

Red Centre to Darwin, NT



For **SINGLE TRAVELLERS 25 to 39 Years**
23 August to 1 September 2010 (10 days)

Alice Springs • Kata Tjuta • Uluru • Kings Canyon • Alice Springs • Banka Banka • Katherine Gorge • Darwin • Mary River • Darwin

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You will be on Cloud 9 after you experience the 9 day Alice Springs to Darwin package, with best of what the Red Centre and Top End has to offer.

It's a great value camping safari package taking you to see all the major highlights of the Northern Territory. This package combines the 3 day Uluru safari, 3 day Alice Springs to Darwin and 3 day 4WD Kakadu Litchfield safari and 1 night multi share accommodation before each tour.

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Tour Highlights

- Comfortable vehicles - travel in a big 4WD vehicle in Kakadu.
- Sunset and sunrise at Uluru - watch a sunset and enjoy sunrise at Uluru.
- Private Crocodile Cruise - see some big crocs in the wild.
- Exclusive Campsites - sleep in comfortable permanent tents.

About the Tour Guides

The guides are not your average tour guide! They act not only as the source for valuable information relating to the geology, botany and Aboriginal culture of the area, but also as the mechanic, the cook, the entertainer. Guides complete comprehensive in-house training that incorporates training from the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS), St John's Ambulance Service and mechanical training through the Centralian College, Alice Springs. All guides are expected to possess a vast knowledge of geology, botany and Aboriginal culture.

Tour Pace

The tour is graded '2 boots' which indicates walks of 6-9km per day. This will usually equal approximately 3-4 hours of walking per day.

The tour is made up of 3 separate tours; 3 Day Uluru Safari, 3 Day Alice to Darwin and 3 Day Kakadu/ Litchfield Safari.

There will be less walking between Alice and Darwin due to the longer driving distances.

Fellow Passengers: On this tour, you can share your journey with other like-minded singles. Plus, we 'go the extra mile' and offer a predeparture contact service to our group of guests (*see 2nd page for details*).

Room-mate match
guaranteed #



TOP 5 REASONS TO BOOK

1. Age-matched holiday groups
2. Travel with like-minded singles
3. Tours provided by leading tour operators
4. Early bird savings with many tours
5. Room-mate matching option

Tour Inclusions

- Experienced guides
- Meals as indicated
- Accommodation transfers
- 6 nights camping including camping fees & equipment
- 3 nights dorm accommodation
- maximum group size 24

** National Park fees payable on entry at a total cost during the tour \$62.50*

Fellow Passengers

There are eight places reserved on this departure for the A Rendezvous for Singles community. This trip may confirm more or less than 8 single travellers. There may be other guests on this tour booked via other channels and they may or may not be single, and may be outside the age group which is promoted to the A Rendezvous for Singles community. Whomever the guests on the tour, everyone in the group will have the adventure spirit.

Tour Prices

	Price Per Person
Tour Price	\$1395
National Park Fees (paid at destination)	\$62.50
Post Tour Hostel (multi-share)	\$30
Post Tour Hostel (twin room)	\$79.50
Post Tour Hostel (single room)	\$159

** All prices are in Australian Dollars.*

Pre or Post Tour Accommodation

Day 1 of the itinerary already includes a night in Alice Spring before you start touring the next day. On the final day of the tour, 1 September 2010 you return to Darwin & accommodation is not included in the tour price.

If you wish to book additional nights pre and/or post tour this can be booked when you finalise your booking.

Pre tour: The Haven Backpackers Resort, 3 Larapinta Drive, Alice Springs

Post tour: The Cavenagh, 12 Cavenagh Street, Darwin.

About Us

At A Rendezvous for Singles we offer holiday groups for single travellers, visiting destinations across Australia and around the globe. From short tropical escapes to adventure trips and leisurely touring, all trips are age-matched and enjoyed with a group of like-minded people.

Contact Us

Monday to Thursday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm (AEST)

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Itinerary for Red Centre to Darwin, Northern Territory



Pre Tour Night (23 August 2010):

Pre-tour overnight hostel dorm accommodation in Alice Springs is included. Your day and evening is at your leisure. Meet up with others in our group or do your own thing. Overnight - hostel

Day 1 (24 August 2010): Alice Springs to Kata Tjuta and Uluru

It's the start of your 3 day Uluru safari.

Your adventure begins atop a camel! Our first stop is the Outback Camel Farm where you can choose to ride atop one of these desert giants (at own expense). From here it's off to Uluru (Ayers Rock), and a bite to eat. Kata Tjuta will fascinate you, and you will discover some of the secrets of this ancient landform on the Valley of the Winds hike. You'll be mesmerised as the desert sun sets over Uluru, and as the night grows darker, curl up in your swag (Aussie bedroll) under millions of stars. (LD)

Day 2 (25 August 2010): Uluru to Kings Canyon

It's an early start this morning, but you'll be rewarded with a glorious Uluru sunrise. Stretch your legs with a walk around Uluru's base, or climb to the top if you choose. You'll deepen your understanding of the land and its stories at the Cultural Centre. After lunch we travel to our permanent campsite at Kings Canyon. You'll fall asleep contented with a delicious camp oven dinner filling your stomach. (BLD)

Day 3 (26 August 2010): Kings Canyon to Alice Springs

Get your hiking shoes on today as we head out to explore the impressive formations which make up Kings Canyon. You'll be left breathless by the sheer beauty of the canyon as we trek through the Amphitheatre, the Lost City, the lush and ancient Garden of Eden and the North and South Walls. Lunch is a welcome prospect, before we make our way back to Alice Springs. Overnight dorm accommodation is included. Tonight is at your leisure. Why not ruffle up the group for dinner out in Alice Springs? (BL) Overnight - hostel.

Day 4 (27 August 2010): Alice Springs to Banka Banka

And now, for the next leg of your journey for the next 3 days you will make your way from Alice Springs to Darwin.

We pass by 23' 26' 22' south of the equator (otherwise known as the Tropic of Capricorn) before stopping at Ti Tree for the chance to buy original works of art by Indigenous artists. Learn about the early struggles of bush telecommunications at Barrow Creek's historic Telegraph Station it'll make your mobile phone seem like the space age! Precariously balanced on their rocky perch

are the Devils Marbles, a site sacred to its traditional owners. Last stop for today is our camp at Banka Banka Cattle Station and if the weather's good, you can take a dip in the pretty waterhole. (LD)

Day 5 (28 August 2010): Banka Banka to Katherine Gorge

No visit to the Top End would be complete without a visit to the famed Daly Waters pub, a quintessential outback roadhouse and watering hole for travellers from far and wide. The tiny town is also home to Australia's first international airport (but you wouldn't guess it!). Mataranka lies in the heart of the never-never, and you'll feel a million miles from anywhere as you soak in the steamy thermal springs. As the day draws to a close, we reach our overnight camp at stunning Katherine Gorge. (BLD)

Day 6 (29 August 2010): Katherine Gorge to Darwin

The gorge is all yours this morning, with a half day to spend canoeing or cruising (at own expense) the spectacular waters. Want to see more Jump aboard a helicopter flight (at own expense) which will take you high above the vast gorge system. We'll head to Darwin after a bite to eat, with stops at idyllic Edith Falls and the croc-filled Adelaide River (both a town and a river). Overnight dorm accommodation is included. Tonight, it's free time - we suggest our group heads out for dinner in Darwin to get a taste for the nightlife in Darwin. (BL) Overnight - hostel

Day 7 (30 August 2010): Darwin to Mary River

Today, we commence the 3 day final leg of your journey with the Darwin to Kakadu trip before returning to Darwin where the tour completes.

A refreshing start to your day: the waterfalls of Litchfield National Park, followed by the spectacular Mary River Wetlands. Birds aren't the only wildlife abundant around here; keep your eyes out for lurking crocodiles on our private river cruise! A secluded campsite at Point Stuart Wilderness Lodge is where we'll stay tonight. (LD)

Day 8 (31 August 2010): Mary River to Kakadu

Discover ancient Aboriginal rock art at Ubirr, our first stop this morning. Clamber to the top of a rocky lookout for fabulous views over the Nardab floodplain. Next it's on to Maguk (Barramundi Gorge), where a hike is rewarded with a reviving swim in the plunge pools. Tonight we stay at our permanent camp within Kakadu NP. (BLD)

Day 9 (1 September 2010): Kakadu to Darwin

Get ready for some 4WD action today on our way to Jim Jim Falls! Once we get there, we'll hike to the base of the falls before continuing on to Twin Falls. Feel the beauty of the stunning gorge and powerful falls

from the National Park operated boat and boardwalk experience. The impressive scenery will continue to amaze you as we journey back to Darwin in the afternoon. We recommend organising to stay over in Darwin on this night (this is at your own expense) (BL)

Hostel Address:

The Cavenagh
12 Cavenagh St Darwin NT 0800
(08) 8941 6383

You may call the hostel directly to book additional nights at the end of your tour.

What to Bring:

Sturdy walking shoes (ankle high), swimming gear, hat & sunscreen, toiletries, warm clothing in winter, water bottle, torch, insect repellent, camera, sleeping bag (can be hired for \$20) and money for personal expenses and optional snacks you might want to buy and/or meals not included on the itinerary.

How Much Luggage Can I Bring?

The vehicle has limited space so please keep your luggage to a maximum of 15 kg in a backpack or soft overnight bag with a small day pack for easy access to camera, film, sunblock etc. All Kakadu safaris have a strict limit of 10kg per person. If you have over 10kg then it's recommend to request the hostel in Darwin to store some luggage while you are touring Kakadu. Please make these arrangements directly with the hostel.

NOTES.

The tour operator reserves the right to alter or deviate from the tour itinerary should circumstances dictate. Any hotels are advised are to be used as a guide only and are subject to change should circumstances dictate.

PRE-DEPARTURE CONTACT SERVICE. *With your permission, we share your first name, state and email (or other preferred contact method) to the rest of our guests prior to departure. It's a popular choice, especially as many of our guests' book as solo travellers. It provides the opportunity to get in touch with others in the group prior to travel. This contact list is provided after bookings close.*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS. *Full terms and conditions are available on the holiday website. Information was correct at the time of publishing however some details may change without notice. This holiday is provided to A Rendezvous for Singles by Adventure Tours AD0650.*