

Australia

Outback

The outback is the desert area where you can explore the desert. It's the symbol of Australia and it's the vast and arid area of the country. You can find these areas in all Australian states. In these areas you can do a lot of things: ride a camel, visit the spectacular national parks, sleep under a thousand stars and see many animals, like ostriches and kangaroos. A lot of people stay here for few days or weeks, but there are many people that stay for over one year (when people stay in a place for over one year is a "gap year"). Organised travels with a guide to the outback are popular, although some Australian and international tourists travel in their own cars. Such a trip requires a suitable vehicle (usually four wheel drive). Deaths of tourists are a regular occurrence because many people are not well-prepared for their outback trip. The most important place to visit in the outback is Uluru.

Uluru

Uluru is the most important monument of the Australian outback. It's in the Northern Territory, near Alice Springs, one of the most important cities in Australia, and it's very famous in the world. It is also known as Ayers Rock. At night Uluru glows red. It's very beautiful to see it at night or in the late evening, but Uluru can change colour in the morning, too. Uluru is the second – largest monolith in the world (after Mount Augustus, also in Australia), more than 318m high and 8km around and it also extends over 2km into the ground. It was described by Ernest Giles in 1872. In 1987 Uluru became a UNESCO asset.

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