

Clayfield College Central Australia Community Service, Culture & Challenge Journey



Trip Highlights

- Welcome to Country with Traditional Owners
- Indigenous Cultural Immersion Program
- Walk parts of the ancient Larapinta Trail
- Spend a day helping with a local service project
- Enjoy spectacular views of Kings Canyon as you trek the famous rim walk



Trip Duration	10 days	Trip Code: SOG9641
Grade	Introductory to Moderate	
Activities	Indigenous Immersion Program, National Park trekking	
Summary	10 day program, 9 nights camping in wilderness campsites, National Park trekking	

Welcome to World Expeditions Schools

Thank you for your interest in the Clayfield College Central Australia Community Service, Culture & Challenge Journey tour. At World Expeditions Schools we are passionate about providing off the beaten track experiences, and the thrills of coming face to face with new cultures and wilderness regions of great natural beauty. We are committed to making sure that our range of unique itineraries are well researched, affordable, and tailored for the enjoyment of our school groups, a philosophy that has been at our core since 1975 when we began operating. The tour will give you the very best travel experience, authentic cultural exchange, and exploration with a responsible tourism approach. We hope you will join us on this life changing experience.

Why travel with World Expeditions Schools?

World Expeditions Schools is the specialist school group travel division of one of the world's leading adventure travel companies, World Expeditions. Established in 1975, World Expeditions was one of the first adventure travel companies to offer school specific itineraries and have designed and safely operated hundreds of school tours and expeditions to more than 25 countries.

We are passionate about broadening the horizons of students and immersing them in environments that offer unique experiences which can have profound, rewarding and life changing effects for students. World Expeditions owns its operations in many areas of the world we travel to, and provides exceptional value for money and risk management protocols.

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Trip Dates

2026 19 Sep - 28 Sep

The Trip

Discover the Red Centre's dramatic and untamed landscapes on this cultural immersion and trek learning journey. Over ten days you will explore sections of the Larapinta Trail, discover the wonders of Kings Canyon, before finishing with the sacred site of Uluru and Kata Tjuta. You'll find yourself immersed in one of the world's most evocative and ancient landscapes. We combine a cultural immersion and service program with trekking in the National Park and on Country exploration.

Our Partners

WORLD EXPEDITIONS FOUNDATION REGENERATIVE 2030

Regenerative 2030 is our long-term sustainability ambition, aligned with our commitment to regenerative travel, not just to minimise harm, but to actively leave destinations better than we found them by creating positive outcomes for local people, biodiversity, cultural heritage, and the landscapes we explore. WE Schools donates \$5 per travelling student to Regen2030..

What you will learn

World Expeditions Schools journeys are designed to encourage positive personal development and the learning of life skills, while leaving the communities and environments we travel to, in a better condition than when we arrived.

The programs are designed to:

- Build strong friendships and bonds with their peers, their teachers, and the local people they meet.
- Increase the confidence to engage with new people, and collaboratively make informed decisions.
- Discover the benefits of working cooperatively together as a cohesive team, to achieve a common objective.
- Increase the ability to face, and cope with, mental and physical challenges and therefore increase resilience.
- Give students a chance to appreciate and care for the natural world. The environments we travel through are beautiful and often pristine, invariably the students will gain a deeper appreciation and understanding about how their individual actions impact on the environment.
- Learn personal skills i.e., time management, personal hygiene, responsibility for personal gear, patience, tolerance, and public speaking.

We help encourage students to learn what it means to be a true global citizen.

At a Glance

DAY 1	FLY TO ALICE SPRINGS. TRANSFER TO EXCLUSIVE CAMPSITE ON THE LARAPINTA TRAIL. SETTLE IN AND EXPLORE THE AREA.
DAY 2	LARAPINTA TRAIL - DAY WALK TO A WATERHOLE AND EXPLORATION AND LEARNING AT STANDLEY CHASM.
DAY 3	LARAPINTA TRAIL - DAY WALK AROUND MOUNT SONDER.
DAY 4	LARAPINTA TRAIL - SHORT WALK. TRANSFER TO CULTURAL IMMERSION AND INTRO TO CULTURAL IMMERSION EXPERIENCE.
DAY 5	CULTURAL IMMERSION - CULTURE AND HISTORY.
DAY 6	CULTURAL IMMERSION - SERVICE DAY.
DAY 7	TRANSFER TO KINGS CANYON FOR AN EXPLORATORY WALK AND GLAMPING EXPERIENCE AT A FORMER CATTLE STATION.
DAY 8	KING'S CANYON RIM WALK, ULURU CULTURAL CENTRE VISIT, FIELD OF LIGHT



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NIGHT TOUR.

DAY 9	ULURU SUNRISE BASE WALK & KATA TJUTA GORGE WALK.
DAY 10	FINAL PACK UP AND TRANSFER TO ULURU AIRPORT. FLY BACK TO BRISBANE.

What's included

- Flights Brisbane-Alice Springs, Uluru/Yulara Airport-Brisbane
- Teachers accompanying the group from Clayfield College
- Professional wilderness guide & support staff
- Camping equipment including tents and swags
- All meals
- Indigenous Immersion Program
- Fees to Aboriginal Traditional Owners
- National Park fees
- All transport during the tour
- Emergency communications & 24 hour back-up
- Comprehensive group first aid kit

What's not Included

- Backpack and sleeping bag
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance

Detailed Itinerary

DAY 1 Fly to Alice Springs. Transfer to exclusive campsite on the Larapinta Trail. Settle in and explore the area.

After all the planning and preparation the wait is over! On arrival in Alice Springs we will be met by our guides and transfer to our exclusive camp where we will have a full trip and safety briefing. This is a great opportunity for us to ask any questions we may have about the journey ahead. After our briefing we have plenty of time to explore the area around camp and settle in to camping life. No doubt we'll be tired after a long travel day, so after a delicious camp dinner and our first night of star gazing, we'll tuck into our tents for an early night and much needed rest.

Overnight Camping

Meals: L,D

DAY 2 Larapinta Trail - Day walk to a waterhole and exploration and learning at Standley Chasm.

We wake up to our first full day of the trip and enjoy a hearty breakfast in preparation for the full day ahead. After we pack up camp, and check our gear, we head out - heading west through magnificent, shady Bloodwoods and tall Ironwoods on the famous Larapinta Trail. If we're lucky we might spot Black-footed Rock Wallaby on the way to our destination - Simpsons Gap - one of the most important waterholes of the area. After exploring this indigenous sacred sight, we transfer to the stunning Standley Chasm where we enjoy learning more about local indigenous culture. After a delicious picnic lunch and a walk into the magnificent Chasm - a private reserve still run by the traditional owners - we transfer to our next campsite on the trail for a good night's rest.

Walking Time: 3-5 hours

Overnight Camping

Meals: B,L,D

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Fast Facts

Countries Visited:

Australia

Group Size Min:

12

Group Size Max:

16

Leader:

Expert local leader

Thoughtful Travel

The environments we travel through are fragile. It is our responsibility as visitors to minimise the impact of our presence. Our regenerative programs aim to have a positive impact on the environment and communities in which we travel. While you're on program, learn more about our sustainable travel policies from your local Guides in country.

Adventure Travel

By its very nature adventure travel involves an element of uncertainty. To get the most out of your adventure it is important that you are flexible, positive, and eager to take on all the challenges that arise. If you are unsure about your suitability for this tour we recommend that you speak with your teachers, or our staff at your school presentation.

Important Note

These program notes represent the most current information for this itinerary, however the school may ask us, (or we may decide), to slightly alter the itinerary before departure.

DAY 3 Larapinta Trail - Day walk around Mount Sonder.

We're in for another active day today! We begin with a transfer to the trailhead before setting foot again on the Larapinta trail to hike through the stunning West MacDonnell Ranges. Winding along scenic trails, we will enjoy spectacular views of Mount Sonder and the surrounding ridges, with glimpses of dry riverbeds and gorges along the way. Our hike combines gentle climbs with opportunities to explore the unique outback landscape, and take amazing pictures. The day finishes at our own private eco-campsite beside Mount Sonder. After settling in, we'll all enjoy time to relax while taking in the panoramic views around us.

Walking Time: 3-5 hours

Overnight Camping

Meals: **B,L,D**

DAY 4 Larapinta Trail - Short walk. Transfer to cultural immersion and intro to cultural immersion experience.

After a good night sleep in our outback paradise, we'll pack up camp and enjoy a short walking day making the most of the red rocky landscape we've adopted as our temporary home. After another picturesque and delicious lunch, we spend a few hours transferring to our camp which will serve as the base for the next three days of our cultural immersion. On arrival we will meet our indigenous hosts, set up camp, and then take part in a smoking ceremony and welcome to country by the Traditional Owners for Rodna. At night we'll all sit around the campfire, talk with our hosts, and share dinner together.

Overnight: Camping Arrente Cultural Immersion

Meals: **B,L,D**

DAY 5 Cultural Immersion - Culture and history.

Today we step beyond the trail and into the living stories of the area and the indigenous people who have lived here for centuries. At Ellery Creek Big Hole we take part in a Welcome to Country and water ceremony, hearing the Honey Ant creation story. We walk into Serpentine Gorge to learn about bush tucker, bush medicines, and the Wedged Tail Eagle story, then uncover early tourism history at Serpentine Chalet. At the vibrant Ochre Pits we hear how the Dancing Ladies formed the Ranges we've been walking amongst. We finish at Ormiston Gorge before returning to camp to make bush medicines, bake damper, and reflect together by the fire.

Overnight: Camping Arrente Cultural Immersion

Meals: **B,L,D**

DAY 6 Cultural Immersion - Service day.

Today is all about service. Together, we roll up our sleeves and contribute in practical, meaningful ways to support the local community and environment. Whether we're planting native trees, restoring sections of walking track, or creating a new lookout at camp, our efforts leave a lasting mark on the landscape. There's something powerful about knowing we've given back to the very place that has challenged and inspired us. As the sun sets, we gather for one final campfire with our local hosts—sharing stories, laughter, and reflection—before settling in for another unforgettable night beneath the outback stars.

Overnight: Camping Arrente Cultural Immersion

Meals: **B,L,D**

DAY 7 Transfer to Kings Canyon for an exploratory walk and glamping experience at a former cattle station.

We hit the road early for a scenic drive through vast desert landscapes toward the awe-inspiring Kings Canyon. After arriving, we'll enjoy lunch before stretching our legs on a short walk around the base of the canyon. We'll explore creek beds, admire the towering sandstone walls, and take shade

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in pockets of native bush. By late afternoon, we head to a former cattle station nearby for a unique glamping experience - imagine glamping tents amongst majestic desert oaks with the backdrop of the George Gill Range under the canopy of the remote night sky!

Overnight: King's Canyon Glamping

Meals: B,L,D

DAY 8 King's Canyon Rim walk, Uluru Cultural Centre visit, Field of Light night tour.

After admiring the canyon from below yesterday, today we rise to the challenge of the renowned Rim Walk at Kings Canyon. Climbing to the top, we're rewarded with sweeping views into the canyon below and across the weathered sandstone domes of the Lost City. This is truly an unforgettable backdrop and a perfect moment to capture those iconic trip photos. In the afternoon, we travel on to Yulara for our first glimpse of Uluru, the mysterious, powerful and awe-inspiring landmark on the horizon. After dark we'll be dazzled as we visit the award-winning light installation - the Field of Light - before settling in at our accommodation for an early night before our early sunrise hike tomorrow!

Overnight: Camping Yulara

Walking Time: 4-5 hours

Meals: B,L,D

DAY 9 Uluru sunrise base walk & Kata Tjuta Gorge Walk.

Today is one of those peak trip experiences you remember long after it is over. It begins with an early rise and a walk to the base of Uluru in time to catch an incredible sunrise. We'll start on the eastern side to catch the rock as it shifts through brilliant shades of red and gold and take some quiet moments to reflect on the incredible country we are standing on and the power of the nature and beauty around us. After lunch, we head to Kata Tjuta and step into the magnificent Walpa Gorge—an ancient natural sanctuary of towering rock walls, rare desert plants, and quiet beauty. We'll savour these last moments before returning to camp for a final night together - sharing dinner, memories, and learnings of our past nine days.

Walking Time: 5-6 hours

Overnight: Yulara Camping

Meals: B,L,D

DAY 10 Final Pack up and transfer to Uluru airport. Fly back to Brisbane.

This morning we enjoy our final breakfast together and pack down our campsite for the final time. We'll say goodbye to our amazing tour guides at Uluru airport before beginning the flight back home to Brisbane.

Meals: B

This Itinerary Is Subject To Change With Any Change In Community Regulations As Well As Governmental Changes And Natural Circumstances Beyond Our Control.

Country Information

You will be traveling through Aboriginal land with a living culture and rich heritage. When on Aboriginal land it is necessary to accept that there may be some conditions of travel (your guide will explain) and that local and traditional obligations take precedence over permission to travel. Areas may close due to cultural reasons. Consider that Aboriginal land is essentially private land and that permission to enter is a privilege. There is incredible diversity in Aboriginal culture and each local clan may have their own language and culture. Your guide will keep you informed of local culture, issues, and any considerations for dealing with locals.

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Climate

In the Centre, the four traditional seasons are more distinct and temperatures are more extreme than in most other parts of Australia. Trekking in winter (June to August) is very pleasant with light winds, and daytime temperatures averaging 15-25C or 60-80F. However, winter nights often plummet below freezing and there are frequent frosts; please make sure that you prepare for the cold evenings on winter treks.

Though rain is not common it is necessary to be prepared for all weather at all times. Extreme wet, dry, hot and cold conditions are all part of the experience of Outback Australia.

Accommodation on the Trip

On this trip we stay in wilderness camping in sites around the Red Centre.

Students will be required to help with camp put up and break down along with all food prep and clean up. Guides will help prepare all the meals and run the camp, however you will be asked to contribute.

At our campsites we supply tents and swags to sleep on.

- Your swag contains a pillow with pillow cover and one sheet.
- Sleeping bags are essential for warmth. You will need to bring your own.

Equipment Required

This program is fully supported. During our trek programs students will be required to carry day packs with personal items including water bottles, lunch and other personal items.

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