

ULTIMATE JOURNEYS

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4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS



FULLY ESCORTED SMALL GROUP JOURNEY



Discover Australia's spiritual heart on this four-day Ultimate Uluru adventure. See majestic Uluru and the magnificent domes of Kata Tjuta from the ground and the air. Marvel at the changing colours of these sacred sites from sunrise to sunset. Wander through the stunning art installation, Field of Light, and experience fine dining under a canopy of stars at an exclusive welcome dinner. Hear the stories of the $A\underline{n}$ angu people and learn about their culture.

This fully escorted small group journey is the ultimate way to experience the magical beauty of Australia's Red Centre and make memories that will last a lifetime.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1: FRIDAY - WELCOME TO ULURU

Welcome to Uluru – the spiritual heart of Australia. You'll be met on arrival at Ayers Rock Airport and transferred to your hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax poolside or participate in one of the complimentary resort activities.

Tonight's exclusive welcome dinner is much more than a dining experience; it's a moment in time you will remember forever. Tali Wiru, meaning 'beautiful dune' in local Anangu language, encapsulates the magic of fine dining under the Southern Desert sky. The stillness of the desert at night creates a unique ambience, while views of Uluru and the distant domes of Kata Tjuta provide a stunning backdrop.

Sip champagne and nibble on canapes while watching a spectacular sunset to the haunting sounds of a didgeridoo performance.

Every course of this exclusive four-course dinner is infused with ancient native herbs and spices, constructed to respect, and put a spotlight on the quality and attributes of each ingredient, bringing them together in harmony. Dinner is accompanied by premium Australian wines while an indigenous storyteller shares the culture, history and spirituality of this beautiful land.

Overnight: Sails in the Desert

Meals: Dinner



DAY 2: SATURDAY – DESERT AWAKENINGS & SACRED SITES FLIGHT

Experience the tranquillity of the pre-dawn land under a canopy of stars and watch the amazing transformation of colours and life as the desert awakens. See Uluru up close and watch the distant domes of Kata Tjuta come into view as you enjoy a traditional Aussie breakfast complete with homemade damper. Your guide will explain the natural history of the region, and as daylight reveals the myriad of animal tracks in the sand, provide an insight into what activity took place during the night.

Once the sun is up, enjoy a guided tour at the base of Uluru. First stop is Kuniya, where you'll take a short walk to the Mutitjulu waterhole. Here, you will appreciate its cathedral like proportions and understand why it is such a powerful and spiritual place for visitors and the Anangu people alike. See rock paintings and listen to stories from the creation period as told by the Anangu people. Next stop is the Cultural Centre, a vibrant and engaging place of learning where the local lore of the Anangu is explained in detail.

On returning to the hotel, there's time to grab a bite to eat or perhaps take a refreshing swim in the pool before this afternoon's activity.

Get ready for the ultimate Uluru adventure and experience the true majesty of Uluru and Kata Tjuta from the air. Fly by Uluru and across to the spectacular domes of Kata Tjuta for a view that will leave you speechless. So much of these sacred sites is off-limits from the ground, so the only way to truly appreciate the vast size and amazing landscape is from the air. Your flight path will take you by Uluru and Kata Tjuta allowing you to capture amazing images and leave you with memories to last a lifetime.

Prior to dinner, enjoy a glass of sparkling wine as you undertake a private guided tour of the Gallery of Central Australia, featuring around 80 works of Indigenous art. Your guide will impart their in-depth knowledge of the region and the artwork of existing and emerging artists from the Central Australia region. After the tour, perhaps enjoy a pre-dinner drink in the Walpa Lobby Bar before a relaxed dining experience in Ilkari Restaurant. Relive the highlights of a remarkable day at Uluru with your fellow travelling companions as you enjoy three delicious courses, enlivened by Indigenous flavours.

Overnight: Sails in the Desert Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 3: SUNDAY – KATA TJUTA & A NIGHT AT FIELD OF LIGHT

An early start this morning to experience the magnificence of a Kata Tjuta sunrise. On arrival at the viewing area, walk to the best vantage point to see the 36 domes that comprise this spiritual place, watching as the sun's morning glow brings the desert to life.

The tour then heads to the western side of Kata Tjuta where you'll enjoy an outback picnic breakfast. Approaching the entrance to Walpa Gorge, named for the wind that whistles between the massive domes that shape Kata Tjuta, your guide will share the significance of this men's sacred ceremonial site. Take a stroll between the mighty conglomerate rock walls and learn how the environment and geology have evolved over millions of years.

Next stop is the Uluru Cultural Centre for a private dot painting workshop. Learn about traditional art, symbols, and tools from a local Anangu artist (and assisting interpreter). Get inspired by the ancient ways of the desert and create your very own work of art to treasure. Throughout the workshop, the artist will share a part of their culture with you and help you to better understand Aboriginal paintings and culture. The tour will return to the resort around 1pm.

Late afternoon, you'll be transferred to a remote desert location with majestic views of Uluru. As the sun sets on the horizon, enjoy gourmet canapés and chilled sparkling wine, and soak up the ambience of your last evening in the Red Centre.

As darkness falls, watch in awe from the top of your private dune as the coloured lights of 50,000 glass spheres gently come to life, then join your fellow travellers for an exceptional three-course menu infused with bush tucker flavours. As the night ignites with countless stars, settle back and listen to the resident star talker decode the southern night sky.

After dinner, immerse yourself in the stunning art installation, Field of Light, its pathways glistening softly with rhythms of coloured light, beckoning you to explore at your own pace.

Return to the hotel and reflect on a truly magical evening.

Overnight: Sails in the Desert Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 4: MONDAY - FAREWEL ULURU

Sadly, all good things must come to an end. Enjoy a final leisurely breakfast before transferring to the airport for your flight home.

Meals: Breakfast









PRICE PER PERSON:

Departures in 2022 Twin Share Sole Use 27 May \$2,599* \$3,799* 17 Jun, 29 Jul, 12 Aug, 9 Sep \$2,699* \$4,199*

INCLUSIONS:

- 3 nights accommodation at Sails in The Desert in a Superior Room
- Private Tali Wiru Welcome Dinner including champagne and canapés, table d'hote 4-course dinner with premium Australian wine, didgeridoo performance and Indigenous storytelling
- Private guided morning Desert Awakenings Tour including Aussie breakfast
- Private guided morning Kata Tjuta Tour with outback picnic breakfast
- · Helicopter flight to view spectacular Uluru and Kata Tjuta from the air
- Private Dot Painting Workshop with a local Ananguartist
- Private guided tour of the Gallery of Central Australia with a glass of sparkling wine
- 'A Night at Field of Light' including outback canapés, chilled sparkling wine, three course bush tucker inspired interactive menu, Australian wine and beers, non-alcoholic drinks, tea, coffee and port, self-guided walk through the illuminated Field of Light
- Three course set menu dinner at Ilkari Restaurant at Sails in the Desert on second evening
- Full buffet breakfast in Ilkari Restaurant on morning of departure
- Return group transfers from Ayers Rock Airport to Sails in the Desert
- · Complimentary resort activities and Wi-Fi
- Services of a Tour Leader and expert guides/drivers
- Small group travel maximum 20 guests

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Exclusive private Tali Wiru Welcome Dinner
- Wander through the spectacular Field of Light art installation
- Experience Uluru at sunrise and sunset
- View Uluru and Kata Tjuta from the air on a helicopter flight
- Private dot painting workshop with a local Anangu artist
- Private guided tour of the Gallery of Central Australia



HMPORTANT BOOKING CONDITIONS-

Prices are in Australian Dollars and correct as at 31 July 21 but may fluctuate due to surcharges, fees, taxes, or currency exchange. All arrangements are subject to availability, cancellation, or modification due to inclement weather, late running of services or other unforeseen circumstances. A minimum non-refundable deposit equivalent to 20% of the tour cost is payable within 7 days of confirmation of your booking and cancellation prior to final payment will result in your deposit being forfeited. Final payment of your holiday cost is required at least 100 days prior to departure, there will be no refund for bookings cancelled less than 91 days prior to travel. The travel services provided by these suppliers are subject to the conditions imposed by the suppliers and their liability may be limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, and agreements. If minimum numbers are not achieved, private tours will alternatively run on a 'join-in' basis. A park pass is required to enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. As at 31 July 2021, the cost of an Adult 3 day Pass is \$38 and can be purchased online https://book.parksaustralia.gov.au/passes/uluru/. Information required at time of booking - full name, including title, initial and surname as per ID, any information relating to dietary/mobility/medical requirements and mobile contact number. A fee will apply for payments made by debit and credit card which may vary. Travel agents may also charge service fees. Please check all prices, availability, and other information with your travel consultant before booking, Images supplied courtesy of Tourism Northern Territory. Ultimate Journeys is a brand of Viva Holidays. General Booking Conditions apply, available at www.vivaholidays.com.au/policies/booking-conditions. Other conditions apply - ask for details. Viva Holidays Pty Ltd ABN 78 634 662 294.



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