 2021 after which time it reverts to a charged service of \$99pp and dates may only be changed up until 65 days prior to departure. Standard Flexible Date Change option offering can be viewed [here](#).

Cooling off period

INCLUDED - If you change your mind within 28 days of making your booking online, you can request a refund of your initial deposit payment as part of our cooling off period.

Once your purchase date falls outside of the 28 day period, our standard terms and conditions will apply. Please ensure that any request to cancel your booking is received via email to support@inspiringvacations.com, including the reason for cancellation.

Promotion ends 12th March 2021 after which time it reverts to our standard 7 day cooling off period which can be viewed [here](#).

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HOW TO BOOK & PAYMENTS

Deposit & Payments

- Book now and secure your package with a \$99 deposit per person.
- Pay a 2nd instalment of \$2025 per person within 28 days.
- You will then be invoiced for final payment 90 days prior to departure.

Booking Process

- 'Sign Up' first by entering your email and creating a password
- Then select the red 'Book now' tab of the tour you have selected
- Select your Departure Date, Number of Passengers, Room Configuration, any Upgrade Options, and enter any Special Requests
- Click the red '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
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- Your booking will be confirmed within 48 hours on completing your booking form. If your booking cannot be confirmed, a full refund of the payment will be provided.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

COVID-19

Due to COVID there maybe disruptions to standard operating schedules of particular components of this itinerary. Should a component be effected a substitute will be confirmed prior to departure.

Fitness Requirements

While the tour itinerary should give you some guidance and overview to the expected requirements, to determine if this tour is right for you we categorise each of our tours in terms of their intensity. These guidelines are to ensure that each tour group is conducted as expected and to ensure the overall satisfaction of all Inspiring Vacations customers.

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

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This particular tour is categorised as a "3".

3 – Moderate Tour: A good level of fitness and mobility is required, as this tour includes a moderate level of physical activity and is considered a medium-fast paced tour. You should be able to walk up and down stairs and able to walk reasonable distances of approximately 2 kilometres per day or more with ease. Any physical ailments you may have must be disclosed at the time of booking to determine your suitability. If you have any form of walking aids, other than a walking stick or hiking poles, then this tour is not suitable.

Accommodation

The accommodation listed is subject to change. Any changes will be of an equal or higher standard.

Single Supplement

Not available. Please note, single or solo travellers will be paired with another same sex traveller for Uluru and Kakadu portions. A \$349 single supplement is payable for the Darwin accommodation portion as sharing is not available in Darwin. All other times singles will be pair with another same sex traveller. Please note, this option must be requested in the special requests section and the cost will be added to your final invoice.

Triple Share

Not available.

Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is required to protect yourself against the unexpected.

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.

Tour Documentation

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

Group Size

10 to 20 travellers, maximum.

Children

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

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OPTIONAL TOURS

To enhance your journey, we are offering guests a choice of the following optional activities included as part of your package;

- Afternoon Darwin City Sights (Day 7)
- Jumping Crocodiles & Nature Adventure (Day 7)

Please note: Only 1 optional tour can be selected as they take place at the same time

Optional tours can be selected once you have finalised your tour purchase and paid your deposit. When completing your Passenger Booking Form, you will be asked if you would like to add Optional Tours. If you choose not to select them at this time, you can choose to add them later by logging in to your Account online or speaking with your Dedicated Support Agent for assistance.

Please note that you must select your Optional Tours no later than 65 days before departure, after which you will be required to purchase them on tour. Please keep in mind that anything purchased on-tour is subject to availability. We appreciate your understanding.

EXCLUSIONS

- Travel insurance (highly recommended)
- Domestic Flights not outlined on the itinerary
- Anything not mentioned in the itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities
- All Safaris operating in the Top End attract a \$12.50 Twin Falls shuttle fee which is payable direct on day of departure.