

MEA 2008 Optional Post Touring Program

Kings Canyon & Uluru

13-16 May 2008 CENTRAL AUSTRALIA



Post Tour at a Glance

This post tour is open to MEA delegates who are event and meeting planners.

Tour Duration: 4 days/ 3nights

Minimum number of tour participants: 5

Maximum number of tour participants: 10

Safety/ special issues/ cautions: some touring will involve short walks on uneven portion of the program will be outdoors in warm weather

Climate: During Autumn, experience warm days and nights that are cooling down
Average Temperature: Min: 12.8°C Max: 27.7°C



Program Outline

Day 1 - Tuesday 13 May 2008

Depart Alice Springs and take a scenic leisurely drive along the West MacDonnell ranges towards the spectacular Kings Canyon. Voyages Kings Canyon Resort is located in a loop off the main highway running between Ayers Rock and Alice Springs. The sensitively designed resort is just seven kilometres from Watarrka National Park, the home of the magical sandstone formation of Kings Canyon. On arrival, relax and enjoy dinner at the resort.

Overnight Voyages Kings Canyon Resort

Day 2 - Wednesday 14 May 2008

Take a guided climb to the rim of Kings Canyon. There are two popular walks at Kings Canyon. The 6 km Kings Canyon - Rim Walk and the 2.6 km Kings Creek Walk which traces the bottom of the gorge. The Rim Walk begins with a challenging 500-step climb. Marvel at the breathtaking views of Watarrka National Park and into the canyon itself before descending into the green oasis of the 'Garden of Eden'. The walk will take around 3 + hours to complete. Alternatively you may wish to explore the canyon floor, an easier shady walk that follows a trail between the two sheer walls of the canyon.

In the afternoon, continue onto Australia's most famous natural icon, Uluru.

This evening, enjoy an unforgettable evening, eating beautifully prepared food under the sparkling outback sky. Enjoy uninterrupted, 360 degree view of this vast landscape and possibly the most spectacular sunset you have ever seen. As the sun sets in a blaze of reds and oranges and into the starlit night, enjoy a buffet dinner. Enjoy some of the world's best stargazing, as a resident astronomer takes you on an unforgettable tour of the spectacular southern night sky.

Overnight Voyages Ayers Rock Resort



Day 3 - Thursday 15 May 2008

See the sunrise over Uluru followed by a number of short walks viewing rock art, waterholes and an opportunity to appreciate the unique flora and fauna of Uluru. Visit the Uluru and Kata Tjuta Cultural Centre to gain an insight of the Anangu people. Enjoy breakfast while you are out and about this morning.

Return to the hotel and take a site inspection of Ayers Rock Resort and learn about the different options available to your conference and incentive groups.

After lunch in the town centre, head out to the less well know but equally spectacular Kata Tjuta (the Olgas).

Enjoy a tour of Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) - Kata Tjuta, meaning "many heads" is a very sacred place to the Aboriginal people. See this mystical place and hear how it has evolved over millions of years.

This evening, enjoy dinner at the Sails in the Desert fine dining restaurant, Kuniya.

Overnight Voyages Ayers Rock Resort

Day 4 - Friday 16 May 2008

This morning, enjoy a range of optional activities on offer.

You may wish to rise early and watch the sunrise over Uluru from the back of a camel! Enjoy a peaceful 1 hour camel ride through stunning sand dune country. Take in the cool morning air and watch as the rising sun lights Uluru. Enjoy a light breakfast of billy tea and freshly baked beer bread after the ride.

Return to the hotel and make your way to Yulara airport for your departure flight. As your flight heads east, west, north or south, you know that the beauty of the Australian Outback will stay with you forever.



Participation Cost Summary

Participation costs for this post tour program (including all meals, accommodation, transfers in Darwin) will be covered by Northern Territory Convention Bureau. Northern Territory Convention Bureau however will not cover any incidental expenses incurred through out the program.

For all enquiries, and to register your interest in participating in this post MEA 2008 post touring program please complete the attached form and send to:

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Cancellation Policies

Applications

- Applications to join this post tour must be made in writing directly to Leanne Toogood, Business Development Executive NTCB no later than 31 March 2008
- Spaces on this tour are limited. Applicants wishing to join this tour will be advised of their acceptance on the tour by 4 April 2008
- Following notification of acceptance, the buyers place is non transferrable
- NTCB reserves the right to amend or change the program without notice

Expenses

- All participation costs for this post tour program as stated in the itinerary will be covered by NTCB
- NTCB will not cover any incidental expenses incurred through out the program
- Any arrangements not stated in the above program are at the buyers own expense and arrangement

Cancellations and Penalties

- NTCB reserves the right to cancel the post tour program should minimum numbers not be reached. Applicants will be advised if the tour is cancelled no later than 4 April 2008



