

Tuncurry COACH TOURS



The Red Centre Experience Featuring ‘Uluru & Alice Springs’

Friday 17th – Wednesday 22nd May 2024
6 Days & 5 Nights

PER PERSON TWIN SHARE: \$4,850
Room on your own extra \$1,080



DAY 1: (D) Travel Day Forster/Tuncurry to Sydney

Friday 17th May 2024

Today we start our journey heading south for our much anticipated trip to the sacred site of Uluru. Stopping on the way for lunch (own expense), we then make our way to our lovely accommodation at the Mantra Sydney Airport to settle in for the night

Accommodation: Mantra Sydney Airport, 2 course dinner at the hotel

DAY 2: (B,D) Uluru Sunset with BBQ Dinner

Saturday 18th May 2024

After Breakfast at the Mantra we head to the airport where this exciting tour begins. On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport we will receive a private group transfer to our hotel. Check in and get ready to explore Uluru. Welcome to Ayers Rock!!! This afternoon we travel to the Uluru Sunset Viewing Area where you can relax with a sparkling wine or two and nibbles while you enjoy a famous Uluru sunset. Witness the incredible changing colours as the sun sets below the horizon. After sunset, we will be transferred to our exclusive barbecue site. The site is within the Uluru National Park set amongst red sand dunes and desert oak trees

providing a peaceful desert setting. The site is located far enough from the resort lights to provide you a clear view of the stars in the southern sky (weather permitting). Once at the site, you will enjoy a variety of Australian meats and salads, accompanied by wine, beer or orange juice (menus are subject to change). After dinner, tea, coffee and dessert will be served. Your guide will conduct a tour of the night sky, describing and pointing out some of the visible constellations with the assistance of a high beam spotlight (weather permitting). The guide will also explain some Aboriginal stories that relate to the stars before you return to Resort this evening.

Accommodation: Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock /BBQ dinner



DAY 3: (B,D) Kata Tjuta Sunrise, Walpa Gorge

Sunday 19th May 2024

This morning we wake early to catch the beautiful sunrise as we travel to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) where your Guide will explain the geological history of the area. Enjoy a light breakfast with a tea or coffee as you watch the spectacular sunrise. Not only do you have incredible views of Kata Tjuta's domes, you'll also see Uluru in the distance as the sun lights up the desert. After breakfast you'll commence the Walpa Gorge walk which highlights the beautiful lookout over the valley. Along the way your guide will talk about the significance of the area to the Anangu people and show you how they've used the natural landscape for all their needs for thousands of years. *Note: Walpa Gorge walk is approx. 2.5km long. The terrain is uneven and rocky.*

**Medium level of fitness required*

Return to hotel approx. 10:45 am. This afternoon you'll have a free time or enjoy some optional experiences. This afternoon you'll have a free time or you can enjoy some optional experiences.

Optional Experiences

Uluru Kata Tjuta (25 mins) Scenic Flight - \$315.00 per person

Uluru by Segway - \$209.00 per person

Accommodation: Sails in the Desert, Ayers Rock / buffet dinner at the Ilkari restaurant,



DAY 4: (B) Uluru Culture and Art Experience – Alice Springs Monday 20th May 2024

This morning we travel to the base of Uluru where you'll be amazed as your local guide shares the Aboriginal Tjukurpa (creation) stories that breathe life into this giant formation. Feel the spirit of the land as your guide takes you on a walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole, interpreting the meaning of the ancient Rock Art and sacred sites you'll see along the way.

(approx. 15 min walk). You will also enjoy an incredible cultural experience with an Aboriginal Guide from the local Mutitjulu community and an interpreter. Get up close to Uluru with your Anangu guide who will be telling you the stories of this unique landscape and explain the connection between the art, the culture and the connection to the land along the Mala Walk to the first art cave (approx. 1.5 km walk easy fitness level).

Then we will visit the Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Here we will listen to how traditional hunting and gathering tools were made and what they were used for. Even join a bowl carrying or spear-throwing session to test your skills and balance.

At midday, we will travel to Alice Springs, stopping for lunch (own expense) enroute. Dinner at leisure and own expense this evening

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza Alice Springs / Dinner at your leisure and own expense today at either Juicy Rump or Tali Restaurants at hotel



DAY 5: (B, L, D) Full Day West Mac Donnell Ranges

Tuesday 21st May 2024

This morning travel out into the West MacDonnell Ranges. The day will be spent visiting Simpsons Gap and Standley Chasm, where you will have the opportunity to walk through the Chasm itself. Cold cuts buffet lunch is included at Standley Chasm before we continue west to see Ormiston Gorge & Glen Helen. We also visit Ellery Creek Big Hole and Flynns Grave before returning back to the hotel.

This evening, we enjoy a special evening at Earth Sanctuary. Experience the ‘spirit of the outback’ at Earth Sanctuary’s award winning dinner & show. From spectacular sunsets over the Eastern MacDonnell Ranges to an awe inspiring canopy of stars your hosts will captivate you with stories ranging from local ecology, culture and astronomy, complete with a home cooked gourmet BBQ dinner.

- *Standley Chasm - 40 min return walk - Easy fitness level however uneven path with loose rocks*
- *Ochre Pits - 20 min return walk – easy fitness level.*
- *Ormiston Gorge – optional 1 hour gorge walk – moderate level of fitness*
- *Glen Helen Gorge – 20-minute return walk – easy fitness level.*
- *Simpsons Gap – short walk - easy fitness level*

Accommodation: Crowne Plaza, Alice Springs



DAY 6: (B,D) Homeward Bound

Wednesday 22nd May 2024

This morning you can wake and attend breakfast at your leisure. Today is home day and our flights will depart Alice Springs around midday. Enjoy some relaxation this morning at the resort before we make our way home. Once we arrive at Sydney airport, we will collect our bags and make our way home stopping for dinner on the way.

In awe of what we have just witnessed and experienced, this trip is a once in a lifetime story that we can tell our friends, kids and grand kids for many years to come. With too many highlights to explain this trip truly is remarkable and one that everyone should do at least once in their life. Who better to do it with than your friends, Lisa and Adam from Tuncurry Coach Tours ☺

Tour Inclusions:

Luxury Coach Travel
Experienced Coach Captain and Professional Tour Director

Tour price Includes:

Five (5) Nights Accommodation
Five (5) Breakfasts
Four (4) Dinners
One (1) Lunch
Return flights
Entry fees to attractions & sightseeing as per itinerary

Tour Highlights:

Dreamtime Stories
Walk to Mutitjulu Waterhole
Uluru Sunset Viewing
Dinner and canapes under the stars Uluru
Night Sky Tour
Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre
Bowl carrying, spear-throwing and a hands-on painting session
Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) sunrise
Walpa Gorge walk
Alice Springs Macdonald Ranges full day tour
Earths Sanctuary dinner and show Alice Springs

Departures: TBC

Club Forster departing - Polynesian Village -

Golden Ponds - Forster Keys - Evermore -

Tuncurry Coach stop - Nabiac -

Luggage:

Is limited to one bag not more than **20KG and 1 carry on bag of up to 7kg based on Airline requirements**

Tour Participation:

It is the responsibility of passengers to ensure that their health is in a state that enables them to enjoy the tour and participate in the activities that the tour offers them. We do advise that passengers complete one of our medical forms which will be held by our Tour Director in a sealed envelope (your privacy will be maintained at all times).

A medium level of fitness is required to participate in some of the tours for this trip. During some walking tours you may have to tackle uneven ground, climb over rocks, walk through soft sand and participate in walking tours without having to stop or sit down for up to 20 min. Walk in showers are not guaranteed on this tour.

Dietary Requirements:

It is the responsibility of passengers to address any dietary requirements with us at the time of booking.

Tour payment:

Non Refundable Deposit \$600.00 per person at time of booking to secure flights

Balance due 2 months prior to departure 17th of March 2024

Cancellation Charges:

60 days or more \$600 per person

30-59 days 50% of fare

0-29 days 100% of fare

Note: Cancellation of this trip less than 30 days out there is no refund

Please read full Terms and Conditions before booking.

Travel Insurance is highly recommended by Dept. of Foreign Affairs & Trade, we advise passengers to take out travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances which may arise.

All itineraries are subject to change due to occasional restrictions in opening times/days of some attractions, e.g. churches, wineries etc. We cannot be held responsible for any changes due to pandemics, closures, inclement weather or other unpredictable events

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