



The Red Centre Way is a popular drive route, taking travellers through the heart of Central Australia. Explore many of the outback's most iconic landmarks, including Uluru, Kata Tjuta, Kings Canyon, and the MacDonnell Ranges. We recommend at least a week to complete the Red Centre Way to allow enough time to delve into the places you visit.

1 ALICE SPRINGS

Alice Springs is the perfect base point to explore the region. With plenty of galleries, museums and historical sites scattered around the town, you could easily be entertained for a couple of days. Add on top of that the Alice Springs Desert Park, a variety of walks and tours and the Earth Sanctuary, you'll have a full schedule in no time. We also recommend not missing the East MacDonnell Ranges. Here you can enjoy either a day or overnight trip to see some natural wonders like Emily and Jessie Gap, Corroboree Rock, Trepkina Gorge and Arltunga. And if you've got a four-wheel drive, you can't miss John Hayes Rockhole, N'Dhala Gorge, and Ruby Gap too.

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2 WEST MACDONNELL RANGES

The West MacDonnell Ranges National Park stretches 161 km west of Alice Springs. The spectacular West MacDonnell Ranges, known as Tjoritja by the traditional owners of the land, is home to the region's most stunning gorges, gaps, waterholes, and chasms. Be sure to stop along the way at Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Ellery Creek Big Hole, Ormiston Gorge, Glen Helen Gorge, and Redbank Gorge. Whether you want to go for a walk, have a picnic, take a dip, or pull up to camp for the night, there is something on offer at each of these stops.

Access Larapinta Drive and Namatjira Drive are sealed roads. Suitable to all vehicles, including caravans, some access tracks are AWD or 4WD only.

Facilities Camping available, gas BBQs, picnic tables, toilets, lookouts.

NT Parks Pass required and camping fees apply.



Bookings and information:
Alice Springs, Yulara and Tennant Creek Visitor Information Centre
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3 MERREENIE LOOP

The Mereenie Loop is the access road between the West MacDonnell Ranges (Larapinta Dr) and Kings Canyon (Luritja Rd). Permits must be purchased to travel on this road as it enters Aboriginal Land. Fuel is unavailable along the Mereenie Loop, so make sure you have sufficient fuel to get from Alice Springs to Kings Canyon. No camping permitted.

Access This is 126km of unsealed, highly corrugated road only suitable for a 4WD and offroad vehicles.

Permits Approximately \$5 and it is issued for a specific date of travel. Can be purchased from Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre, Standley Chasm, Hermannsburg, Kings Creek Station, and Kings Canyon Discovery Park Resort.

4 KINGS CANYON

Experience the famous Watarrka National Park home to the incredible Kings Canyon. If you're up for it you can try the 3 – 4 hour Kings Canyon Rim Walk, or if you're after something a little easier you can head down the Kings Creek Walk to get the view from within the canyon.



Alternatively, you could fly over the canyon and see the stunning scenery of the whole George Gill Range. If you want to learn more about Aboriginal culture, you should check out the Karrke Cultural Experience. You will learn about bush tucker and medicine, hunting and weaponry, art techniques, and about the local aboriginal Tjukkurpa (ancestral beings creation stories).

Access Luritja Road is sealed, suitable to all vehicles.

Facilities Camping & Hotel style accommodation available with dining options, gas BBQs, picnic tables, toilets, fuel. No camping allowed.



5 ULURU & KATA TJUTA

Seeing Uluru is on everyone's bucket list but there is so much more to see and do while you're there. Uluru is only one half of the national park, with Kata Tjuta sitting on the other half. There are a few different walks available around the national park, including the Uluru Base Walk, and Kata Tjuta's Valley of the Winds, or Walpa Gorge Walks. If you're looking for a fun way to experience Uluru there's plenty to choose from, including by bicycle, Harley Davidson, camel, segway, helicopter, or plane.



Additionally, you should visit some of the galleries either in the nearby township of Yulara or in the national park's cultural centre. You can also learn about the desert skies during Uluru Astro Tour with exclusive night-time access to the Uluru and Kata Tjuta National Park. Ayers Rock Resort provides free guest activities provided if you're still looking for things to do, too.

Access 325km from Kings Canyon on Luritja Rd and Lasseter Highway.

Facilities Camping & Hotel Accommodation with dining options, tours, lookouts, picnic areas, toilets, fuel at Yulara. Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park | Entry fee - \$38 for 3 day pass. Can be purchased at parksaustralia.gov.au/uluru/ or at the gate on arrival; no camping allowed.



6 BACK TO ALICE SPRINGS

Depending on your itinerary, you might be heading back to Alice Springs, or at least to the Stuart Highway to head south. About 1 hours' drive east from Uluru you'll find Curtin Springs, a working cattle station with accommodation, food, tours, and salt lakes. Further along the Lasseter Highway, you'll come across Mount Conner Lookout to get your perfect shot of 'fool-uru' (our key tip is to cross the road and walk up the sand dune for a surprise view of salt lakes).

At the Lasseter and Stuart Highway intersection, you find Erldunda Roadhouse, home to a unique Emu farm. This is your chance to head north, back to Alice Springs, or south towards South Australia. If you head back to Alice Springs, be sure to stop in at Rainbow Valley, located roughly 77km south of Alice Springs.

The extraordinary sandstone cliffs and bluffs are especially gorgeous in the early morning or late afternoon sun, as the light picks out the rainbow bands. Camping is also available here if you need another overnight rest stop. Access requires an AWD or 4WD, offroad caravans recommended only.



Road conditions and access to parks in the Northern Territory (NT) can change at short notice. Always check the road conditions before you leave. General road conditions can be accessed at roadreport.nt.gov.au/. For specific information on national park access, please visit nt.gov.au/parks.

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