

TOUR TITLE

5 Day / 4 Night The Larapinta Trail Trek - Public Tour Journey 2023

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the Red Centre's Larapinta Trail, one of Australia's top wilderness trails
- Immerse yourself in the rugged beauty of West MacDonnell National Park (Tjoritja) on beautiful Arrernte country
- Be impressed by dramatic views of the ancient landscape from Euro Ridge (Section one) and Counts point lookout (Section 8, 1140 m altitude)
- Take a dip in some of the West MacDonnell ranges most impressive waterholes including Ormiston Gorge and Ellery Creek
- Enjoy our exclusive private campsite on traditional land, complete with permanent safari tents, or choose to sleep in an Aussie Swag and watch the colours of the night desert erupt into million-star accommodation
- Taste ethically sourced, organic bush foods straight from the Central Desert around the campfire
- Explore ravines and escarpments, where life forms that will excite the curious mind
- Watch the sunrise and stunning 360-degree view from Mount Sonder, one of the territory's highest mountains

**Please note, days of the itinerary can be swapped on ground due to operational reasons. Additionally, contrasting weather conditions including heavy rain, extreme temperatures as well as changeable road conditions can prevent us travelling on some of our advertised routes. In any case, your expert guides will ensure the most amazing adventure is had by all!*

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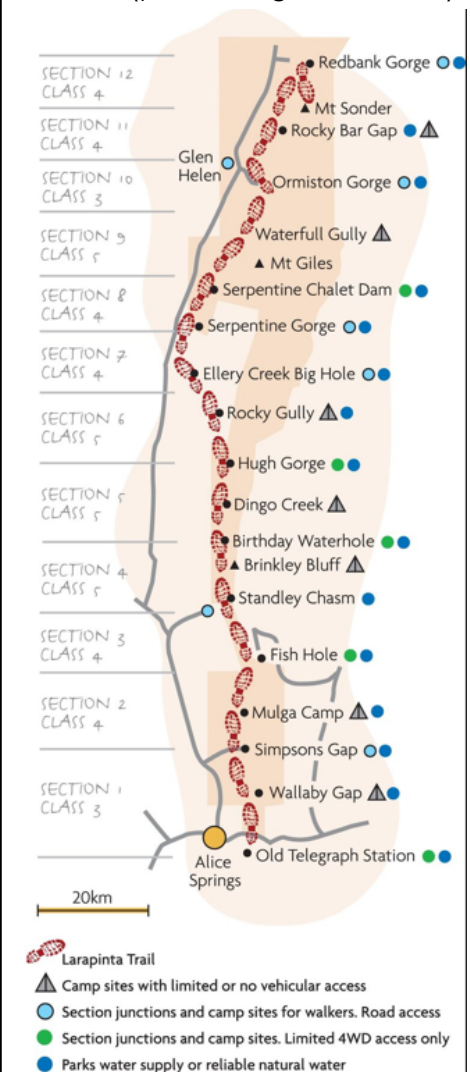
SEASON

01 May 2023 - 31 Aug 2023

PRODUCT CODE

LPI06-S (twin share safari tent)

LPI06-P (private single safari tent)



TOUR DESCRIPTION

Experience the rugged beauty of the **West MacDonnell Ranges** on the **Larapinta Trail**, one of Australia's most popular wilderness walks. Covering up to 14 km of the graded trail daily, there is plenty of time to relax and enjoy the **Australian outback**. Be swept away by the Dreamtime of this ancient environment and discover the magic and mysteries hidden within.

Traditionally, people expect the region to be a featureless plain of winding red sand hills with a few grasses and bushes. Get ready for the shock of a lifetime - **Central Australia** is home to the tallest peaks in the **Northern Territory**, the oldest dramatic landscape in Australia, full of ravines, escarpments and sensational waterholes, life forms that will excite the curious. A truly excellent wilderness experience will immerse you in peace and tranquillity of the landscape.

Arrival and Meet and Greet (pre tour start)

Arrive at the airport and make your own way to your accommodation in **Alice Springs** (not included, please book directly). We meet at **4.30 pm** in the **Olive Pink Botanic Garden**, where you will meet the rest of your group members to discuss the coming days with your guide. Afterwards, head back to your Alice Springs accommodation, retiring early for the night in preparation for the big journey ahead.

If you arrive earlier during the day, you might like to enjoy the sights and sounds of the bustling heart of the Red Centre before leaving it all behind for the desolate outback. Browse Aboriginal artworks at **Central Australia's** best art galleries. This is also a good time to ensure you have all the articles needed for your Larapinta Trail.

Walking Itinerary

Day 1 – Section 1: Alice Springs to Wallaby Gap (Lunch & Dinner)

An early start, and its bye bye suburbia – **hello wilderness!** The majestic and serene West MacDonnell Ranges are rich in natural wonders and traditional culture and are considered the best in Australia. Our first walk is around a 14km 'leg stretch' commencing from the outskirts of Alice Springs. Some beautiful views can be seen, particularly at **Euro Ridge**. Our walk is taken casually, a fitting way to relax and immerse in the wonder of the region and to ponder the coming 4 days.

Our Ground Support Vehicle will meet us at the picturesque **Wallaby Gap** and transfer us to our remote camping location within the **MacDonnell Ranges National Park**. If time permits, we will visit one of the stunning natural waterholes for a refreshing swim along the way. Let the true experience begin as we rest in a region synonymous in the Dreamtime (Alcheringa) of the Western Arrernte Aboriginal people. We will enjoy a **Kungkas Can Cook Tasting Platter** for pre-dinner nibbles. Kungkas Can Cook is an Aboriginal catering company passionate about bush foods and is dedicated to utilising wild harvested produce from around the Central Desert Region and beyond.

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Accom: Private and remote West MacDonnell Ranges permanent campsite; Safari Tents, or Bush Swags

Driving Distance: approx. 146km

Hiking Distance and Grading: 14 km (Section 1), Grade 4 - moderate to difficult

Day 2 - Section 8: Serpentine Gorge to Serpentine Chalet Dam

Today we head to the spectacular **western half of the Larapinta Trail** and onto a 13.4km section of the Larapinta Trail that is only suitable for well-prepared and experienced walkers with a good fitness level. It offers exhilarating views of the high quartzite ridgelines that typify the West MacDonnell Ranges, including **Haasts Bluff** and **Mt Zeil** (the highest point in the Northern Territory). If time permits, we will visit one of the stunning natural waterholes for a refreshing swim after a long day of walking.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accom: Private and remote West MacDonnell Ranges permanent campsite; Safari Tents, or Bush Swags

Driving Distance: approx. 94km

Hiking Distance and Grading: 13.4km (Section 8), Grade 4 - moderate to difficult

Day 3 - Section 10: Ormiston Gorge to Glen Helen Gorge

Today we traverse the low-lying regions surrounding **Ormiston Gorge**, gradually working our way upward into the back reaches of the **Finke River**. This area is steeped in traditional folklore, with several important sites being viewed, including 'Yapulpa', which is part of the **Carpet Snake Dreaming** legend and the Emu and **Kangaroo Man Dreaming**. If time permits, we will visit one of the stunning natural waterholes for a refreshing swim. Tonight, relax at our beautiful permanent campsite as the sun sets and the colours of the night desert erupt into million-star accommodation.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accom: Private and remote West MacDonnell Ranges permanent campsite; Safari Tents, or Bush Swags

Driving Distance: approx. 27km

Hiking Distance and Grading: 11km (Section 10), Grade 3 - moderate

Day 4 - Section 12: Mount Sonder Climb

An early rise is an understatement (approx. 3 am trek start) as we challenge the 8km climb to the peak of **Mount Sonder**. The vision of **sunrise** and the **360° view** will leave you speechless – a truly unforgettable achievement. Afterwards, enjoy a well-deserved cooked Aussie breakfast at camp. Spend the afternoon at your own leisure at camp or at Ormiston Gorge before enjoying one last evening under the stars of the Milky Way in our beautiful remote campsite.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accom: Private and remote West MacDonnell Ranges permanent campsite; Safari Tents, or Bush Swags

Driving Distance: approx. 64km

Hiking Distance and Grading: 16km (Section 12), Grade 5 - difficult

Day 5 - Section 9/10: Ormiston Pound Walk to Alice Springs

Regarded by many as the 'primo' small walk of the Larapinta Trail, the **Ormiston Pound Walk** is full of wow factor, wildlife and flora and a grand finale to our walk. A location inspirational to Albert Namatjira, sensational viewings of the **Chewing's Range** and **Mount Giles** – the entry into the Gorge will leave you dumbfounded. After a last picnic lunch at Ormiston gorge, we will pack and break camp for regrettably the last time and begin our journey back to normality (hot showers and life as you know it awaits).

Tonight, after a well-deserved shower, make your own way to one of **Alice's Outback Restaurants** (your guide will confirm the time and location), where you can reminisce about the last 5 days and share some banter over a refreshing ale or cool drink.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Accom: N/A

Driving Distance: approx. 156km

Hiking Distance and Grading: 16km (Section 9/10), Grade 3 - moderate

**Walking Country reserves the right to alter the route or itinerary schedule during seasonal weather fluctuations and/or during park closures due to traditional landowner ceremonies. Days of the itinerary may be swapped on ground due to operational reasons.*

INCLUSIONS

- 4 Nights' Private and remote permanent campsite on traditional land (bush setting & portaloos)
- All camping equipment such as linen, pillows, blankets, sleeping bags and basic swag
- Includes: 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 5 dinners, trek snacks
- Fresh drinking water, hot and cold drinks, excluding alcoholic beverages (BYO alcohol, cold storage will be provided, let your guide know at the meet and greet)
- Guided bushwalking (~14km, grade 2-6)
- Air-conditioned 4WD off-road mini-coach travel
- Courtesy hotel pick-up/drop-off in Alice Springs
- Walking Trail Fee 5 Days, traditional owners and camping fees
- Professionally trained & accredited outback driver-guide & onboard host
- An outback meat tasting platter including buffalo, kangaroo and camel (based on availability)
- An ethically sourced, organic bush food tasting platter straight from the Central Desert
- Extensive remote first aid kit, satellite phone & Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon (EPIRB)

EXCLUSIONS

- Any meals not indicated within the itinerary, excluding alcohol (BYO) storage provided
- Alice Springs Hotel on Day 5 of the itinerary
- Day 5: Transfer to the farewell dinner, please make your own way
- Hotel transfers pre/post tour itinerary to a nominated pickup point
- Travel insurance is highly recommended
- Personal expenses

WHAT TO BRING

- 3-5L refillable water bladder for hiking
- Wide brimmed hat, sunglasses & sunscreen
- Swimwear, beach towel & toiletries (wet wipes)
- Comfortable sturdy hiking shoes (tread closed toe shoes, for walking & climbing)
- All-weather lightweight, quick-dry clothing (extreme conditions inc wind, heat, cold, day/night)
- Thermal layers for extreme cold during the night, dusk and dawn
- 15-20kg soft bag & approx. 5-8 kg small day pack
- Head torch with spare batteries (essential for the Mt Sonder hike and around camp at night)
- Additional snacks such as energy bars or similar (we provide dry fruit and nuts, fresh fruit, some muesli bars, lollies and some cakes)
- Reusable zip lock bag for snacks (we try to protect our beautiful environment wherever possible, please think sustainable!)

- Tropical strength insect repellent
- Mosquito or fly net (summer months)
- Money for snack and meals
- Bring your own sleeping bag & pillow (optional - if staying in a swag)
- Recharge power bank (no access to power to charge phone or cameras at camp)
- Camera

*Please contact us to a comprehensive packing list

BLACK OUT DATES

- Closed over the wet season (01SEP-30APR)

DEPARTURE SCHEDULE Mon (May-Aug)	TOUR DURATION 5 Days / 4 Nights	PASSENGERS Min 10 - Max 15
DEPARTURE TIME Between 06:00-06:30am	DEFAULT DEPARTURE LOCATION Doubletree by Hilton 82 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs	VEHICLE TYPE Offroad 4WD Coach (21-seater)
RETURN TIME No later than 17:00pm	DEFAULT RETURN LOCATION Doubletree by Hilton 82 Barrett Drive, Alice Springs	ALLOCATIONS On Request
FITNESS LEVEL Moderate / High (grade 3-6)	TOUR LANGUAGE English	RELEASE PERIOD 45 Days
AGE RESTRICTIONS Not suitable for infants or children 7yrs and under.	CUSTOMLINC PRODUCT ID 77178976 (LPI06-S) 77178975 (LPI06-P)	REZDY PRODUCT ID ----- (twin share tent) ----- (private single tent)

PRICING

Fare Type	Retail	Allocation	Release	Rezdy Mapping Code
Safari Tent Twin Share - Adult / Child	\$2980pp	FS	45 Days	----- -----
Safari Tent Private Single - Adult / Child	\$3180pp	FS	30 Days	----- -----

*Bush swags are also available for those who wish to sleep under the stars, no change in fare price.

CAMPING AMENITIES

NIGHT	CONFIGURATION	FACILITIES	INCLUDES
1st, 2nd	Permanent	Private bush campsite on	Permanent safari tents, twin beds with

3rd, 4th	Safari Tents	Aboriginal land, outback shared kitchen, solar powered, portable toilets, no electricity and no showers	swag mattress, pillow, linen supplied, sleeping bag, solar lantern, protected from the elements. Optional: bush swag available, sleeping under the stars.
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TOUR SCHEDULE

2023 Season

Departure 1 - Mon 01st May 2023
 Departure 2 - Mon 08th May 2023
 Departure 3 - Mon 15th May 2023
 Departure 4 - Mon 22nd May 2023
 Departure 5 - Mon 29th May 2023
 Departure 6 - Mon 05th June 2023
 Departure 7 - Mon 12th June 2023
 Departure 8 - Mon 19th June 2023
 Departure 9 - Mon 26th June 2023
 Departure 10 - Mon 03rd July 2023
 Departure 11 - Mon 10th July 2023
 Departure 12 - Mon 17th July 2023
 Departure 13 - Mon 24th July 2023
 Departure 14 - Mon 31st July 2023
 Departure 15 - Mon 07th August 2023
 Departure 16 - Mon 14th August 2023
 Departure 17 - Mon 21st August 2023
 Departure 18 - Mon 28th August 2023

2024 Season

COMPREHENSIVE PICKUP LIST

- **6:00** - A Good Rest BandB - 51 Dixon Rd Alice Springs NT
- **6:00** - Alice in the Territory - 46 Stephens Rd Mount Johns
- **6:00** - Alice Springs Tourist Park - 70 Larapinta Dr Araluen NT
- **6:00** - Alice on Todd Apartments - 1 Strehlow St The Gap
- **6:00** - Crowne Plaza Lasseters - 93 Barrett Dr Alice Springs
- **6:00** - Desert Palms Alice Springs - 74 Barrett Dr Alice Springs
- **6:00** - DoubleTree Hilton Alice Springs -82 Barrett Dr Alice Springs
- **6:15** - Alice Lodge Backpackers - 4 Mueller St East Side NT
- **6:15** - Alice Motor Inn - 25-27 Undoolya Rd East Alice Springs
- **6:15** - Alices Secret Travellers Inn - 6 Khalick St East Side NT
- **6:15** - Aurora Alice Springs Hotel - 11 Leichhardt Terrace
- **6:15** - Desert Rosa Inn - 15 Railway Tce Alice Springs NT
- **6:15** - The Diplomat Motel - 20 Gregory Terrace Alice Springs
- **6:15** - Best Western Elkira Court Motel - 65 Bath St Alice Springs
- **6:25** - Gday Mate Tourist Park - 23 Palm Circuit Ross Alice Springs
- **TBA Other pickup locations**

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WEATHER

The weather in the Northern Territory can fluctuate and be extreme. It is not unheard of for temperatures to reach over 50+ degrees Celsius in the dry season and in the evening the temperature drops dramatically. Please ensure you have checked the average temperatures for the time of year you are travelling and have packed adequate clothing. In the event of rain or inclement weather, your experience will still go ahead, unless contacted by the provider.

IMPORTANT NOTES

- **Mandatory passenger details required at time of booking: the full names of all traveling on tour, date of birth, contact phone number and emergency contact.**
- We will try to cater for most dietary needs and/or food allergies - passengers **MUST** notify the tour operator of any special dietary requirements, medical conditions at the time of booking.
- **A minimum moderate to advanced level of fitness is required to complete the walks.** Length of walks will be between 11km to 16km each day, often over steep rocky sections and in direct sunlight and high humidity. An approximate up to 70km walk is included in this tour. Embarking on walks will be at the guide's discretion to ensure safety of guests. Therefore a medium/high level of fitness is required and doctor's certificate is required for people over 70 years (30-days prior to travel).
- Children aged between 8 to 17 years old must be accompanied by an adult or legal guardian at all times. **Not suitable for infants or children 7 years and under.**
- Limited storage space on our vehicle, baggage kept to 1 x 15-20kg travel bag, 1 x 5-8kg day bag.
- This tour is not suitable for mobility impaired travellers, wheelchairs, walkers or strollers.
- Itineraries may vary to adapt to seasonal changes and occasionally sites in the parks close or do not allow swimming. As safety is our top priority we plan accordingly to ensure our guests have the most fun and best experience possible while on tour.
- Guests are asked to participate in the preparation of meals, clean up and vehicle unpack/loading, so everyone can relax together after a long day touring. It's also a great way to get to know and connect with your fellow travellers.
- All passengers will be required to sign a liability waiver prior to departure. If you would like a copy of this in advance, please contact our friendly reservations team.
- Private tour groups are available on request, via our charters team at admin@walkingcountry.com.au

ACCEPTANCE OF RISK

The Larapinta Trail is a wilderness experience defined by remoteness, mountain ranges and extreme temperatures. In case of injury, evacuations can take anywhere from a couple of hours to more than twelve hours, depending on location and whether the rescue attempt extends into the night.

All passengers participating in our tours do so at their own risk, and no responsibility can be accepted by Walking Country Pty Ltd for any loss, injury or accident. Passengers are responsible for any additional costs involved should such instances occur. All passengers will be required to sign a liability waiver before departure. All passengers must wear shoes at all times, use sunblock and wear hats. Passengers should note that adventure travel and the Larapinta Trail, in particular, involves a higher-than-normal risk; we highly recommend taking out appropriate travel insurance.

See more information [here](#). The full Walking Country Terms and Conditions can be requested via:

Email: admin@walkingcountry.com.au

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COVID SAFETY MEASURES

We are registered as a COVID Safe business using guidelines from Safe Work Australia as well as ATEC COVID Ready badge program. Our approach addresses four key areas in controlling the risks of coronavirus for our Tour Guides and Guests:

- Manage staff and traveller well being
- Maintain practical physical distancing limits, where possible
- Enhanced hygiene and cleaning
- Keeping records to facilitate contact tracing

VACCINATIONS

Customers shall comply with all Government (Federal, State and Territory) COVID entry restrictions and vaccination guidelines or testing requirements for entry into Australia and/or at the time of travel for tour and transport services.

[IMAGE GALLERY CLICK HERE](#)