

## PRELIMINARY ITINERARY

### ULURU – KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK



Called the Heart of the Nation, the 'Red Centre' is arid, dramatic, vast, a land of extremes and home of Uluru, Australia's spectacular monolith. Discover other geological wonders such as Kata Tjuta. View a magnificent sunset and sunrise over the huge monolith that is Uluru and discover its significance to the local Indigenous people.

#### **Day One – Sunday 10 September 2023 (D)**

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Please make your own travel arrangements to arrive at Ayers Rock Airport.

After collecting your luggage, please make your way outside the airport and board the shuttle bus to your hotel.

The pick-up time for Night at Field of Light Dinner will be confirmed by the hotel. The departure time is approximately 60 minutes prior to sunset from the resort. This dining experience combines dinner under the outback sky with the once-in-a-lifetime Field of Light art installation. With magnificent views of Uluru at sunset, a three-course bush tucker menu, premium selection of Australian wines and beers, fascinating star talk and a self-guided walk through the Field of Light art installation, your 'A Night at Field of Light' experience is complete



**Accommodation Option One: The Lost Camel Hotel x 3 nights (3 star)**

Yulara Drive, Yulara Northern Territory

**Accommodation Option Emu Walk Apartments x 3 nights (4 star)**

Yulara Drive, Yulara Northern Territory

**Day Two – Monday 11 September 2023 (B)**

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Experience the tranquillity of the pre-dawn land under a canopy of stars. Watch the amazing transformation of colours and life as the desert awakens with Uluru and Kata Tjuta as your backdrop.

After arriving at the base of Uluru, begin a sunrise trek around the 12 kilometre base trail and embrace the culture, geology and environment that is the essence of this amazing monolith. Along the trail you will witness sunrise, visit waterholes and the rock art sites of the ancients and learn of Uluru's cultural significance to the Anangu (local Aboriginal) people. Take time out to enjoy your picnic outback breakfast as you listen to the variety of desert noises from the surrounding environment. As you make your way around the base, your guide will tell you a number of stories associated with prominent Tjukurpa (Creation stories).

Mid afternoon journey through the desert landscapes within the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to the mighty rock formations of Kata Tjuta. Your guide will reveal the many attributes of this diverse environment and describe the cultural significance of Kata Tjuta as a sacred Aboriginal men's ceremonial site. Arriving at Walpa Gorge you will walk between the mighty conglomerate domes and hear how these 36 domes that make up Kata Tjuta have evolved over millions of years. Take time to listen to the wind (Walpa) far above and view the scale of the rock walls that surround you. The spirituality of this amazing location embraces everyone who ventures here.

Remainder of the evening at leisure

**Day Three – Tuesday 12 September 2023 (B)**

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Departing in the early afternoon, accompany the traditional Uluru Family to their homelands called Patji and spend time learning about the oldest living culture in the world. This unique and exclusive touring experience, Patji is located just outside of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park south of Uluru. Explore this extraordinary environment by 4WD with an indigenous guide, stopping along the journey to hear stories such as how Paddy Uluru fought for Aboriginal Lands rights to where Uluru is today. Join the Uluru family under a remote shelter to hear how they survived in this desert environment before tourism started in the region. Continue on to a private sand dune to view the great expanse of the desert overlooking Uluru and Kata Tjuta.

The tour includes afternoon tea, 1 x bottle water and refill water, non-alcoholic sunset drinks and appetisers at sunset viewing.

Tour duration approx. 7 hours



## Day Four – Wednesday 13 September 2023 (B)

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Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

No suggested flight – this should be booked to allow sufficient time to connect with any ongoing flights you may have arranged & the choice of departure flight is at your discretion

*End of arrangements*

### **Tour Cost:**

#### **3 Star accommodation at The Lost Camel:**

\$1,920.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$2,380.00 per person based on single occupancy

#### **4 Star accommodation at Emu Walk Apartments:**

\$2,195.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$3,310.00 per person based on single occupancy

### **Tour Inclusions:**

- Accommodation as specified (where possible)
- Non-exclusive sightseeing as per the itinerary
- English speaking commentary
- Breakfast daily and other meals as specified (Breakfast = B, Lunch = L, Dinner = D)
- Return Airport transfers in destination

### **Not Included**

- Airfares to/from destination
- Meals other than specified
- Personal expenses
- Beverages & anything not specifically mentioned

### **Airfares**

Domestic airfares to pre and post tour destinations are not included in the ground cost of the tour. Please advise the ICOMOS GA2023 Managers of your flight details so that they can arrange your airport transfers. You may still register on the pre and post tours if you have not finalised your travel arrangements. On completion of the registration form, you will be issued with an access key, which you need to record as this key allows you to access and update your booking and registration details at a later date.

**Restrictions/Accessibility:** Not suitable for wheelchairs or persons with limited mobility

**Fitness level:** Gentle /Moderate

**Minimum number of participants:** 4

**Maximum number of participants:** 10 rooms / 20 people

**Is French speaking commentary available:** No