

10 Day Alice Springs to Melbourne Safari



Highlights

Kings Canyon
Uluru (Ayers Rock)
Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)
Aboriginal Culture
Coober Pedy
Flinders Ranges
Adelaide
Grampians National Park
Great Ocean Road

Day 1 : Alice Springs to Kings Canyon and Uluru

Journey deep into the remote 'Red Centre' as we head towards Kings Canyon. There's a lot to explore here and we check out the Amphitheatre, Lost City, the lush and ancient Garden of Eden and the sheer outcrops of the North and South Walls. After a bite to eat, we'll pass Mt Conner and Curtin Springs cattle station on the way to Uluru. Tonight, you'll be glad to curl up in your swag (Aussie bedroll) after dinner as millions of stars fill the sky. (LD)

Day 2 : Uluru and Kata Tjuta

Sunrise over Uluru is magical and it's an early start to catch it! While the morning's fresh (and your legs are too!) take a walk around Uluru's base (unguided). Gain a further insight into the land, its stories and the people who inhabit it at the Cultural Centre, where you'll also have the opportunity to invest in original arts and crafts by Indigenous artists. After refuelling with some lunch, we head to fascinating Kata Tjuta (the Olgas) where you will get up close to the majestic features of this ancient geological formation. A glass of Australia sparkling wine is perfect while the desert sun sets over Uluru before returning to camp for dinner. (BLD)

Day 3 : Uluru to Coober Pedy

We go underground today! After breakfast, we head south through the rugged desert country into South Australia arriving into Coober Pedy in the late afternoon. Our bunkhouse for tonight is - you guessed it - underground. (BLD)

Day 4 : Coober Pedy to Quorn

This morning we check out the sites of Coober Pedy on a town tour which includes an opal cutting demonstration and mine tour with the opportunity to try your luck 'noodling' for opals! We continue our journey south and stop at ancient salt lakes which are remnants of an inland sea. We stop at the small town of Glendambo (population 30!) and Pt Augusta before arriving in Quorn, the quaint and historical railway township nestled at the entrance to the Richman Valley. We stay two nights in private accommodation at the historical 'Mill'. Get ready for tonight's BBQ dinner - it doesn't get any more Aussie than this! (BLD)

Day 5 : Flinders Ranges and Wilpena Pound

The Flinders Ranges has been recognised as one of Australia's National Landscapes and today you'll get to experience and explore this magical region! Wilpena Pound is a natural amphitheatre located in a huge stone crater and you will spend the morning hiking and exploring its wonder! After lunch, it's a short walk to Yourambulla Caves to view Aboriginal rock paintings. Learn about the hardships of sheep farming in the mid 1800's as you view the ruins of Kanyaka Homestead. As we travel back to Quorn, there's an opportunity to spot for the shy and elusive Yellow Footed Rock Wallaby on a quiet stroll through peaceful Warren Gorge. Overnight at the Quorn 'Mill'. (BLD)

Day 6 : Quorn to Adelaide

Eat a hearty breakfast, because this morning we hike to the summit of Dutchman's Stern for stunning 360° views of Quorn, Spencer Gulf and the Flinders Ranges! We then say farewell to the 'Flinders'. Near the frontier township of Melrose we take a short walk across a swinging bridge and enjoy panoramic views from the Mt Remarkable lookout. Our last stop is in the infamous Clare Valley before arriving late afternoon into Adelaide. (BL)

Day 7 : Adelaide

A day of leisure to explore Adelaide.

Day 8 : Adelaide to Grampians National Park

Travelling through the picturesque Adelaide Hills, we cross the mighty Murray, and pass through small country towns on our way to the Grampians National Park. Get your legs working this afternoon with hikes at Hollow Mountain, the amazing MacKenzie Falls and Reeds Lookout before we settle in at our overnight Grampians accommodation. (D)

Day 9 : Grampians National Park to Great Ocean Road

Hiking to the Pinnacle is a challenge, but on the way you'll experience breathtaking views of the national park. Next we head south to the coast and Warrnambool, where you'll have the chance to spot whales (seasonal). There's a lot to explore along the famous Great Ocean Road, renowned for its beauty. Discover the Bay of Islands, Bay of Martyrs, London Bridge and Loch Ard Gorge before sunset over the Twelve Apostles - gorgeous! Dinner will be at your overnight coastal accommodation. (BD)

Day 10 : Twelve Apostles to Melbourne

Start the day with an optional helicopter ride (own expense) over the amazing Twelve Apostles or walk down the Gibson Steps to the beach to see a different angle of these limestone stacks. Next we visit the Otway Fly Tree Top Walk. We'll stop for lunch (own expense) at the coastal town of Apollo Bay. Hugging the coastline, we stop at Kennett River to spot koalas and birdlife before continuing on to Lorne. We'll check out the world famous Bells Beach and the surfing town of Torquay before arriving into Melbourne (accommodation included). (B)

Bring: Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), hat, sunscreen, towel and toiletries, swimming gear, warm clothing in winter, water bottle, torch, insect repellent/net, camera, pillow and sleeping bag (can be hired for AUD\$20), money for some meals and optional activities.

Included: Experienced guides, meals and accommodation as indicated, accommodation transfers in Alice Springs and Adelaide, 2 nights camping fees and equipment, accommodation as indicated, opal mine tour, park fees in SA and Victoria.

Note: Upgrade accommodation is budget style (except the Desert Cave which is 4 star) and may be located on different premises (not necessarily underground) to hostel accommodation. For further details on upgrade accommodation, please refer adventuretours.com.au/ upgrades. These packages are made up of multiple tours; you will likely travel with a different guide and passengers during each section. Additional nights in Adelaide can be arranged at time of booking (extra expense).

YOUR TRIP DETAILS

Confirmation Number

Departure Date

Departure Location

Finish Date

Local Payment Amount

THINGS TO REMEMBER

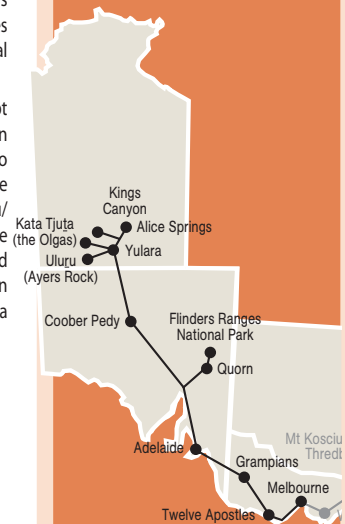
You need to reconfirm your tour on 1800 068 886 at least 48 hours before departure.

Your luggage **MUST** be kept to a maximum of 15kgs, except on tours to Kakadu, where the maximum is 10kgs.

Drink lots of water, wear a hat and sunscreen.

Part of the enjoyment of our tours is participating!

Max People: 24



HOSTEL OR MOTEL

Tour Code: PBSAM

LUGGAGE: Luggage must be kept to a MAXIMUM OF 15 KGS (except KAKADU tours which are MAXIMUM 10KGS) in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sun block etc. It is recommended to plan ahead and arrange to store bulky items at pre-tour accommodation. It may be necessary to freight excess luggage at passenger's expense.

MEALS: Our emphasis is on fresh food wherever possible and our meals are nutritious and varied. We cater for vegetarian and gluten intolerance – please advise at time of booking.

FITNESS & PARTICIPATION: Our tours are active and most require a reasonable level of fitness. Tours graded '3 boots' are only suitable for very fit and active people who enjoy basic bush camping. They are not suitable for children. If you have any doubts about the suitability of your clients please check with our reservations team as we reserve the right to assess suitability to participate at check-in. With the exception of our 'Safari in Style' tour, passengers are expected to help with the preparation of food, washing of dishes and general assistance to the guide as directed.

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