



Pre / Post Touring Itinerary
Uluru, Australia





Destination



Monthly Average Maximum

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

Uluru

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

Arrive Ayers Rock

On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport your driver will meet you for your complimentary transfer to Sails in the Desert Hotel.

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.

Dinner at leisure

Accommodation: Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort

Guests will slip right into comfort and luxury in the heart of the central Australian outback at Sails in the Desert Hotel. Relax in spacious, airy and exquisitely furnished rooms, enjoy a cocktail in the beautiful grounds, or sit back and relax under the magnificent white sails that give the hotel its name.

Never in their wildest dreams could those early explorers have imagined such comfort, such luxury, right in the heart of the outback. Sails in the Desert are an art, history and culture theme Resort depicted through the stunning architecture and decor of the deluxe accommodation, Aboriginal artefacts and landscaped terraces

Day One





Day Two

Desert Awakenings 4WD Tour

Experience the tranquillity of the pre-dawn land under a canopy of stars. Then watch the amazing transformation of colours and life as the desert awakens with Uluru and Kata Tjuta as your backdrop. Travel away from the crowds to a secluded sand dune to watch the spectacular sight of sunrise over Uluru and Kata Tjuta. In the company of your expert guide and with no more than 11 other passengers, Desert Awakenings is designed to introduce you to the natural and cultural landscapes of this remarkable region.

Sunrise and bushman's breakfast. You arrive at your private dune top viewing area well before the sun breaches the horizon. As your traditional bushman's breakfast is being prepared over the fire, your guide will explain the retreating star scape above. Enjoy a cup of Billy Tea and Damper as you watch the sunrise over Uluru and the vast landscape stretching as far as the eye can see. After breakfast your guide will explain the natural history of the region, and as the daylight reveals the myriad of animal tracks in the sand an insight into what activity took place during the night.

Cultural Centre and Uluru. Next depart for Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and the first stop is the Cultural Centre, a vibrant and engaging place of learning where the local lore of the Anangu (Aboriginal people) is explained in detail. Next stop is Uluru (Ayers Rock) where you can take a short walk into Mutitjulu waterhole. A visit here will help appreciate its cathedral like proportions and why it is such a powerful and spiritual place for visitors and Anangu alike. A guide will explain some of the rock paintings and some of the stories from the creation period as told by the Anangu people.

Outback Sounds of Silence Dinner

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

Accommodation: Sails in the Desert Hotel



Depart Ayers Rock

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

Day Three



Price and Inclusions

The above tour is priced at AUD\$1100.00 per person

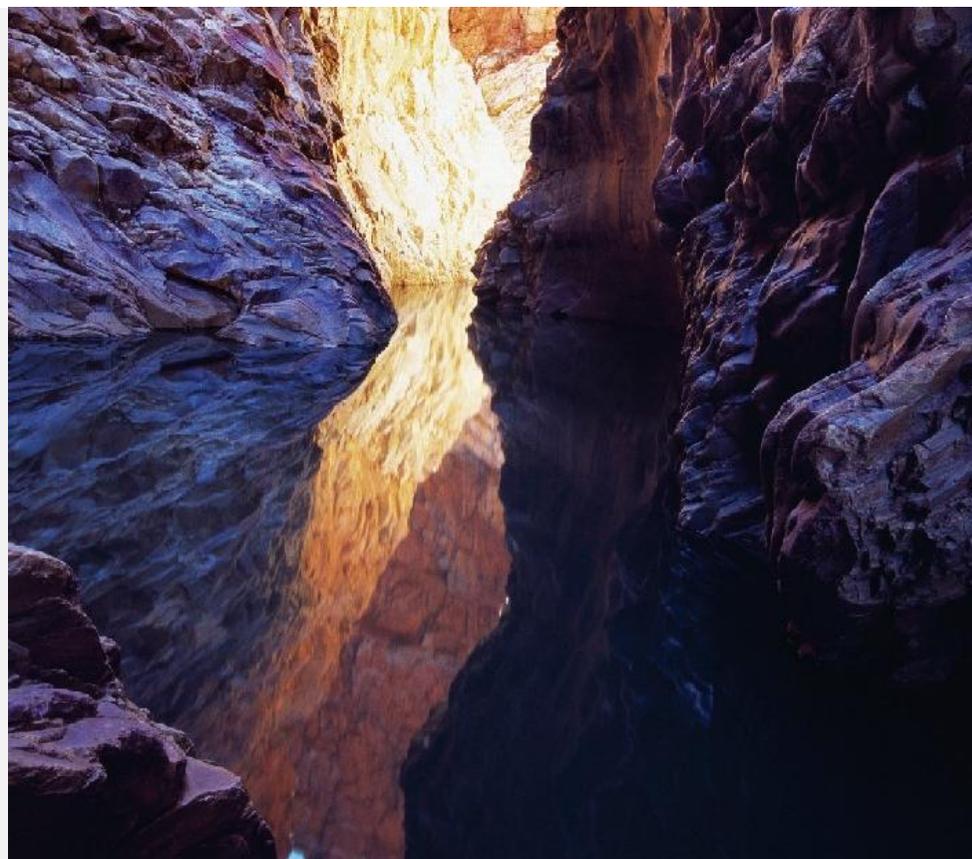
* Price based on minimum 2 persons, twin share

Tour includes:

- 2 nights accommodation at Sails in the Desert Hotel in a Standard Room
- Picnic Breakfast on Day 2
- Full Breakfast on Day 3
- Complimentary Shuttle Transfers to and from Ayers Rock Airport
- Kata Tjuta and Dunes Tour
- Desert Awakenings
- Sounds of Silence Dinner
- National Park Entry Ticket

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** Ayers Rock.
- Travel can be booked through your Travel Agent, or on line with the following domestic airlines:
www.qantas.com.au
www.virginaustralia.com.au
- Please provide your flight details as soon as these have been confirmed. Please also provide your hotel details in Sydney.



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