

## **EXPERIENCES & ADVENTURES FACT SHEET**

Renowned as the spiritual heart of Australia, the Red Centre in the Northern Territory is rich in Aboriginal culture and rugged outback beauty. Dual World Heritage-listed Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is a living cultural landscape, covering an area over 311,000 acres. Australia's most recognisable natural icon and one of the world's largest monoliths Uluru (Ayers Rock) is the region's gem and the iconic, sacred red domes of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) stand nearby.

At Longitude 131° guests take the road less travelled, sharing exclusive and authentic adventures with a select few. An exceptional touring program designed especially for guests is included in the wilderness experience and a personalised itinerary is presented upon arrival. Signature Experiences with Lodge naturalist guides are shared with fellow guests in custom touring vehicles. Expeditions operate at scheduled times on a rotating basis, dependant on day of arrival, with timing subject to sunrise and sunset times which vary throughout the year, according to the seasons and weather permitting.

## Seasons of the Red Centre

The semi-arid climate of the Uluru region makes for great travelling conditions. Warm, sunny days with minimal rainfall are the norm for much of the year, allowing enjoyment of the stunning desert landscapes and rock formations. Typical desert weather patterns make for reasonable fluctuations in temperature between day and night. During the summer months, average temperatures range from 35°C during the day to 18°C overnight. In the winter months, the average daytime temperature is 22°C and 0°C overnight.

# Typical 3 Night Experiences Program (Classic Ulu<u>r</u>u)

Recommended optimum stay to enjoy both the Red Centre and the Lodge.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Signature Welcome	Walpa Gorge & Kata Tju <u>t</u> a	Mutitjulu Meander	Morning at Leisure
Uluru Sunset & Field of Light <sup>^</sup>	Mala Walk & Kantju Gorge	Optional Bespoke Experience*	Or Optional Bespoke Experience*
Table 131°	Dune House Dinner	Private Dune Top Dining*	Palya – Departure

\*Additional charges apply ^Scheduled from April 1, 2016

# Signature Experiences (Included)

These experiences are provided on an intimate shared basis with fellow guests at scheduled times. Private touring can be arranged at additional cost subject to availability.

### Uluru Sunset

Capture the changing lights reflected over Ulu<u>r</u>u's many faces as the sun slips down below the horizon, chilled glass and canapé in hand. The essential outback experience!

## Field of Light

Experience Bruce Munro's internationally acclaimed art phenomenon, *Field of Light*. Created from 50,000 bud-like stems and crowned with radiant frosted-glass spheres, the installation blooms and appears to sway as darkness descends over Australia's spiritual heartland. Arrive at dusk and meander around the field before enjoying the cool night skies at Table 131°. The solar-powered exhibition lights up the outback from April 1, 2016, remaining open throughout the Red Centre's distinct seasons until March 31, 2017.

## Table 131°

Dine out and discover the wonders of the night sky at an exclusive venue among the dunes. Arrive to the mesmerising sounds of an ancient culture and feast on four delicious courses complemented with the finest Australian wines. Later, Longitude's resident astronomer regales the gathering with tales of the Southerly constellations. Table 131° operates subject to weather and climatic conditions.

## Walpa Gorge & Kata Tju<u>t</u>a

Explore the impressive formation of Kata Tjuta, the walls of Walpa Gorge rising obliquely on each side and discover how eons of weathering and continental upheaval have created today's landscape. Pause for a long distance perspective and photo opportunity before a visit to the Cultural Centre where informative and interactive displays provide insight into the spiritual and cultural meanings of Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

### Mala Walk & Kantju Gorge

Join the Lodge guide for a gentle walk along a portion of Uluru's base and learn about the history of the Mala people, viewing cave paintings and other relevant sites important to both Anangu and the early explorers. Enter Kantju Gorge at dusk to witness the rock walls ablaze with the light of the setting sun. Revel in the silence and solitude with sunset drinks and canapés.



#### Mutitjulu Meander

Discover peaceful Mutitjulu Waterhole and the sacred site of Kuniya Piti as the sun lights up the ancient monolith. Listen as the Longitude 131° guide shares the Anangu creation story of Kuniya and Liru, adding greater depth to Uluru's striking features.

Signature Experiences may be enjoyed on a private basis for an additional fee, subject to availability.

## Bespoke Experiences (Additional Charges Apply)

An additional menu of Bespoke Experiences offers further exploration and the chance to tailor a special interest itinerary.

### **Private Dining**

When special occasions call for intimacy, a private dinner on the Dune Top or poolside provides a memorable setting. Enjoy sumptuous outback fare complemented with premium Australian wines - all delivered with seamless service. Private dining may be booked prior to arrival or during the stay at Longitude 131°. Outdoor dining operates subject to weather and climatic conditions.

# Dawn & Dusk Private Expeditions

### Sunrise Silhouettes

Venture into the pre-dawn wilderness cocooned in luxury comfort, warming beverage in hand. Witness the sun rise from the north-west side of Uluru, transforming the ancient landscape and making for photos of stunning contrasts. Absorb the breathtaking view whilst savouring Lodge-made refreshments. *Tour duration: 2 hours* 

### Sunrise & Uluru Base Walk

Capture the sun's rays as they reach Uluru, sip on a cuppa and enjoy an early morning breakfast before heading off to walk the base of this magnificent monolith. Along the way, cultural stories will be shared and significant sites admired. Tour duration: 5 hours

## Talinguru Nyakunytjaku (TN) Sunset

Take advantage of the sunrise viewing location (minus the onlookers) to capture unique perspectives of Uluru and Kata Tjuta as the night sky emerges. The perfect spot to enjoy an outback sundowner. *Tour duration: 2 hours* 

#### Guided Adventure Hikes & Walks

From an energising trek to an informative walk, Longitude 131° offers an optional range of privately guided expeditions exploring the vast desert frontier.

### Valley of the Winds Walk - Kata Tjuta

For those keen to explore the sacred site of Kata Tjuta (a place of men's business according to local Anangu lore), the rewarding Valley of the Winds walk wends through awesome canyons to a surprisingly lush amphitheatre, full of native birdsong and intriguing mystery. Tour duration: 5 hours

## Karingana Lookout - Kata Tju<u>t</u>a

Hike up to Karingana lookout and take in the breathtaking views out over the Valley of the Winds. Capture the rugged yet peaceful outlook from this high vantage point. *Tour duration: 4 hours* 

#### Karu Lookout - Kata Tjuta

If time is of the essence, this short section of the Valley of the Winds walk naturally showcases the gateway to the valleys beyond, offering a true sense of the enormous domes and their grandeur. Tour duration: 3 hours

#### Uluru Base Walk

Circumnavigate the base of Uluru, wandering through acacia woodlands and grassed claypans. Head off the main track to discover Mutitjulu Waterhole and Kantju Gorge and marvel at the rock's astounding features up-close. Tour duration: 4 hours

Alternatively, the above walks may be undertaken unguided, with transfers facilitated by the Lodge (additional charge applies).



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#### Kings Canyon

Many believe a visit to the Red Centre isn't complete without visiting Kings Canyon, a spectacular mighty chasm cleaving deep into the earth. Due to its remote location (the Watarrka National Park is 4 hours' drive from Uluru each way), some planning is required to experience the site in comfort and style. Recommendations of how best to incorporate a visit to Kings Canyon follow.

Private Day Tour: Embark on an outback road trip with a personal Lodge guide for a full day tour taking in the vast desert landscape, guided Rim Walk and gourmet picnic lunch staged in the surrounds of this remarkable region. Tour duration: 11 hours. Seasonal operation during the winter months only. Pre-booking recommended.

Alternate Options: Join Professional Helicopter Services for a private heli experience taking in the great salt lakes of Lake Amadeus en route to majestic Kings Canyon. SEIT Outback Australia offers a full day Kings Canyon excursion, including guided Rim Walk and picnic lunch. Please note, in the summer months when heat is extreme these tours depart in the early hours of the morning.

Arrival or Departure Experience: Join reputable outback operator SEIT Outback Australia for a guided tour, including an overnight stay at Kings Canyon, via Alice Springs (refer to SEIT Outback Australia section below for more information).

Alternatively, enjoy an unguided itinerary best suited to the freedom of a road trip. Fly into Alice Springs and arrange a hire car for the self-drive journey to Kings Canyon. Explore the Rim and Creek Bed Walks and stay overnight at Kings Canyon Wilderness Lodge. Continue to Yulara the following day (leaving the hire car at Yulara). Hire cars are available at both Alice Springs and Ayers Rock Airport.

# **Private Touring**

Many guests value the option of private touring in a luxury vehicle in the company of travelling companions and a personal guide. Follow the Signature program or design a personal itinerary – subject to availability, Longitude 131° can tailor an exceptional program. Half or full day private touring is available at an additional cost and pre-booking is essential.

## Private Transfers

Private transfers to and from the National Park icons are available for those who wish to stay on after scheduled experiences to Uluru and Kata Tjuta. Perfect for the keen and confident walker.

#### Red Ochre Spa (Additional Charges Apply)

Indulge and relax in the serene Red Ochre Spa. Housed in the Sails in the Desert hotel, Longitude 131° provides return transfers to and from the Spa, which offers a menu of rejuvenating treatments. Pre-booking is recommended.

#### Adventure Operators (Additional Charges Apply)

Longitude 131° works closely with local specialist operators providing adventure options such as camel rides, motorcycle tours, scenic helicopter and plane flights and outback cycling.

### **Bush Tucker Tour**

Discover the importance of traditional bush food to the people of Central Australia with a bush tucker tour guided by an Aboriginal host. Walk through country, taste a selection of bush foods and prepare some ingredients traditionally. Operated by SEIT Outback Australia on a private or shared basis, it must be noted that when cultural events occur an indigenous host may not be available.

### Uluru Camel Tours

Join renowned local adventure operator Uluru Camel Tours for an unforgettable journey through red dune country with Uluru and Kata Tjura as a stunning backdrop. Most popular at sunrise and sunset, tours are guided by passionate cameleers and an energetic photographer captures the moment.

## Uluru Motorcycle Tours

Feel the rush of travelling down the highway to Ulu<u>r</u>u and Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park on the back of an authentic Harley Davidson! Adventurous, informative and just a little bit 'rock-star', it's a fun way to gain an altogether different feel of the outback.

#### Helicopter Scenic Flights

Lift off from the Lodge's private heli pad on scenic flights ranging from 15 minutes duration to the whole day. Get a bird's eye view of Ulu<u>r</u>u and Kata Tjuta or further afield discover Lake Amadeus and Mount Conner. An exhilarating arrival or departure experience!

## Scenic Plane Flights

Ayers Rock Scenic Flights offers a range of fixed wing aerial adventures exploring the vast Red Centre region. Expert pilots share unique perspectives imbued with jocular humour and warm personalities. Feel as though flying with a good friend!

#### **Outback Cycling**

Jump on a mountain bike and cycle the 15 kilometre path around the base of Uluru at a leisurely pace. Take in the ambient sounds of the desert and marvel at the surroundings. It's a unique adventure on two wheels. Limited operation in the summer months.



# Indigenous Art (Additional Charges Apply)

Ernabella Arts Tour Longitude 131° Exclusive

Delve into the creative heart of indigenous Australia, its history and rich ancient culture on this full day 'road trip' to the remote colourful hub of Ernabella Arts. Cross the border into South Australia for an exclusive visit to the normally closed community to meet the talented group of artists. Gain insight into the ancient techniques and stories which form the basis of their artworks and create a ceramic tile to take home. Undertaken on a private basis, this experience promises to be rich, colourful and unforgettable. Tour duration: 10 hours. Seasonal operation during the winter months only. Pre-booking recommended.

#### **Art Galleries**

Nearby Ayers Rock Resort plays host to four art galleries showcasing a broad array of desert art representing the many different regional styles. The Mulgara Gallery, Desert Oak Studio and Wintjiri Arts & Museum regularly welcome an 'Artist in Residence' offering opportunity to watch the artist at work, talk to them about their craft and gain insight into the ancient culture so entwined with this landscape. Longitude 131° offers a daily transfer into Yulara's town centre where these galleries are located.

#### **Dot Painting Workshops**

Maruku Arts offers a fun introduction to Aboriginal art and the opportunity to learn about the symbols and painting styles used by local indigenous women in their artworks. Sit in the company of the ladies and with their guidance, create a take-home artwork.

## SEIT Outback Australia (Additional Charges Apply)

A range of excellent private charters is available with renowned tour operator SEIT Outback Australia, providing opportunities to explore further off the beaten track. Discover Central Australia's spectacular heart from the comfort of a customised four wheel drive, in the hands of enthusiastic guides, promising an exceptional outback experience.

### Kings Canyon Expedition

Travel to the Watarrka National Park to behold mighty Kings Canyon. Climb the escarpment for magnificent views then embark on the Rim Walk through the beehive-like sandstone domes, a haven for more than 600 species of plants. Take refuge in the lush surrounds of the Garden of Eden, a permanent waterhole surrounded by rich plant life and keep an eye out for a variety of birdlife which make the canyon home. Tour duration: 8 hours

## Mount Conner 4WD Outback Adventure

Situated on the vast, fully operational cattle station of Curtin Springs Station, this four wheel drive experience includes a visit to Mount Conner, fascinating wildlife and historical elements, concluding with a country-style dinner at the pub. Join the shared scheduled tour or undertake the adventure on a private basis. *Tour duration: 8 hours* 

## Indigenous Culture & Art Tour at Cave Hill

In the company of local indigenous community members, marvel at the age-old rock art and gain insight into everyday Aboriginal life. Engage a private guide or join a scheduled tour for a shared sightseeing experience. Tour duration: 9 hours

#### **Lunch Atop Mount Conner**

Often mistaken for Uluru, the impressive outback peak of Mount Conner offers a unique dining opportunity. Arrive in spectacular style by helicopter, landing atop the bluff for a sophisticated luncheon, with impressive views to Uluru and Kings Canyon. Truly taking dining to new heights! *Tour duration: 4 hours* 

#### **Private Charters**

Embrace the wonders of the outback without the crowds and tailor a special interest itinerary with a personal guide for any activities offered by SEIT Outback Australia.

#### Language Resources

Private itineraries are available with a naturalist guide fluent in French. In addition, an iPod resource with information translated into Chinese, French, German, Italian and Spanish is available for all Uluru and Kata Tjuta tours.

### Kings Canyon Overnight - Arrival or Departure Experience

1 night

Depart Alice Springs with SEIT Outback Australia for a personalised and private guided tour to Kings Canyon. Forming part of the Watarrka National Park, the chasm sits at the western end of the George Gill Range, approximately midway between Alice Springs and Uluru. Undertake a guided sunrise or sunset Rim Walk and learn about the site's significance to the traditional owners. For those looking for something a little less strenuous, a creek walk or scenic helicopter flight are alternate options.

Stay overnight at Kings Canyon Wilderness Lodge located on Kings Creek Station, a fully operational family-run cattle and camel station. Set in a private part of the property among desert oak trees, accommodation comprises contemporary tented cabins. Enjoy the serenity of the outback, relaxing with fellow guests around the campfire, sharing stories and forging new friendships in the peaceful surrounds.

The 'Track the Red Centre' tour offers tremendous flexibility, either commencing or concluding in Alice Springs to suit forward travel plans.