

# OUT & ABOUT DAY TOURS

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An 8-Day, 7-night Adventure - departing Monday 10 September 2018

## THE CENTRAL AUSTRALIA 8-DAY ADVENTURE

*Featuring Alice Springs, the MacDonnell Ranges, Standley Chasm, Ormiston Gorge, Kings Canyon, Uluru, the Olgas, and Much More!*

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#### Day 1: Monday 10 September 2018 – Canberra, Sydney, Alice Springs

**Inclusions:** *Qantas Flight from Canberra to Sydney, Qantas Flight from Sydney to Alice Springs, 90-Minute Informative Guided Tour of Alice Springs, Entry & 30-Minute Guided Tour of the Alice Springs Telegraph Stations, Three-Course Alternate Drop Dinner & 4-Star Accommodation*

This morning, between 5.00am and 6.00am, you'll be collected from either outside your home or at a nearby convenient departure point (this service will be available to most people living in Canberra & Queanbeyan), and head to **Canberra Airport**, where you'll board the 7.20am Qantas flight to Sydney. After arriving in Sydney, you'll join up with the Sydney-based passengers, and board the 9.40am Qantas flight to **Alice Springs**, which is scheduled to arrive there at 12.30pm (local time). After arriving in Alice Springs, you'll board a luxury 46-seat coach, owned and operated by local company, Outback Tour Services. Your locally-based Coach Captain will provide you with a wealth of informative commentary during the tour. You'll make the short drive from the airport into Alice Springs Town Centre, where a local tour guide will board the coach, and take you on a **90-Minute Informative Guided Tour of Alice Springs**. During the Guided Tour you'll be conveyed to Anzac Hill, where you'll be able to take in the wonderful panoramic views of Alice Springs and the surrounding ranges, and also visit the imposing Anzac Hill Memorial, which was dedicated in 1934 in memory of those who served in World War I. After learning about the town and its history, and viewing buildings and points of significant importance, you'll make your way to the outskirts of the town to the **Alice Springs Telegraph Station**, which is one of the town's most popular tourist attractions. Established in 1872, to relay messages between Darwin and Adelaide, it is the original site of European settlement in Central Australia. It was one of twelve stations along the Overland Telegraph Line. Upon arrival, you'll be taken on a **30-Minute Informative Guided Tour** of the Station that will immerse you in the history of the complex and Alice Springs. You'll learn about how this monumental innovation connected Australia to the rest of the World. After the Guided Tour, you'll have around 30 minutes to visit the historic Museum, which is housed in various restored stone buildings that were part of the original settlement. Your visit will provide you with an opportunity to see, listen, understand, and even actually feel the workings of the original Telegraph Station and Post Office, and the lives of those who resided and worked in this settlement. You'll depart from the Station at around 4.30pm, and make the 10-minute journey to the **Mercure Alice Springs Resort**, where you'll check into a **Superior Room**, containing either a king bed or two double beds, and an ensuite with a walk-in shower. Situated beside the River Todd, the Resort consists of 139 rooms, and features 24-hour reception, free WiFi, a guest laundry, and a quality restaurant and bar. After having time to unpack, relax and freshen up, you'll make your way into the Resort's **Barra on Todd Restaurant**, where you'll sit down to a delicious **Three-Course Alternate Drop Dinner**. The menu for tonight's dinner will not be available until the middle of 2018. It will be posted out to you about one month prior to the departure of the tour. This will allow you to ascertain if there is anything on the menu that you are unable to eat and, if so, for a suitable alternative to be organised.

#### Day 2: Tuesday 11 September 2018 – Alice Springs, MacDonnell Ranges - Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Ellery Creek Big Hole, Glen Helen Homestead, Ormiston Gorge, Alice Springs

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Breakfast, Entry to Standley Chasm, Morning Tea, Lunch, Three-Course Alternate Drop Dinner & 4-Star Accommodation*

This morning, between 6.30am and 7.45am, you'll enjoy a **Full Hot & Cold Breakfast** in the Resort's **Barra on Todd Restaurant**, before boarding the coach at around 8.00am, to head to the **MacDonnell Ranges** for the day. Before departing from the Resort, please ensure that you come on today's tour equipped with your camera, two bottles of water, a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and comfortable hiking or walking shoes. After a short 15-minute drive out of Alice Springs, you'll have your first MacDonnell Ranges experience at **Simpsons Gap**. This stunning gorge is carved out of the West MacDonnell Ranges by Roe Creek, where water flows through a small gap in the range. Upon arrival, you'll have time to walk into the Gap along a specially made level pathway, adjacent to a stunning range of native plants, including ancient ghost gums. After reboarding the coach, you'll head half an hour down the road to **Standley Chasm**. This breathtaking geological feature is located in a private flora and fauna reserve owned by the Iwupataka Land Trust, and is operated by Aboriginal family members that are direct descendants from Aboriginal people who have lived in this area for thousands of years. The Chasm has been gouged into the surrounding sandstone by floods that, over untold millions of years, have surged down this narrow tributary of the Finke River system. The result is a deep red cleft, crowded on either side by craggy slopes that rise 80 metres above the floor. The Chasm's sheer walls glow from reflected sunlight, to create a breathtaking display of stark form and rich colour. Thanks to water, the gully floor features a range of vegetation, from delicate ferns to tall gum trees. Many species, such as the cycad palm, have survived here in the shadow of the arid hills from a long-gone wetter age. The track from the carpark to the Chasm is a little rough in parts, but most visitors find the 20-minute walk to be quite easy. The path follows the creek, where spring-fed water pools attract a great variety of wildlife, particularly birdlife. Upon arrival, you'll be served a delicious **Morning Tea**, consisting of freshly-made scones with jam and cream, and self-serve tea and coffee. Following morning tea, you'll have around an hour to walk to the Chasm and back. After reboarding the coach, you'll depart from Standley Chasm to head to **Ellery Creek Big Hole**. Carved out by thousands of years of massive floods, this spectacular waterhole features amazing geology and stunning vegetation. Upon arrival, it is only a 5-minute walk along a wheelchair accessible path to the waterhole. You'll have plenty of time to take in the scenery, before reboarding the coach to head 45 minutes down the road to **Glen Helen Homestead**. Set in picturesque surroundings, literally in the 'middle of nowhere', this rustic, country-style homestead gives isolation a whole new meaning. Upon arrival, you'll enjoy a delightful **Lunch**, featuring make-your-own sandwiches and a freshly cooked muffin. An array of bread, cold meats, salad components, dressings and condiments will be available for you to create a sandwich or two of your choice. Self-serve tea and coffee will be available. Following lunch, you'll have time to walk to the nearby gorge and waterholes that are situated behind the homestead. You'll depart from the homestead at around 2.45pm, to head 15 minutes down the road to **Ormiston Gorge**. This Gorge showcases some of the most spectacular geology and landforms in the Ranges. Massive geological forces created the towering red walls of the Gorge, which features a near-permanent waterhole, estimated to be up to 14 metres deep at its southern end. Once again, the area features a wonderful variety of flora and fauna. Upon arrival at the Visitor Centre, you'll have sufficient time to do either one or two of the most popular walks – the five-minute, wheelchair-access, paved-path Waterhole Walk, or the 20-Minute (each way) Ghost Gum Lookout Walk. You'll depart from the Gorge at around 4.15pm, to return to Alice Springs. After arriving back at the Resort at around 6.15pm, you'll have time to freshen up, before making your way into the Resort's **Barra on Todd Restaurant**, where you'll sit down to a delicious **Three-Course Alternate Drop Dinner**. The menu for tonight's dinner will not be available until the middle of 2018. It will be posted out to you about one month prior to the departure of the tour. This will allow you to ascertain if there is anything on the menu that you are unable to eat and, if so, for a suitable alternative to be organised. Following Dinner, Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will be available.

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### Day 3: Wednesday 12 September 2018 – Alice Springs

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Breakfast, Entry & 2.5-Hour Guided Tour of Alice Springs Desert Park, Entry & Hologram Movie at the Royal Flying Doctor Service, Entry & 30-Minute Guided Tour of Alice Springs Reptile Centre, Three-Course Alternate Drop Dinner & 4-Star Accommodation*

Between 6.30am and 7.45am, this morning, you'll enjoy a **Full Hot & Cold Breakfast** in the Resort's **Barra on Todd Restaurant**, before boarding the coach at around 8.00am, to head to the **Alice Springs Desert Park**. Upon arrival, you'll be met by your tour guide, who will take you on a **2.5-Hour Informative Guided Tour** of the Park. You'll enjoy the leisurely stroll along 1.6km long trail, where you'll visit recreations of examples of desert habitat areas, such as Desert Rivers, Sand Country and Woodland. In the recreation of a Desert Rivers habitat, you'll walk through dry river beds, and areas that have been flooded, and stroll past swamps and water holes. The plants here include river red gums, coolibah trees, aquatic plants, and reeds. Animals in this habitat include finches, cockatoos, water birds, frogs, and fish. Demonstrations here show how the Aboriginal people use this habitat to harvest food and medicine. In the recreation of the Sand Country habitat, you'll view a recreation of the Sandy Desert, including clay, gypsum, and salt pans. In the recreation of the Woodland habitat, you'll visit enclosures housing emus and kangaroos. You'll also visit the Nocturnal House, which is home to many Central Australian reptiles, invertebrates, birds, and mammals that are active during the night. The collection includes some reptiles that may be active during the day but difficult to find in the desert. One of the highlights of this visit is sure to be the Flying Bird Show. To view the Show, you'll be seated in a covered outdoor arena, where you'll witness demonstrations involving free-flying birds of prey. Before departing from the Park at around 11.30am, you'll have time to browse around the wonderful Gift Shop. At around 11.45am, you'll arrive in the premier shopping area of Alice Springs – **Todd Mall**. You'll have around two hours to explore the Town Centre, browse the shops, and enjoy lunch in one of the town's cafes, bakeries, coffee shops or restaurants. After departing from the Mall at around 1.45pm, you'll head to the local headquarters of the **Royal Flying Doctor Service**. Upon arrival, you'll be given a short Presentation, before making your way into the theatre to view the amazing **John Flynn Hologram Movie**. Reverend John Flynn, founder of the Royal Flying Doctor Service, has been brought back to life to tell the story of the foundation of the world famous aeromedical service. This hologram is one of only a couple of life-size 'human' holograms in the Southern Hemisphere. Using the latest innovations in holographic technology, the hologram of John Flynn is portrayed by an actor, who tells the story of Flynn's vision and its realisation into the Royal Flying Doctor Service of today. After viewing the movie, you'll have time to wander through the complex's Museum, and to see a full size replica of one of the aircraft operated by the Service. Prior to departing from the complex you'll have time to stroll through the Gift Shop. After departing from the complex at around 3.15pm, you'll cross the street to visit the **Alice Springs Reptile Centre**. This complex houses one of the largest displays of reptiles in Central Australia, including 'Terry' the Saltwater Crocodile, huge Perentie Goannas, Thorny Devils, Frill-Neck Lizards, a range of Geckos, Lizards, Snakes and much more! Upon arrival, you'll be taken on a **30-Minute Guided Informative Tour** of the venue, during which you will have the opportunity to (if you wish) have a 'hands-on' experience with some of the animals. During your visit, you'll experience the Gecko Cave, which was opened in 2006, with the aid of a Grant from the Federal Government's Australian Tourism Development Program. It took Erica and Murray, from Nature Themes, almost five weeks to construct the interior of the Gecko Cave. The individual enclosures were transformed into amazing mini habitats by Justin Rutherford, using Universal Rock, extruded PVC photographic prints, and natural materials. The naturally styled enclosures house numerous Gecko species from the Alice Springs region, Barkly and the Top End. Prior to departing from the complex at around 4.45pm, you'll have time to stroll around the Gift Shop. You'll return to the Resort at around 5.00pm. After having time to relax and freshen up, you'll make your way into the Resort's **Barra on Todd Restaurant**, where you'll sit down to a delicious **Three-Course Alternate Drop Dinner**. The menu for tonight's dinner will not be available until the middle of 2018. It will be posted out to you about one month prior to the departure of the tour. This will allow you to ascertain if there is anything on the menu that you are unable to eat and, if so, for a suitable alternative to be organised. Following Dinner, Self-Serve Tea & Coffee will be available.

### Day 4: Thursday 13 September 2018 – Alice Springs, Stuarts Well Roadhouse, Erdunda Roadhouse, Kings Creek Station, Kings Canyon

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Breakfast, Two-Course Banquet-Style Dinner & 4.5-Star Accommodation*

This morning, between 6.30am and 7.45am, you'll enjoy a **Full Hot & Cold Breakfast** in the Resort's **Barra on Todd Restaurant**, before departing from the Resort, and Alice Springs, at around 8.15am, for the all-day drive to Kings Canyon. After heading south-west out of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway, you'll arrive at **Stuarts Well Roadhouse** at around 9.30am. Upon arrival, you'll have around 45 minutes to stretch your legs and, if you choose, to enjoy some refreshments. You'll depart from the Roadhouse at around 10.15am, and head south to the **Erdunda Roadhouse**, arriving there at around 11.45am. Upon arrival, you'll have nearly an hour to purchase some refreshments and take a look around, before reboarding the coach at around 12.35pm. After departing from this Roadhouse, you'll head west on the Lasseter Highway for around 90 minutes, before turning right into Luritja Road, to head north-west towards **Kings Creek Station**. You'll travel on Luritja Road for nearly two hours, before arriving at the Station. Upon arrival, you'll have around 45 minutes to stretch your legs, and enjoy some refreshments in the Station's café, before reboarding the coach to head to **Kings Canyon Resort**, which will be your home for the next two nights. After arriving at this lovely resort at around 5.00pm, you'll make your way straight to your 4.5-star rated room, complete with ensuite bathroom, featuring a shower over a bath. **Please Note:** there are no walk-in showers available in this Resort, except in the two available disabled access rooms. Upon both arrival and departure from the Resort you won't have to worry about your luggage, as porters have been organised to convey your luggage between the coach and your room. After having time to unpack, relax and freshen up, you'll make your way into **Carmichael's Restaurant**, where you will sit down to a **Two-Course Two-Choice Banquet-Style Dinner**. The menu for tonight's dinner will not be available until the middle of 2018. It will be posted out to you about one month prior to the departure of the tour. This will allow you to ascertain if there is anything on the menu that you are unable to eat and, if so, for a suitable alternative to be organised.

### Day 5: Friday 14 September 2018 – Kings Canyon Area

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Breakfast, 1.5-Hour Guided Kings Creek Walk, 1-Hour Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience, Two-Course Banquet-Style Dinner & 4.5-Star Accommodation*

This morning, between 6.30am and 8.00am, you'll enjoy a **Full Hot & Cold Breakfast** in the Resort's **Carmichael's Restaurant**, before boarding the coach for the 10-minute drive to **Kings Canyon**. Kings Canyon is part of the Watarrka National Park, and sits at the western end of the George Gill Range. The red sandstone walls of the Canyon tower over 100 metres above Kings Creek, which runs through the floor of the Canyon. Upon arrival, you'll be met by a Tour Guide, who will take you on the **1.5-Hour Guided Kings Creek Walk**. For this walk, you will need to come equipped with two bottles of water, a wide-brimmed hat, sunscreen, and comfortable hiking or walking shoes. This 1.5 kilometre (return) walking path, adjacent to Kings Creek, will take you deep into the floor of the Canyon, where you will be rewarded with some spectacular views along the way. The walk will be conducted at a slow pace, and along the way, you'll find a spot or two to sit and relax, whilst taking in the plant and bird life that flourishes in the relatively cool and moist environment, compared to that of the surrounding desert. The Park Service has spent a lot of money on making this walk as easy as possible, with the first few hundred metres being wheelchair friendly. At the end of the Creek Walk, you'll have time to sit and relax, and take in the stunning surroundings, before retracing the route back to the carpark, to reboard the coach. On a hot day the Canyon floor is the place to be with tall trees and plenty of shade. This sheltered environment

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will help make wildlife spotting easier too. The walk has been arranged to occur between 8.30am and 10.00am, to ensure that you have left the area before the afternoon heat arrives. If it has rained just prior to your visit, the creek may be flowing, and there will be small waterholes, and the place will be alive with flowering plants and birds. After arriving back to the Resort at around 10.15am, you'll have around three hours of **Free Time** to do as you please – head back to your room for a rest, take a stroll around the Resort, enjoy a swim in the Resort's pool, play a game of tennis, go for a helicopter ride (based close to the Resort), enjoy lunch in the Bistro, have a drink in the Thirsty Dingo Bar, or visit the adjacent Petrol Station and Souvenir Shop, where you can purchase pies, sausage rolls, freshly-made sandwiches, tea, coffee and cold drinks. At 1.15pm, you'll reboard the coach for the 30-minute journey to the small Aboriginal Community of **Wanmarra** (population 10). Upon arrival, you'll experience the **1-Hour Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience**. During the experience, you'll witness spear and boomerang displays, learn about bush tucker and medicine, learn about the Aboriginal language, view a dot painting demonstration, learn about traditional necklace making and music stick making, view a wood artifact display, and learn about local plant and birdlife. Following the tour, you'll have time to view and purchase local Aboriginal arts and crafts. You'll depart from the Community at around 3.15pm, to make the 10-minute journey to **Kings Creek Station**, where you'll have time to enjoy some refreshments and stretch your legs, before heading back to the Resort. After returning to the Resort at around 5.00pm, you'll have around an hour to relax and freshen up, before heading to the Resort's **Sunset Viewing Platform**, where you'll have a wonderful view of the setting sun, as it dips behind Carmichael's Crag and the George Gill Range, and watch the spellbinding changing colours of the sandstone and sky, before the night stars appear. It is a must do experience! The mesmerizing shift of red, orange and pink colours is sure to create a memory that will last for a lifetime. After the sun sets at 6.37pm, you'll stroll back to the Resort's **Carmichael's Restaurant** by 7.00pm, where you'll sit down to a **Two-Course Two-Choice Banquet-Style Dinner**. The menu for tonight's dinner will not be available until the middle of 2018. It will be posted out to you about one month prior to the departure of the tour. This will allow you to ascertain if there is anything on the menu that you are unable to eat and, if so, for a suitable alternative to be organised.

### Day 6: Saturday 15 September 2018 – Kings Canyon, the Olgas, Yulara

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Entry into Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Two-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner & 4.5-Star Accommodation*

After enjoying a **Full Hot & Cold Breakfast** in the Resort's **Carmichael's Restaurant** between 6.00am and 7.15am, you'll depart from the Resort at around 7.45am, to head to Yulara, near Uluru (formerly known as Ayers Rock), where you'll stay for the next two nights. At around 10.45am you'll arrive at **Curtain Springs Station**, where you'll have around 45 minutes to stretch your legs and enjoy some refreshments in the Station's café. After departing from the Station at around 11.30am, you'll head straight to **Yulara Town Centre**; arriving there at around 12.30pm. You'll have around an hour to visit one of the town's eating establishments for lunch, before reboarding the coach at around 1.30pm, to head into the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, for your visit to **The Olgas** for the afternoon. This geological formation is made up of 36 separate rock mounds, although they are thought to once have been one huge piece of rock, much like Ayers Rock, that has weathered over millions of years. The Olgas lay 35kms west of Ayers Rock, along Lasseter Highway, and have a slightly different make-up to their better-known neighbour. The highest point is Mount Olga, rising to 546m above the ground; some 200 metres higher than Ayers Rock. The circumference of this striking rock formation is around 22 kilometres, which is over double the circumference to that of Ayers Rock, which is around 10 kilometres. There are a variety of walks to be enjoyed, stretching from just 600m to over seven kilometres. The Walpa Gorge walk, at 2.6kms, is one of the easiest and most popular. Known as Kata Tjuta to the local Aboriginals, ceremonies are often staged here at night. During your visit to The Olgas, you'll have the opportunity to not only take photos from one or two popular vantage points, but, also, to do one or two of the easier walks amongst the rocks, including the walks through Walpa Gorge and Valley of the Winds. After spending the afternoon visiting The Olgas, you'll return to the township of Yulara, where you'll check into the beautiful 4.5-star rated **Desert Gardens Resort**. This newly renovated Resort, consisting of 218 elegant guestrooms, set among an oasis of native gardens and towering Eucalyptus trees, will be your home for the next two nights. Again, upon both arrival and departure from the Resort you won't have to worry about your luggage, as porters have been organised to convey your luggage between the coach and your room. After arriving at the Resort at around 5.30pm, you'll have time to unpack and freshen up, before making your way into the **Arnguli Grill & Restaurant**, where you'll sit down to a delicious **Two-Course Alternate Drop Dinner**. The menu for tonight's dinner will not be available until the middle of 2018. It will be posted out to you about one month prior to the departure of the tour. This will allow you to ascertain if there is anything on the menu that you are unable to eat and, if so, for a suitable alternative to be organised.

### Day 7: Sunday 16 September 2018 – Yulara, Uluru, Yulara

**Inclusions:** *Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Entry into Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, Two-Course Alternate-Drop Dinner & 4.5-Star Accommodation*

This morning you have the option of an early rise and boarding the coach at around 5.45am, to head to **Uluru (Ayer's Rock)**, to view the sunrise. You'll arrive at the **Ayers Rock Sunrise Viewing Platform** at around 6.20am, and claim your position to view the sunrise at 6.43am. After viewing the sunrise, you'll return to the Resort at around 7.30am, where you can enjoy your **Full Hot & Cold Breakfast** anytime between 7.30am and 9.30am. If you don't wish to view the sunrise, you can make your way to Breakfast anytime between 7.00am and 9.30am. Following Breakfast, you'll depart from the Resort at around 9.35am, to head back to Ayers Rock, where you'll arrive at the **Kuniya Carpark** at around 10.00am. Upon arrival, you'll have around an hour to make your way along the specially constructed disabled-access pathway to the nearby **Mutitjulu Waterhole**, where the Aborigines from this region believe is the home of a **Wanampi** - an ancestral watersnake. Situated on the eastern side base of Ayers Rock, this unusually shaped waterhole is much more than a hole filled with water. It is a thirst-quenching hotspot for many of the area's animals and birds, such as finches, nankeen kestrels, black-breasted buzzards, tawny frogmouths, and many more! Be sure to bring your camera with you – there are sure to be some picturesque scenes to be captured! After reboarding the coach at around 11.00am, you'll make the short 5-minute journey to the **Uluru Walking Point Carpark**. After arriving at this Carpark, you'll have around an hour to set off on a specially constructed pathway to explore the scenery along the base of the Rock. You'll stroll through Acacia woodlands and grass claypans. Along the way you'll see a wide and diverse variety of plants, a range of intriguing and interesting geological features, and if you're lucky, you may see some of the resident wildlife. You won't have time to walk around the Rock, as that takes several hours, however, you'll have time to make your way along the pathway for around 30 minutes, before retracing your tracks back to the Carpark. After departing from the Carpark at around 12.25pm, you'll head to the nearby **Uluru Cultural Centre**. This complex opened in 1995, and was constructed using a large range of natural products, including 90,000 mud bricks, made from local soil, white cypress pine poles, from southwest Queensland and northwest New South Wales, Victorian yellow stringy bark cladding and paneling, western red cedar door and window frames, bloodwood roof shingles from New South Wales, grey ironbark bearers and joists, copper roof shingles, and grey ironbark floorboards in Walkatjara Art. After arriving at the Centre, you'll learn about the history and culture of the local Anangu people (be sure to grab a visitor guide to further enhance your experience), and you'll visit the Walkatjara Art outlet, which is owned and managed by local artists from Mutitjulu. They'll have a range of quality artworks, ceramics, and other merchandise for sale, all with local designs. Before departing from the Centre, be sure to also visit the Maruku shop, which stocks a wide range of wooden tools, artifacts, boomerangs, paintings, jewellery and other products, hand-crafted by the Anangu artists from the Central Western Desert region. After departing from the Centre at around 1.15pm, you'll head back to **Yulara Town Centre**, where you'll have time to enjoy lunch in one of the Town's eating venues, before having a **Free Afternoon** to do

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as you please in the Town Centre or in the nearby Resorts. During your free afternoon, you'll have a number of options to help you fill in the time. You may just wish to relax in your room, go for a swim in the pool, play a game of tennis at the nearby Sails in the Desert Resort, take a helicopter ride, or go for a camel ride. You may wish to, instead, visit the nearby Mulgara Gallery. This exciting Gallery opens a window into the unique world of Australian and Indigenous arts and crafts. It offers a superb selection of original dot-paintings, artworks, hand-crafted glassware, jewellery, pottery, textiles, metal and leather-work. It also showcases a range of Central Australian Indigenous art, representing the many different regional styles. You could also visit Mingkiri Arts and Wintjiri Arts & Museum. These two shops are situated inside the Desert Gardens Resort, where you are staying. Mingkiri Arts offers an extensive range of Australian hand-crafted glassware, jewellery, pottery, zebra rock, and Central Australian Indigenous artworks. Wintjiri Arts & Museum showcases local Anangu products, including jewellery, postcards, cushions, textiles, kitchen ware, and much more! At certain times there is an Artist in Residence present in the shop. The Resort's highly successful 'Artist in Residence' program selects Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australian artists and craftspeople to take up residence for a month at a time to create art pieces in situ, and to exhibit and sell their work. The program showcases a diverse range of mediums and creative responses to the unique location of the Red Centre, and provides a special opportunity to meet and watch these talented artists at work. At 6.00pm you'll reboard the coach, to be conveyed to the **Uluru Sunset Viewing Area**. Uluru is famous the world over for its spectacular sunrises and sunsets. Watch as the rock changes colour before your very eyes. Tonight's sunset will occur at 6.40pm. After viewing the sunset, you'll head back to the Resort. After returning to the Resort at around 7.20pm, you'll make your way straight into the **Arrnguli Grill & Restaurant**, where you'll sit down to a delicious **Two-Course Alternate Drop Dinner**. The menu for tonight's dinner will not be available until the middle of 2018. It will be posted out to you about one month prior to the departure of the tour. This will allow you to ascertain if there is anything on the menu that you are unable to eat and, if so, for a suitable alternative to be organised.

### Day 8: Monday 17 September 2018 – Yulara, Alice Springs, Melbourne, Canberra

**Inclusions:** Full Hot & Cold Buffet Breakfast, Qantas Flight from Yulara to Alice Springs, Qantas Flight from Alice Springs to Melbourne, Qantas Flight from Melbourne to Canberra

After enjoying a **Full Hot & Cold Breakfast** in the Resort's **Carmichael's Restaurant** between 6.00am and 8.00am, your luggage will be collected from your room between 8.15am and 8.30am, and loaded onto the coach. You'll depart from the Resort at around 8.45am. After departing from the Resort, you'll be conveyed straight to **Yulara Airport**. At 10.30am you'll depart on a Qantas aircraft for the short flight to Alice Springs. Upon arrival in Alice Springs, you'll have time to relax and enjoy some refreshments at the Airport, before departing on the 12.40pm Qantas flight to Melbourne. This flight is scheduled to arrive in Melbourne at 3.45pm. After having time to stretch your legs and enjoy some refreshments, you'll then board the 4.40pm Qantas flight to Canberra. After arriving in Canberra at around 5.45pm, your transport will be waiting to convey you back to where you joined the tour last Monday morning.

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**SINGLE - \$5090.00 PP TWIN SHARE/DOUBLE - \$4070.00 PP TRIPLE SHARE - \$3830.00 PP**

(INCLUDING GST)

#### INCLUSIONS

QANTAS FLIGHTS: CANBERRA TO SYDNEY, SYDNEY TO ALICE SPRINGS,  
PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF FROM OUTSIDE OR CLOSE TO YOUR HOME\*  
\*(THIS SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO MOST PEOPLE RESIDING IN CANBERRA & QUEANBEYAN)  
5-STAR LUXURY COACH TRAVEL IN CENTRAL AUSTRALIA  
4-STAR ACCOMMODATION (MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY),  
4.5-STAR ACCOMMODATION (THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY),  
FULL HOT & COLD BREAKFAST (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY, MONDAY),  
THREE-COURSE ALTERNATE-DROP DINNER (MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY),  
TWO-COURSE BANQUET DINNER (THURSDAY, FRIDAY),  
TWO-COURSE ALTERNATE DROP DINNER (SATURDAY, SUNDAY),  
90-MINUTE GUIDED INFORMATIVE TOUR OF ALICE SPRINGS (MONDAY),  
ENTRY & 30-MINUTE GUIDED TOUR AT ALICE SPRINGS TELEGRAPH STATION (MONDAY)  
MORNING TEA (TUESDAY), ENTRY TO STANDLEY CHASM (TUESDAY), LUNCH (TUESDAY),  
ENTRY & 2.5-HOUR GUIDED TOUR OF ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK (WEDNESDAY),  
ENTRY & 30-MINUTE GUIDED TOUR OF ALICE SPRINGS REPTILE CENTRE (WEDNESDAY)  
ENTRY & HOLOGRAM MOVIE AT THE ROYAL FLYING DOCTOR SERVICE (WEDNESDAY),  
1.5-HOUR GUIDED KINGS CREEK WALK (FRIDAY), 1-HOUR KARRKE ABORIGINAL CULTURAL EXPERIENCE (FRIDAY),  
THREE-DAY ENTRY PASS INTO ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK,  
QANTAS FLIGHTS: YULARA TO ALICE SPRINGS, ALICE SPRINGS TO MELBOURNE, MELBOURNE TO CANBERRA

**TO BOOK TO TRAVEL ON THIS EXCITING TOUR,  
PLEASE CALL PHILLIP OR KAREN**

ON

**4868 2263 OR 0438 682 263**

# BOOKING & PAYMENT PROCEDURE

## POSSIBLE DEPARTURE POINTS

MOST PASSENGERS LIVING IN CANBERRA AND QUEANBEYAN WILL BE COLLECTED FROM EITHER OUTSIDE OR CLOSE TO THEIR HOME IF YOU DECIDE TO BOOK ON THE TOUR, PLEASE CALL US TO DISCUSS WHERE YOU'D PREFER TO BOARD THE COACH TO JOIN THIS TOUR THE DEPARTURE TIMES WILL DEPEND ON THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED DEPARTURE POINTS, BUT IT IS EXPECTED THAT MOST PASSENGERS WILL BE COLLECTED BETWEEN 5.00AM AND 6.00AM

## PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS FOR THIS TOUR

THERE ARE ONLY 40 PLACES AVAILABLE ON THIS TOUR. CONSEQUENTLY, TO AVOID MISSING OUT TRAVELLING ON THIS TOUR, WE SUGGEST YOU BOOK EARLY.

THIS TOUR HAS ALSO BEEN OFFERED TO RESIDENTS ON OUR MAIL-OUT LIST IN SYDNEY AND THE CENTRAL COAST REGION.

YOU WILL NOTE THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR THIS TOUR.

THESE SPECIAL PAYMENT CONDITIONS ARE DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE REQUIRED TO FORWARD SUBSTANTIAL DEPOSITS FOR THE FLIGHTS, COACH HIRE, ACCOMMODATION, DINNERS, AND OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE TOUR

1. Ring to book your seat, or seats, on this tour by Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018. If, when you ring to book, the tour is already full, your booking will be placed on a standby list to await any cancellations.
2. The first deposit of \$500.00 per person must be received by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018.

### PAYMENT METHODS

- Cheque
- Money Order
- Bank Transfer
- Visa or Mastercard - PLEASE NOTE: Credit Card payments attracts a 1.85% processing fee.

To pay the required deposits and the final tour payment by credit card, please call 4868 2263.

To pay the required deposits and the final tour payment by bank transfer, please call 4868 2263 to obtain our bank account details.

To pay the required deposits and the final tour payment by cheque or money order, please make the cheque or money order payable to **Out & About Day Tours**, and address your envelope to:

**OUT & ABOUT DAY TOURS**

**PO BOX 369**

**MOSS VALE NSW 2577**

2. The second deposit of \$1500.00 per person must be received by Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, 2018.
3. The balance owing for each passenger must be received by Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2018
4. If you pay the required deposits and the balance owing by cheque or money order, please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with each of your payments to enable the post of a receipt for each of the payments.
5. If you pay the required deposits and the balance owing by cheque or money order, enclose a list of all the names and required departure points of any passengers that you have included in your booking.

**A RECEIPT FOR THE FIRST AND SECOND DEPOSIT PAYMENTS WILL BE POSTED OUT TO YOU WITHIN FOURTEEN DAYS OF THE CLOSING DATE FOR EACH OF THESE PAYMENTS**

**A RECEIPT FOR THE FINAL TOUR PAYMENT WILL BE POSTED OUT TO ARRIVE TO YOU ABOUT SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE TOUR**

## BOOKING TERMS & CONDITIONS - APPLICABLE TO ALL PERSONS WHO BOOK ON AND PAY TO TRAVEL ON THIS TOUR

If a person has paid the required first deposit of \$500.00, and the person cancels their booking between Friday 27 April 2018 and Friday 22 June 2018, the person will only be eligible for a refund of \$250.00. The remaining \$250.00 will be retained by the aforementioned establishments and businesses

If a person cancels their booking after Friday 22 June 2018, the required first deposit will not be refunded.

If a person has paid the required second deposit of \$1500.00, and the person cancels their booking between Friday 22 June 2018 and Friday 10 August 2018, the person will only be eligible for a refund of \$750.00. The remaining \$750.00 will be retained by the aforementioned establishments.

After Friday 10 August 2018, all money paid will be deemed totally non-refundable.

**If a person cancels their booking on this tour for whatever reason, any payments made by the person for this tour cannot be transferred to another tour.**

**Money will not be refunded to any person who cancels their booking or who is unable to travel on the tour after Friday 10 August 2018, for whatever reason.**

**If you are concerned about losing money paid for this tour, due to having to cancel your booking, or for being unable to travel on the tour, for whatever reason, Out & About Day Tours recommends for you to take out Travel Insurance.**

**Travel Insurance companies such as NRMA, Cover-More, One Cover, Budget Direct and others, may offer travel insurance for tours such as this.**

**The cost of travel insurance normally ranges between \$50.00 to \$200.00, depending on the passenger's age, health conditions, and required length of cover.**

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours) reserves the right to cancel this tour if an insufficient number of passenger bookings are received. In the event of this occurring, passengers will be notified of this decision by either mail or telephone.

Should this occur, all fares remitted by passengers will be fully refunded within seven (7) days of the tour being cancelled.

Whilst Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees will take all reasonable steps to provide an enjoyable tour, there is no acceptance for any liability for any loss of enjoyment experienced by passengers due to circumstances beyond its control.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees will utilise the services provided by operators of coach tour companies and businesses, resorts, hotels, motels, restaurants, coffee shops, clubs, boats, steam trains, and other tourism related companies, businesses and outlets, and whilst Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees takes all reasonable care in selecting these operators, it cannot accept responsibility for the conduct of these operators, their representatives or employees, or any ramifications of that conduct.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees reserves the right to alter or omit any part of the tour itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances, or in the event of inclement weather or environmental conditions.

Any changes to the itinerary will be decided by the tour organiser in consultation with the Coach Driver, either prior to, or on the day of the tour.

Southern Highlands Promotions & Tours Pty Ltd (trading as Out & About Day Tours), its Operators, Employers, Employees or any associated agents or party shall not in any circumstances be held liable for any property loss or damage, or personal injury.

Menu choices, itineraries and other components of this tour may change due to circumstances beyond the control of Out & About Day Tours.

If this should occur, passengers will be advised of any changes.

**By booking on this tour, it is deemed that you unreservedly agree with the Booking Terms & Conditions as set out above.**