

Memory Mountain 4-Day Cultural Tour Itinerary



Get ready for four amazing days in the 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 3 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.
- Then it's back to the Creative Technologies Centre for breakfast.
- Mid-morning, you may have a chance to visit a local Arts Centre, then enjoy morning tea with one of the local Indigenous community leaders.
- You will have lunch with some senior community members, Traditional Owners of Haasts Bluff and/or 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.
- Return to the Creative Technologies Centre for the rest of the evening.

Day 3

- You can enjoy a bit of a sleep in this morning, before breakfast in the Creative Technologies Centre.
- Then you will take a drive with a local guide to see some more of the spectacular countryside, and the opportunity for a swim at Ormiston Gorge, where you will have a picnic lunch.
- This afternoon you will be treated to a demonstration of boomerang carving or dot painting before watching sunset over the West MacDonnell Ranges.
- Back to the Creative Technologies for dinner and a well-earned sleep.

Day 4

- After an early breakfast, you will pack up for your trip back to Alice Springs.
- Along the way, you will stop at the spectacular waterhole at Ellery Creek 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 \$1,799 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 at any time according to weather and other local conditions, and the availability of local artisans.

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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