



## MEDIA INFORMATION

### AYERS ROCK RESORT ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

*Ayers Rock Resort is an oasis within the middle of Australia's central desert region. Nestled in the desert like a giant mythical snake and hidden below the level of the highest red sand dune, everything about the Resort reflects sensitivity to the environment and respect for the area's Traditional Owners.*

*Ayers Rock Resort currently encompasses five individual accommodation options: the premium Sails in the Desert Hotel, newly refurbished Desert Gardens Hotel, self-contained Emu Walk Apartments, the authentic Outback Pioneer Hotel and Lodge and Ayers Rock Campground, with a sixth option – The Lost Camel – reopening in July 2018.*

*The Resort also offers an impressive spectrum of internationally acclaimed experiences for guests in and around Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park including the award-winning Sounds of Silence and Tali Wiru dining experiences under the stars. The introduction of a free daily Indigenous Guest Activities Program has proven extremely popular, featuring interactive cultural dance and theatre performances, Guided Garden Walks, Bush Yarns, Astronomy Sessions and an Ecology and Museum Walk.*

#### **Sails in the Desert**

Sails in the Desert is Ayers Rock Resort's premium hotel, beautifully contrasting Uluru's raw natural beauty with a decidedly luxurious outback holiday experience. The hotel provides guests with unrivalled accommodation, dining, relaxation and recreation facilities, together with superior levels of customer service and access to a range of experiences to discover this iconic destination.

With a \$38m refurbishment including a new conferencing facility, Sails in the Desert was elevated to a new level of luxury in November 2012. The dynamic refurbishment brought the colours, textures and stories of this enigmatic cultural landscape to life in a design statement of inspired elegance. Against a canvas of neutral tones and textures, the mystery, colour and wisdom of the local Anangu people is interwoven into every facet of Sails in the Desert's design.

Sails in the Desert features 228 luxury rooms and suites; purpose built conference and function facilities; soaring sails and vast architectural spaces; an expansive gumtree lined and heated swimming pool; world-class dining, bar and lounge options, and an extensive collection of Indigenous artworks which all work together to connect to the magic of the landscape. Guests can select from a wide range of authentic Indigenous experiences, discover the passion behind Aboriginal art at Sails in the Desert's Mulgara Gallery, or indulge in complete relaxation with one of the Red Ochre Spa's luxurious package treatments.



All rooms feature ensuite bathrooms with complimentary amenities, luxury robes and blow dryer; choice of king or queen sized 'Ahh' Beds (luxury bedding); private balcony, terrace or verandah; free in-room WiFi; Mini Bar; air-conditioning/ heating; HD TV with free to air channels and radio; 24 hour in room dining service; in-room safe; tea/coffee making facilities, and a nightly turndown service.

### **Desert Gardens**

In 2017 Desert Gardens was elevated to a new level of sophistication with a total refurbishment of guestrooms, restaurants and the hotel bar in a modern Indigenous-inspired design. The design language complements sister properties Sails in the Desert Hotel and Emu Walk Apartments, referencing the desert surrounds and Indigenous culture. Located centrally within Ayers Rock Resort, Desert Gardens offers 218 elegant guestrooms including Garden View Rooms, Desert Deluxe Rooms and Deluxe Rock View Rooms with panoramic views of Uluru. Taking inspiration from the hotel's garden setting amongst magnificent ghost gums, the light décor of the guestrooms creates a sense of space and calm.

Taking its name from the Pitjantjatjara word for desert quandong, the new Mangata Bistro & Bar serves a delicious buffet breakfast and, for lunch and dinner, a diverse range of light meals showcasing the finest Australian produce with highlights of native Australian bush tucker flavours throughout. The contemporary indoor area features an aged timber flooring which flows seamlessly to an outdoor terrace, surrounded by the native greens of the iconic gardens of the hotel.

Arnguli Grill & Restaurant, Ayers Rock Resort's premier à la carte dining location, takes its name from the Pitjantjatjara word for bush plum. Located in the shadows of the hotel's ghost gums, overlooking the central pool and garden, the restaurant offers quality Australian produce featuring native Indigenous flavours and a signature grill selection. Open daily for dinner, Arnguli's outback-inspired interiors feature distinctive Indigenous artefacts and a dramatic patterned carpet inspired by local vegetation.

Desert Gardens Hotel amenities also include a swimming pool, extensive native gardens, Mingkiri Arts Gallery, in-room dining service, 24-hour reception and concierge.

### **Emu Walk Apartments**

Ayers Rock Resort's self-contained accommodation, the Emu Walk Apartments, was elevated to a new level of sophistication with a total refurbishment in 2015 with a modern Indigenous-inspired design. The charm of Australia's Red Centre is showcased throughout the well-equipped separate kitchen, living and bedroom areas. Images of native flora are featured in the carpet while Indigenous designs are woven into cushions displayed throughout the apartment. An enormous reproduction of an artwork by regional Indigenous artist Japanangka or Raymond Walters looks over an open dining area and fully-equipped kitchen, transforming an ordinary dinner into an extraordinary reminder of this one of a kind destination. The 40 one-bedroom and 23 two-bedroom apartments all offer fully-equipped kitchens, laundry with washer/dryer and a separate dining and living area ideal for families or larger groups.



### **Outback Pioneer Hotel & Lodge**

For the quintessential Australian outback experience, Outback Pioneer Hotel and Lodge offers a choice of authentic Hotel or Lodge accommodation, with traditional Australian hospitality on a budget. From comfortable, affordable hotel rooms and budget cabins to dormitories, Outback Pioneer Hotel and Lodge is perfect for the demands of travellers looking for quality on a budget in relaxed surrounds. A place where friendships are made and good times are had by all, ideal for those who want to enjoy all that Uluru has to offer. A popular dining option at Ayers Rock Resort, the Outback Pioneer BBQ is a do-it-yourself BBQ with traditional Aussie charm, where guests cook their preferred cut of meat or fish including steaks, kangaroo, emu sausages and barramundi. Live entertainment and ice cold drinks are on offer at the Pioneer BBQ and Bar – the perfect spot for meeting up with fellow travellers.

### **Ayers Rock Campground**

Located within Ayers Rock Resort, the campground is an ideal base from which to experience the beauty of the living cultural landscape in Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park. Ayers Rock Campground caters to various en-route travel camping needs, from powered sites and air-conditioned cabins to sites for caravans, campervans, motor homes and camper trailers. The Campground also provides a range of services and facilities to make the great outdoors truly enjoyable.

### **The Lost Camel**

The boutique-style Lost Camel Hotel will re-open its doors at Ayers Rock Resort on 1 July 2018. With a newly refurbished stylish mix of Aboriginal and urban themes, the hotel is located in the heart of the busy Resort and will reopen as a contemporary and fun accommodation option. The compact studio-style rooms will be decorated in bright colours and crisp, clean whites. Each room will feature a sumptuous King Bed (can be separated into two single beds) and a bathroom with a separate shower and toilet and an open-plan vanity. Guests can soak up the sun by the hotel's central swimming pool, browse the shops or enjoy a casual meal at one of the cafés located in the Resort Town Square just minutes' walk away. Guests also have access to free in-room Wi-Fi and are able to take part in the many free daily guest activities on offer.

For further details on the accommodation options at **Ayers Rock Resort**, visit [www.ayersrockresort.com.au/accommodation/](http://www.ayersrockresort.com.au/accommodation/)