

The Red Centre

With Vivi Palegeorge

(15th May - 24th May 2022)

Day 1/ ALICE SPRINGS (Sun. 15th) FREE DAY_(D)

You will be met at Alice Springs Airport at 2.30pm. Our hotel, within walking distance of vibrant ruggedly beautiful Alice Springs, is situated on the banks of the Todd River, surrounded by quirky cafes, restaurants and superb galleries.

5pm: Welcome drinks followed by a group dinner

Day 2/ ALICE SPRINGS (Mon. 16th) (B,D)

9am: Today we head off to Ormiston Gorge with its glistening waterhole, attracting an abundance of native fauna and flora, stopping on the way at the Ochre Pits which were a source of pigment for the Aboriginals and still used today by the local Arrarnta people. The weathered limestone mixed with iron - oxide creates a stunning ochre palette.

12pm: Off to Stanley Chasm for lunch at the park café, followed by a chance to capture the afternoon light piercing this strikingly beautiful narrow gorge.

3pm: Return to hotel.

6pm: Group dinner

Day 3/ ALICE SPRINGS (Tues. 17th) (B)

9am: This morning we visit the lush Olive Pink Botanic Gardens -a labour of love for more than 60 years with its 500 beautiful native plants.

12pm: Pick up for the Araluen Arts Centre with its 4 galleries, including the Albert Namatjira Gallery and his 1930's watercolours from Hermannsburg.

3.30pm: Heading into the town centre, the bus will drop you at Todd Mall with its shops, galleries and laid-back atmosphere. Free time to shop.

5:30pm: Return to hotel via Anzac Hill for a superb 360 degrees vista of Alice.



Day 4/ ALICE SPRINGS (Wed. 18th)

9am: Today we travel to Ellery Creek Big Hole surrounded by high red cliffs and sandy banks shaded by eucalypts and acacias.

12pm: Depart for Simpsons Gap for our picnic lunch and to capture this peaceful setting surrounded by cycads and pale ghost gums.

3pm: Return to hotel

5pm: Late afternoon review with complimentary drink(B,L)

Day 5/ KINGS CANYON (Thurs. 19th) FREE DAY

9am: Depart hotel for Kings Canyon (5 hrs) stopping on the way for coffee and lunch. Free afternoon to settle in at our fabulous resort or relax by the pool.

6pm: Group dinner (B,D)

Day 6/ KINGS CANYON (Fri. 20th)

9am: We head off into the canyon to capture this dramatic rugged landscape. Kings Canyon in Awtarrka National Park with its yawning chasm is undoubtedly one of the most spectacular sights in Central Australia.

12:30pm: Return to hotel. The café is open for lunch.

3pm- 5pm Afternoon workshop at our resort. (B)

Day 7 / ULURU (Sat. 21st) FREE DAY

9am: Morning departure to Uluru. (3-4 hrs) Free time to settle in.

4.30pm: Pick up from our hotel for our fabulous BBQ Sunset Desert Dinner.

Nothing quite compares you for your first sight of Uluru!

As the sun sets, the rock is illuminated in a in a burnished orange, shimmering to deep reds to a perfect charcoal silhouette. (B,D)



Day 8/ ULURU (Sun. 22nd)

9am: Pick up for the waterhole at Uluru, which is an easy 10- minute walk from the bus and a beautiful setting for our painting of this iconic location.

3pm: Return to hotel. **(B)**

Day 9/ ULURU (Mon. 23rd)

5:30am: Early morning pick up to witness sunrise at_Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and to capture these giant ochre-coloured domed rocks made of sandstone as we witness the first rays of sun illuminating the eastern face of this spectacular rock formation. We will head back to the hotel around 9.30 for a late breakfast. Our resort with its desert backdrop is the perfect spot to finish off your work.

3pm: Late afternoon final review with complimentary drink

4:30pm: Pick up for spectacular Field of Light show accompanied by farewell drinks and canapes-(B)

Day 10/ DEPARTURE (Tues. 24th)

You will be transferred to Uluru Airport for your return flight.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS:

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