

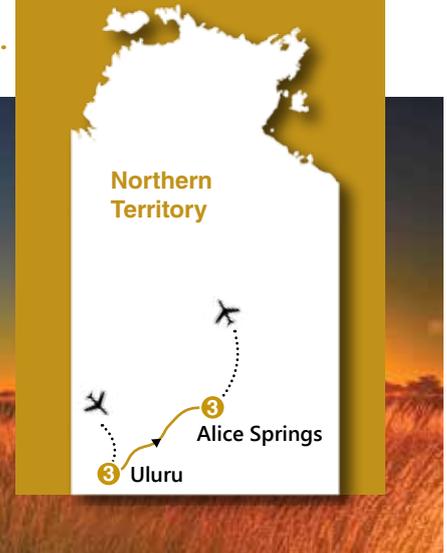
The Red Centre - Uluru and Alice Springs

..... Including Field of Light

7 days, departs Jul 01

Tour Highlights

- Uluru and Kata Tjuta
- Field of Light
- Sounds of Silence Dinner
- Royal Flying Doctor Service
- Alice Springs Desert Park
- West MacDonnell Ranges



Uluru at Sunset

Day 1 (L,D) HOME, AYERS ROCK RESORT

Our Red Centre adventure begins as we fly into Ayers Rock Airport and transfer to our home for three nights, the 5 Star Sails in the Desert Hotel. Some time to unpack and explore prior to a chance to get to know our fellow travellers over afternoon tea. Those who wish have the opportunity to view the sunset over Uluru prior to dinner.

Day 2 (B,L,D) ULURU, FIELD OF LIGHT

Our morning is spent at the Uluru Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre where we learn of the Anangu people, the traditional owners of the region. Lunch here at the Ininti Café before we circumnavigate Uluru in our coach, making stops to admire the imposing monolith. Those who wish are also able to take an easy stroll right up to the base of the "Rock". Some time at leisure this afternoon.

Following dinner, a real highlight as we visit the Field of Light a breath-taking installation of over 50,000 frosted glass spheres that are illuminated each evening. An amazing sight.

Day 3 (B,L,D) KATA TJUTA (THE OLGAS), SOUNDS OF SILENCE

Kata Tjuta, also known as The Olgas, consists of 36 dome shaped rock formations spread over an area of over 20 kilometres. The second major landmark of the park, these domes reach up to 500 metres in height and have such a strong cultural significance for the local people that many of the legends surrounding the site have been kept secret. We view the area from two designated viewing sites (some easy paced walking required). Following a later lunch feel free to spend the afternoon at your leisure. Tonight we dine under the stars at the award winning Sounds of Silence Dinner. A memorable evening.

We journey into breath-taking Central Australia with 3 nights in both Uluru and Alice Springs. We explore ancient wonders, discover the legacy of our early settlers and appreciate how sacred this land is to our indigenous people. At Yulara we stay at the impressive 5 star Sails in the Desert Resort, tour the magnificent Uluru and Kata Tjuta, experience magical dining at the Sounds of Silence and stroll the illuminated Field of Light. Highlights of The Alice include the picturesque Simpson Gap and spectacular Standley Chasm.



Sounds of Silence Dinner



Simpsons Gap

All meals / most morning and afternoon teas

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Macdonnell Ranges - photo courtesy of Lawrence Murray

Day 4 (B,L,D) AYERS ROCK RESORT, ALICE SPRINGS

Departing Ayers Rock we take the short flight to Alice Springs, arriving in time for lunch. During the afternoon visit the new Royal Flying Doctor Service tourist facility. Later we arrive at our home for three nights, the Chifley Alice Springs Hotel, situated on the banks of the famous Todd River with its magnificent river red gums. Some time for a stroll through Todd Mall this afternoon.

Day 5 (B,L,D) ALICE SPRINGS, TELEGRAPH STATION, DESERT PARK, SOUNDS of STARLIGHT SHOW

This morning take in the panoramic view from Anzac Hill prior to visiting the Old Telegraph Station and gain a sense of the tyranny of distance facing those who established the telegraph line in the late 1800's. We arrive at the Alice Springs

Desert Park for lunch and then time to view the many wildlife exhibits. A special event tonight as we enjoy the Sounds of Starlight Theatre performance, a musical and visual journey of the outback.

Day 6 (B,L,D) WEST MACDONNELL RANGES

We spend today exploring the spectacular ancient landscape of the (Tjoritja) West MacDonnell Ranges. We pause at the John Flynn Memorial in memory of the missionary who founded the Royal Flying Doctor Service. View the picturesque Standley Chasm, an 80 metre chasm formed by flood waters over millions of years, the Ochre Pits, source of the coloured clays used by aboriginal people on ceremonial occasions, Ellery Creek Big Hole, a spectacular waterhole in the mighty Ellery Creek and Simpsons Gap, a prominent and significant waterhole in the Ranges.



Moloch horridus Devil, Alice Springs

Day 7 (B,L) ALICE SPRINGS, HOME

Our holiday draws to a close as we transfer to Alice Springs Airport for our homeward flights completing an awe-inspiring exploration of Central Australia.



Field of Light, Uluru

All prices are per person twin share

Tour Price*	\$4,775
Adelaide	\$5,875
Brisbane	\$5,875
Canberra	\$5,875
Hobart/Launceston	\$5,975
Melbourne	\$5,675
Perth**	\$6,020
Sydney	\$5,675
Single supplement	\$ 920

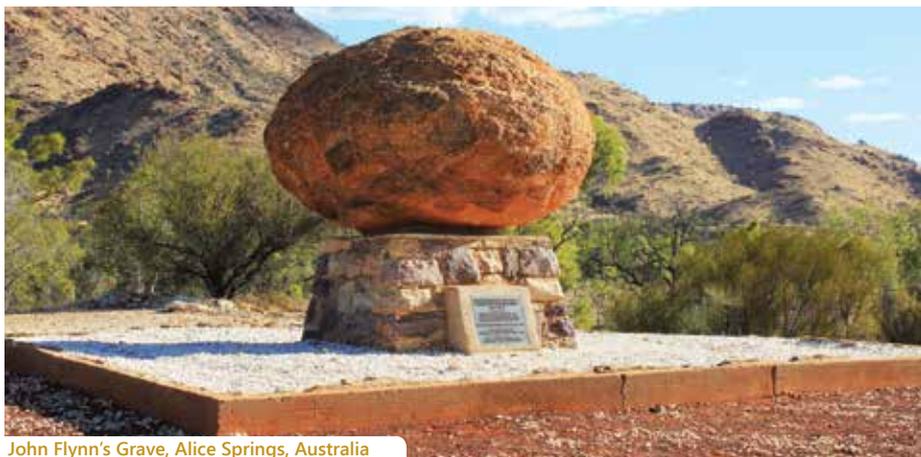
*Tour commences in Ayers Rock and ends in Alice Springs.

**Pre-tour overnight Alice Springs, includes airport transfers, dinner & breakfast.

Deposit of \$550 due within 7 days of booking, plus any additional deposit needed for non-refundable airfares.

Balance due 60 days prior to departure.

Prices from other cities available on application.



John Flynn's Grave, Alice Springs, Australia