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**NORTHERN  
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Proposed Itinerary for:



**LILYDALE  
HIGH SCHOOL**

## 9 DAY TOUR TO CENTRAL AUSTRALIA

GROUP A – 70 Students and 8 staff

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**DAY 1:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 Travel to Coober Pedy

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All passengers arrive at Lilydale High School at 10.00am and meet your crew. Load the coaches, say farewell and get ready to start your NT adventure!

Depart school at 10.30am and commence your overnight express travel to **Coober Pedy & Marla**.

Travel via the Western and Dukes Highways before joining the Princes and Stuart Highways. From here its overnight travel north via Port Augusta. Stops will be made enroute for meals and breaks.

Meals provided today: Nil, all meals at own cost.

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**DAY 2:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2022 Coober Pedy to Marla

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Continue travel via Pimba and Glendambo.

Arrive **Coober Pedy** and stop for breakfast (*at own cost*). After breakfast, enjoy a **Town Tour**, including sites of interest in the town. See the award winning documentary 'The Story of Opal', and see a hands-on cutting and polishing demonstration, explaining the different types of Opal.



Continue north to Marla and set up for your first nights camp at **Marla Travellers' Rest**.

Address: Stuart Hwy, Marla SA 5724

Phone: (08) 8670 7001

Duration of Stay: 1 night

Accommodation: Tent, 2 persons per tent

Meals provided today: Lunch & Dinner only, Breakfast at own cost

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**DAY 3: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**Marla to Alice Springs

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Travel north, crossing into the Northern Territory. On arrival into Alice Springs, set up for two nights camp at the **Discovery Park Alice Springs**.

Later today enjoy a visit and walk at **Simpsons Gap**, before enjoying dinner at camp.

Address: Palm Place, Alice Springs NT 0870

Phone: (08) 8952 6111

Duration of Stay: 2 nights

Accommodation: Tent, 2 persons per tent

Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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**DAY 4: Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**Alice Springs

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At 9.30am, spend the morning at the **Alice Springs Reptile Park**, home to the largest reptile display in Central Australia. See Terry the Saltwater Crocodile, huge Perentie Goannas, Thorny Devils, Frill-neck Lizards and many other fascinating lizards including a varied selection of NT Geckos from the Alice Springs region, Barkly and the Top End on display in the amazing Gecko Cave. Your visit includes a sit down talk and handling of some of the reptiles, as well as a crocodile talk.



This afternoon, the group will split into 2 groups. Each group will enjoy a guided tour of the **Royal Flying Doctors Service (RFDS)**, and a guided tour of the **School of the Air (SOA)**.

At the **RFDS**, see the John Flynn Hologram and learn the foundation and evolution of the world's largest aeromedical organisation.

At the **School of the Air**, learn about this unique first-of-its-kind school, covering more than 1.3 million square kilometres.

Later this afternoon, enjoy a sunset visit to **Anzac Hill** Lookout, for an amazing view over the town and the surrounding MacDonnell Ranges.

Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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**DAY 5: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2022**Alice Springs – Watarrka National Park

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Pack up camp and retrace your steps south before heading west on the Lassiter Highway. Continue via Luritja Road to **Watarrka National Park**, home to the Northern Territory's most spectacular gorge (*see note*).

This afternoon, enjoy a free afternoon for optional helicopter rides over the Canyon, or just relaxing at camp (*see note*).

Set up for your 1 night's camp at **Kings Canyon Resort Campground**. Enjoy sunset from the viewing platform at the resort.

Address: Luritja Road, Kings Canyon NT 0872

Phone: (08) 8956 7442

Duration of Stay: 1 night

Accommodation: Tent, 2 persons per tent

**Note:** See “Things to Note” for further information on Watarrka National Park & School groups.

**Note:** Helicopter flights are at additional cost.

Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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## **DAY 6:** Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

## Watarrka – Uluru

Up early to climb to the top of the canyon rim. You will be rewarded with spectacular views, as the red sandstone walls plunge into natural rock pools and lush vegetation. No walk is complete without a visit to the beautiful “**Garden of Eden**” and the domes of the “**Lost City**”.



You will then retrace your steps via Luritja Road and then head west via the Lasseter Highway. Stop at Mt Conner, often mistaken for Uluru, for a walk to the Lookout.

Arrive **Uluru** and set up for your two nights camp at **Ayers Rock Campground**.

Address: 173 Yulara Drive, Uluru NT 0872

Phone: (08) 8957 7001

Duration of Stay: 2 nights

Accommodation: Tent, 2 persons per tent

Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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## **DAY 7:** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

## Uluru – Kata Tjuta

After breakfast, its off to the **Uluru-Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre**, operated by the Anangu people, the traditional owners of Uluru. Learn about the culture and Tjukurpa (Aboriginal Law) during your self-guided visit. There is also an Arts and Crafts Gallery for some souvenir shopping (*see note*).

Its then onto **Kata Tjuta**, made up of 36 domes spread over an area of more than 20 kilometres. The highest point is Mount Olga, named in honour of Queen Olga of Württemberg by the explorer Ernest Giles. Enjoy the “Valley of the Winds” walk which lets visitors immerse themselves among Kata Tjuta’s domes. It also features unparalleled views of the spectacular Mars-like landscape surrounding Kata Tjuta from two lookout points along the track. This walk is steep, rocky and difficult in places, so please be careful and take your time, wear good walking shoes and take plenty of water. The full Valley of the Winds circuit takes 3-4 hours.

Later today, return to camp and enjoy a short camel ride at **Uluru Camels**.

**Note:** The entry fee into Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is **NOT INCLUDED** in the tour price. Please see information in “Things to Note” to obtain a park fee exemption for school groups.

Meals provided today: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

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**DAY 8:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2022

Uluru – Express home

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This morning, enjoy sunrise and breakfast at Uluru.

Enjoy some time to explore **Uluru** and take a drive around the base. Enjoy the Mala Walk which takes you to Kantju Gorge. Enter the caves where the Mala people camped when they first arrived at Uluru and see the kitchen cave where they prepared their meals. Admire the fine examples of rock art along this walk before arriving at Kantju Gorge, a place of profound peacefulness surrounded by sheer vertical walls (*see note*).



Later, begin your express journey back to school.

Meals provided today: Breakfast and packed lunch only. Dinner at own expense.

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**DAY 9:** Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2022

Arrive back at school

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Continue the express through the night, crossing through South Australia and back into Victoria. Arrive back at school later tonight, with a lifetime of memories!

Meals provided today: No meals provided today.

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## THINGS TO NOTE:

### ***Accommodation/camping:***

All of your nights will be in tents, provided by EDTS. The tents are pyramid style tents which normally sleeps two students or adults. EDTS will also provide sleeping mats for your comfort. In the event of inclement weather, it may be too uncomfortable to sleep in the tents, therefore your coach captain will make every effort to source alternative accommodation for you, such as a scout hall, sports hall or bunkhouse/cabins. Any additional cost associated with this alternative accommodation will be negotiated between the school and EDTS.



### ***Meals:***

All meals provided are listed in your itinerary. The meals will consist of either a continental or cooked breakfast (depending on distance travelled), lunch (sandwiches or hot food, fruit, snack and drink), a 3 course dinner and supper. Please note that no morning or afternoon teas have been included, however they can be arranged for additional cost. Any meals not included are at the groups own expense.

### ***Tours:***

Any guided tours or education programs are listed in your itinerary, otherwise your visit will be a self-guided tour.

### ***Items to bring:***

Pillow & case, sleeping bag (to be packed in your suitcase/sports bag), bath and swimming towel, tea towel, cutlery & plastic crockery (bowl, plate, cup and drinking bottle), personal toiletries, clothing (such as shorts, jumper, jacket, tops, underwear, socks, pyjamas, comfortable walking shoes, and bathers). We also suggest a raincoat/umbrella for inclement weather, hat, sunscreen, Hydrolyte or Vitamin tables for your water bottles (we suggest you bring two), sunglasses, camera, games to play, earphones, music device, as well as suitable DVD's to play on the coaches. As the Northern Territory can be very hot and humid, your spending money should include extra money for bottled water along the way, as it is very important to stay hydrated in the heat.

### ***Luggage:***

You are able to bring along 1 bag per person, which can be a soft sports bag or a small suitcase, weighing no more than 15kgs. The dimensions of the bag (length + width + height) must not exceed 140cm. We strongly recommend no metal framed bags, or bags with wheels, as these can damage other bags. You can also bring along one small bag to carry on the coach with you. This will need to be stored in your foot space, or in the luggage racks. If any luggage is too large or heavy, it will not be permitted on the coach.

### ***Helping out:***

We ask that all groups give a helping hand to your safari crew, to load and unload the coach, keep the coach clean inside and assist the cook at meal times. We suggest groups of 4 or more for arrival and departure days to assist with luggage & tents, as well as a daily groups to help keep the coach free of rubbish & assist the cook with meal preparation and clean up.

**Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park entry fee:**

Please note the entry fee into Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is **NOT INCLUDED** in the tour price, for students or teachers/adults. Your school group can gain an exemption from this park fee by visiting the below link: <https://www.awe.gov.au/parks-heritage/national-parks/uluru-kata-tjuta-national-park/education/schools> This must be done a minimum of 30 days prior to arrival. For any questions on the exemption, simply email [uluru.education@environment.gov.au](mailto:uluru.education@environment.gov.au) or call one of the visitor services officers on 08 8956 1128.

**Watarrka National Park information:**

Visiting Watarrka National Park is a great experience for local, interstate and international school groups. It is important that all groups are safe and respect the environment when visiting. Before visiting the park you should read the [Watarrka National Park guide for school groups](#).

**Emergencies:**

If there is an emergency on the tour, we strongly suggest contacting either the Police, Fire Department, or Ambulance – phone 000. The local hospital in Alice Springs is Alice Springs Hospital, located at 6 Gap Rd, Alice Springs NT 0870, phone (08) 8951 7777. For Ayers Rock, you can use the Royal Flying Doctor Service & Medical Centre, phone (08) 9856 2286.