

Memory Mountain 5-Day Photography 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 where you will have the opportunity to experience an amazing sunrise from the summit. There will be amazing photo opportunities on and around Memory Mountain.
- Then it's back to the Creative Technologies Centre for breakfast.
- Mid-morning, 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, including a demonstration of cooking kangaroo tail the traditional way, plus discussion around the Memory Mountain project and its employment opportunities for local Indigenous people.
- This evening you will be treated to a community BBQ dinner to meet the greater Haasts Bluff community 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

- This morning you will rise early to shoot sunrise at nearby Atji's Creek – another beautiful outback location.
- After breakfast in the CTC, you will have a short time to download your images and receive feedback from your instructor.
- Today you will enjoy a packed lunch at Ormiston Gorge where you will be able to take glorious landscape photos, as well as portraits of some local Indigenous children as they play in and around the cool water. You can take a swim yourself if you like.
- On the way back from Ormiston Gorge, you will shoot sunset over Haasts Bluff
- Dinner in the CTC this evening, then possibly time with a couple more elders before you collapse into bed.

Day 4

- After your morning coffee, you will have the chance to photograph Haasts Bluff at sunrise.
- Back at the CTC you will have breakfast and time for a short rest.
- Mid-morning there will be time to download your images and receive feedback from your instructor.
- After lunch in the CTC, you will go off on an adventure with your instructor and a local Indigenous Guide who will show you this beautiful country and share some special places with you. You will finish up at a spectacular location for a sunset shoot.
- Dinner this evening will be back in the CTC, then you will be able to go out and do some Astro photography (weather permitting).

Day 5

- After an early breakfast, you will pack up for your trip back to Alice Springs.
- Along the way, you will have a photo 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 \$3,749 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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