

## Australian Guided Tours

### Outback Wonders

**Operator:** AAT Kings

**Days:** 16

**Start:** Sydney

**Finish:** Darwin

**Our price:** Check [www.experienceaustralia.com](http://www.experienceaustralia.com)

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### Overview

Discover the magic of Australia along what AAT Kings call the 'Pioneers Path' from Sydney to Darwin visiting Adelaide, the Flinders Ranges, Port Augusta, Coober Pedy, Ayers Rock (Uluru), Kings Canyon, Alice Springs, Katherine Gorge, and the Kakadu and Litchfield National Parks. You will be well looked after by a driver and a tour director and comfortably transported in a luxury coach with 2-door access, restroom, reclining seats, and panoramic windows.

Accommodation for this **premium escorted tour** is in twin share rooms (with private facilities) in centrally located hotels. All breakfasts, eight dinners, and three special 'Highlight Dinners' are included in the price. Airport transfers are also included (subject to timing).

### Highlights

- Clare Valley wine tastings
- Flinders Ranges
- Explore Wilpena Pound
- Tour Coober Pedy
- Uluru (Ayers Rock) sunset and base walking tour
- Kata Tjuṯa (the Olgas)
- Climb Kings Canyon
- Battery Hill at Tennant Creek
- Visit Simpsons Gap
- Cruise Katherine Gorge
- Explore Kakadu National Park
- Yellow Water Billabong cruise
- Visit Crocosaurus Cove and including Aboriginal Cultural Experience

## Tour itinerary

**B** = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **D** = Dinner **HD** = 'Highlight Dinner'

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### Day 1: Sydney – Hay

Depart Sydney and travel along the Hume Highway via Goulburn and the Riverina to Hay. Enjoy a welcome drink this evening with your Tour Director. **D**

*Accommodation: Comfort Inn, Hay.*

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### Day 2: Hay – Adelaide

Travel via vast Hay plains and Mildura, located on the mighty Murray River. We cross the South Australian border and travel through the vineyards of the Riverland District to Adelaide. **B**

*Accommodation: Stamford Plaza, Adelaide.*

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### Day 3: Adelaide - Flinders Ranges

See the sights of Adelaide on an orientation tour before we make our way north and sample some local wines at Sevenhill Cellars, the oldest existing winery in the beautiful Clare Valley. Travel through the spectacular Flinders Ranges and into Wilpena Pound, a remarkable natural amphitheatre covering nearly 8,000 hectares. **B D**

*Accommodation: Wilpena Pound Resort, Flinders Ranges.*

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### Day 4: Port Augusta

Enjoy time to explore Wilpena Pound, before we travel through picturesque Pitchi Richi Pass to Port Augusta where we will visit the Wadlata Outback Centre. **B D**

*Accommodation: Majestic Oasis Apartments, Port Augusta.*

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### Day 5: Coober Pedy

Visit Woomera before travelling to isolated Coober Pedy, the opal capital. Visit an underground church and home. **B D**

*Accommodation: Desert Cave Hotel, Coober Pedy.*

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### Day 6: Uluru (Ayers Rock)

This morning we cross the border into the Northern Territory and continue to Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park. Enjoy a complimentary glass of sparkling wine as you watch sunset at Uluru. **B**

*Accommodation: Desert Gardens Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort, 2 nights.*

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### Day 7: Kata Tjuta (the Olgas)

You may wish to join a tour to view sunrise at Uluru. Enjoy a guided walk into Mutitjulu Waterhole and stop at the Uluru - Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre. Visit Kata Tjuta and walk into Walpa Gorge. Enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner under the stars. **B HD**

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### **Day 8: Kings Canyon**

Travel to Kings Canyon today. For the energetic, a guided climb to the canyon rim will be rewarded with magnificent views of Watarrka National Park. Or you may prefer to explore the boulder-strewn canyon floor, an easier walk. **B D**

*Accommodation: Kings Canyon Resort, Kings Canyon.*

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### **Day 9: Alice Springs**

We travel through to Alice Springs. See the sights of Alice Springs, including the Royal Flying Doctor Service, School of the Air and the Telegraph Station. **B D**

*Accommodation: Chifley Alice Springs Resort, Alice Springs, 2 nights.*

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### **Day 10: Aboriginal Culture**

Spend time with a local Aboriginal guide. You will learn of life and survival of the Arrente People, including bush food, the search for water and kinship. Later visit the Alice Springs Desert Park. Learn about Australia's unique desert marsupials and reptiles. Visit the Nocturnal House and Nature Theatre. We travel to Simpsons Gap, a prominent waterhole, with its striking gorges and lovely river red-gum scenery. **B**

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### **Day 11: Tennant Creek**

Travelling north we arrive at Karlu Karlu (Devils Marbles). There is time to walk around these precariously balanced boulders. On arrival in Tennant Creek we join a local guide for a tour of the historic Battery Hill Precinct. Tour a mine and experience the life of an early miner. Tonight enjoy a delicious barbecue dinner at the Battery Mine Centre. **B HD**

*Accommodation: Eldorado Motor Inn, Tennant Creek.*

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### **Day 12: Mataranka Thermal Springs**

Travel across vast outback stations. Visit the historic Daly Waters Hotel, before continuing into 'Never Never' country. Stop at the tropical oasis of Mataranka for a relaxing dip in the thermal springs or stroll through the Elsey Homestead replica. **B D**

*Accommodation: Paraway Motel, Katherine.*

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### **Day 13: Katherine Gorge - Kakadu**

Join our local guide on an early morning cruise through Katherine Gorge in Nitmiluk National Park and then continue deep into Kakadu National Park. Later we cruise on the famous Yellow Water Billabong. We should see a variety of birdlife and with luck, we may also see the feared estuarine crocodile basking in the muddy shallows. **B D**

*Accommodation: Gagudju Crocodile Holiday Inn, Jabiru.*

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### **Day 14: Darwin**

We stop at Bowali Visitor Centre. The displays here will take you on a journey through Kakadu's varied habitats and landscapes. Travel to Ubirr and climb to the top of this rocky

outcrop for rewarding views. This afternoon travel to Darwin and enjoy a sightseeing tour of this tropical city on arrival. **B**

*Accommodation: Mantra Pandanas, Darwin, 2 nights.*

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### **Day 15: Litchfield National Park**

We travel to Litchfield National Park to see beautiful Florence Falls and the mysterious Magnetic Termite Mounds. Dine out this evening at Crocosaurus Cove. Enter the world of the awesome Northern Territory saltwater crocodile. See the largest display in the world of Australian reptiles, a two storey fresh water aquarium, a turtle sanctuary, as well as local Aboriginal art and culture displays. **B HD**

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### **Day 16: Depart Darwin**

Your tour concludes this morning after breakfast. You will be transferred to Darwin Airport to connect with your onward flight. **B**

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