



8 Day Red Centre Autumn Escape Tour to Alice Springs, Uluru, Coober Pedy & Roxby Downs...

\$2995 incl GST
per person twin share **ALL INCLUSIVE 8 DAYS**
DEPARTS Sat 19 May 2012

HIGHLIGHTS

Depart Sydney flying Qantas to Adelaide before travelling north to the beautiful Clare Valley. Special wine tasting and time to explore. On to Port Augusta. Travel into the remote desert regions of South Australia to Woomera and Roxby Downs for a tour of the giant

Olympic Dam Uranium mine. Explore Space Park at Woomera and on to Coober Pedy. Town and mine tour, opal cutting demonstration, experience the beauty of the Breakaways. Travel through Marla to Erdunda. Explore Kings Canyon, experience Uluru (Ayers Rock), walk through Kata Tjuta's Olga Gorge. Alice Springs for two nights, Western MacDonnells, Simpson Gap, Standley Chasm, Namatjira's Twin Gums and grave, Connellan Airways before returning to Sydney.

DAY 1 | Saturday 19 May 2012 . . . our adventure begins!

You will meet your tour director at Sydney Airport who will escort you aboard your morning flight to Adelaide. Your luxury coach will be waiting with your crew to welcome you aboard, before travelling through Adelaide city en route to the beautiful Clare Valley. There will be time to explore and shop before booking in to our accommodation at the Clare Valley Motor Inn. During the late afternoon we will visit a boutique winery for a special wine tasting (right out of the barrels) before returning to our accommodation for dinner. (B,D)

DAY 2 | Sunday 20 May 2012 . . . Woomera, rockets and history!

After a sumptuous breakfast we depart for Port Augusta for our morning break with time to explore. Then it's off to Woomera where we have the opportunity to retrace the heady days of Australia's space efforts at the Space Park display, or have a game of ten pin bowling at Australia's remotest bowling alley. We over-night at the Eldo Hotel in Woomera with time for a refreshing dip in the pool before dinner (B,L,D)

DAY 3 | Monday 21 May 2012 . . . desert, gold and uranium!

We travel into the desert where the temperature will steadily climb as we reach Roxby Downs for our surface tour of the mighty Olympic Dam gold and uranium mine – the biggest and richest mine of its type in the world, producing gold, copper and uranium. Then it's back to Woomera and on to Glendambo and Coober Pedy for our stay at the Opal Inn. (B,L,D)

DAY 4 | Tuesday 22 May 2012 . . . crystal opals in remote S A!

This morning we enjoy a town and opal mine tour before we travel to the mysterious Breakaways with its myriad of colours (Priscilla, Mad Max. Pitch Black and other movies were made here!) Then, on to Marla and Erdunda for our two night stay at the Erdunda Desert Oaks Resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | Wednesday 23 May 2012 . . . Uluru and Kata Tjuta!

We travel to Mt Connor and Uluru today. We make our way into the Uluru Kata Tjuta NP (Ayers Rock) in time to climb or walk the base. The choice is yours. Yea! We came, we saw, we conquered!. We visit the Cultural Centre and then Yulara Resort township for lunch and the chance to shop. In the afternoon we head off to Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) for a canyon walk in Olga Gorge, upon our return, we watch the tourists at Sunset Strip as the colour of the Rock changes with the setting sun. Here you'll be treated to our own Black Tie champagne service. We have dinner at the Outback Pioneer Hotel Aussie BBQ, before settling down for our late return to Erdunda. (B,D)

DAY 6 | Thursday 24 May 2012 . . . the beauty of Kings Canyon!

Today we make our way to Kings Canyon along the Lassiter Highway. You'll have a chance to "walk the rim" or stroll up the canyon to admire the sheer sandstone walls of this enchanting place; we complete our activities before the heat of the day. Then back to Eralunda for our afternoon break before making our way to Alice Springs for our stay at the Aurora Alice Springs right on Todd Mall. (B,L,D)

DAY 7 | Friday 25 May 2012 . . . exploring the Alice!

This morning we travel to the Western MacDonnells, to Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Namatjira's twin ghost gums and grave, Connellan Airways and much more, leaving some afternoon time to shop and explore this unique place. We dine again at the Red Ochre Grill where you'll enjoy the unique tastes of bush foods; afterwards, some of our group will take a limousine to the Lassiter's Casino to watch the locals at work. (B,D)

DAY 8 | Saturday 26 May 2012 . . . time to fly home!

This morning there is free time to complete your exploration of Alice Springs, or time for last minute shopping before we travel to the airport to catch a Qantas flight back home to Sydney, (B,L)

3 day extension

\$990 per person twin share
INCL GST

DAY 8 | Saturday 26 May 2012 . . . heading north!

This morning there is free time to complete your exploration of Alice Springs, or time for last minute shopping before we travel to the airport to farewell some of our fellow passengers, before heading north along the Stuart Highway past the Tanami Track and the Plenty Highway turnoffs to Aileron and Ti-Tree for our first break. You'll be forgiven to think that aliens had landed at this remote roadhouse!! Then on past Central Mount Stuart, Barrow Creek, Wycliffe Wells and Wauchope to the Devil's Marbles NP. These mysterious structures are, in Aboriginal mythology, the eggs of the Rainbow Serpent. We explore this surreal landscape at sunset; the magic colours will captivate all. Then on to Tennant Creek for our overnight stay at the Bluestone Motor Inn. (B,L,D)

DAY 9 | Sunday 27 May 2012 . . . we of the Never Never land!

We travel north along the Stuart Highway to the old telegraph station and then on to Daly Waters and the famous Daly Waters Pub for lunch. On to Larrimah and Mataranka, "We of the Never Never fame", to visit the Elsey Cemetery before we arrive in Katherine for our stay at the beautiful Knott's Crossing Resort. (B,L,D)

DAY 10 | Monday 28 May 2012 . . fly away home; back to the cold!

We travel north along the Stuart Highway to Adelaide River for morning tea and time to reflect at the War Cemetery for victims of the Japanese bombing of Darwin. Then on to Darwin for our afternoon Qantas flight home to Sydney longing for another Red Centre Escape. (B,L,D)

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