

Highlights

- Uluru (Ayers Rock - the big rock!)
- Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- Kings Canyon and Watarrka National Park
- Finke Gorge National Park
- Palm Valley



Touring Itinerary

BRITZ OUTBACK TRACK

Start: Alice Springs
 Finish: Alice Springs
 Duration: 6 days
 Total Distance: 1297 kms

Drive Distance Guide

	Drive Distance (Kms)	Travel Time
Alice Springs to Ayers Rock (Day 1)	444 kms	5 hrs 30m
The Olgas day trip (Day 2)	70 kms	2 hrs
Ayers Rock to Kings Canyon (Day 3)	307 kms	3 hrs 15m
Kings Canyon to Finke Gorge National Park (Day 4)	218 kms	2 hrs 45m
Finke Gorge to Glen Helen (Day 5)	127 kms	3 hrs 30m
Glen Helen to Alice Springs (Day 6)	131 kms	3 hrs 15m
TOTAL	1297 kms	20 hrs 15m

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Campervan, 4WD & Car Rentals

Some sections of this itinerary are suitable for 4-wheel-drive vehicles only.

IMPORTANT: Take plenty of water on all Outback trips; check distances and driving conditions; and ensure you have adequate petrol at all times. Remember, rule 'Number 1' in the Outback: if your car breaks down you MUST stay with your vehicle for safety reasons.

Parks & Wildlife Commission Northern Territory provides information on camping, National Parks, and permits. Ensure you are informed re the safety of swimming in the 'Top End' – many areas are not safe to swim due to crocodiles. Call 08 8999 4401 or visit www.nt.gov.au/ipe/pwcnt for information.

Your Itinerary:

Day 1: Alice Springs to Ayers Rock

Alice Springs has plenty of interesting Outback history. Include a visit to the historical Old Telegraph Station, the Royal Flying Doctor Service Visitor Centre (daily tours), the Aboriginal Art and Culture Centre, and other historic buildings; or for the more adventurous, ride a camel at sunrise or sunset on the dry Todd River.

Head south from Alice Springs to Eralunda, turn right and travel on to the world famous "Big Red Rock" – known as Uluru. Uluru (Ayers Rock) is located near the main resort village areas and dominates the entire landscape. Note that \$25 park entry fee is payable on entry. No camping is permitted in the park.

Spend the day visiting Uluru and the local attractions; either self-drive or day tours are available. Learn about the Aboriginal 'Dreamtime' legends and spiritual significance of this sacred site to the local Anangu peoples of the region. Please respect the wishes of the Traditional Owners by not climbing Uluru and exercise sensitivity when photographing.

Day 2: The Olgas

Head off early after breakfast for a short drive west to The Olgas (massive rock domes of Kata Tjuta) - about a 35-kilometre drive from the resort at Yulara. Spend the day exploring Kata Tjuta (meaning 'many heads') and enjoying walks around the stunning rock formations. The three-hour Valley of the Winds walk winds through the crevices and gorges of the rock system. Camping is not permitted in Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park.

For more information refer to the detailed web based map of Uluru on www.deh.gov.au/parks/uluru/uluru-map.html

Day 3: Ayers Rock to Kings Canyon

Depart Uluru and head towards Kings Canyon and Watarrka National Park, one of the most beautiful sites in the Red Centre. The best way to explore is by foot, with two main walking trails. Creek Walk is a short walk of only about 1.5 km (about an hour return). The Canyon Walk is suitable for more advanced walkers, with the first leg of 300 - 400 metres taking you straight up a steep incline at the edge of the canyon. Wear comfortable durable shoes, and carry plenty of water.

The Canyon walls rise above the Valley of Kings Creek and are particularly spectacular at sunrise and sunset. Enjoy the sunset before settling in at the campsite for your second night in the outback.

You can download a Fact sheet available from Parks & Wildlife Commission of the Northern Territory website for each NT administered park and reserve at <http://www.nt.gov.au/ipe/pwcnt/>

Day 4: Watarrka National Park (Kings Canyon) to Finke Gorge National Park (Palm Valley)

NOTE: upon leaving Kings Canyon, traveling along the Mereenie Loop Road (that takes you to Finke Gorge), a permit is required to travel through Aboriginal Land. Make sure you check road conditions before you leave. Passes available from CATIA, Hermannsburg Shop, Glen Helen Resort

Drive through Hermannsburg (pick up supplies if needed), and continue on the un-sealed road (accessible to 4-wheel-drive vehicles only) along the Finke River to Illamurta Springs that begins at Finke Gorge National Park. Note: An additional Finke 4WD information sheet is available from the Parks and Wildlife Commission office in Alice Springs. Camping is available at Finke Gorge National Park.

Day 5: Finke Gorge National Park to Glen Helen Resort

After leaving the Finke Gorge National Park, stop at Palm Valley, a tropical oasis in the outback. Take a walk across the ancient valley floor and glimpse Central Australia's tropical past.

Head back to Hermannsburg, and then via Gosse Bluff Conservation Reserve and Redbank Gorge on to Glen Helen Resort for the night – entering the West

MacDonnell National Park – a paradise for photographers, artists, and bush walkers. Numerous walking tracks provide unlimited options to enjoy the scenery and natural surroundings.

Day 6: Glen Helen Resort to Alice Springs

Depart Glen Helen and take time to visit Glen Helen Gorge, Ormiston Gorge, Serpentine Gorge, Standley Chasm and Simpsons Gap – all 'must do's' within the West MacDonnell National Park on the return drive back to Alice Springs. Standley Chasm is most spectacular at midday when the sun lights up the sheer red walls.

Small entry fee applies.

Best photo spots:

- Uluru (Ayers Rock) at sunset
- Kata Tjuta (The Olgas)
- Landscapes and ancient rock formations at Kings Canyon and Palm Valley



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