

NORTHERN TERRITORY

The Northern Territory has a bit of a split personality. The Top End is an eco wonderland; from the waterfalls of Litchfield Park to the wetlands of Kakadu. By contrast, the Red Centre is named after the fiery coloured sands of the arid Outback desert. A sacred place, where Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) brood over the landscape and where dingoes, wallabies and emus make their home.

TOP EXPERIENCES

See the sunset and sunrise over Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

Swim in the beautiful waterfalls of Litchfield and Kakadu National Parks.

Camp under the stars for a true Outback experience.

FACT FILE

Climate: The Northern Territory's climate is tropical with two seasons - the Dry and the Green (Wet). The Dry season starts around May, and the Green around November.

Driving Times:

Uluru to Alice Springs - 5 hours & 30 minutes.

Alice Springs to Kings Canyon - 6 hours.

Darwin to Kakadu - 3 hours & 30 minutes.

Darwin to Katherine - 4 hours.

Kings Canyon to Uluru - 4 hours

GMT: + 9.5 hours



RED CENTRE

The immense monolith of Uluru in the Outback of the Red Centre is visually stunning and a major site of Aboriginal cultural importance. Also in the area are Kings Canyon and Kata Tjuta, a 36 dome rock formation located to the west of the National Park. Walk into Olga Gorge to get some perspective of the size of these rocks before watching the sun change colours on the rocks of both Kata Tjuta and Uluru.



Kings Canyon



Day Tour

Ayers Rock Helicopter Flight

A helicopter trip around Ayers Rock allows you to sit back and relax and enjoy the stunning views over Uluru, with Mt Conner and Lake Amadeus on the horizon.

FROM £91 PER ADULT



Sounds of Silence

At the Sounds of Silence enjoy a glass of sparkling wine as the sun slowly sets over Kata Tjuta and Uluru. Dine on a gourmet BBQ buffet of authentic Australian delicacies complemented by some of Australia's finest wines. Attention then turns to some of the world's best stargazing, as the resident astronomer takes you on an unforgettable tour of the southern night sky.

FROM £111 PER ADULT

Kata Tjuta Valley of the Winds walk

Discover the geological history of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) with a 3 hour walk in the valley between these extraordinary giant rock domes. Once you reach the Valley of the Winds lookout, gaze out over the central valley of Kata Tjuta with magnificent views, before a glass of sparkling wine as the sun sets.

FROM £79 PER ADULT

Desert Gardens

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Spacious rooms are set amongst landscaped gardens, overlooking the pool. Stand in your own private courtyard or verandah and watch Australia's best sunset.

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE

FROM £82 PER ADULT



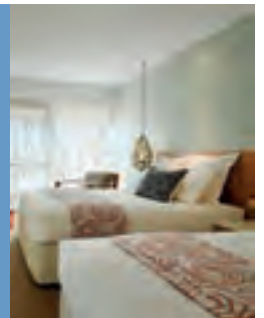
Sails in the Desert

★★★★★

An oasis of luxury, the resort offers a wide range of facilities including tennis courts and an idyllic swimming pool. The guest rooms are spacious and recently refurbished.

BOOK EARLY AND SAVE

FROM £108 PER ADULT

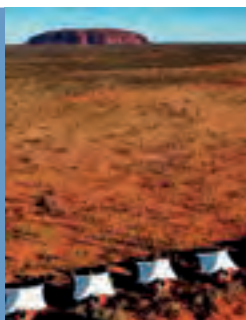


Longitude 131

★★★★★

Stay in one of fifteen tented sanctuaries, enjoying panoramic, uninterrupted views of Uluru and the surrounding desert landscape.

FROM £613 PER ADULT

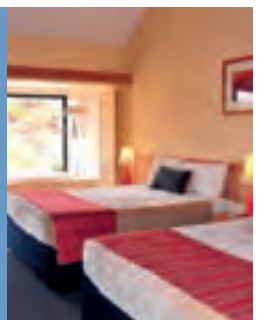


Kings Canyon Resort

★★★★★

Located in the Watarrka National Park just 9km from Kings Canyon. Offering some of the most spectacular views in the Outback, sunrise is the perfect time to enjoy a walk.

FROM £77 PER ADULT



Kings Canyon Wilderness Lodge

★★★★★

Accommodation is provided in luxury tented cabins; relax and enjoy gourmet Australian cuisine under the stars of the southern sky.

FROM £194 PER ADULT

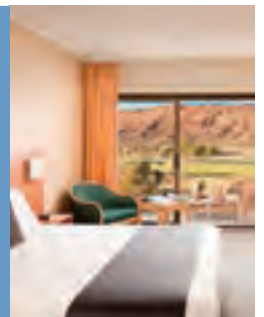


Doubletree by Hilton Alice Springs

★★★★★

Set within spectacular natural surroundings. Soak up the views from your private balcony, cool off in the outdoor pool and enjoy fine dining.

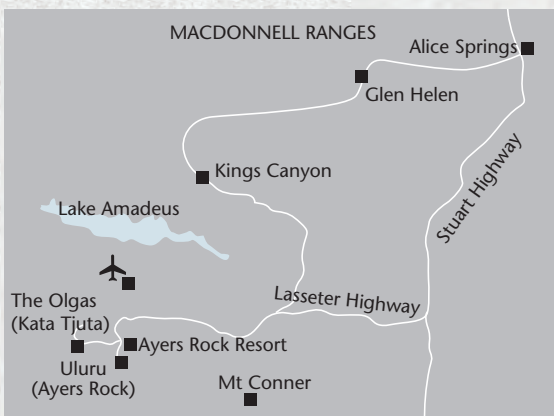
FROM £42 PER ADULT



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DISCOVER THE RED CENTRE

At the heart of Australia is the Red Centre, where a number of incredible natural sights mean that just a few days exploring this area are essential. Take an escorted tour or alternatively get on the road yourself with an easy to follow self drive.



Uluru & Kings Canyon

3 Day Escorted Tour from £468 per adult



DAY 1: KATA TJUTA

Arrive at Ayers Rock airport, before exploring the 36 mystical domes of Kata Tjuta and the Walpa Gorge with its unusual rock formations, following the trail between the two tallest domes. In late afternoon travel to the sunset viewing area at Uluru to witness and photograph the striking colour changes with a well earned glass of wine.

DAY 2: AYERS ROCK - KINGS CANYON

Watch the first rays light up the monolith of Uluru followed by a base tour to the beautiful Mutitjulu Waterhole, viewing Aboriginal rock paintings. Depart in the afternoon for Kings Canyon resort, you may even get the chance to view the sun set behind Carmichaels Crag.

DAY 3: KINGS CANYON - AYERS ROCK

Climb the rim of Kings Canyon for stunning views of Watarrka National Park, the walk takes approximately 3 hours and requires a good level of fitness. Return to Ayers Rock Resort at approximately 6pm (the option to end the tour in Alice Springs is also available).

Please see austravel.com for full details of accommodation options

Please note: Prices are per person and include two nights twin share accommodation. Accommodation, board basis and prices are subject to change with availability. (YK43)



Uluru, King's Canyon & Alice Springs

4 Day Escorted Tour from £536 per adult



DAY 1: ULURU & KATA TJUTA

On arrival at Ayers Rock Airport you will be transferred to your hotel. The afternoon is spent touring Kata Tjuta, including a walk at Walpa Gorge. Travel to the Uluru sunset viewing area to watch sunset and the changing colours of Uluru whilst enjoying nibbles and a glass of wine.

DAY 2: AYERS ROCK RESORT - KINGS CANYON

Rise early this morning to travel to the Uluru sunrise viewing area to watch the first rays of the sun set the Red Centre alight while enjoying a warming cup of tea or coffee and biscuits. Join a base tour of Uluru and view Aboriginal rock paintings, before Uluru - Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre, where you can learn about Aboriginal culture and see arts and crafts. This afternoon we travel to Kings Canyon.

DAY 3: KINGS CANYON - ALICE SPRINGS

This morning make the climb to the rim of the Canyon, where you will be rewarded with marvellous views of Watarrka National Park. Continue the 3 hour walk around the canyon with your guide as you hear and learn about the geology and history of this amazing formation. Take a rest and a moment to enjoy the tranquility of the 'Garden of Eden'. This afternoon journey to Alice Springs.

DAY 4: ALICE SPRINGS

Depart Alice Springs for your onward journey.

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Day Tour

Uluru Sunrise and Base Tour

Rise early and travel to the Uluru sunrise viewing area as the first rays of dawn set the red earths of the Outback alight. Following this, take a peaceful stroll along the Mala Walk as it winds its way amongst the bloodwood trees alongside Uluru. Explore the Mutitjula Waterhole and Aboriginal rock art, learning about the many sacred areas which surround the monolith.

FROM £56 PER ADULT

Red Centre Discovery

4 Day Self Drive from £961 per adult



DAY 1: AYERS ROCK

Arrive into Ayers Rock Resort and transfer to your chosen hotel. Spend the remainder of the day at leisure exploring; perhaps learning about the region's unique flora and fauna, and travelling out to see the sun set over Ayers Rock.

DAY 2: AYERS ROCK - KINGS CANYON

After an early morning start to see the spectacular sunrise, take a walk through majestic Olga Gorge before heading on the Lasseter Highway to Kings Canyon. Climb to the rim of the Canyon to see the soaring sandstone walls high above the 'Garden of Eden', a waterhole with lush vegetation. In the height of summer we recommend partaking in the rim walk early in the morning on Day 3 to stay cool.

DAY 3: KINGS CANYON - ALICE SPRINGS

Return to the Lasseter Highway to pass Henbury Meteorite Craters, formed almost 5,000 years ago, before your arrival into the Outback town of Alice Springs.

DAY 4: ALICE SPRINGS

Drop your hire car at the airport before your onward journey.

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Exploring The Red Centre

Explore The Red Centre

6 Day Self Drive from £561 per adult



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DAY 1: ALICE SPRINGS

Spend today exploring the sights of the bustling Outback township of Alice Springs; highlights include the Aboriginal art, School of the Air and the Royal Flying Doctor Service museum.

DAY 2: ALICE SPRINGS - GLEN HELEN

Head west from Alice Springs and follow the spectacular MacDonnell Ranges. Closer to Glen Helen make a detour to Ormiston and Glen Helen Gorges.

DAY 3: GLEN HELEN - KINGS CANYON

Departing Glen Helen this morning, head along the Mereenie Loop road, through the Gardiner Range, and arrive into Watarrka National Park via the northern entrance.

DAY 4: KINGS CANYON - AYERS ROCK

Take an early morning walk through the Canyon, with magnificent views of the rim and the lush greenery of the 'Garden of Eden'. This afternoon set off towards Australia's most famous icon - Uluru. Visit Kata Tjuta for a stroll amongst the cluster of weathered red domes.

DAY 5: AYERS ROCK

Start the day early to watch the ever changing colours of Uluru as the sun rises. Next you could walk the base of Uluru, or visit the Cultural Centre. End the day witnessing the breathtaking sunset - with a suggested glass of wine!

DAY 6: AYERS ROCK

Return your car to Ayers Rock airport for your onward journey.

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DARWIN & THE TOP END

Darwin is the tropical hub of the Northern Territory and gateway to the Kakadu and Katherine regions. Kakadu is a biological wonderland, teeming with mammal, reptile, bird and insect life. South from Darwin lies the town of Katherine and the splendour of Katherine Gorge, best explored from the water either on a cruise or by canoe.



Litchfield National Park

Adina Apartment Hotel Darwin

★★★★☆

Fully serviced luxury apartments close to the seafront promenades, boutique shops and waterside restaurants.

FROM £47 PER ADULT



Skycity Darwin

★★★★☆

Nestled in tropical gardens, this resort style hotel boasts a spectacular infinity pool plus five dining experiences.

FREE NIGHTS - Selected dates

FROM £51 PER ADULT



Doubletree by Hilton Esplanade Darwin

★★★★☆

Overlooking the tropical parklands and a leisurely 5 minute walk to the centre of the city, offering spacious and modern rooms.

FROM £40 PER ADULT



Kakadu & Litchfield National Parks

3 Day Tour from £434 per adult

DAY 1: DARWIN - KAKADU

Depart Darwin and travel deep into Kakadu National Park to view the Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie Rock. Cruise the Yellow Water Billabong before stopping at the Warradjan Cultural Centre.

DAY 2: KAKADU - DARWIN

Stop at Ubirr to view Aboriginal rock art, then join the Guluyambi Cruise along the East Alligator River in Arnhem Land. Take the opportunity today to add on a scenic flight over Kakadu (additional expense).

DAY 3: LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK

Stay overnight in Darwin, then head out to Litchfield National Park to view the stunning Florence, Tolmer and Wangi Falls before a walk through the forest walks. Return to Darwin arriving around 6pm.

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Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn

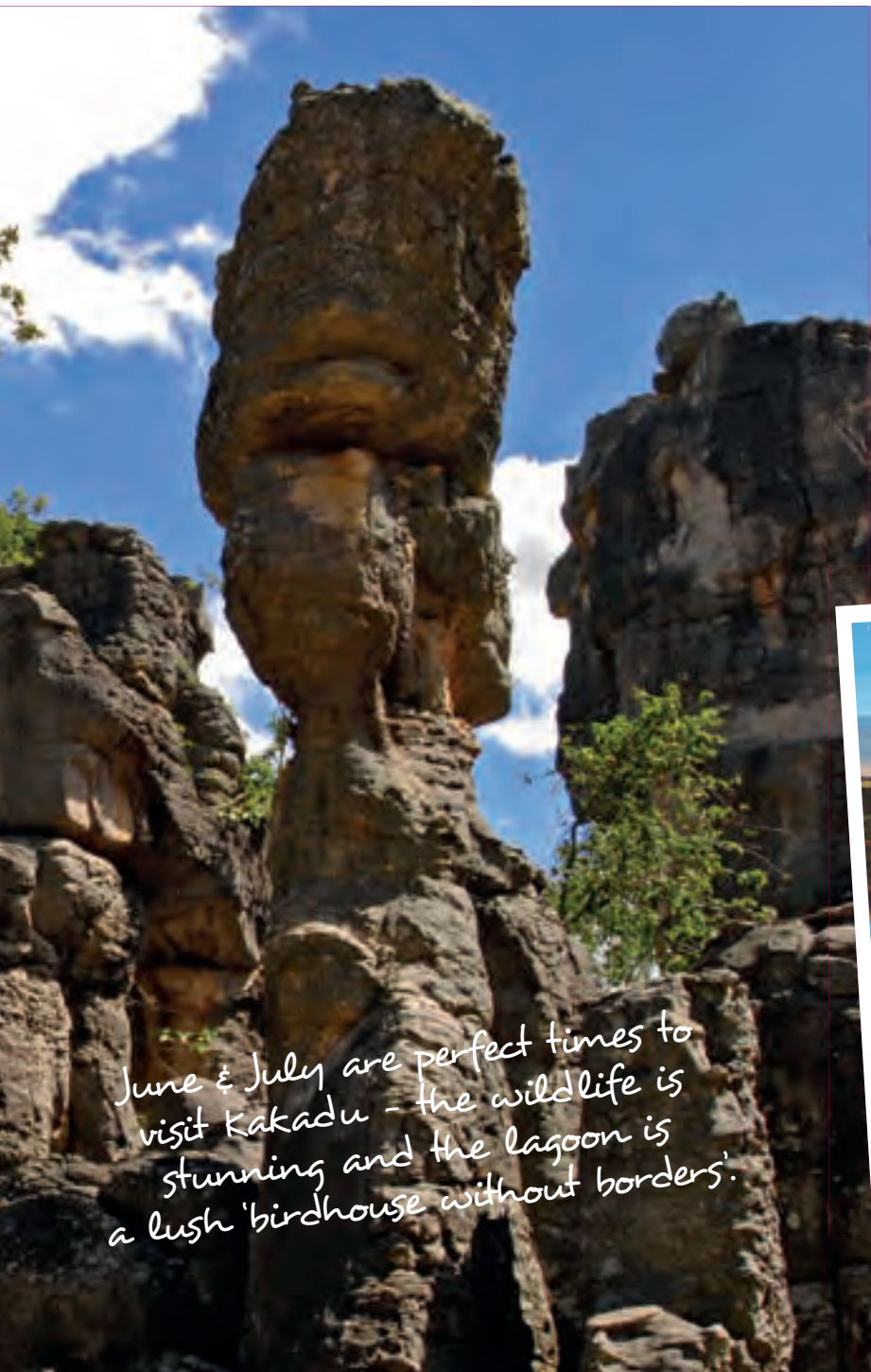
★★★★☆

In the middle of Kakadu National Park's wilderness, this uniquely crocodile shaped hotel is a great base from which to explore.

FROM £61 PER ADULT



Please note: Prices are per person based on twin share and include two nights accommodation, return airport transfers and touring. Supplements apply over special events and prices may vary with availability. (DK48)



June & July are perfect times to visit Kakadu - the wildlife is stunning and the lagoon is a lush 'birdhouse without borders'.



Day Tour

Litchfield National Park

Travel past lush monsoon forests, termite mounds, unusual rock formations, and waterfalls, as you journey into the Litchfield National Park. The Park encloses much of the Tabletop Range, a sandstone plateau home to the Wagait Aboriginal people. Swim in the plunge pool of Florence Falls before returning to Darwin.

FROM £80 PER ADULT



Day Tour

Kakadu National Park

Travel south down the Arnhem Highway into the Marrakai Plains, before a walk to view the ancient Aboriginal rock art at Nourlangie Rock. After lunch cruise the Yellow Water Billabong to spot the saltwater crocs and colourful birdlife. Finish your day at the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre to learn of the traditions of the Aboriginal people in Kakadu.

FROM £131 PER ADULT

Top End Discovery

6 Day Self Drive from £506 per adult

DAY 1: DARWIN - KAKADU

Leave Darwin and head along the Arnhem Highway towards the Kakadu National Park, taking time to stop off at the 'Window on the Wetlands' Visitor centre en-route, or take a cruise on the Adelaide River to see the famous jumping crocodiles.

DAY 2: KAKADU

Start the day with a visit to Yellow Waters, and join a cruise watching the early morning sun over the billabong. Spend the rest of day at leisure - you could visit the ancient Aboriginal rock art sites at Nourlangie or Ubirr.

DAY 3: KAKADU - KATHERINE

Head towards the gold-mining town of Pine Creek, before joining the Stuart Highway towards Katherine, home of the renowned Katherine Gorge, where the river flows between the towering walls of colour.

DAY 4: KATHERINE

Join the four hour morning cruise of this incredible gorge - the best way to see its amazing size and colours. Look out for the crocs and an abundance of wildlife. The afternoon is free to explore the area more - an opportunity to visit the Mataranka Thermal Pools which have a constant 34°C.

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DAY 5: KATHERINE - LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK AND LAKE BENNETT

Leave Katherine and return north towards the Litchfield National Park - the Top End's most accessible natural attraction. The main attractions are the safe swimming and spectacular waterfalls - such as Buley Rockhole and Florence Falls. Take a bushwalk - ranging from a twenty minute stroll to an extended walk. Your overnight stay is at scenic Lake Bennett.

DAY 6: LITCHFIELD NATIONAL PARK - DARWIN

After a morning in the National Park continue on the Stuart Highway north back up to Darwin.

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