



Exploring Standley Chasm  
Angkerle Atwatye



NT Learning Adventures

**Suggested itineraries**





# Central Australia 7 days

Lighting the Milky Way

## Sustainability and culture

Fly in and out of Alice Springs.

### DAY ONE

#### Alice Springs

Be met at the airport by your driver / guide and travel 10min to Earth Sanctuary World Nature Centre where you'll camp overnight and learn about ecology, astronomy, sustainability and culture in Central Australia. Hands-on activities provide students with an understanding of sustainability, learning simple ways to reduce their carbon footprint. The phenomenal southern skies create a perfect classroom at night for the team to captivate students with their knowledge of the stars and the cosmos.

### DAY TWO

#### Alice Springs

Spend the morning undertaking an interactive educational program with Desert Knowledge Australia. Use the afternoon to discover Aboriginal art and artefacts at the Araluen Cultural Precinct, host to a number of attractions including the Museum of Central Australia. Stay overnight in Alice Springs.

### DAY THREE AND FOUR

#### Watarrka National Park

Travel towards Watarrka National Park and discover bushfoods, bushcraft, traditional weaponry and desert survival on the way with a Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Or, arrange an Aboriginal Cultural Discovery Session with Remote Education Tours, at Lilla community, with a chance to end the day with a game of footy with the local community students.

In the morning hike and explore Watarrka (Kings Canyon), before travelling towards Alice Springs and Tjoritja / the West MacDonnell Ranges.

### DAY FIVE AND SIX

#### Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park and Alice Springs

Explore the Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park's stunning gorges, gaps, chasms and waterholes. Visit the ochre pits where local Aboriginal people have sourced ochre for rock art and ceremonies for thousands of years.

Take a guided walk with the Traditional Owners at Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye. Stay for a cultural conversation or a traditional art workshop.

Back in town, visit Megafauna Central where students unravel the mysteries of an 8 million year old mass extinction event, influenced by climatic changes. This evening take a Nocturnal Tour at the Alice Springs Desert Park and meet many threatened desert critters who now reside in Central Australia and enjoy sanctuary here.

### DAY SEVEN

#### Return travel

Depart Alice Springs at your leisure with the culture and landscape of Central Australia captured in students' minds forever.



# Central Australia 9 days



Curtin Springs Station

## Environment, history and culture

Fly or drive into Alice Springs and out of Yulara (Uluru) or easily reverse the trip.

### DAY ONE TO THREE

#### Alice Springs and Tjoritja / West MacDonnell National Park

Check in to your accommodation for three nights. Start your Central Australian exploration by visiting the largest classroom in the world, at the Alice Springs School of the Air. Understand how flexible learning works in the remote outback. Afterwards, drive up Anzac Hill to see the sunset on the surrounding ranges and enjoy sweeping views of the town.

Tonight, have the team from the Alice Springs Reptile Centre bring their slithery friends to your campground, for a live demonstration and information session.

On morning two, visit the Alice Springs Desert Park and either take a self-guided tour or arrange an educational experience to learn about semi-arid ecosystems, native flora and fauna and Aboriginal survival in the desert. The free-flying bird show is not to be missed.

Head out to Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye for lunch and an interpretive walk. Receive an introduction to Arrernte culture with the Traditional Owners and participate in a range of cultural activities.

On the way back to town, stop by Simpsons Gap to find some elusive Black-footed Rock Wallabies. Don't forget to visit Rev John Flynn's grave too!

Spend day three investigating the importance of this regional centre in Australia's pioneering past, with a visit to the historic Alice Springs Telegraph Station. At the Royal Flying Doctors Service Alice Springs Tourist Facility learn how this essential service started and how they continue to save lives in remote Australia today.

Include visits to the Women's Museum of Australia and the National Road Transport Hall of Fame to discover other fascinating aspects of pioneering history.

### DAY FOUR AND FIVE

#### Watarrka National Park

Settle in for a scenic drive this morning and travel towards Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon). Lunch at Kings Creek Station before doing an afternoon tour with Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience. Time permitting, explore Kathleen Springs before relaxing at camp under a million stars. Stay at Kings Creek Station or Kings Canyon Resort.

Wake early to complete the challenging 3-4 hour Kings Canyon Rim Walk. Prepare for breathtaking views of ancient sandstone domes, striking canyon walls, relic flora and a hidden oasis.

Depart Watarrka after lunch and arrive at Curtin Springs Station for your overnight stay. This afternoon explore station life and learn how they successfully raise cattle in the desert while preserving a million acre wildlife corridor.





Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon)



Anzac Hill lookout



Simpsons Gap Emu Run Experience

A hands-on paper-making workshop using native grasses, a surreal salt lake and magnificent views of Mt Connor make Curtin Springs a learning destination not to be missed.

### DAY SIX TO EIGHT

#### Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Travel one hour to reach Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park and visit the Cultural Centre to learn about Anangu, the traditional custodians of the land, and their Tjukurpa (Aboriginal lore). Join Parks Australia for an educational ranger experience. Take a guided Uluru base walk or complete the 10km circuit on bicycles hired from Outback Cycling before watching the stunning colours of Uluru transform as the sun sets on the rock.

Sunrise at Kata Tjuta this morning means an early start. Take your time to complete the Valley of the Winds Walk and be awestruck by the 36 conglomerate domes. Unravel extraordinary geological mysteries with your guide.

Drive back to Yulara and enjoy a BBQ lunch at the Camel Farm. Take an afternoon ride and learn about the important role camels had during early settlement and exploration. Enjoy a leisurely evening with an Uluru sunset close to camp.

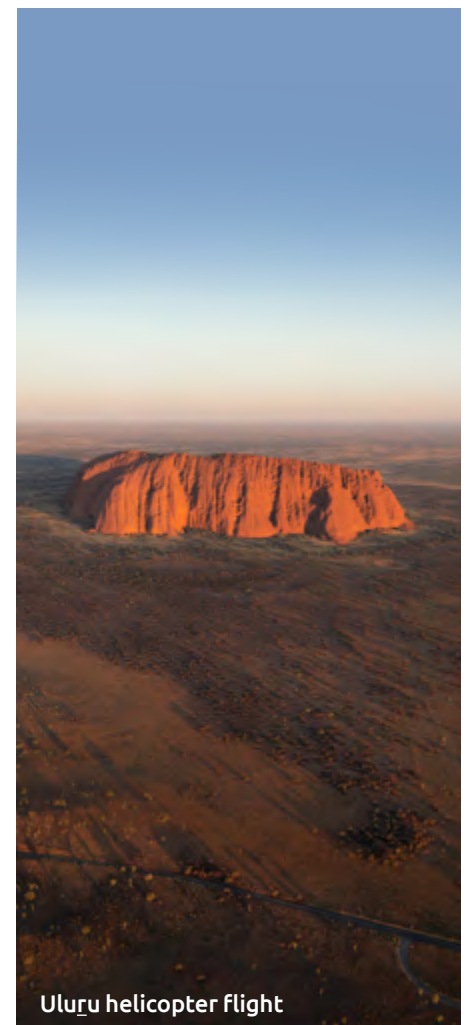
Day eight, arrange a cultural experience and dot painting workshop with Maruku Arts where students learn in the company of Anangu.

The 'Field of Light Uluru' is another spectacular way to spend an evening in the Red Centre. The 50,000 mesmerising solar lights are sure to excite your students.

### DAY NINE

#### Return travel

Explore the Yulara town square for those last minute souvenirs before you depart for the airport.



Uluru helicopter flight





# Across the Territory

## 12 days



Exploring Kata Tjuta

### Environment, history and culture

Fly into Darwin and out of Yulara (Uluru) or vice versa. This is easily adjusted to suit a one-way coach drive.

#### DAY ONE AND TWO

##### Darwin and Litchfield National Park

Fly into Darwin and transfer to your accommodation for the next two nights. Spend the afternoon touring the town by coach or on foot with Walk Darwin. Visit the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory for a dedicated school program or the Darwin Military Museum and Defence of Darwin Experience. Or re-live the Bombing of Darwin Harbour at the Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Tourist Facility. The famous Mindil Beach Sunset Markets (Thurs or Sun) are a great way to experience the multi-cultural heart of the city.

Start early and travel south for a pre-arranged excursion package at the Territory Wildlife Park. Continue on to spend the remainder of the day touring Litchfield National Park. See the incredible Magnetic Termite Mounds, and enjoy a walk and refreshing swim at Buley Rockhole or Florence Falls. Return to Darwin for dinner at your overnight accommodation.

#### DAY THREE AND FOUR

##### Kakadu National Park and Katherine

Depart Darwin and spend the morning with Pudukul Aboriginal Cultural Tours for an interactive 2hrs of bush tucker descriptions, dilly-bag making, Yidaki (didgeridoo) and clap-stick demonstrations.

Continue into World Heritage-listed Kakadu National Park, stopping at Cahills Crossing to spot crocs. Take a guided walk at Ubirr with Kakadu rangers and discover vibrant Aboriginal rock art. Wonder at the expansive views across the Nadab floodplain before heading to your overnight accommodation in Jabiru or Cooida.

Enjoy a morning boat tour with the award-winning Yellow Water Cruises and visit the Warradjan Cultural Centre before making your way 2½hrs south to Katherine. This afternoon, drop in to see the entertaining horse and working dog show at Katherine Outback Experience. Stay in Katherine for two nights.

#### DAY FIVE

##### Nitmiluk National Park and Katherine

Spend the morning soaking up the ancient culture and geological formations of Nitmiluk Gorge. Explore by tour boat, on foot, by canoe or with an educational cultural activity with Nitmiluk Tours. Depart early afternoon to visit the Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery.

#### DAY SIX AND SEVEN

##### Mataranka, Tennant Creek and Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles

Over the next two days, travel south following the journey of one of Australia's most accomplished explorers, John McDouall Stuart. Experience the stunning Mataranka thermal pools, visit the Battery Hill Gold Mining and Heritage Centre and aim to stay at one of the well-equipped caravan parks in Tennant Creek.

Plan for an early morning study of the fascinating geological phenomena at Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles, 100km



Cultural experience at Pudakul



Sunset at Ubirr



Katherine Outback Experience

south of Tennant Creek.

Complete the final 400km drive to Alice Springs, where you'll stay for the next two nights. Drive up ANZAC Hill this evening for stunning views of the town and the MacDonnell Ranges.

## DAY EIGHT

### Alice Springs

Spend the day exploring Alice Springs and its surrounds. With a myriad of educational attractions to choose from, it's easy to create a suite of activities to keep students engaged in key learning areas throughout the day. Visit the Alice Springs Desert Park, School of the Air, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Women's Museum of Australia, the Alice Springs Telegraph Station or the Reptile Centre. Alternatively, a short drive to the east or west of town rewards with impressive gaps, chasms, remote waterholes and other ancient features of the MacDonnell Ranges.

## DAY NINE

### Watarrka National Park

Depart Alice today and head towards Watarrka National Park. If your vehicle is suitable for off-road touring, detour from the highway to visit Rainbow Valley or the Henbury Meteorite Craters. This afternoon arrange for a Karrke Aboriginal Cultural Experience or a 4hr cultural engagement with Remote Tours at Lilla Aboriginal community. Stay one night nearby.

## DAY TEN TO TWELVE

### Watarrka National Park, Curtin Springs Station and Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park

Up early this morning, enjoy the spectacular 3-4hr Kings Canyon rim walk. Visit Curtin Springs Station and take in the views of Mt Conner enroute to Yulara, where you'll stay for two nights.

Enter Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park in the morning and be mesmerised by the enormous domes of Kata Tjuta on the Valley of the Winds Walk. Enjoy a picnic lunch and take in every angle of the magnificent formations from various viewing areas. Drive towards Uluru and visit the Cultural Centre for an introduction into Tjukurpa and the cultural aspects of Uluru. Arrange for a dot-painting workshop with Maruku Arts or an educational ranger talk before finding a prime position to watch the setting sun intensify the colours of the enormous monolith.

Rise early and break camp for a sunrise over Uluru or jump on a camel. Take your time exploring the base walk with a guided tour, or hire bicycles with Outback Cycling. Meet your return flight at the airport and leave with the wonders of the NT vivid in student's minds.





# Top End / Darwin

## 7-9 days

### Culture, environment, outdoor education and history

Fly in and out of Darwin.

#### DAY ONE

##### Darwin

Arrive in Darwin, settle in to your accommodation and spend the remainder of the day exploring the city. Get your bearings by tour coach or with a local guide on a Walk Darwin tour.

#### DAY TWO AND THREE

##### Greater Darwin, Litchfield National Park and Katherine

Depart Darwin and visit the Territory Wildlife Park, delving into an educational program with their team of experts. Alternatively, arrange a tailored group experience at Crocodylus Park with live-handling sessions, croc-feeding tours or an eco-cruise introducing a range of Top End habitats.

Spend the afternoon learning about sustainability while developing bush and survival skills with a wilderness education workshop, delivered by Sticks and Stones Adventures. Or, stay at Batchelor Outdoor

Education Centre and arrange a catered program of activities.

Make the wonderful features of Litchfield National Park the focus on Day 3. Study the Magnetic Termite Mounds, marvel at waterfalls and enjoy pristine swimming holes.

Continue south to Katherine, where you'll stay for the next two nights. This afternoon join the highly engaging horse and working dog show with Katherine Outback Experience.

#### DAY FOUR

##### Katherine and Nitmiluk National Park

Explore Nitmiluk National Park and its ancient gorge at your leisure. Choose a guided bush walk with a local park ranger, paddle a canoe in the Katherine River or cruise the gorge on a boat tour. Nitmiluk Tours provides award-winning, informative cultural programs that offer a deeper understanding of the area's unique cultural aspects.

This afternoon visit Top Didj Aboriginal Art Gallery.

#### DAY FIVE AND SIX

##### Kakadu National Park and Mary River region

Take an early drive north towards Kakadu National Park with an optional hike and swim at Leliyn / Edith Falls. Enter Kakadu and visit the Warradjan Aboriginal Cultural Centre where students can engage in experiences such as weaving lessons and art tutorials, with local Aboriginal people.

This afternoon arrange a guided tour by Ayal Aboriginal Tours or Kakadu Rock Art Tours of the outstanding rock art protected by ancient shelters at Nourlangie. Visit nearby Anbangbang Billabong and Nawurlandja Lookout for amazing views of the site. Choose a tropical camp in Coinda or Jabiru for the night.

In the morning, do some croc spotting at Cahills Crossing before marvelling at the Aboriginal rock art sites at Ubirr.



Exploring on the water in Nitmiluk Gorge

Take in the captivating views across the Nadab floodplains. After lunch join the Guluymbi Cultural Cruise (smaller groups only) for insights into local culture, mythologies and bush survival or, visit the Bowali Visitor Centre.

Travel west stopping at the Mamukala wetlands, one of Kakadu's best bird watching spots. Finish with a leisurely afternoon at camp and allow students time to reflect on their learnings so far. Arrange a 'Welcome to Country' with the Uwynmil Traditional Owners and explore the property at Mary River Wilderness Retreat. Basecamp Wallaroo also boasts incredible natural surroundings and outdoor education activities with Adventure Bound.

## DAY SEVEN

### Greater Darwin and Mary River regions

A short drive this morning and you'll discover the region's fascinating flora and fauna on-board a Corroboree Billabong Wetland Cruise followed by a visit to the Wetland View Top Centre.

Continue north to join a two hour hands-on interactive experience with Pudukul Aboriginal Cultural Tours.

Groups travelling home today can return to Darwin at any time to meet departing flights. Alternatively continue your Top End learning adventure in Darwin for the next two nights.

## DAY EIGHT AND NINE

### Darwin military history, culture and environments

Spend the next day(s) immersed in the fascinating culture and history of Darwin that has influenced modern-day Australia. A range of museums and educational attractions present significant historical events. Visit the Royal Flying Doctor Service Darwin Tourist Facility, Darwin Aviation Museum and the Darwin Military Museum and Defence of Darwin Experience.

Gain a different perspective on the Bombing of Darwin, local Aboriginal culture, marine science and eco-systems while cruising or sailing on the stunning waters of Darwin Harbour.

A range of quality operators deliver specialised educational content during these nautical experiences.

Continue environmental studies at Crocosaurus Cove or tailor a program to address specific learning areas at the Museum and Art Gallery of the Northern Territory.

Before taking the resounding beauty of the Top End home, spend an evening at the vibrant Mindil Beach Sunset Markets (Thu and Sun nights), catch a movie at Darwin's Deckchair Cinema or check out a community event or festival.





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