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AYERS ROCK

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DESTINATION

AYERS ROCK



Uluru (Ayers Rock) is situated in the World Heritage listed Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park in the Northern Territory. For Aborigines, Uluru is at the very core of their existence with Dreamtime stories of the Rock dating back thousands of years. As the traditional custodians of Uluru, the Aboriginal people are very willing to share many of the legends associated with the Dreamtime.

Uluru is the world's largest monolith rising 348 metres, and surrounded by gently undulating sand dunes which support a surprising variety of plants, birds, reptiles and frogs. The Rock is nine kilometres in circumference and totally dominates the landscape. It is at dawn and dusk that the Rock weaves its most potent spell, glowing red. The shade and intensity of the colour however, depends on the angle of the sun, the amount of haze, dust, smoke and cloud presenting the atmosphere.

Uluru seems to generate some kind of mystical force that awakens a mountaineering instinct in the thousands of tourists that visit each year. But climbing the Rock is not for the faint hearted as the ascent is 1.6 kilometres and very steep in parts!

Monthly Average Maximum Temperature:

Month Max	Max Temp (C)	Max Temp (F)
January	37	98
February	35	95
March	33	91
April	28	82
May	23	73
June	20	68
July	20	68
August	22	71
September	26	78
October	31	87
November	34	93
December	36	96

DAY ONE

Arrive Ayers Rock

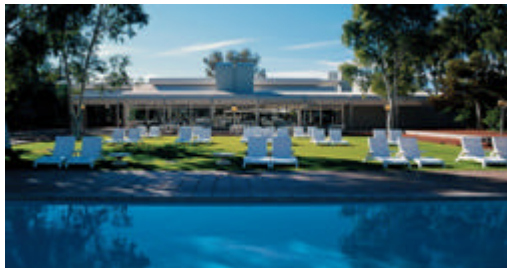
On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport you will be met for your complimentary transfer to Desert Gardens Hotel or Sails in the Desert provided by Ayers Rock Resort.

Kata Tjuta and Dunes Tour

This tour introduces you to the desert. Leaving at approx 14.00 from Ayers Rock Resort, your guide will explain the nature of the desert and its development. A short walk to the dune lookout puts one in touch with your environment and lets you delight in the spectacular panoramic view of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) - a very sacred place to the Aboriginal people. Arriving at Walpa (Olga) Gorge, you walk into this mystic place, to hear how it has evolved over millions of years. The scale of the walls and the wind far above, add a sense of mystery here, which profoundly affects all that participate. Hear how it has evolved over millions of years and discuss the secrets of plant, animal and human survival in the desert. As the sun sets, sit back and relax and chat to your guide about Australia's red centre over a glass of complimentary champagne and nibbles.



* Option 1 Accommodation: Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort (4 star)



Desert Gardens is a stylish hotel set among flowering native shrubs and eucalyptus trees. Stroll down shaded walkways to spacious poolside rooms, or walk through the gardens to the deluxe rooms, all of which have private courtyards or verandas. At sunset, unwind and listen to the silence of the desert in one of these peaceful enclaves.

* Option 2 Accommodation: Lost camel Resort (3 star)

The Lost Camel



The interesting mix of contemporary Aboriginal and urban/city theming ensures that The Lost Camel reflects the body, mind and spirit, with stylish furnishings working in unison with the spectacular landscape and environment, bringing a new element in accommodation to Ayers Rock Resort.

The guest rooms are furnished in bright, contrasting colours and crisp, clean whites to convey a contemporary, fresh and 'funky' feel. As a contrast, the walls feature framed photographs of Aboriginal snapshots (hands weaving baskets, hands sifting through berries), providing a contrast of traditional old world and modern city style furnishings, adding to the unique, quirky and distinctive style of the hotel.

DAY TWO

Uluru Walk

For Uluru, this is the most comprehensive tour that provides an opportunity to best understand the natural and cultural significance of Uluru. The tour commences prior to sunrise and places you in the most grand and deeply moving places of Uluru. Follow one of the oldest walking tracks on earth on this easy walk around Uluru. Your guide will introduce you to the geology of Uluru and describe how plants and wildlife have adapted and survived in such a forbidding environment. But most fascinating is the relationship of the Anangu people to Uluru. This place was shelter, provided water and is a tangible link with their creation ancestors. During the tour you will hear and see the creation time stories of these ancient people unfold. See where the people lived and carried out ceremonies. Here, the beliefs of the people are embodied in one of the great places of this world. From a distance Uluru is spectacular; from close up it is powerful and deeply moving. Includes a light picnic breakfast. You have the remainder of the day at leisure.



Accommodation: Ayers Rock

DAY THREE

Depart Ayers Rock

Meet with your driver in the lobby of your Hotel for your complimentary transfer to Ayers Rock Airport.

PRICE & INCLUSIONS

**Tour with accommodation at *Lost Camel*
Priced at AU\$790.00 per person**

**Tour with accommodation at *Desert Gardens Hotel*
Priced at AU\$885.00 per person**

* Price based on minimum 2 persons, twin share

Tour includes:

- 2 nights Accommodation
- Full Buffet Breakfast daily
- Transfers to and from Ayers Rock Airport
- Kata Tjuta and Dunes Tour
- Uluru Walk Tour

*** PLEASE NOTE ***

- This is a suggested itinerary only and can be tailored to individual requirements
- Airfares are not included in the above costs. Please ensure your air travel is booked **to** and **from** Ayers Rock Airport
- Travel can be booked through your Travel Agent, or on line with the following domestic airlines:
www.qantas.com.au
- Please provide your flight details as soon as these have been confirmed

OPTIONAL EXPERIENCE

Outback Sounds of Silence Dinner

Price: AU\$160.00 per person



Depart the hotel by coach approximately 45 minutes before sunset and take the journey into the red sand dunes of the desert. Seven kilometres from Ayers Rock Resort you will discover the Sounds of Silence amongst the desert. Tonight guests will be enchanted and captivated as we dine under a million stars at the award winning Sounds of Silence dinner.

Sip on a glass of champagne with the sound of a lone didgeridoo filling the air as the sun slowly sets over the Olgas (Kata Tjuta) and Ayers Rock (Uluru). Enjoy a three-course buffet starting with soup, followed by a gourmet Australian BBQ feast of kangaroo, barramundi and emu, with local bush salads and mouth-watering desserts. After dessert, sit back and take in the mystery of the desert at night as an astronomer takes us on a tour of the clear dark sky.