

# Topdeck

## OUTBACK GEM



**TRIP CODE:**

OXDSUA-9



## Topdecker, MEET AUSTRALIA

A trip that travels through national parks, checks out unusual subterranean homes and the stunning sight that is Ulu?u (at sunset and sunrise) before the red rock giants of The Olgas: it's all here. Expect stunning scenery and Aussie hospitality every step of the way.

### WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Explorer



Nights



Android/iPhone app  
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This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

## ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

### ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Visit the Flinders Ranges
- + Stay underground in Coober Pedy
- + Visit a kangaroo orphanage in Coober Pedy
- + Experience sunset and sunrise over Uluru
- + Walk the Valley of the Winds at Kata Tjuta
- + Guided hike of Kings Canyon

### MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Experience sunset at Uluru
- + Experience sunrise at Uluru
- + Uluru base walk
- + Walk the Valley of the Winds at Kata Tjuta
- + Swag under the stars at Kings Creek Station
- + Guided hike of Kings Canyon
- + Visit the Garden of Eden
- + Opal mine and town tour
- + Visit a kangaroo orphanage
- + Wilpena Pound guided walk

## YOUR TRIP WILL START

### PICK UP:

Alice Springs  
Australia/Pacific

## YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

### DROP OFF:

Adelaide  
Australia/Pacific

## *Trip currencies*

- + Australia - AUD

# Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP  
LEADER**



**DRIVER**

## DAY 1 | ALICE SPRINGS TO ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Hit the red ground running as you meet the group and head into Yulara (the gateway resort to Uluru). We're off to visit the sacred monolith itself this afternoon, with a guided walk on the cards. Later, raise a glass of bubbles as we watch the glow of the sunset morph through 50 shades of red. Then: hone your Aussie BBQ skills and cook your own steak (or veggie burger). Welcome to Australia, mate!



**MEALS:**

+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Experience sunset at Uluru

## DAY 2 | ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Forgive the early hour, but this is a sunrise you'll want to see (trust us). Later on, we'll get a sense of the immense scale of Uluru with a base walk. Gear up for the optional activities today - we're talking scenic helicopter rides, camel rides and segway tours.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Experience sunrise at Uluru  
+ Uluru base walk



**OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

+ Scenic helicopter flights  
+ Camel ride  
+ Segway tour

## DAY 3 | ULURU-KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK TO KINGS CANYON

After breakfast, get ready for some soul searching - we're off to explore the heart of sacred Kata Tjuta with a walk through the Valley of the Winds. Next: prepare to live the life of a jolly swagman as we bed down in custom swags (think: the ultimate portable sleeping unit) in Kings Creek Station. Keep an eye out for shooting stars, and don't forget to make a wish! Please be aware that in winter months (May-Sept), nighttime temperatures can drop to near 0 degrees so warmer clothing will be required for the night sleeping in the swag. Please note that the twin / double / or single upgrade is not applicable to the Overnight Swag Night at Kings Canyon.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast  
+ Dinner



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Walk the Valley of the Winds at Kata Tjuta  
+ Swag under the stars at Kings Creek Station

## DAY 4 | KINGS CANYON TO ALICE SPRINGS

Get your hiking boots on! This morning we'll be tackling the hardest part of the famous Rim Walk in Kings Canyon (aptly named 'Heart Attack Hill'). Believe us, it's worth the effort! We're talking age-old cycads, eroded dome shapes, a visit to The Lost City? and that's not even the best part. The sheltered valley and waterhole of the Garden of Eden will make today even more awesome. After a stop off to grab some lunch, we'll head back to Alice Springs.



**MEALS:**

+ Breakfast



**INCLUDED TODAY:**

+ Guided hike of Kings Canyon  
+ Visit the Garden of Eden

## DAY 5 | ALICE SPRINGS

Back in Alice Springs, we'll have the chance to explore the town centre. Then: time to say a fond farewell to your travel mates. This is the end of the road (for now).



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

## DAY 6 | ALICE SPRINGS TO COOBER PEDY

Destination: Coober Pedy, where locals live in homes carved deep underground to escape the heat. Get ready, 'cos today we'll embark on a gem of an opal mine tour.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Opal mine and town tour

## DAY 7 | COOBER PEDY TO FLINDERS RANGES

Grab brekkie and fuel up. Today, we're paying a visit to a kangaroo orphanage. Prepare for cuteness overload! After, it's all aboard the coach as we shimmy on over to Flinders Ranges.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit a kangaroo orphanage

## DAY 8 | FLINDERS RANGES

Mountains? Yep. Gorges? Uh-huh. Creeks? You betcha. Rivers? Why, of course! Flinders Ranges National Park has EVERYTHING. Today we'll take a hike at Wilpena Pound – a natural amphitheatre about three times the size of Uluru. We've also got all your meals covered today. You're welcome.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Lunch
- + Dinner



### INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Wilpena Pound guided walk

## DAY 9 | FLINDERS RANGES TO ADELAIDE

On our way out of the Flinders Ranges, we'll stop off at the Barossa Reservoir Whispering Wall. Word has it that if you whisper something at one end of the wall, it can be heard alllllll the way over on the other side! After giving it a try, we hit the road once more.



### MEALS:

- + Breakfast

*Meals*

Please note that drinks are not included with meals, except at breakfast where coffee, tea and/or juice may be included. If you wish to purchase drinks at dinner you may do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck App when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

## *Tipping*

Your Topdeck crew never expect tips themselves and will not ask for any; that's not what friends do! We also know how much tipping can cost you. So go ahead, spoil yourself with the money you will save by travelling with Topdeck (just don't forget Mum's souvenir).

## *Topdeck Travel App*

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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## *Passenger safety*

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

## OTHER INFORMATION



**THAT'S IT!**