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# Central Australian Discovery

**Adelaide to Darwin**

**2021**

**15 Days**

**From \$9,195 AUD**

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Trip Code: GODA15R

## Inclusions

- Experiences in 18 destinations
- The services of an expert APT tour director and driver
- Experience the incredible 'Night at Field of Light' at Uluru
- Board a scenic flight over the Lost City, a series of large sandstone outcrops
- Locally inspired dining - a total of 41 meals
- View the salt flats of the largest inland lake in Australia, Kati Thanda–Lake Eyre
- Embark on the Kings Canyon Rim Walk and take in spectacular views
- Enjoy a cruise through Nitmiluk (Katherine) Gorge and keep an eye out for crocodiles

## TRIP NOTES

- Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change
- Weather may cause disruptions to itinerary
- Tour Activity Level – Active. This tour includes some longer, more challenging hikes over uneven terrain
- Price includes airport transfers and park fees
- APT highly recommends travel insurance
- Prices are for land tour only, flights not included

# Map & Itinerary



## Signature Experiences

Designed Exclusively for APT guests

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

These once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises

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## Arrive Adelaide

Arrive into Adelaide airport, where you will be met on arrival and transferred to your hotel. This evening, get to know your fellow travellers and Driver-Guide as you enjoy a Welcome Dinner at your hotel.

**Stay:** Adelaide, The Playford Hotel

**Daily :** ● Dinner

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## Adelaide, Claire Valley, Flinders Ranges

After breakfast, journey through the wine growing district of the Clare Valley. Here, enjoy lunch at Skillogalee Winery, showcasing the exceptional locally grown produce and wines of the region. Travel to the Flinders Ranges. Enter Flinders Ranges National Park, a cultural, historical and geological wonder renowned for its spectacular 800-million-year-old landscapes

**Stay:** Two Nights, Wilpena Pound, Ikara Safari Camp

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Ikara-Flinders Ranges National Park

Today you will have a full day to explore the incredible Flinders Ranges National Park. Spend some time in the geological site of Brachina Gorge. Keep an eye out for the endangered Yellow-footed Rock-wallaby as you traverse the gorge's layers, dating back some 130 million years. After lunch, the afternoon is at your leisure to further explore, or perhaps enjoy some time to relax. You may also wish to take a fantastic optional scenic flight (own expense) or walk into Wilpena Pound. This evening, enjoy dinner back at your resort.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Flinders Ranges National Park, Marree

This morning farewell the Flinders Ranges. Stop for lunch at the Prairie Hotel. Later, arrive at Marree and stay at your historic hotel that dates back to 1883.

**Stay:** Marree Hotel

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Marree, Coober Pedy

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Drive to the edge of Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre and look out to the seemingly endless salt flats.

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Journey along the iconic Oodnadatta Track, keeping an eye out for the 5,614-kilometre Dog Fence.

Today you will also have the option to board a scenic flight over the awe-inspiring Kati Thanda-Lake Eyre, where you will gain a bird's-eye view and true appreciation of this magnificent sight - own expense. This afternoon we arrive in Coober Pedy.

**Stay:** Desert Cave Hotel

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Coober Pedy, Uluru

Make your way to the Umoona Opal Mine, where you will watch an informative award-winning documentary presented in an underground theatre. You will learn about the different types and quality of opals, as well as visiting a mine that was worked in the 1920s. Farewell South Australia, and cross the border into the Northern Territory. Later arrive at Uluru. In the heart of the Red Centre, the luxury of Sails in the Desert complements the surrounding natural beauty. This evening, enjoy dinner at your resort.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Uluru, Sails in the Desert Hotel, Ayers Rock Resort

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Uluru

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, indulge in the Sounds of Silence dinner under the stars. Savour a glass of sparkling as the sun goes down, then help yourself to a 'bush tucker' buffet accompanied by the music of a didgeridoo.

At sunrise, enjoy a base tour of Uluru, learning about ancient traditions and stories from the Dreamtime while you marvel at this Australian icon. While you circumnavigate this amazing natural landmark, the experience will leave you mesmerised. Rising 348 metres above the plain, this national treasure is higher than both the Eiffel Tower in Paris and the Chrysler Building in New York. Enjoy Lunch at the Ininti Souvenirs and Café. Tonight enjoy the once-in-a-lifetime Field of Light art installation.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Uluru, Kings Canyon

After breakfast, explore the incredible Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Visit Kata Tjuta - the Olgas, consisting of 36 majestic domes, which form deep valleys and steep-sided gorges. An important Indigenous cultural site, Kata Tjuta translates to 'many heads'. Continue to explore the immense red walls of Walpa Gorge. Later arrive at Kings Canyon Resort. Set in the Watarrka National Park, just nine kilometres from Kings Canyon, Kings Canyon Resort will be a stay to cherish.

**Stay:** Kings Canyon Resort and Lodge

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Kings Canyon, Alice Springs

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Journey into the heart of pristine Watarrka National Park and embark on the Kings Canyon Rim Walk.

Today travel from Kings Canyon along the Mereenie Loop Road to Alice Springs. Along the way stop at Hermannsberg and visit the Namatijira School of Art, where you view magnificent authentic art pieces before enjoying lunch at Gosses Bluff crater. This afternoon arrive in Alice Springs where you will enjoy a tour of this iconic township.

**Stay:** Two Nights, Mercure Alice Springs Resort

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Alice Springs, West MacDonnell Ranges

Head to Simpsons Gap, just one of the scenic areas that pierce the West MacDonnell Ranges. This sacred area is an important spiritual site to the Arrarnta Aboriginal people, where several dreamtime stories have said to take place. The area also contains one of the most prominent waterholes in the region. Here, be sure to keep an eye out for Black-footed Rock-wallabies. Continue to the West MacDonnell Ranges National Park, a vast and spectacular section of the ranges. This is an outstanding example of ancient landscapes shaped over time by climatic elements. Here, cool scenic gorges are important refuges for a collection of plants and animals from the harsh elements, many of which are found only here. The landscapes you see played a significant role in the stories of Western Arrernte Aboriginal culture, which have been passed on to generations for thousands of years. At Angkerle – Standley Chasm, follow a creek where spring-fed pools attract a variety of unique birdlife. The chasm's European name is a tribute to Ida Standley, who became the first school teacher in Alice Springs in 1914. Afterwards, visit the beautiful Ormiston Gorge, filled with stunning geology and is also home to a variety of unique species, including the Long-tailed Dunnart. Later, enjoy the afternoon at your leisure to perhaps, take some time to relax and unwind from a hard day's exploration before enjoying dinner later in the evening.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Alice Springs, Tennant Creek

Today, make your way to Tennant Creek. Along the way, stop at Karlu Karlu – Devils Marbles. A living cultural landscape, be in awe as the golden sunlight shines upon these giant granite boulders. Geologically, the marbles were formed from an upsurge of molten rock that cooled and became solid beneath a layer of sandstone. Over time water infiltrated the cracks of these solid structures, breaking down the sandstone, and then the granite. As a result, rounded granite boulders perched on top of each other have been revealed. Karlu Karlu is also recognised as of great cultural importance, with nearly the entire Reserve a registered sacred site, with many stories and traditions associated to this area. Arrive at Barkly Homestead and enjoy dinner.

**Stay:** Barkly Homestead

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Lorella Springs Wilderness Park

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Enjoy a scenic flight over the unique rock formations of the Lost City. A series of sandstone outcrops, the Lost City evokes the remains of an ancient civilisation.

Today make your way to Lorella Springs Wilderness Park. Enjoy lunch at the iconic Heartbreak Hotel. Continue to Lorella Springs Wilderness Park for Dinner.

**Stay:** Lorella Springs Wilderness Park

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Lorella Springs Wilderness Park, Mataranka

Travel to Katherine via the natural Mataranka Thermal Pool, where you can unwind in the warm crystal-clear waters, which are said to have healing properties for aches and pains.

**Stay:** Mataranka Territory Manor Motel

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Katherine, Darwin

### SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Board a cruise through Katherine Gorge and marvel at the network of gorges carved from centuries-old sandstone.

Arrive in Darwin, this evening, say goodbye to newfound friends and your Driver-Guide during a Farewell Dinner at your Hotel.

**Stay:** Hilton, Darwin

**Daily :** ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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## Depart Darwin

Your amazing adventure draws to a close. After breakfast, you will be transferred to Darwin airport for your onward flight.

**Daily :** ● Breakfast



