

Memory Mountain 5-Day Cultural Tour Itinerary



Immerse Yourself in our Spectacular Outback

Day 1

- You will be greeted at Alice Springs airport by a Memory Mountain Guide who will pack your luggage into the vehicle, then take you into town for lunch (own cost).
- Departing Alice Springs, you will head towards Haasts Bluff, driving through the stunning West MacDonnell Ranges. You'll have a rest stop and photo opportunity at Ormiston Gorge, then a little further on another photo opportunity of the Sitting Camel, with Mt Sonder in the background.
- Three to four hours after leaving Alice Springs you will arrive in Haasts Bluff. Your accommodation is in the Creative Technologies Centre which features air-conditioning, separate bedrooms, shared bathroom, complimentary Wi-Fi and comfortable living area.
- This evening, you will enjoy dinner with the group and a short presentation of Walk a While's projects. There will be plenty of time for questions and informal discussion around what's in store for you over the next 4 days.

Day 2

- An early wake-up with an essential coffee, before visiting Memory Mountain. You will walk to the summit to experience an amazing sunrise with 360-degree views of the surrounding landscape. Plenty of amazing photo opportunities there.
- Then you'll head back to the Creative Technologies Centre for breakfast.
- After breakfast, you may have a chance to visit a local Arts Centre, before enjoying morning tea with one of the local Indigenous community leaders.
- You will enjoy lunch with some senior community members and possibly Traditional Owners of Haasts Bluff and Directors of Memory Mountain Limited.
- After lunch, there will be cultural activities around a campfire, including a demonstration of cooking kangaroo tail and other bush tucker the traditional way. There will be informal discussions about the Memory Mountain project and its employment opportunities for local Indigenous people. You are always welcome to ask questions.
- This evening you will be treated to a community BBQ dinner to meet more of the locals while enjoying a scrumptious meal.
- After dinner, you will have the chance to experience an Indigenous Sing Along under the stars, then it's back to the Creative Technologies Centre to bed.

Day 3

- You'll get to sleep in a little this morning, before having breakfast in the CTC.
- After breakfast, you will be treated to a wood carving demonstration to learn how the Indigenous people make their boomerangs. You may even get to try your hand at making your own boomerang.
- After lunch in the CTC, you will go off on an adventure with a local Indigenous Guide who will share some beautiful locations with you as you learn more about the local bush tucker and about bush medicines.
- On your way back to the CTC you will see the sun set over the desert landscape.
- Dinner this evening will be back in the CTC, then there will be time to chat with some of the Elders to find out more about the culture and traditions of the local Indigenous people.

Day 4

- This morning you will drive to Atji's Creek to watch the sun rise over Haasts Bluff as the desert awakens. You may be lucky enough to see brumbies, camels or other animals. And you will almost certainly be treated to a vast array of native birdlife.
- After your early morning excursion, you will return to the CTC for breakfast and a rest, before heading off your next adventure.
- Today you will enjoy a picnic lunch at Ormiston Gorge, with a group of local children. They love to swim and play in the cool water and they are usually perfectly willing to have their photos taken. You can enjoy a swim there too, if you like.
- On the way back, you will be treated to another glorious sunset over the ranges.
- Dinner at the CTC and maybe time for more discussion with local Elders before bed.

Day 5

- After an early breakfast, you will pack up for your trip back to Alice Springs.
- Along the way, you will stop at spectacular Ellery Creek Big Hole, and enjoy your final views of the West MacDonnell Ranges as you head into town.
- Arriving in Alice Springs, you will be dropped off at the airport for your departing flight.

Tour Price of \$2,459 per person includes:

- All on-ground travel in air-conditioned 4WD vehicles
- All accommodation and most meals
- Memory Mountain Entry Fees

What's Not Included:

- Travel to and from Alice Springs
- Lunch on Day 1
- Tips & items of a personal nature

Please note: Your itinerary is subject to change according to weather and other local conditions.

The next page contains important information about your stay.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO MEMORY MOUNTAIN & THE RED CENTRE

YOUR ACCOMMODATION

You will be staying at the Creative Technologies Centre. The Centre is operated by Walk a While Foundation and includes 5 bedrooms, a fully equipped kitchen, spacious living area, free 5G Wi-Fi internet, a shared bathroom and secure parking. Fresh linen and towels will be provided for you.

Due to the remote location, Walk a While recommends you do not drink the local water. It is safe for washing hands and showering, however we will provide spring water for you to drink during your stay.

YOUR TRANSPORT

All your on-ground transport will be in air-conditioned 4WD vehicles. All vehicles carry recovery equipment, satellite phone, fridge, roof top photography platform and tools, and have been fully modified 4WD driving in outback conditions.

YOUR MEALS

Most of your meals will be provided during your stay (please refer to detailed itinerary for exceptions). Fresh fruit and snacks will also be available throughout the day and plenty of water to keep you hydrated. ***Please advise if you have any dietary requirements.***

MOBILE COVERAGE

Due to the remote location, there is limited mobile phone coverage in Haasts Bluff, although parts of Papunya have Telstra coverage. The Creative Technologies Centre has a land line, and the free 5G Wi-Fi connection allows Wi-Fi data calling on your mobile phone.

WEATHER

The semi-arid climate of the western desert region makes for warm travelling conditions. Sunny days and cooler nights may be expected for much of the year, while the hot summer often sees dramatic storms with rains which turn the Red Centre foliage a lush green. Daytime temperatures usually range from 35 to 38°C in summer (April to October) and 20 to 24°C in winter (June to September). Sometimes summer temperatures in December and January can climb to over 40°C.

CLOTHING & FOOTWEAR

Although there is no specific dress code for your stay, we recommend modest, comfortable, casual clothing. You will need sturdy enclosed walking shoes or boots for your trek up the mountain and for bush walking. Sandals are fine for wearing indoors and in the evenings.

WHAT TO BRING

Sturdy, enclosed walking / hiking shoes or boots
Insect Repellent
Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen and swimsuit
A refillable drink bottle
Chargers for all your electronic devices
Head Torch (available at camping supply stores)
Jacket or Jumper for cold mornings and evenings
Personal toiletries, medications, etc
Some cash for purchases at the local store
Camera / video camera with spare batteries & storage cards

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