

MEDIA FACT SHEET:

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia

Voyages manages two cultural tourism offerings:

- **Ayers Rock Resort** – full-service resort and the main accommodation provider at Uluru, Northern Territory.
- **Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre** – located at the gateway to the Daintree Rainforest near Cairns, Queensland.

At both locations, our mission is to offer visitors **authentic cultural tourism experiences** while **respecting and supporting Indigenous communities** through employment, training and business opportunities.

Voyages Indigenous Tourism Australia is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Indigenous Land & Sea Corporation (ILSC) - a commonwealth government entity. Its purpose is to assist Indigenous people with the acquisition and management of land and water so they can achieve economic, social and cultural benefits.

AYERS ROCK RESORT

FAST FACTS

- Established 1984. Celebrations planned for 2024 as we mark our 40-year anniversary
- Six accommodation options, ranging from a budget-friendly campground to a luxury hotel oasis
- Broad variety of complimentary activities and unique world-class experiences available to purchase
- 2,500-guest capacity
- Over 30% Indigenous workforce

WORLD-CLASS EXPERIENCES

<p>Sunrise Journeys <i>New for 2024</i> Uluru's desert landscape brings an Indigenous art interpretation to life at dawn with cutting-edge animation technology.</p>	<p>Wintjiri Wiru <i>Launched in 2023</i> Award-winning sound, light, and drone show – a stunning cultural storytelling experience.</p>	<p>Field of Light Immersive light installation by famed artist Bruce Munroe illuminates the desert.</p>	<p>Desert Awakenings Drink in an Uluru sunrise and touring in the national park with a knowledgeable guide.</p>	<p>Astro Tour Outback night sky tour with guide and telescopes.</p>
<p>Australian Native High Tea An afternoon culinary indulgence celebrating Indigenous flavours from Central Australia and beyond.</p>	<p>Sound of Silence Dune top dining with native flavours and didgeridoo performance.</p>	<p>Tali Wiru Intimate fine-dining under the stars. Native flavours paired with premium Australian wine.</p>	<p>Free Guest Activities Educational and experiential activities sharing cultural knowledge.</p>	<p>The Gallery of Central Australia Access to art from 22 remote Central and Western Desert Art Centres.</p>

ACCOMMODATION

Hotel	Star	Description	Total Rooms
Sails in the Desert Hotel	5-star	Luxurious desert oasis	210 Superior rooms 16 Terrace rooms 2 Deluxe suites 10 accessible rooms
Desert Gardens Hotel	4-star	Lush gardens and the resort's only Rock View rooms	134 Garden View rooms 60 Desert Deluxe rooms 24 Rock View rooms 10 accessible rooms
The Lost Camel Hotel	3-star	Contemporary boutique-style hotel	100 standard rooms
Emu Walk Apartments	4-star	Family-friendly apartments	40 One Bedroom apartments 23 Two Bedroom apartments
The Outback Hotel and Lodge	3-star	Warm and welcoming laid-back comfort	125 standard rooms 42 Family Rooms 200 bunks
Ayers Rock Campground	NA	Outback camping, van sites and cabins with resort facilities	14 Two Bed Cabins 207 Powered Sites 383 Unpowered Sites Group and Coach Campground

Resort Facilities Include:

Swimming Pools – Access to Bars and Restaurants - Shared Kitchens – Free Wi-Fi – Complimentary Resort Shuttle – Airport Transfers – Free Activities – Live Entertainment – Red Ochre Spa – Supermarket – Gift Shop – Art Gallery – Playground – BBQ Areas – Laundry – Dog Friendly (Campground only)

**28 accessible rooms throughout the resort*

DINING OPTIONS

Restaurant	
Mangata Bistro and Bar	Australian produce with notes of bush tucker flavours
Arngulji Grill and Restaurant	Premium dining with Indigenous flavours
Ilkari Restaurant	Tantalising buffet breakfast and dinner
Walpa Bar	Contemporary bar with light bites and signature cocktails
Pira Pool Bar	Poolside casual dining and relaxed cocktails
Outback BBQ and Bar	DIY BBQ with traditional Aussie charm
Outback Kiosk	Casual dining with tasty takeaway or dine-in favourites
Bough House	Traditional Aussie breakfast and private dining for large groups

Geckos Bar	Hearty classics and kid-friendly dining
Kulata Academy Café	Coffee and cabinet food – and a chance to meet trainees at the National Indigenous Training Academy
Ayers Wok Noodle Bar	Takeaway Asian noodle dishes – fast and fragrant

**All guests have access to all restaurants and bars across the resort and a free shuttle bus operates across the resort from 10am-12 midnight daily.*

GETTING TO ULURU

<p>Fly into Connellan Airport AYQ (Uluru) Qantas and Jetstar fly directly into Ayers Rock Airport from Sydney, Melbourne and Cairns. Virgin Australia flies from Melbourne and Brisbane (from June 2024). From the airport, it's a 10-minute (free!) shuttle ride to the resort.</p>	<p>Self-Drive 4.5-hour drive from Alice Springs and part of the iconic Red Centre Way. Parking available across the resort.</p>	<p>Car hire Avis, Hertz and Thrifty car rentals are available at Ayers Rock Resort, with pick up/drop off options from the Ayers Rock Airport and the Resort.</p>	<p>Coach Travel Coach/bus transfers are available between Ayers Rock Resort, Kings Canyon and Alice Springs.</p>
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MOSSMAN GORGE CULTURAL CENTRE

- **Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre** is a world-class ecotourism destination, encompassing a **cultural visitor centre, gallery, cafe and walking tours**. It's the gateway to the stunning **Daintree Rainforest** - the world's oldest, continually surviving rainforest, best explored alongside the people who know it best; the **Kuku Yalanji**.
- The guided **Ngadiku Dreamtime Walk** is a "must do" for every visitor to Tropical North Queensland. It starts with a traditional Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony to ward off bad spirits, and retellings of rainforest stories and legends from the Kuku Yalanji.
- An **Indigenous guide** will show the way through the famous World-Heritage listed rainforest along gentle walking tracks, pointing out traditional bark shelters and locations of **cultural significance**, sharing knowledge about **ancient bush medicine** and ochre paint, before finishing the tour with **bush tea and damper**.
- **Over 60%** of the Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre workforce **identify as Indigenous**.

RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

- Voyages' profit goes back into the business to improve cultural tourism facilities as well as to support Indigenous training and education.



- In 2024, Ayers Rock Resort became “Advanced Ecotourism” and “Respecting Our Culture” certified by EcoTourism Australia – we are committed to conserving the environment and protecting cultural authenticity and integrity.
- Mossman Gorge Cultural Centre holds Advanced Ecotourism and Respecting Our Culture certification and is recognised as a Green Travel Leader for its more than ten years of certification.
- **National Indigenous Training Academy** (NITA) delivers market-leading training and employment programs in hospitality and tourism for young Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- **Anangu Community Foundation** is dedicated to making a positive impact to Anangu – the traditional owners of Uluru – in the areas of health, education, and social and economic wellbeing. Voyages matches each donation dollar for dollar up to \$200k per year. Thus far the Foundation has supported projects over \$3million in the region.
- **Solar Power:** The Tjintu Solar Field provides up to 45% of the resort’s average energy needs.
- **Wildlife Conservation:** We support the longest running wildlife and threatened species monitoring program in the region.

Additional Resources:

- Image Library: <https://voyages.mediaalet.com/>
- Press Centre: <https://www.voyages.com.au/presscentre>