



Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park - Living Cultural Landscape



Katherine Gorge  
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# 9 Day 'Cloud 9' Alice Springs <> Darwin

## Highlights

- Uluru (Ayers Rock)
- Aboriginal Guided Mala Walk ^
- Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
- Kings Canyon
- Tennant Creek
- Devils Marbles
- Mataranka Springs
- Katherine Gorge
- Litchfield National Park
- Wildlife Boat Cruise
- Aboriginal Cultural Experience
- Twin and Jim Jim Falls
- Aboriginal Rock Art
- Kakadu National Park

## Optional Activities (paid locally in AUD\$ from)

Camel Ride	\$5
Helicopter Flight	\$50-\$400
Kings Creek Station	
Harley Davidson Ride (Uluru)	\$90-\$345
Helicopter Flight (Uluru)	\$120-\$260
Katherine Gorge Canoe	\$35-\$45
Katherine Gorge Cruise	\$60
Helicopter Flight (Katherine Gorge)	\$75-\$350



Kings Canyon



Upper Edith Falls

### Day 1 : Alice Springs – Kata Tjuta – Uluru

**Pick up from overnight pre-tour dorm accommodation (included).**

Your adventure begins atop a camel! Our first stop is the Outback Camel Farm where you can choose to ride on one of these desert giants (at own expense). From here it's off to Uluru (Ayers Rock). Kata Tjuta will fascinate you, and you will get up close to the majestic features of this ancient geological formation during the Valley of the Winds hike. You'll be mesmerised as the desert sun sets over Uluru, and as the night grows darker, curl up in your swag (Aussie bedroll) under millions of stars. (LD)

### Day 2 : Uluru to Kings Canyon

It's an early start this morning, but you'll be rewarded with a glorious Uluru sunrise. While the morning's fresh (and your legs are too!) enjoy an unguided walk around the base of Uluru. You will then deepen your understanding of the land and the Mala people as you take a cultural interpretive walk with an Aboriginal guide (and interpreter). Explore the many caves of the Mala people, learning how they lived and prepared for ceremonies. Your Aboriginal guide will also share the sensitive story of the Mala people who lived at Uluru with their friend the Itjariitjari (marsupial mole). There is also a visit to sacred Kantju Gorge, a quiet water hole at the base of a dramatic rock face. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to purchase Aboriginal arts and crafts at the Cultural Centre before we travel to our exclusive campsite within the Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon) where we sleep for the night. (BLD)

### Day 3 : Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

Get your hiking shoes on today as we head out to explore the impressive formations which make up Kings Canyon. You'll be left breathless by the sheer beauty of the canyon as we trek through the Amphitheatre, the Lost City, the lush and ancient Garden of Eden and the North and South Walls. After lunch take a well earned rest as we travel back to Alice Springs. (BL) **Overnight dorm accommodation is included.**

### Day 4 : Alice Springs to Tennant Creek

We pass by the Tropic of Capricorn then stop at the Barrow Creek Pub, home to a telegraph station – catch a glimpse of what outback telecommunication used to be like! Precariously balanced on their rocky perch are the Devils Marbles, a site sacred to its traditional owners. Last stop for today is our private campsite near Tennant Creek. (LD)

### Day 5 : Tennant Creek to Katherine Gorge

No visit to the Top End would be complete without a visit to the famed Daly Waters pub, a quintessential outback roadhouse and 'watering hole' for travellers from far and wide. Mataranka lies in the heart of the 'never-never', and you'll feel a million miles from anywhere as you soak in the steamy thermal springs. As the day draws to a close, we reach our overnight camp near Katherine Gorge. (BLD)

## SAVE!

**SAVE UP TO AUD\$340 WITH THIS PACKAGE**  
3 nights dorm accommodation is included!

### Day 6 : Katherine Gorge to Darwin

The gorge is all yours this morning, with a half day to spend canoeing or cruising (at own expense and seasonal) the spectacular waters. Want to see more? Jump aboard a helicopter flight (at own expense) which will take you high above the vast gorge system. We'll head to Darwin after a stop at idyllic Edith Falls. (BL) **Overnight dorm accommodation is included.**

### Day 7 : Darwin to Mary River

A refreshing start to your day checking out the waterfalls of Litchfield National Park. Travel west into Woolna Country and receive a Cul Cul or unique 'Welcome to Country' by the traditional owners of the land, the Limilngan – Wulna people. Experience the local Aboriginal culture including cooking bush tucker, playing the didgeridoo, basket weaving and spear throwing. To finish the day we head to the spectacular Mary River Wetlands, where birds aren't the only wildlife abundant; keep a watch for lurking crocodiles on our private river cruise! A secluded campsite in the Mary River region is where we'll stay tonight. (LD)

### Day 8 : Mary River to Kakadu

Discover ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr and clamber to the top of a rocky lookout for fabulous views over the Nardab floodplain. Next it's on to Maguk (Barramundi Gorge) where a hike is rewarded with a reviving swim in the plunge pools. Tonight we stay at our permanent camp within Kakadu National Park. (BLD)

### Day 9 : Kakadu to Darwin

Get ready for some 4WD action today on our way to Jim Jim Falls! Once we get there, we'll hike to the base of the falls before continuing on to Twin Falls. Feel the beauty of the stunning gorge and powerful falls from the National Park operated boat and boardwalk experience. The impressive scenery will continue to amaze you as we journey back to Darwin in the afternoon. (BL)

**Bring:** Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), hat, sunscreen, towel and toiletries, swimming gear, warm clothing in winter, water bottle, torch, insect repellent/net, camera, pillow and sleeping bag (can be hired for AUD\$20).

**Included:** Experienced guides, meals as indicated, Aboriginal guided Mala walk ^, accommodation transfers, camping fees and equipment and overnight dorm accommodation.

**Note:** Please note this package is made up of three individual tours; therefore you may travel with a different guide and passengers during each section. Tropical Summer Program applies Nov/Dec to May, refer page 15 for details. ^Mala walk is not available 25 Dec & 01 Jan.

## 9 DAYS

(\$AUD)  
**\$1432<sup>-50</sup>**

Includes \$50 (year round) & \$12.50 (dry season) park fees paid locally

### Departs

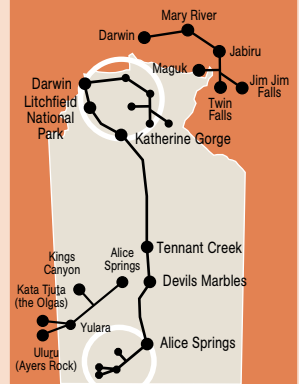
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  - 29JUL-31OCT .....Mon Tue Thu Sat
  - 01NOV-31MAR .....Mon Thu Sat

### Finishes

Darwin accommodation early evening Day 9

Tour operates in reverse Please refer to page 22

**Max. People** 16 / 24



Tour Code: C9AD