



## **Capture the moment in Australia's Northern Territory** **- The natural choice for photographers**

From timeless iconic natural landmarks like Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) and the majestic MacDonnell Ranges at its red and ancient heart, the Northern Territory is the home of the real Outback. With unique, native wildlife, a pioneering Australian spirit and striking landscapes bathed in vivid light, Australia's Outback Northern Territory presents the perfect backdrop to capture spectacular photographs of memories that will last a lifetime.

Our local photographers have shared their specialist knowledge of the Outback to bring you their recommended locations and hot tips to capture the most extraordinary scenes that only a journey through Australia's Outback Northern Territory can offer.

### **Top photographic Outback landscapes:**

**Capture Kings Canyon on the rim walk** - The silvery trunks of ghost gums set against rust-red rocks are a highlight. The canyon itself is magnificent, but start before dawn so you can be in the canyon to capture the best of the morning light. – *Ewen Bell*

**Timeless Uluru (Ayers Rock)** - It's not easy to capture an image that hasn't been taken a thousand times before, but when you get something special, it's worth it. But be warned – no photo will ever do justice to the beauty of the rock. – *Ewen Bell*

**Kata Tjuta (The Olgas) rocks!** - Not as instantly recognisable as Uluru, but sharing a National Park with the rock, Kata Tjuta is a collection of rock formations that morph significantly depending on the angle from which you approach them. The richness of their colour is most defined at sunrise and sunset, when they change colours as the light strengthens and wanes. – *local photography enthusiast*

**Be lens wise at Tnorala (Gosse Bluff) lookout** - On the Red Centre Way there is a lookout that has vantage points out towards Gosse Bluff. It is all rolling hills and spinifex, so it is a beautiful green against the bright red of the soil. Spinifex is really spiky, but it has a softness to it, and the whole thing is framed by those big skies. It's just beautiful. - *Catherine Sutherland*

**Illustrate your journey through Standley Chasm** - From Standley Chasm you can do a four kilometre loop walk that takes in a section of the Larapinta Trail, the entire length of which is 223km along the spine of the West MacDonnell Ranges. It is spectacular, from an energetic point of view as well as the landscape. You climb so steeply, then look back and you can't believe you've done it. There is a grandness there that I have not come across before. – *Catherine Sutherland*

**Sunrise, sunset in the Simpson Desert** - Anywhere in the Simpson Desert, at sunrise or sunset, is brilliant to photograph, particularly on the Old Andado Track around the Andado Homestead. There's some pretty amazing landscapes. - *Steve Strike*

**Reflect at Rainbow Valley** - The best landscape to photograph in all of the Northern Territory is Rainbow Valley at sunset. It is one of the most amazing places, and if you happen to be there after rain, when there is water pooled in the surrounding salt pans, you can capture the reflection as well. – *Steve Strike*

### Share your vision, share our story

The Red Centre is an ancient place and the link with the traditional owners here is strong. Their cultural and spiritual connection to this region echoes in every rock and landmark. "Territorians" make these natural and cultural landscapes come to life with character and a rare sense of humour.

**Cattle stations** - There are several working stations in the Red Centre, many offering accommodation, and so are readily accessible to professional and photography enthusiasts alike. With a combination of ruggedly haunting landscapes, arresting action and a multitude of characters they are dream shooting locations. Curtin Springs, Kings Creek Station, Ooraminna Homestead and Bond Springs Retreat are some of the best options.

**Outback characters** - Whether you find them on a station, at the bar of the local hotel or pumping petrol at a remote service station, the Red Centre is full of characters whose spellbinding stories are etched all over their faces. Spend a bit of time to get to know them and they just might become willing subjects.

**Quirky events** - Whether it's the bizarre spectacle of participants racing up the dry Todd river bed in Alice Springs with bottomless, homemade boats strapped to their bodies, or the hilarity of camels racing towards the finish line on a dusty outback track, a host of events take place in the Red Centre that are far from ordinary.

**'Wild' NT** - The NT is home to a unique range of flora and fauna from brick-red soils and tamarind gorges highlighted by sage-coloured spinifex to rugged desert bushes, all framed by large blue swathes of sky. Capture fascinating desert creatures like the thorny devil – a spiky lizard – which resides in the red desert landscapes. Red kangaroos can be spotted bounding across the desert and birds of prey like the mighty wedge-tailed eagle, Australia's largest, dominate the desert skies.

***"Seeing the light play on the landscape; that's what I really love. You can drive out in the morning, come back in the evening and it's totally different. You get two experiences on the same road."***

- Steve Strike, Photographer



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