

# RIDE GUIDE 2022

*Ride the  
Outback*



**GREAT  
OUTBACK  
ESCAPE**

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Mesmerising. I've only seen it twice but I could just sit and stare at Uluru for hours. But the reality is it sends my mind into top gear . Why is it there? Why am I here? What does it mean to Anangu people?

While many see the stunning beauty of Central Australia, only a few truly experience it. But with time on the bike, you'll be immersed in the beauty of the red dust and ricks and have time to learn things about your country and yourself.

Of course it's not just about Uluru. Every day there's iconic sights. Special places and people that'll strengthen your connection with the middle of Australia.

We're so excited to bring you to the red centre. It's a place that lives in our hearts. And we know that after we've all shared a special week together, we'll return home different, better people.

**Craig Richards,**  
CEO Bicycle Network

Bicycle Network acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we are travelling through. We pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and future, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

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## YOUR EVENT TEAM

### Caitlin Borchers

General Manager - Events  
*Keeps us all in check.*

### Rebecca Lane

General Manager - Operations & Marketing  
*Feeds and shelters you along the way.*

### Jaimie Collins

Event Manager  
*Loves a to-do list*

### Sarah Cunningham

Senior Volunteer Coordinator  
*The one who answers all your calls and emails.*

### Mark Plucinski

Senior Event Coordinator  
*Keeps you moving out on the road.*

### Louis Coad

Event Coordinator  
*Does everything man.*

### David Payne

Event Manager  
*Provides the English banter.*

### Richard Cross

Sales Manager  
*Does everything man.*

### Tom Jennings

Marketing Manager  
*Always capturing the best sunsets.*

### Troy Bussell

Mechanic  
*Your personal mechanic.*

### Adam Overton

Mechanic  
*Your personal mechanic.*

## EVENT ASSISTANCE

Bicycle Network has your back and is here to support you on your journey. On your rider lanyard and bike tag you will find the Event Assistance phone number. If you need help or support while out on the road or at any time on the event, please call us on this number. Some of the remote areas we're riding through have limited reception so in addition to calling, please send a text with the time the message was sent.

### IS IT AN EMERGENCY?

Does it require Ambulance, Fire or Police?

**NO**

#### CALL EVENT ASSISTANCE

0425 381 816 or 0425 777 484

**YES**

#### STEP 1:

Call EMERGENCY SERVICES  
**000**

#### STEP 2:

Call EVENT ASSISTANCE  
0425 381 816 or 0425 777 484

In case of an emergency it is always recommended to call **000** first.

Calling event assistance **after** calling 000 is essential so that, where possible, Bicycle Network can work with the Emergency Services to facilitate the appropriate response.

## MEALS

Your ticket includes the below meals. Tea and coffee provided at morning teas and some alcoholic drinks are included. All additional drinks are at the riders own expense.

Water will be readily available along the route, and we strongly encourage you to fill up your water bottles at the start of each ride and at each rest area.

If there are any special items you need, or snacks you'd like to bring, we encourage you to purchase them in Alice Springs on the day you arrive as there are limited opportunities for shopping along the route.

DAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Breakfast		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Morning tea		✓	✓	✓				
Lunch		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Afternoon tea					✓			
Dinner	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Accommodation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

## ON-EVENT BIKE TRANSPORT

Where required, Bicycle Network will transport your bikes to the start line on ride days. All bikes will need to be packed onto trucks the day before. Bicycle Network's friendly team will be on hand to help.

Your luggage will be loaded on to coaches as you hop onto the coach to depart for the next accommodation.

## RIDING TIMES

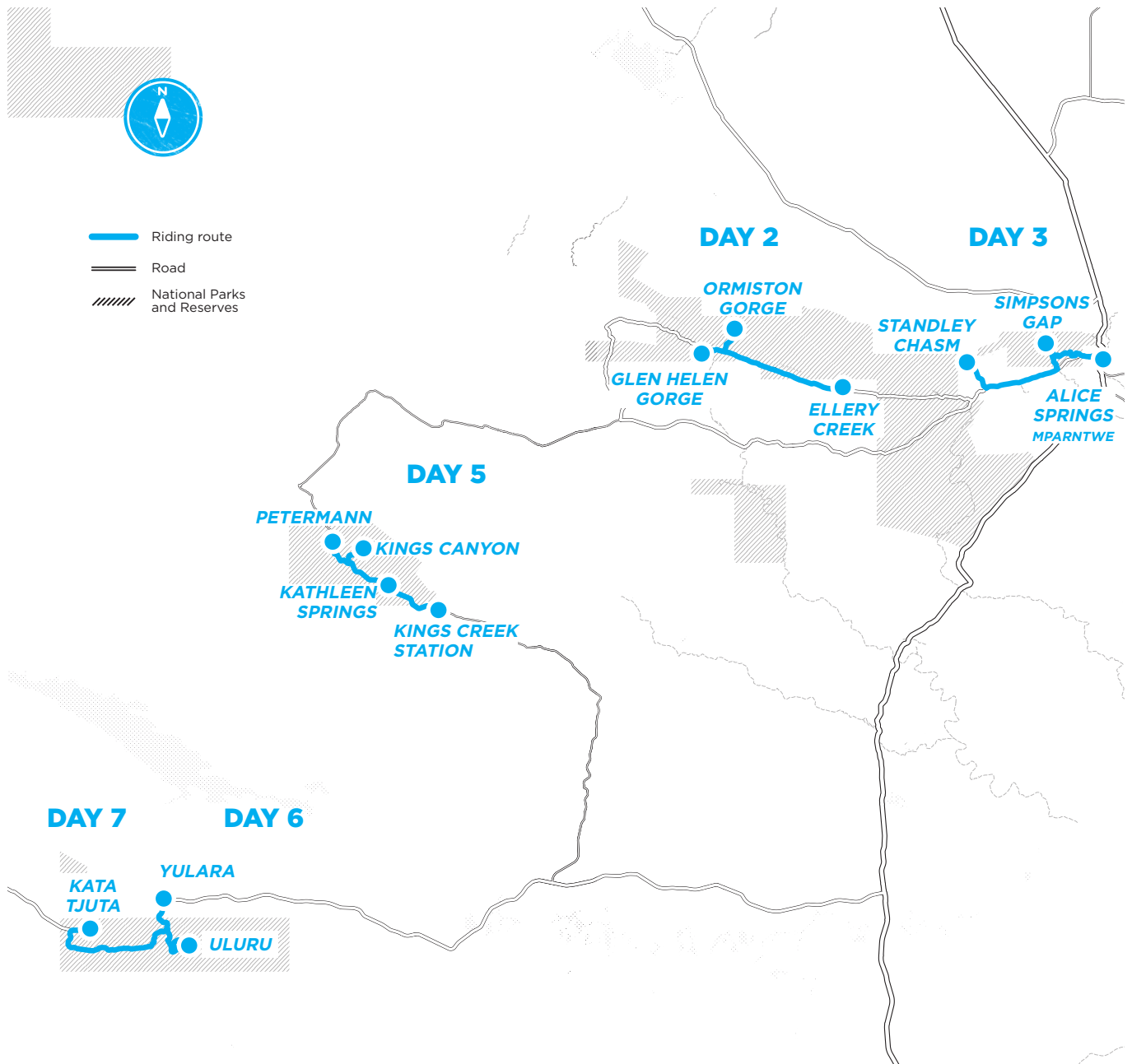
You will begin each day riding together as a group at the times detailed in your daily itinerary. Please stay together as a group where possible and ride at a speed you are comfortable with.

There will be directional signage and rest stops long the way.

Please note that the route has open and close times. This will ensure that you have enough time for sightseeing and allows the Bicycle Network team to give you the best support out on the road.

You may wish to explore other areas or take a more leisurely pace which may make you fall outside these times. That's ok, but please let the Bicycle Network team know and note that we will pack up each day's signage within the riding route closure times.

# THE GREAT OUTBACK ESCAPE



# DAY ONE SATURDAY 30 APRIL

## ARRERENTE

### ALICE SPRINGS - ARRIVAL

Welcome to Great Outback Escape!

Meet and greet your new travelling companions and the Bicycle Network team who will be with you for every pedal stroke. Our bike mechanics will also be on hand to help check your bike and provide any assistance.

All guests will be able to check into their accommodation from 2:00pm. If you arrive early, the team at the Diplomat Motel & Elkira Motel can store your luggage and bike until check in time, giving you time to explore Alice Springs.

### KEY TIMES

 Airport shuttles

2.00pm - 5.30pm



#### Bicycle Network check-in open.

The team will assist you with the following 3 things:

1. Collect rider pack
2. Collect room key
3. Prepare your bike

6.00pm



Welcome dinner

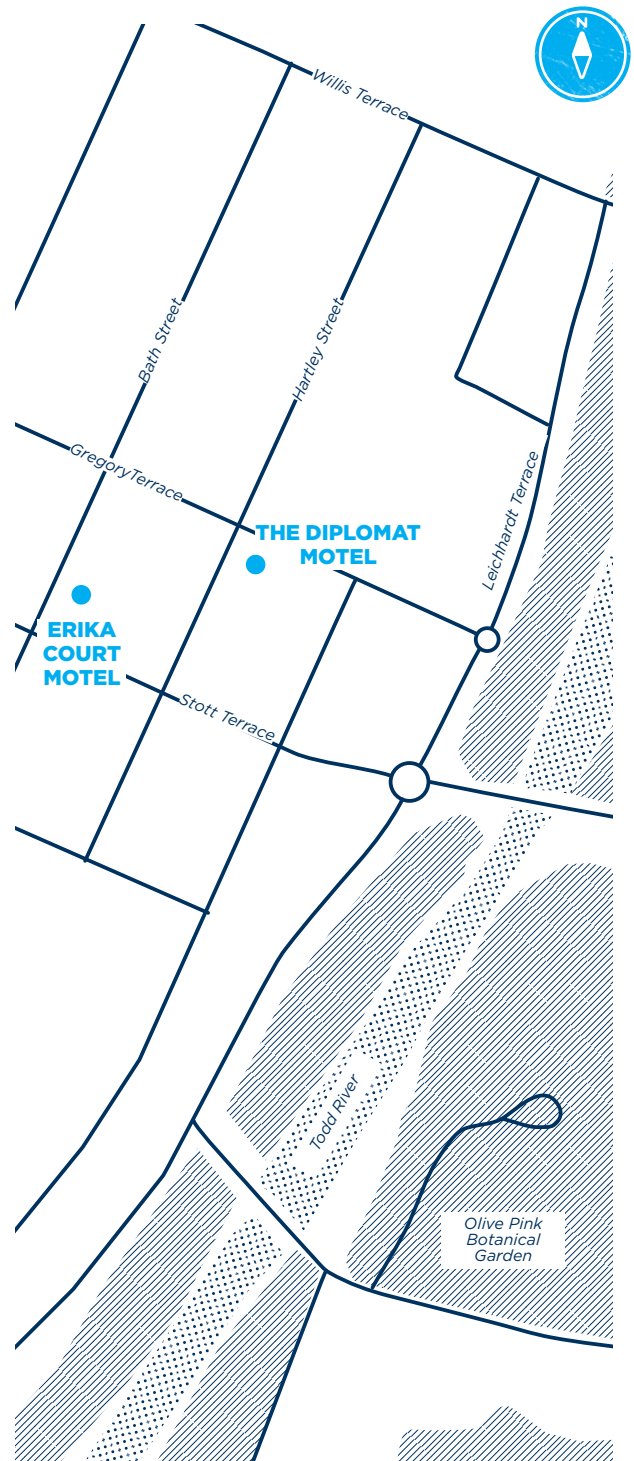
### ACCOMODATION:

#### Deluxe tickets:

Elkira Motel, 65 Bath St, Alice Springs NT 0870

#### Premium tickets:

Diplomat Motel, 20 Gregory Terrace, Alice Springs NT 0870



# DAY TWO SUNDAY 1 MAY

## ARRERNTÉ

### GLEN HELEN GORGE TO ELLERY CREEK | 60KM

The day will start with a coach ride to Glen Helen Gorge, where you will have the chance to explore the Gorge. The day's riding will take in quiet roads, rolling hills and the possibility of spotting wild horses and dingoes as you ride towards Ellery Creek.

Be sure to check out Ormiston Gorge and the Ochre Pits along the way!

### KEY TIMES

- 6.00am  Breakfast at the Diplomat Motel
- 7.00am  Coaches depart for Glen Helen
- 9.30am  Riding route opens
- 9.50am - 10.30am  Rest Stop 1: Ormiston Gorge, 11km
- 10.40am - 12.10am  Rest Stop 2: Ochre Pits, 35km
- 11.00am - 1.00pm  Rest Stop 3: Serpentine Gorge, 48km
- 1.45pm  Riding route closes
- 5.00pm - 6.00pm  Load your bikes onto the trucks for tomorrow's riding at the Diplomat Motel
- 6.30pm  Walk to dinner at:  
Bella Alice, 57 Todd Mall, Alice Springs NT 0870

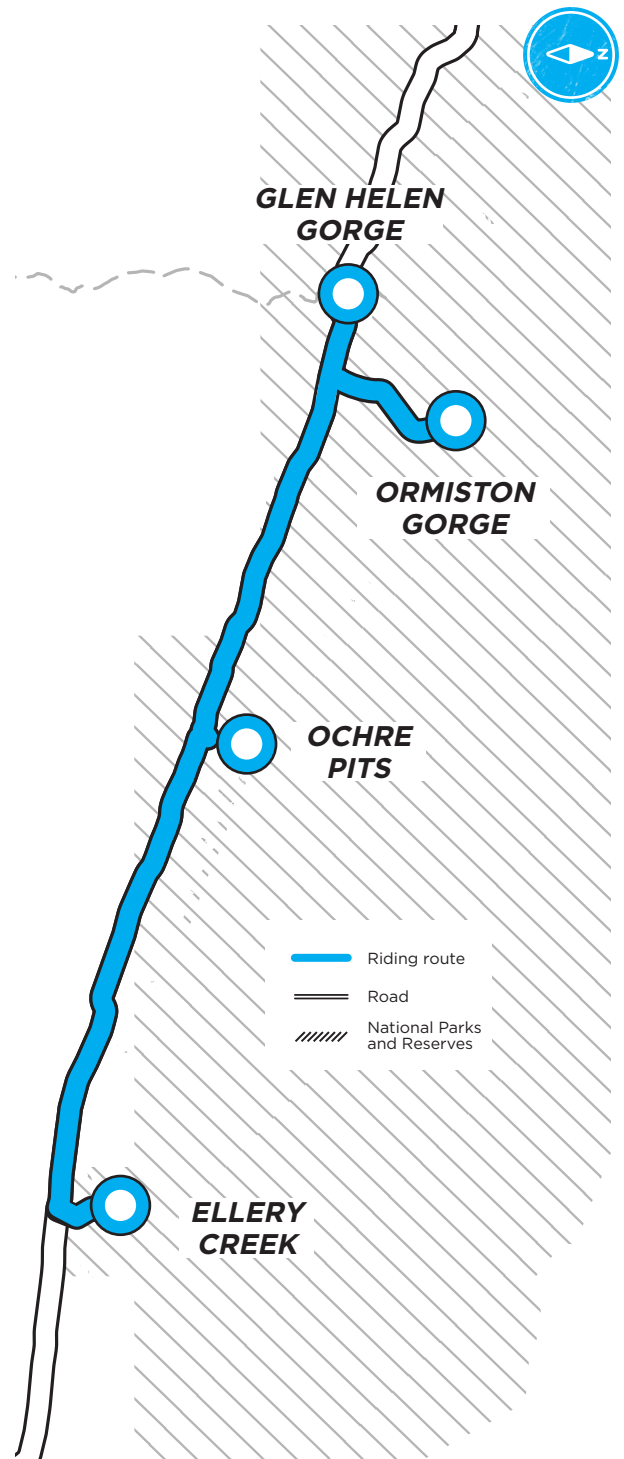
### ACCOMODATION:

#### Deluxe tickets:

Elkira Motel, 65 Bath St, Alice Springs NT 0870

#### Premium tickets:

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# DAY THREE MONDAY 2 MAY

## ARRERNTÉ

### STANDLEY CHASM TO ALICE SPRINGS | 70KM

We'll board the coach and head towards the spectacular Standley Chasm. We'll then stretch our legs with a 20-minute return walk to Standley Chasm, where you'll learn about its place in the Iwupataka culture.


Ride a cruisy 70km back to Alice Springs and enjoy your lunch admiring Simpson's Gap. There will be plenty of time for a dip in the pool or to explore the town before dinner.

#### KEY TIMES

6.30am  Breakfast

7.30am  Coach transport to Standley Chasm


9.30am  Riding route opens

10.00am - 11.15am  Rest Stop 1: Larapinta Dr, 18.5km

10.45am - 12.40pm  Rest Stop 2: Simpson's Gap, 40km

11.30am - 1.45pm  Rest Stop 3: John Flynn's Grave Historical Reserve


2.45pm  Riding route closes

5.00pm - 5.45pm  Load your bikes onto the trucks for tomorrow's riding at the Diplomat Motel

5.45pm  Coach departs for dinner from the Diplomat Motel

5.50pm  Coach departs for dinner from the Elkira Motel

6.00pm  Dinner at Double Tree Hilton

8.00pm  Coach departs for hotels

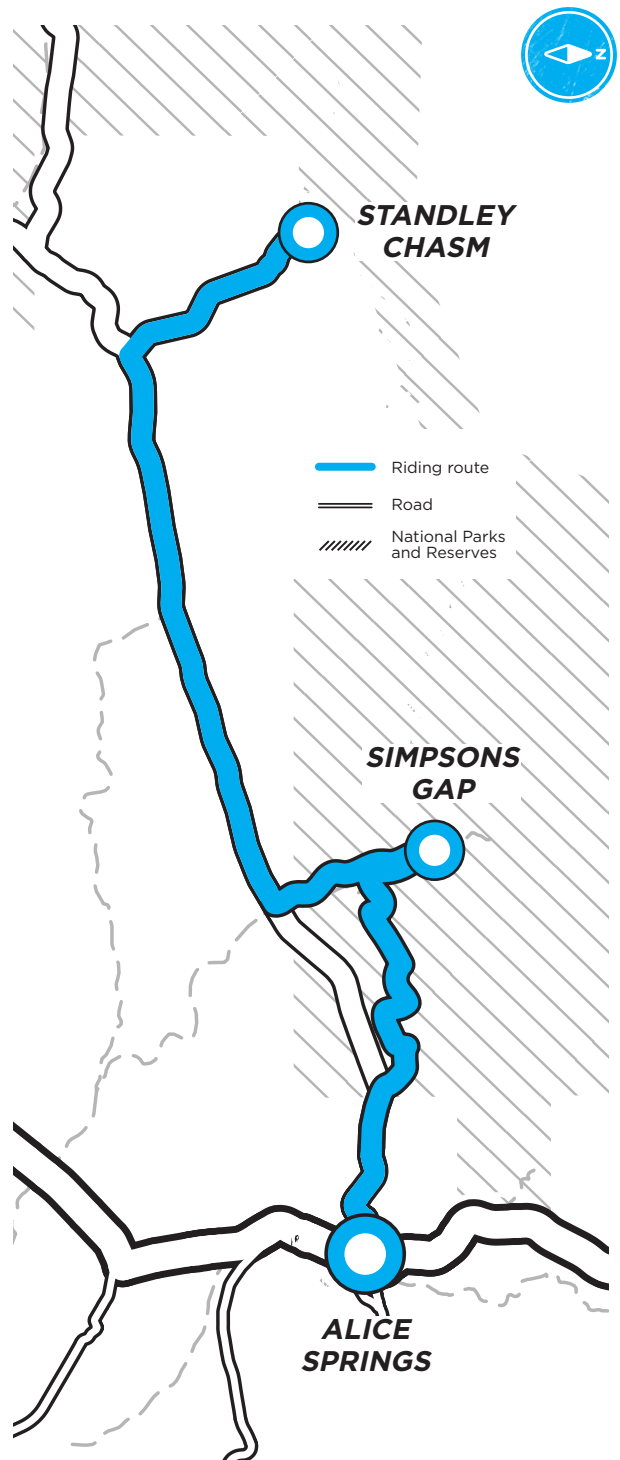
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# DAY FOUR TUESDAY 3 MAY

## LURITJA

### ALICE SPRINGS TO KINGS CANYON

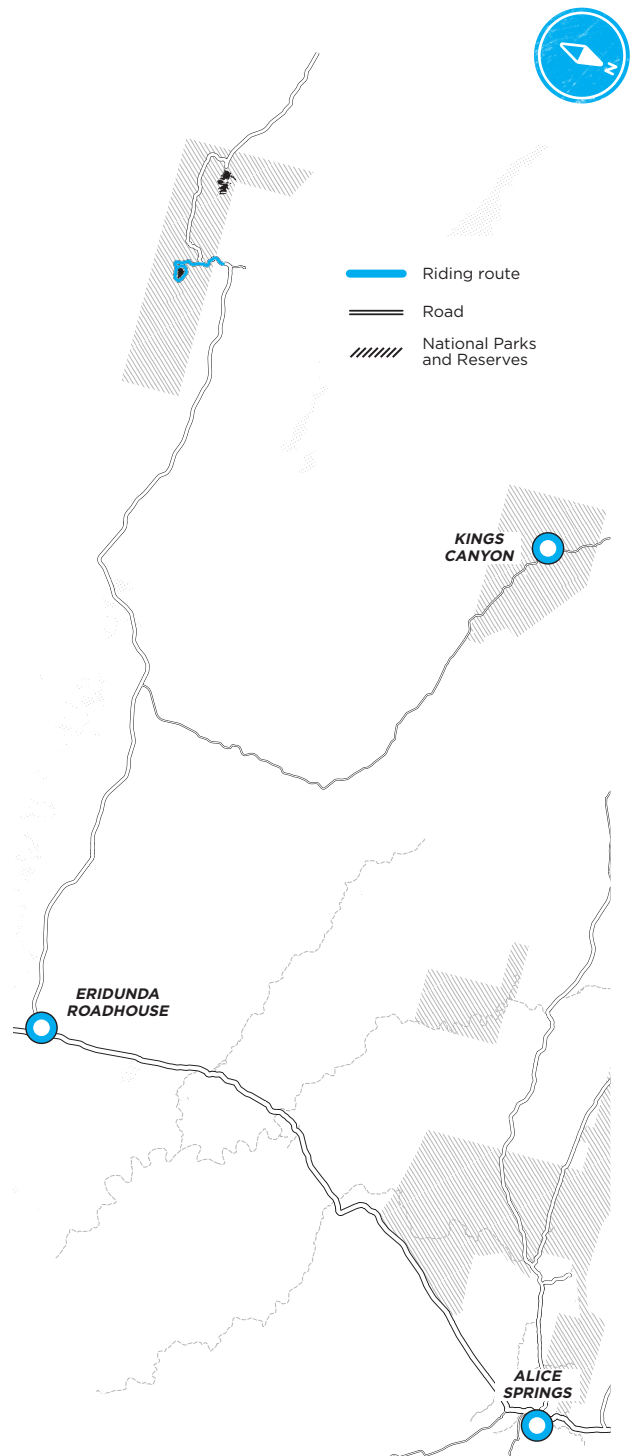
It may be rest day, but we have an early wake up time. It's a long drive to the stunning Kings Canyon and the earlier we leave, the more time we will have to spend there! There are plenty of optional extras to enjoy at the Kings Canyon resort, or you can just put your feet up and enjoy the peace and quiet.

#### KEY TIMES

- 6.30am  Breakfast at the Diplomat Motel
- 7.00am  Coach departs for Kings Canyon
- 9.00am  Morning tea at Eridunda Roadhouse
- 1.00pm  Expected arrival at Kings Canyon
- 1.00pm  Lunch
- 2.00pm  Activities
  -  Helicopter rides (until 5pm)
  -  Guided Kings Canyon Rim walk, 6km loop
  -  Self-guided Kings Canyon Rim Walk, 6km loop
  -  Self-guided Kings Creek Walk, 2.6km return
- 5.30pm  Drinks on Kings Canyon sunset viewing platform
- 6.30pm  Dinner at Carmichael's Restaurant

#### ACCOMMODATION:

Kings Canyon Resort, Luritja Road Kings Canyon NT 0872





# DAY FIVE WEDNESDAY 4 MAY

## ANANGU

### KINGS CANYON TO YULARA | 48KM

Today's riding will take you along mostly flat terrain with quintessential outback views all day. The ride goes through the heart of the Watarrka National Park and is guided by the stunning ridge-line along the western end of the George Gill Range.

To truly maximise your opportunity to explore Watarrka National Park, you have the option to complete one of three walks; Kings Canyon Rim Walk, Kings Creek Walk or Kathleen Springs Walk.

We'll then board the coach to Yulara, our home for the next three nights.

#### KEY TIMES

- 6.00am  Breakfast at Carmichael's Restaurant
- 6.30am - 7.00am  Riding route opens
- 6.50am - 10.30am  Rest Stop 1: Kings Canyon Car Park, 10km  
Stop here to complete the Kings Canyon Rim Walk (6km) or Kings Creek Walk (2.6km)
- 7.30am - 11.50am  Rest Stop 2: Kathleen Spring Car Park, 31km
- 1.30pm  Riding route closes
- 12.30pm - 1.30pm  Coaches depart for Yulara, with afternoon tea at Curtain Springs
- 5.30pm  Latest expected arrival in Yulara
- 6.00pm  Poolside dinner at Sails in the Desert

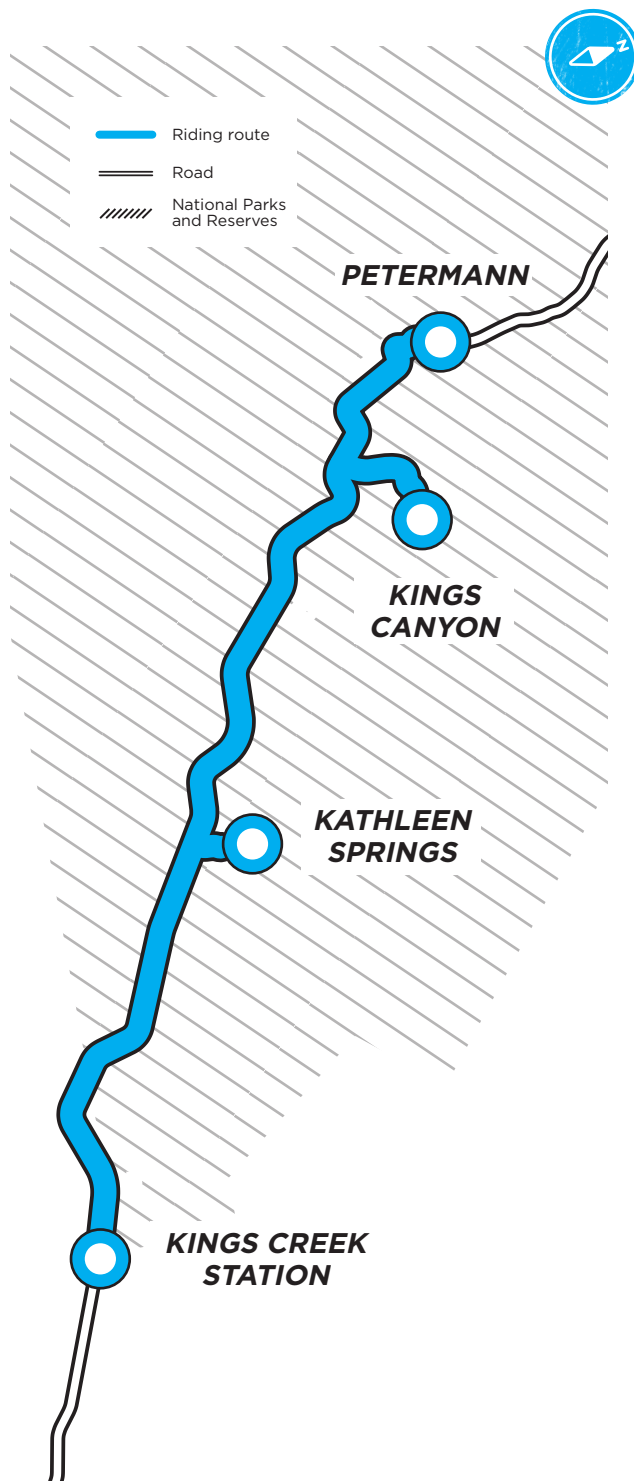
#### ACCOMMODATION:

##### Deluxe tickets:

Sails in the Desert, 163 Yulara Dr, Yulara NT 0872

##### Premium tickets:

The Lost Camel, Yulara Dr, Yulara NT 0872



# DAY SIX THURSDAY 5 MAY

## ANANGU

### YULARA - ULURU LOOP | 48KMP

Surprise! It's an early start today, but trust us, it will be worth it! Enjoy the Field of Light in the darkness and take a self-guided tour through the stunning field before watching the sunrise from a viewing platform with the backdrop of Uluru over breakfast.

During the day you'll have time to ride a full loop of Uluru, stop in at the cultural centre and go for a stroll to the Mutitjulu waterhole. The afternoon and evening are open for you to enjoy some free time - there are plenty of activities to choose from, book into one of the beautiful restaurants or simply kick back and relax.

#### KEY TIMES

- 5.10pm  Coach departs for Field of Light & Bushman's
- 5.30pm  Self-guided tour through the Field of Light before sitting down to breakfast at sunrise
- 7.30pm  Coach back to accommodation
- 9.00am  Riding route opens
- 9.40am - 10.50am  Rest Stop: Uluru car park, 20km
- 12.00pm - 5:00pm  Mechanic services available
- 1.00pm  Riding route closes
- From 1.00pm**  **Additional activities**
- 1.00pm - 1.45pm  Bush Foods Experience
- 4.20pm  Sunset Camel Tour
- 4.45pm - 5.45  Garden Walk

**Note: Only breakfast is provided today - enjoy lunch and dinner in town!**

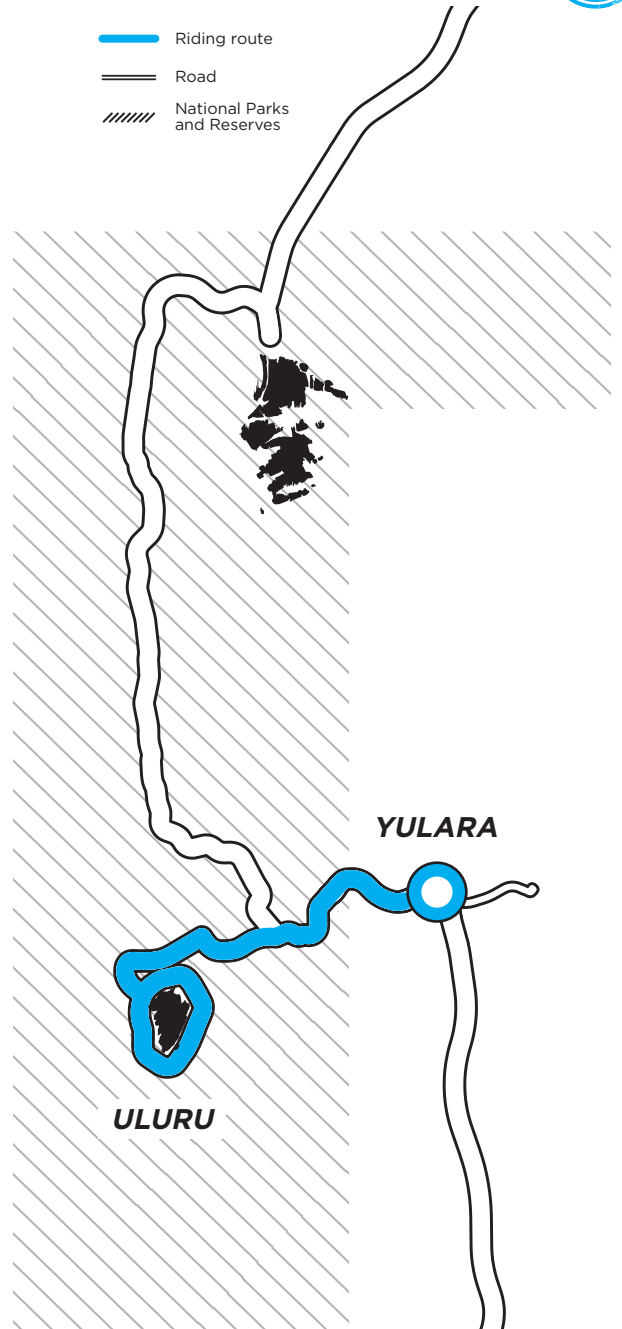
#### ACCOMODATION:

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Sails in the Desert, 163 Yulara Dr, Yulara NT 0872

##### Premium tickets:

The Lost Camel, Yulara Dr, Yulara NT 0872



# DAY SEVEN FRIDAY 6 MAY

## ANANGU













### YALURA - KATA TJUTA LOOP

The winding road through Uluru - Kata Tjuta National Park features stunning views of Kata Tjuta on the ride out, and even better views of Uluru on your return to Yulara.




The Sounds of Silence dinner is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the best memories of the trip and enjoy a final night with new friends. You'll be dining under the desert night sky while a storyteller shares with you tales as told in the stars.

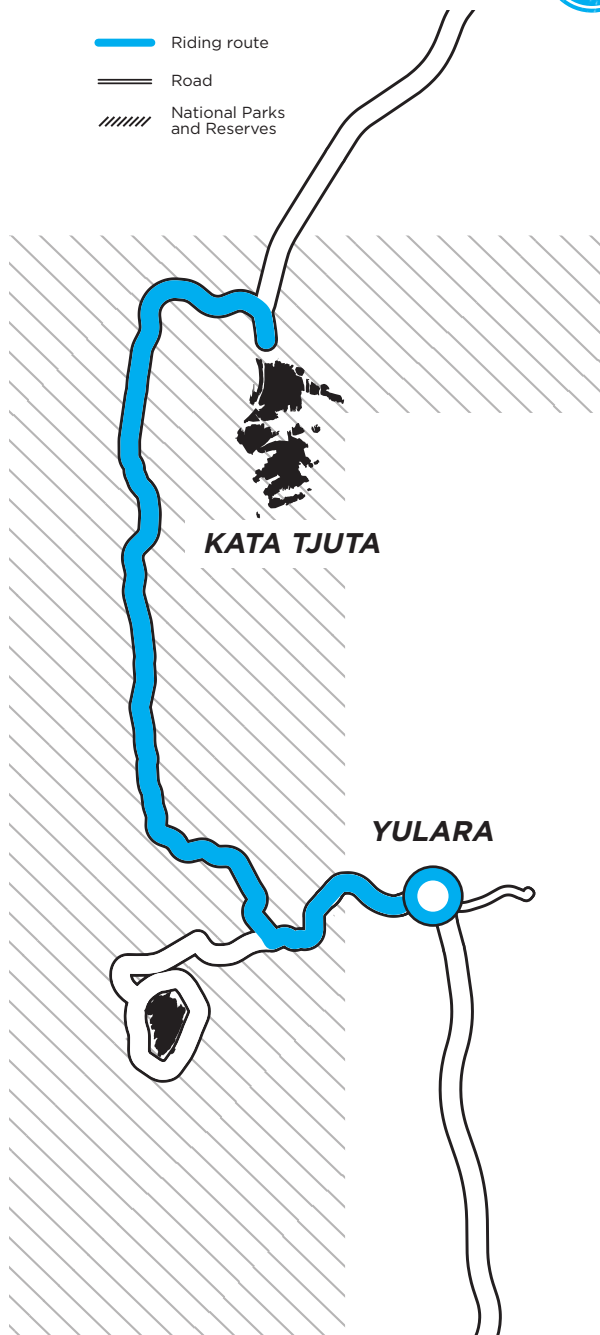
It's the perfect way to wrap up arguably the best day of riding for the trip!

### KEY TIMES

- 6.30am - 9.00am  Breakfast at Sails in the Desert
- 9.00am  Riding route opens
- 10.20am - 12.00am  Rest Stop 1: Old Ayers Rock Rd, 12km
- 10.00am - 11.45am  Rest Stop 2: The Olgas Viewing Car Park, 34km
- 10.45am - 1.00pm  Rest Stop 3: Kata Tjuta Car Park, 52km
- 11.20am - 2.10am  Rest Stop 4: The Olgas Viewing Car Park, 70km
- 12.00am - 3.35am  Rest Stop 5: Old Ayers Rock Rd, 91km
- 4.30pm  Riding route closes
- 12.45pm - 4.45pm  Mechanic services available
- 5.00pm  Coach departs for Sounds of Silence dinner
- 6.00pm  Sounds of Silence dinner
- 9.00pm  Coach departs for hotel



-  Riding route
-  Road
-  National Parks and Reserves



# DAY EIGHT SATURDAY 7 MAY

## ANANGU

### YALURA - DEPARTURE

The time has come to say farewell and pop the camera away. Depart any time on your own or enjoy our optional transfer service back to Alice Springs. If you're flying directly from Yulara, you can use the resort's free airport shuttle service.

6.30am - 9.00am



Breakfast at Sails in the Desert

8.00am



Coach departs for Alice Springs  
and Alice Springs Airport

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