

# Larapinta Trail

7 Days



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Arguably one of the best desert trails in the world, the Larapinta Trail is a walkers delight. Experience the rugged beauty of the famous West MacDonnell ranges, vast desert vistas, stunning gorges and cool waterholes framed by weeping ghost gums.##On this 7 Day tour we will take you to some of the highlights of this 223km trail. With knowledgeable and fun guides you will be challenged to scale the mighty Mt Sonder, trek along Euro Ridge and explore some of the unique gorges of this area including Ormiston gorge and Serpentine gorge.##Each evening after a full days adventure you will return in your trusty desert chariot to your campsite for a refreshing swim and a delicious 2-course meal, recapping the days highlights with new friends.

#### Details

Arrive: Alice Springs

Depart: Alice Springs

Duration: 7 Days

Group Size: 12 guests maximum

Average Age: 50-75

Activity Level: Moderate - challenging

#### **Testimonials**

We had a great 5 day tour of Alice Springs, Kings Canyon, Uluru with all the must see locations in between included. Our tour guide Miguel was one if the most knowledgeable guides we have experienced. His genuine love for this land and the indigenous history allowed him to nurture a true understanding of the ancient landmarks you were visiting. Our group was small so this allowed Miguel to customise many of our walks to better explain the sites and see more of the country. A tour can sometimes be just a tour but with a great guide like Miguel the tour becomes a great experience and memory.

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## Highlights



Enjoy views of the rugged and surprisingly diverse desert mountain range.



Walk along the popular Serpentine ridge, dropping down in spectacular gorges.



Scale the mighty Mt Sonder.

### What to expect



Sleep in your own easy to erect tent and immerse yourself in the natural surrounds.



Relax around your campsite under a carpet of stars



Average Weather (Celsius)

Autumn: 8 - 30

Winter: 4 - 20





### **Itinerary**

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#### Day 1 ALICE SPRING ARRIVAL DAY

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There are daily flights into Alice Springs from most major capital cities. Make your way to your accommodation at the Mercure Alice Springs Resort (34 Stott Terrace, Alice Springs).

Meet in the lobby at 6pm where we will do an extensive briefing about the week to come. Afterwards we head to the hotel's restaurant to enjoy a delicious chef prepared a la carte meal and the chance to become familiar with your fellow walkers.

Meals:

Accommodation: Mercure Alice Springs Resort (or similar)

#### Day 2 GEOFF MOSS BRIDGE TO WALLABY GAP

We depart Alice Springs town after breakfast and head just out of town to start our walk on the Larapinta Trail. 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. After our walk today, we will head to Ormiston Gorge Campground where we will set up camp for 4 nights.

Activity: 9km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Ormiston Gorge Campground (or similar)

#### Day 3 SERPENTINE GORGE TO SERPENTINE CHALET DAM

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.

Activity: 14km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Ormiston Gorge Campground (or similar)



#### Day 4 ORMISTON GORGE POUND WALK AND THE OCHRE PITS

Today we will complete the Ormiston Gorge Pound walk which is a stunning trail that shows off all the beauty Central Australia can provide. There will be plenty of time to relax and have a dip at the swimming hole before we head to the famous Ochre Pits later in the afternoon to have a look around one of the most significant places to the local Arrente Aboriginal people.

Activity: 9km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Ormiston Gorge Campground (or similar)

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#### Day 5 MT. SONDER

Today is an absolute cracker! We will leave very early to avoid the heat and make our way to Redbank, from where we will start our walk to the famous Mt Sonder. 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 rest as we take in the spectacular 360° views.

Activity: 16km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Ormiston Gorge Campground (or similar)

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#### Day 6 STANDLEY CHASM AND REVEAL SADDLE WALK

Today is our last day on the Larapinta Trail and we finish with a walk that beautifully summarises all the West MacDonnell Ranges has to offer. We head to Standley Chasm and take in the impressive Reveal Saddle walk. In the afternoon you will have the opportunity to enjoy a coffee or cool drink at the visitors centre before saying goodbye to the spectacular West McDonnell Ranges as we make our way back to our accommodation at Mercure Alice Springs Resort. Our guides will drop you at your accommodation for the last night of tour.

Activity: 11km walk

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Mercure Alice Springs Resort (or similar)

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Day 7	DEPARTURE DAY			
	Enjoy breakfast at your leisure before catching your flight home.			
	Activity:	no walking		
	Meals:	В		
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## **Departure Dates**

01 Jun 2024 07 Jun 2024

29 Jun 2024 - 05 Jul 2024

07 Sep 2024 - 13 Sep 2024





## **Pricing**

2024

\$3,299 Per Person

\$350 Deposit

**Optional Extras** 

Single Supplement \$280

#### **Inclusions**

- Fantastic moderate-challenging walks including Ormiston Gorge, Mt Sonder, Serpentine Gorge.
- 7 day tour starting and finishing in Alice Springs

All meals, a combination of a la carte dinners, home

- cooked camp meals, healthy packed lunches and continental breakfasts
- 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
- Small group size
- Emergency support: fully trained guides carry satellite phones and first aid kits
- Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from many years of experience
- Comfortable camping (nights 2,3,4,5) and hotel style accommodation (nights 1 and 6)

#### **Exclusions**





### 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:

- 85 days or more, you will be refunded all monies paid, less a \$50 administration fee
- 42 to 84 days prior to departure, you will lose your deposit
- 28 to 42 days: 25% of full tour cost
- 14 to 27 days: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 14 days: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

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.

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 cancllation policy during covid restrictions here https:// www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/

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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

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