

Red Centre Pilgrimage

With Fr Dominic Murphy OP



LIMITED PLACES!

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FEATURING THE CROSS AT MEMORY MOUNTAIN

NORTHERN TERRITORY

Something deep and mystical calls all Australians to journey to the heart of our nation to honour its symbols, stories and beauty in a prayerful spirit of awe and thanksgiving. Be among the first pilgrims to take the journey to the heart, to witness the remarkable 20 metre Cross rising high on Memory Mountain.



FULLY ESCORTED

With Chaplain:
Fr Dominic Murphy OP

Plus
Professional Driver/Guide

9 DAYS

Departs Alice Springs
Thursday 31 August 2023

Returns Uluru
Friday 08 September 2023

Tour Code: RC2303

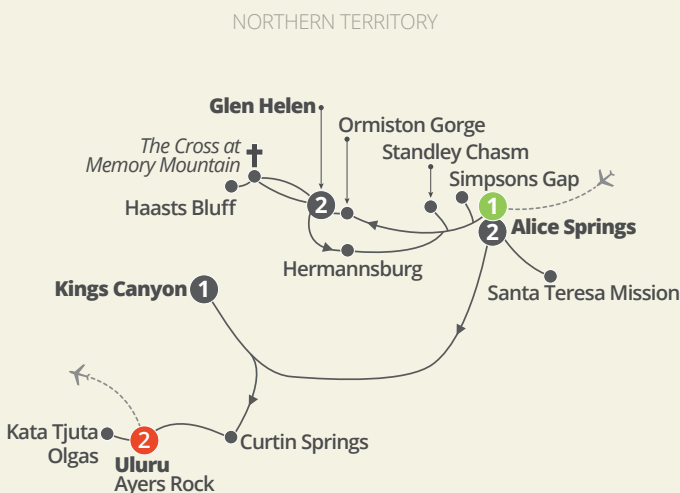
TOUR COST

\$5190 Per person
Twin or Dbl

+ Domestic Airfares (if applicable)
Price based on min 25 group size.

SINGLE ROOM

\$1750 Additional
Supplement



HIGHLIGHTS: Alice Springs (1) • Ormiston Gorge • Glen Helen (2) • The Cross at Memory Mountain • Haasts Bluff • Hermansberg • Standley Chasm • Simpsons Gap • Alice Springs (2) • Kings Canyon (1) • Karrke Aboriginal cultural experience • Curtin Springs Station • Uluru – Ayers Rock Resort (2) • Mala Walk • Kata Tjuta National Park – The Olgas outdoor Mass • Sounds of Silence Dinner experience

DAILY COMMUNITY MASSES

Celebrating Eucharist with the locals

MEET COLOURFUL CHARACTERS

Hear their inspiring stories

WITH AMAZING CHAPLAINS

Giving spiritual blessings & guidance

NATURE & BEAUTY ENCOUNTERS

Enlivening each destination

PILGRIM WALK MOMENTS

Reflective time-out opportunities

LIKE-HEARTED FELLOWSHIP

Travelling together with purpose

INCLUSIONS: Accommodation at superior standard 3 - 4 star hotels with breakfast and dinner daily • Lunches as per the itinerary • Deluxe Air-Conditioned Touring Coach • Professional Driver / Guide throughout the program • Complimentary Airport Arrival Transfer (as applicable) • Accompanied by a Harvest Tour Director • All sightseeing and entrance fees as listed • Quality Harvest pilgrim pack including Harvest backpack, Pilgrim Journal and Travel Wallet.

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The Cross at Memory Mountain



Santa Teresa Church, NT

ITINERARY

MEAL CODES: (B) Breakfast, (L) Lunch, (D) Dinner

DAY 1 - Thursday 31 August 2023 - Begin Alice Springs

Theme: *New Beginnings*

Mass: *Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Alice Springs*

Meet your group leaders and get to know your fellow travelers as we come together to share our first Mass followed by a group dinner.

Enjoy panoramic views from **Anzac Hill** overlooking the rugged **West MacDonnell Ranges** before joining the local parish community of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish, Alice Springs for Mass to experience something of the way the people live their faith and worship in this unique community.

Alice Springs Overnight (D)

DAY 2 - Friday 01 September - MacDonnell Ranges

Theme: *Springs in Dry Places*

Proposed Mass: *Our Lady Of The Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Alice Springs*

Visit **Simpsons Gap**, a stunning gorge carved out of the West MacDonnell Ranges by Roe Creek, where water flows through a small gap in the mountain range.

Continue west to **Standley Chasm** – Known traditionally as Angkerle Atwatye, meaning “Gap of Water”, Standley Chasm is a 3-metre-wide, 80-metre-high gorge. The walking trail to the Chasm and those in its surrounds offer chance encounters with a variety of inhabitants, including diverse bird species, lizards, wallabies, as well as native flowering plants and ancient cycad palms.

Visit **Ormiston Gorge** one of the most popular and photographed places in the Red Centre, where we will **enjoy a picnic lunch** and opportunity to **swim in the waterhole**.

Travel on to **Glen Helen** resort for our two night stay.

Glen Helen overnight (BD)

DAY 3 - Saturday 02 September - The Cross on Memory Mountain Immersion Day

Theme: *Healing and Restoration*

Proposed Mass: *Outdoor Mass at the Cross on Memory Mountain*

Travel out today to **The Cross on Memory Mountain** where a 20 metre solar-lit cross stands atop a sacred mountain where faith, culture and social enterprise combine to draw thousands of the

faithful to a deep encounter with God and nature. Prepare for a unique immersion experience combining pilgrim-trek, prayer, song and indigenous cultural activities gathered around this amazing new Australian icon of unity and hope.

Visit to the nearby Haasts Bluff community and the Ikuntji Artists Centre where many indigenous artists are becoming world renowned for their inspired artwork and handicrafts.

Watch the cross illuminate as the sun sets and the ocean of stars in the night-sky take centre stage after our outdoor meal. Then join with the local indigenous community with a sing-along by campfire well into the evening before returning by coach to Glen Helen Lodge for our well-earned overnight rest.

Glen Helen overnight (BD)

DAY 4 - Sunday 03 September - Glen Helen to Alice Springs via Hermannsberg

Theme: *God's Provision*

Proposed Mass: *TBC*

Departing Glen Helen this morning we travel to Hermannsberg – the fully restored Historic Precinct of Hermannsberg was established in 1870 as a Lutheran Mission and is the birthplace of Albert Namatjira the renowned Indigenous Artist (the areas around Hermannsberg feature in Namatjira's watercolours).

Arrive into Alice Springs for dinner.

Alice Springs overnight (BD)

DAY 5 - Monday 04 September - Santa Teresa Mission Experience

Theme: *Abundance of Blessings*

Proposed Mass: *Santa Teresa Parish Church*

Santa Teresa Mission. Established as a Catholic Mission in the 1950s by the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart and the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart. Santa Teresa is today an Indigenous Catholic Community of over 500 residents with a strong Christian faith with the church being a focal point of the community. Visit the **Spirituality Centre** for morning tea. Spend time at the famous **Keringke Arts Centre** where you have the opportunity to meet the artists.

Alice Springs Overnight (BD)



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DAY 6 - Tuesday 05 September - Alice Springs to Kings Canyon

Theme: Food for the Journey

Proposed Mass: Outdoor Mass at Kings Canyon with sunset viewing

Tour the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Depart Alice Springs and travel to Kings Canyon.

Stop at the Erldunda Roadhouse, "the Centre of the Centre", where we will be able to have lunch, visit the kangaroo farm and emu enclosure.

Kings Canyon Resort Overnight (BD)

DAY 7 - Wednesday 06 September - Kings Canyon to Uluru

Theme: Wonder of Creation

Proposed Mass: Outdoor Mass

This morning you may wish to walk the Kings Canyon hike – a gentle 2.6 kilometre walk that follows a trail between the two soaring canyon walls. As you arrive at the lookout point, you will be welcomed by spectacular views of the sheer cliff face at the far end of the canyon. The more athletic may want to explore the iconic Kings Canyon Rim Walk – a six-kilometre circuit that will take you down into the Garden of Eden, a beautiful rockhole surrounded by rare plants, before ascending to 360 degree panoramic views over the red sand dunes.

Visit Curtin Springs Station – a working cattle station – where you will learn about the legacy of the Severin family and their outback heritage. Relax and **enjoy a true Aussie-style barbecue lunch**.

Visit the **Karrke Indigenous Experience** for a one-of-a-kind authentic Aboriginal cultural experience. The tour is a short walk and talk on areas of importance in local cultural knowledge on bush tucker and bush medicines, as used by the Luritja and Pertame (Southern Aranda) people.

Arrive at Uluru for dinner.

Uluru Overnight (BLD)

DAY 8 - Thursday 07 September - Uluru Discovery

Theme: Empowered to Shine

Proposed Mass: Outdoor Mass

Guided walk around the base of Uluru (**Mala Walk**).

Visit **Kata Tjuta National Park** (also known as the Olgas) recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Area for both its natural and cultural values. To experience the Olgas as you walk through the Walpa Gorge, a natural creek bed that carves its way between the two tallest domes of Kata Tjuta.

Celebrate an outdoor Mass.

Remainder of the afternoon at leisure.

Sounds of Silence dinner experience – an evening of dining under the sparkling outback sky.

Uluru Overnight (BD)

DAY 9 - Friday 08 September - Depart Uluru

Theme: Gratitude & Peace

Proposed Mass: Mass at the Yulara Community Shed

Depart Uluru Airport (B)



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