

Walking Tour Itinerary

A guide will accompany you each day as you discover the highlights of the Larapinta Trail. On some of the more challenging walks two guides will accompany the group, to offer more options.

Some of the walks on The Larapinta Trail include quite steep and rocky sections; but, with a moderate level of fitness, each walk is enjoyable! We highly recommend that you do some training beforehand, especially walking steps and doing some training on rocky terrain.

You are always welcome to take a day off walking. We will try to help you find suitable alternative activities.

*The itinerary may alter depending on extreme weather conditions and heat.

Day 1: Alice Spring Arrival Day.

NO WALKING

There are daily flights into Alice Springs from most major capital cities. Make your way to your accommodation at the Aurora. Meet in the lobby at 6pm where we will do a short welcome before we head to a local restaurant to enjoy a delicious chef prepared a la carte meal and prepare for our full days walk on the Larapinta Trail the next day.

Accommodation: Aurora Alice Springs

Meals: D



Day 2: Geoff Moss Bridge to Wallaby Gap

9KM

We depart Alice Springs town after breakfast and head just out of town to start our walk on the Larapinta Trail. As we head along the ridges just behind Alice Springs town, we start getting our first glimpses of the seemingly endless mountain ranges all around us. From Wallaby Gap we will head to Ellery Creek Campground for the next few nights.

Accommodation: Ellery Creek Campground

Meals: B, L, D



Day 3: Serpentine Gorge to Serpentine Chalet Dam

12KM + 2KM

Journey to one of the most popular walks on the Larapinta Trail. From Serpentine Gorge carpark we make our way up to the top of the ridge. Discover some Mountain Hakea along the way and enjoy the breathtaking views once we get to the top.

Discover the most iconic picture of the Larapinta Trail at Counts Point from where we head back down towards Serpentine Chalet Dam.

Accommodation: Ellery Creek Campground

Meals: B, L, D



Day 4: Ormiston Gorge Pound Walk and The Ochre Pits

9KM

Today we pack up camp and head to our new campsite at Ormiston Gorge. When we arrive, we will complete the Ormiston Gorge Pound walk which is a stunning trail that shows off all the beauty Central Australia can provide. There will be plenty of time to relax and have a dip at the swimming hole before we set-up camp for the next two nights. In the afternoon we head to the famous Ochre Pits to have a look around one of the most significant places to the local Arrente Aboriginal people.

Accommodation: Ormiston Gorge Campground

Meals: B, L, D



Day 5: Mt. Sonder

16KM

Today is an absolute cracker! We make our way to Redbank, from where we will start our walk to the famous Mt Sonder. From the valley floor we slowly make our

way up some steep sections to get to the Saddle. As we walk along the Saddle take in the vastness of the area before ascending to the top of Mt. Sonder. Enjoy your well-deserved lunch as we take in the spectacular 360° views. It's then back to Ormiston Gorge, where you may want a refreshing swim before dinner.

Accommodation: Ormiston Gorge Campground

Meals: B, L, D



Day 6: Simpsons Gap to Wallaby Gap

11KM

Today is our last days walk on the Larapinta Trail and we finish with a walk that beautifully summaries' all the West MacDonnell Ranges has to offer. A quick climb out of Simpsons Gap with some nice views across the range followed by a flat then undulating walk all the way to Wallaby Gap.

In the afternoon we say goodbye to the spectacular West McDonnell Ranges as we make our way back to our accommodation at the Aurora in Alice Springs. Our guides will wave goodbye as they drop you at your accommodation for the last night of tour.

Accommodation: Aurora Alice Springs

Meals: B, L, D



Day 7: Departure Day

NO WALKING

Enjoy breakfast at your leisure before catching your flight home.

Meals: B

Details about accommodation, what to bring, transportation, food, etc.

Accommodation

Due to the remoteness of the trail we will be staying in a mixture of motel accommodation, while in Alice Springs and camping when we are out in the West MacDonnell Ranges completing walks on the Larapinta Trail.

- Aurora, Alice Springs, 2 nights (night 1 and 5)
- Ellery Creek Campground, 2 nights (night 2 and 3)
- Ormiston Gorge Campground, 2 nights (night 4 and 5)

The motel style accommodation is allocated on a double or twin share basis. If you are a solo traveller we will room, you with another solo traveller of the same gender. Limited single supplements are available for an additional \$150.

On our first and last nights of tour we will be staying at Aurora in Alice Springs. The rooms are standard 4-star hotel rooms and we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant and breakfast at the hotel dining room.

We will be staying at Ellery Creek Campground on nights 2 and 3. The beauty of this campground lies in the waterhole which is only a short stroll from the main campground. At the campground there are flushing toilets and showers.

The Ormiston Gorge campground is a lovely bush campground with showers and flushing toilets. There is a small kiosk beside the camping area and it's a very short walk to the waterhole which is stunningly beautiful and a walk to the top of the gorge lookout.

What to bring

Due to health and safety requirements, please limit your luggage to one medium sized, soft sided bag per person. Length + width + height should not exceed 140 cm. The maximum weight of the bag shouldn't exceed 15 kg. If you're travelling as a couple, please pack two smaller bags rather than one large one. Your day pack is in addition to your main luggage bag.

Suggested items to pack for your Larapinta walking tour:

- Day-pack – one with a waist strap is best to help take some weight off your shoulders
- Shorts or trousers and shirts for walking – lightweight and quick-dry material are best
- Casual clothing for evenings and rest days
- Wind and waterproof jacket
- Socks – whichever thickness you're comfortable in (thick explorer socks can get quite hot)
- Comfortable, sturdy walking shoes or boots (ankle support is recommended as many surfaces are rocky and uneven)
- Sun protection – hat, sunglasses, sunscreen (and consider your clothing)
- For campers: need a towel
- Toiletries, hand sanitizer and personal medication
- Reliable headlamp with spare batteries (can be quite dark going in between the cabins and useful when sharing a room)
- Any preferred first aid supplies such as blister treatment (Your guides will also carry a first-aid kit)
- Water bottle/s – 3-liter capacity at least
- Insect Repellent

** At this time of year (June/July) the days are typically quite clear and mild (average max 25°C) and the nights can be quite cold (average min 0°C)

Food

Three meals each day plus morning tea and snacks are included in the price of your tour (unless otherwise specified – see tour itinerary for details).

If you have any special dietary requirements please let us know when you book, we are happy to adapt our tasty, nutritious meals to suit a variety of dietary needs.

Transport

Transport is by an air-conditioned custom-built four-wheel drive (4WD) tour coach, designed for comfort in outback conditions. Vehicles are modern, comfortable and

regularly serviced to ensure their safety and reliability. They are also fitted with long-range high frequency radios and recovery gear in case of emergency.

In the case of breakdown or other unforeseen circumstances affecting the vehicle or guide, the operator reserves the right to substitute vehicles and guides other than those specified, to ensure the operation of a tour.

Seat Allocation: Seats on tour vehicle are not pre allocated. To ensure all participants get to enjoy window seats we encourage a daily seat rotation system.

This walk includes



Continental breakfast at your accommodation

Start the day on the right foot with a simple, healthy breakfast



Emergency support

Wilderness first aid trained guides carry radios, satellite phones and a full first aid kit so you can walk without worry.



Excellent itinerary and planning

Drawn from 14 years' experience.



Healthy packed lunches

Enjoy a fresh packed lunch each day out on the trail



Homemade morning tea each day

Enjoy a slice of home-baked cake and a hot cuppa each morning on the track – we'll even carry the thermos for you!



National Park entrance fees



Transport built for outback conditions

Transport is by an air-conditioned custom built 4WD tour coach, designed for comfort in outback conditions. Regularly serviced to ensure safety and reliability. Fitted with communication and recovery gear in case of emergency.



Two fun and professional guides

We'll feed you, tell you stories, help you achieve the walks safely and make sure everything goes to plan so that you don't have to worry about a thing