

The Red Center's Outback

Lose your breath at Uluru, which rises 348 metres (380 yards or 1140 feet) from the desert and matches the light and weather with shades so vivid they upstage the sunset. Learn about Uluru's cultural significance as you walk around its base with an Aboriginal Anangu guide. Get up close to the grandeur of nearby Kata Tjuta - sacred russet domes formed through millions of years of erosion - on the Valley of the Winds Walk. In Watarrka National Park, you can trek to the rim of Kings Canyon and swim in a waterhole in the lush valley of the Garden of Eden. Walk to Kathleen Springs, drive the Mereenie Loop or soar over the canyon on a helicopter.



Both Uluru and Kata Tjuta have great aboriginal cultural significance for the Anangu traditional landowners, who lead walking tours that inform about the local flora and fauna, bush foods and the Aboriginal Dreamtime stories of the area.



Uluru / Ayers Rock

Uluru is the local Aborigine word for Ayers Rock. This is the world's largest monolith and like an iceberg, most of its bulk is below the surface. It changes color with the sun upon the horizon.



Kata Tjuta / The Olgas

The Olgas are less than 25 miles west of Ayers Rock and is a massive pile of 36 rock domes dating back 500 million years. The Aborigine name is Kata Tjuta which translates to "many heads".



Kings Canyon

Kings Canyon is a four hour drive northeast from Ayers Rock. The sheer red rock face of sandstone soars 100 feet above dense forests of palms, ferns and cycads; sheltering them from the surrounding desert conditions. Canyon walking trails combined with waterholes of lush vegetation are a delight.