



Central Australia

10 Days



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Central Australia

Central Australia has some of the most iconic scenery in the country, as well as one of the great desert walks in the world, The Larapinta Trail. This is the true heart of the Australian Outback, and if you haven't experienced it yet, now is the time to do so.

Over the course of 10 days, walk the highlights of the Larapinta Trail, explore Kings Canyon, admire Uluru and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) on this active tour of central Australia.

Do you enjoy walking and being out in nature? Do you want to see more than the average visitor? We will take you on the very best 5 day walks on the Larapinta trail, then to the remote Kings Canyon before finishing with a tour of Uluru and Kata Tjuta (The Olgas).

We've designed a 10 day itinerary which is active yet relaxed. Travel in air-conditioned comfort and enjoy fantastic guided walks along the way.

Details

Arrive:	Alice Springs
Depart:	Alice Springs
Duration:	10 Days
Group Size:	15 guests maximum
Average Age:	50-75
Activity Level:	Moderate - rocky and uneven surfaces

Testimonials

"Hiking The Larapinta Trail has definitely been one of the peak experiences of my life. I wouldn't have been able to do it had I not gone with Inspiration Outdoors. I found the terrain challenging but not having to carry a heavy backpack made it do able. Our guides, Rachelle and Magic Mike were so supportive, encouraging and their knowledge of local culture and history was most interestingly presented. I really enjoyed the choice of music as we were heading to and from the Trail each day. To be able to return back to our accommodation, have a hot shower and then have a delicious meal waiting was wonderful. Obviously a tremendous amount of research went into this adventure and it showed, every aspect was seamless.."

Heather Saggars

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Highlights



Walk the most popular walk on the Larapinta - Serpentine Trail.



Witness the stunning star display each night.



Uluru and Kata Tjuta National park - the highlight of any Central Australia tour!

What to expect



Walking with only a daypack makes this sometimes challenging terrain manageable.



Enjoy delicious meals under the stars while relaxing with your companions.



Average Temperatures
June: 5° min - 20° max
July: 4° min - 19.5° max
August: 6° min - 23° max

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Itinerary

The best walks of the Larapinta Trail as well as Uluru and Kata Tjuta Tour

Day 1

ALICE SPRING ARRIVAL DAY

Day 1 of your tour is an arrival day. Feel free to arrive at any time and make your way to the accommodation for a 2pm check-in. Meet your guides for a 5.30pm welcome meeting and a brief about the upcoming tour. The meet and greet will then be followed by a lovely group dinner at a restaurant.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: D

Accommodation: Aurora Alice Springs

Day 2

LARAPINTA TRAIL - TELEGRAPH STATION TO WALLABY GAP

We depart Alice Springs town after breakfast and head just out of town to the Telegraph Station. From here we start our walk on the Larapinta Trail and as we head along the ridges just behind Alice Springs town we start getting our first glimpses of the seemingly endless mountain ranges all around us. From Wallaby Gap we will head back to Alice Springs for one night. While you unpack your guides will prepare a 2-course dinner.

Activity: 13.5km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Aurora Alice Springs

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Day 3

LARAPINTA TRAIL - REVEAL SADDLE AND STANDLEY CHASM

Today we drive out to Standley Chasm from where we start our walk on The Larapinta Trail up to Reveal Saddle and back. As we make our way along the creek bed and then slowly start climbing up through the valley to the top, you would never have anticipated the stunning views you get rewarded with once at the top. Spot the odd Cycad hidden away in the gullies and enjoy an array of flowers and River Red Gum Trees in the creek bed. In the afternoon you will have time for the short walk (2km) up into Standley Chasm.

Activity: 12km + 2km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Camping - Ormiston Gorge Campground

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Day 4

LARAPINTA TRAIL - SERPENTINE GORGE TO SERPENTINE CHALET DAM AND THE OCHRE PITS

Journey to one of the most popular walks on the Larapinta Trail. From Serpentine Gorge carpark we make our way up to the top of the ridge. Discover some Mountain Hakea along the way and enjoy the breathtaking views once we get to the top. Discover the most iconic picture of the Larapinta Trail at Counts Point from where we head back down towards Serpentine Chalet Dam. At the end of the walk we will head to the famous Ochre Pits to have a look around one of the most significant places to the local Arrente Aboriginal people.

Activity: 14km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Camping - Ormiston Gorge Campground

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Day 5

LARAPINTA TRAIL - MT. SONDER

Ready for an adventure and a highlight of the Larapinta Trail, we make our way to Redbank, from where we will start our walk today. From the valley floor we slowly make our way up some steep sections to get to the Saddle. As we walk along the Saddle take in the vastness of the area before ascending to the top of Mt. Sonder. Enjoy your well deserved lunch as we take in the spectacular 360° views. .

Activity: 16km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Camping - Ormiston Gorge Campground

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Day 6

LARAPINTA TRAIL - ORMISTON GORGE POUND WALK AND DRIVE TO KINGS CANYON

Today we enjoy our last walk around the West Mac Donnell Ranges before making our way along the Mereenie Loop to Kings Canyon. The Ormiston Gorge Pound is a stunning walk that shows off all the beauty Central Australia can provide. After our walk in Ormiston Gorge we make our way along the unsealed Mereenie Loop to Kings Canyon. Here we will enjoy a dinner at the Restaurant after settling in at our accommodation.

Activity: 9km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Cabins/Camping - Kings Canyon Resort campground

Day 7

KINGS CANYON RIM WALK AND ABORIGINAL EXPERIENCE

Enjoy awakening to the sounds of the Australian Bush before we head out to Kings Canyon for the Rim Walk. After a steep climb up to the top the walk takes us along the canyon and through a small remnant of a tropical oasis. In the afternoon we will immerse ourselves in an Aboriginal Cultural Tour. Experience spear and boomerang displays, learn about bush tucker and bush medicine, learn local languages and much more. You could even choose to top it all off with a flight over Kings Canyon.

Activity: 6km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Cabins/Camping - Kings Canyon Resort campground

Day 8

KINGS CANYON TO ULURU AND KATA TJUTA

Moving on to probably the highlight of any Central Australia trip we make our way to Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park today. In the afternoon we commence the Valley of the Winds walk. Walking through the many domes and coming up close to this conglomerate rock we discover how different Kata Tjuta and Uluru are.. After our walk we head back to Yulara Resort to check-in and set up at our accommodation. .

Activity: 7.4km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Cabins/Camping - Ayers Rock Resort Campground

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Day 9

KATA TJUTA AND VALLEY OF THE WINDS WALK

After a leisurely breakfast this morning we head to Uluru to do the Base Walk. As we admire Uluru from below we will learn more about the local Anangu people and some of the amazing stories connected to Uluru as well as discover how diverse the base of Uluru can be. . With a little free time in the afternoon you may choose to join a helicopter ride, come up close to some camels, discover Yulara or just relax. . Later we will enjoy some nibbles while watching the sunset over Uluru as we reflect on a great trip. . *Please note itinerary may vary slightly depending on sunrise and sunset times

Activity: 10km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Cabins/Camping - Ayers Rock Resort Campground

Day 10

YULARA TO ALICE SPRINGS

To complete your experience of Central Australia we head to Uluru for sunrise. Before our journey back to Alice Springs we return to camp to enjoy one last leisurely breakfast and pack up. We break up the long drive (5.5hrs) with a few interesting stops along the way. The drop off at your chosen hotel in Alice Springs will be around 4pm.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B, L

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Departure Dates

14 Aug 2021 - 23 Aug 2021

30 Aug 2021 - 08 Sep 2021

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Pricing

2021

\$3,320 per person

\$350 Deposit

Optional Extras

\$120 Single Supplement (Camping)

\$630 Cabin Accommodation

\$690 Single Supplement (Cabins)

Inclusions

- All transport: private bus to and from Alice Springs; as well as transport to and from the track each day
- Professional guiding and support each day
- Emergency support: fully trained guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit
- 9 nights accommodation - 3 of these are camping
- 9 healthy breakfasts - cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast
- Morning tea, carried by your guide
- 9 lunches - some packed and some delivered picnics
- Pre-dinner nibbles each night
- 9 delicious two course dinners
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 14 yrs experience

Exclusions

- Helicopter ride over Yulara

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Ready to book?

Your next adventure is two steps away...

Jump onto our website www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au , find your tour in the menu and click on the orange button in the top right hand corner that states, 'CheckAvailability/Book Now' alternatively call us on 08 6219 5164 (international calls dial +618 62195164) or email us at walk@inspirationoutdoors.com.au.

Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancellation policy during covid restrictions here <https://www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/>

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.

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About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor



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