



Curtin Springs Walks

The Curtin Springs Walks offer visitors to the region an opportunity to step lightly into the environment of our home.

We invite you to experience and connect in a truly unique way with the Central Australian landscape through Curtin Springs Walks.



These wonderful shots were taken by Paul Hogan on a Full Moon Walk.



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Walk Itineraries

Our walks are designed to allow you to step gently into our environment and appreciate simply being in our landscape

They are designed to be flexible, so that the different seasonal conditions and landscapes can be viewed and enjoyed, at their best. All at a pace that allows for photographs, watching, sitting and enjoying.

All walk programs (except Full Moon Walks) start with your arrival the day before your walk, settling in, meeting everyone and dinner.

Early start with a breakfast in the kitchen, which is the kitchen for the family, staff and business. Lunch preparation.

All walks include a visit to at least one of the major sets of cattle yards on the station. Where it fits in the itinerary will depend on the group, station work that may be happening and sunrise/sunset times.

At the end of each walk day, before returning to the homestead, there will be a gentle time to sit and enjoy the late afternoon light, a cold drink and each others company.

Back at your room, time to get clean and beautiful, before dinner under the historical Bough Shed and a lovely sleep in your ensuite room.

Repeat the process with another amazing day.

On your departure morning, breakfast and then heading off to the next part of your trip.

Full Moon Walks

Arriving early afternoon at Curtin Springs. Settling in, meeting everyone and an early dinner under the historical Bough Shed.

After an early dinner, the group will head out to the Salt Lakes, past one the major sets of cattle yards, arriving at the western edge of one of our major lakes in time to enjoy sunset. Full moons rise after sunset, so you will be able to watch the moon rise across the full expanse of the lake.

Full Moon Walks are the only walks that are permitted to spend the walk entirely on the surface of the lake.

Back at the homestead, a late supper, before turning in.

On your departure morning, enjoy your breakfast, before departure.





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Trek behind the Curtin - exclusive 5 day walk program

Salt Lake – Day 1 & 2

These walks take you to 4 different salt lakes and multiple land types. When you reach the salt lakes you will experience a landscape that is unique to the region. The different surfaces of each lake, the changing light and Mt Conner appearing and disappearing from view on the horizon, provide the big picture in which you can focus on the intricacies of the delicate and fragile environment.

One large lake will give you the chance to see how the lakes change in the different light during the day. The land types will vary from oat grass flats to spinifex sand dunes. They all have a different combination of plants and animals making these land types their homes. As a group, you will decide on the stops during the day.

The 1st day finishes at the northern edge of a major crystalline lake.

The 2nd day will continue from this point with the final 4km being on the edge of the lake, just above the grass line, walking directly towards Mt Conner in the late afternoon light.

Top End – Day 3

Curtin Springs Station has 22 different land types. The northern part of the station enjoys a range of different land types to those found around the Salt Lakes and Mt Conner. This day walks from one of our northern bores to East Lake – a large clay pan. Enjoying a different view, flora, fauna and geology to the other days.

Mt Conner Base Walk – Day 4 & 5

The exclusive walking tracks allow walkers to enjoy the closest access to Mt Conner. The grandeur and presence of Mt Conner is always there as you explore the valley at its base. The sheer size of the mountain throughout the day reminds you of your place in nature.

Around the mountain, the land types and terrain are very different to the salt lakes and your private guide will share how both flora and fauna survive in this harsh but fragile landscape.



Overview

What's included and prices.

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What's included in the Curtin Springs Walks packages?

The packages include -

- Being the only group on your walk - no-one else will be there.
- Privileged access to private land.
- An extra night's accommodation to the number of days walking.
 - Our 5 day walk program includes 6 night's accommodation.
 - The Full Moon Walks will have one night's accommodation.
- All accommodation is in ensuite, reverse cycle air-conditioned room.
- Breakfasts (the same number of breakfasts as nights' accommodation. 5 Day walk program – 5 breakfasts, Full Moon walks - 1 breakfast).
- Packed lunch for each day of walking.
- 2 course dinner for each night you are staying with us.
- Trail snacks.
- Drinks with dinner (using a voucher system you have two drinks, alcoholic or not, included each evening).
- Drink at the end of the walk.
- Specialized gift inclusions for each walker - a gift set that has exclusive items for participants of Curtin Springs Walks.
- All transport to the start of the walk on each day, transport back to the homestead after the walk finishes in accredited air conditioned tourism vehicles.
- Group First Aid kit.
- Qualified and experienced walking guide.
- Walking is with day packs only.
- No airfares are included in this price. You are responsible for getting to Curtin Springs.

Prices valid until 31/12/21

	<i>Per person</i>	
	Price Per Person	Price Per Person – if booking as a couple/twin share
Full Moon Walk	\$710	\$620
5 Day Walk	\$2800	\$2250

- *Walks must have minimum numbers of 4 to run, customers will be waitlisted until minimum numbers are reached. 5 day walk program is a maximum of 10 people.*



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Full Moon Walks

Arrival and Walk date	Departure Date
10/3/20	11/3/20
8/4/20	9/4/20
7/5/20	8/5/20
6/6/20	7/6/20
5/7/20	6/7/20
4/8/20	5/8/20
2/9/20	3/9/20
2/10/20	3/10/20
29/3/21	30/3/21
27/4/21	28/4/21
26/5/21	27/5/21
25/6/21	26/6/21
24/7/21	25/7/21
22/8/21	23/8/21
21/9/21	22/9/21
21/10/21	22/10/21

5 Day – Trek behind the Curtin

Arrival date	Walk Date	Departure Date				
31/5/20	1/6/20	2/6/20	3/6/20	4/6/20	5/6/20	6/6/20
27/8/20	28/8/20	29/8/20	30/8/20	31/8/20	1/9/20	2/9/20
20/5/21	21/5/21	22/5/21	23/5/21	24/5/21	25/5/21	26/5/21
16/8/21	17/8/21	18/8/21	19/8/21	20/8/21	21/8/21	22/8/21



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The questions you might have - general information.

This is some general information about:

- How the walks work
- What you need to think about and
- What we will take care of for you

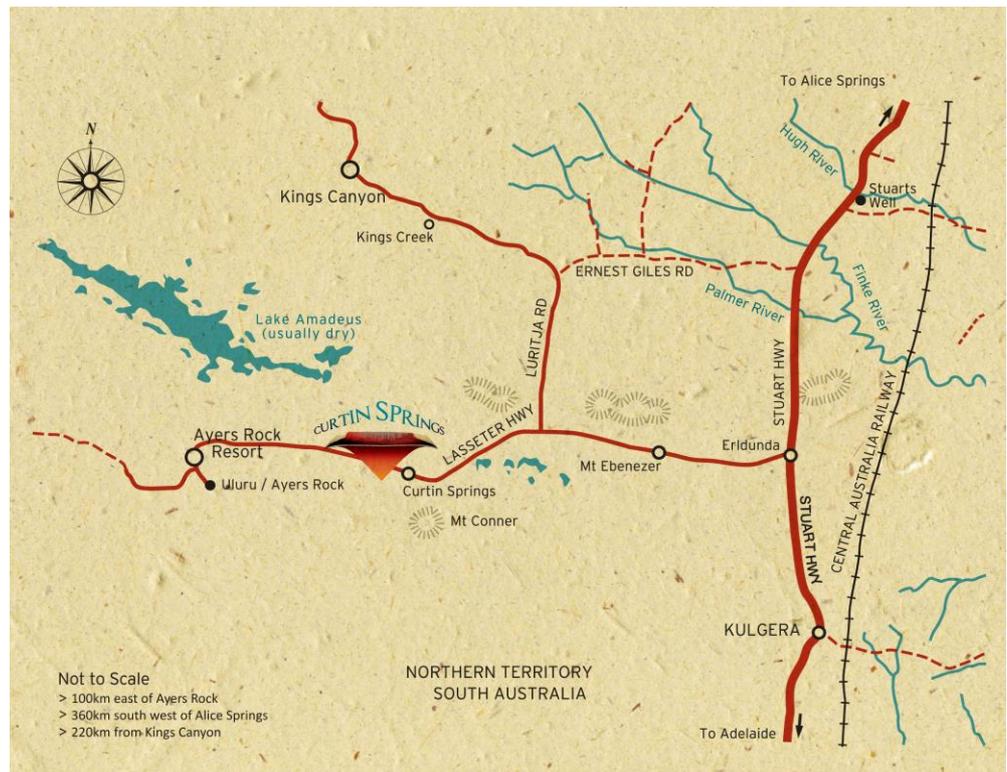
Where is Curtin Springs?

Curtin Springs is on the Lasseter Highway in the Northern Territory.

We are located 160km east of Erldunda, which is the intersection of the Stuart Highway (running north south) and the Lasseter Highway, which runs east west, out to Ayers Rock.

We are 360km SW of Alice Springs, 100km east of Ayers Rock and 220km from Kings Canyon.

NOTE - We are in a remote location – we have limited Optus mobile phone coverage. There is a free wifi available.





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**Logistics -
The big picture
questions**

**What can help me
make a decision
about whether one
of the Curtin Springs
Walks are for me?**

How do I get there?

Flights come into either Ayers Rock or Alice Springs. Qantas/Jetstar do direct flights to Ayers Rock from Sydney, Cairns, Melbourne. Virgin do direct flights from Sydney.

Hire vehicles are available at both Alice Springs and Ayers Rock if you wish to include other things in your trip. It is wise to book your car in advance - not simply hope for the best when you get to the airport!

You are responsible for getting yourself to Curtin Springs.

How fit do I need to be?

The Salt Lakes and Mt Conner Base walks are considered to be easy graded walks. There are no significant climbs. Land types will be mixed and will range from sanddunes to gibber, salt bush flats, oat grass plains (and back again...).

All walking is done on an identified track. The walks are approximately 15km per day, so a reasonable level of fitness is required, but you don't have to be a marathon runner.

The Full Moon Walks are shorter walks and are focused on enjoying the sunset and moonrise on the crystalline salt lake surface.

How many people are in each walking group

We run our tours with a maximum of 10 walkers and one guide.

How many people will be on the walking trail with us?

Your group will have exclusive access to the walking trail for your walk. There will be no-one else on the track at all. The only possible exception to this is if we are doing any station activities (maybe checking fences or doing a bore run), but these activities usually don't happen on the main areas of the walks.

Why should I consider doing these walks?

Curtin Springs Walks are the only walks in the Central Australia region that:

- Are conducted on pastoral/private property area. You can see how beef production is intrinsically linked to protecting our million acre wildlife corridor.
- They provide the only option to walk the amazing salt lakes that form part of the Kalinga Paleodrainage system - which is a NT Site of Conservation Significance.
- There is only one Mt Conner - which stands as a true monolith in the landscape. Mt Conner is 3 times larger around the base than Ayers Rock, it is the headstone for our family and offers a completely different geological formation to Ayers Rock and the Olgas.
- The exclusive access means that you enjoy stepping into this amazing landscape, without having to share it with others.

Can I book my own walk?

Private walks are welcomed. Please contact us to arrange the details.



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Will my planned walk go ahead?

I'm sure you can appreciate that tours must have minimum numbers to run. Tours will be classified as tentative until minimum numbers are reached. Once these minimum numbers are reached the walk will be classified as confirmed and reflected as such in the booking schedule. A firm decision will be made 1 calendar month from the start date of each walk

Before you book, you are welcome to check which tour dates have already reached minimum numbers or are getting close. If a walk does not meet minimum numbers, we will do all we can do to move you to another walk.

We suggest that you make flight bookings that allow you to make changes if required. Rain or other risks (eg fire) may also influence the schedules.

What is the weather like - will it be too hot (or cold)?

We are located in a desert and although visitors know we will be hot in the summer, they don't often realize we can be quite cold during the winter.

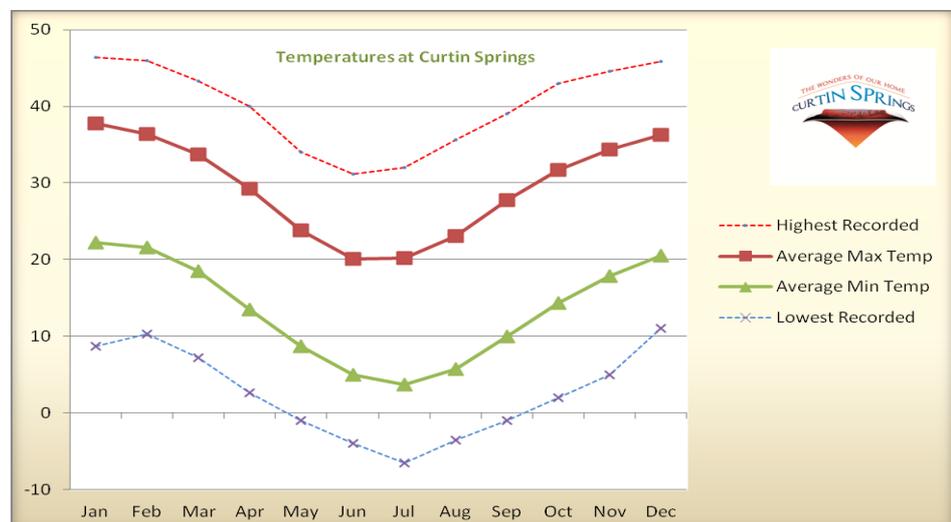
Here in Central Australia, rain is usually not our biggest fear..... however, rain will prevent access to the walks as we cannot drive on the roads after rain.

The hottest time of our day is 4pm. Walks in the warmer months will start earlier and finish earlier.

During the winter months, we can be quite cool overnight and during the day, particularly if there is a southerly wind.

This is a graph of the average minimum and maximum temperatures that we have recorded here at Curtin Springs over the last 60 years. However, averages can be a very simplistic tool. So, also included on the graph are the hottest and coldest temperatures ever recorded in those months. You can see there can be quite a difference between the 'average' and actual on any given day.

The best approach is to wear lightweight layers, that can be added or taken away during the day.



What is the weather like?





Other general questions.

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What type of shoes or clothing should I wear

Comfortable - broken in shoes. lightweight walking boots or running shoes are suitable. Whatever is comfortable for you to walk 15km. You should wear longer socks, not just shoe socks, as there are sand hills and you can get sand in your shoes. Many of the grasses can be quite prickly, so your socks will protect your legs as well. Clothing should be comfortable, long sleeved and layered.

Medications etc

Remember we are 360km from the nearest chemist. There is no ability to get a script filled at Ayers Rock Resort - you have to go to Alice Springs. If you have prescription medicines, please make sure you have sufficient quantity for your entire visit to Central Australia. Most chemists will allow extra repeats if you explain you are travelling remotely.

Insurance

Curtin Springs Walks expects and requires that you have appropriate travel insurances.

It is also wise to book any travel arrangements with the ability to change them if needed.

Dietary requirements

We will do all we can to meet your specific needs, however we must know about them in advance. Any extreme requirements that can't be fitted around our normal menus may attract an additional charge.

If I am travelling on my own do I need to pay extra?

In line with normal industry practices, our pricing is based on twin share.

If you would prefer to stay in a room on your own, there is a small additional charge.

When is the best time of the year to do this walk?

The Full Moon Walks are available all year.

Most walking in Central Australia is done during the colder winter months (June, July, August). For the Curtin Springs Walks, because you are only carrying day packs, because there is no extreme climbing and because you are coming home to a bed, shower and an airconditioner, we can stretch out the season to include more of the shoulder seasons.

Curtin Springs Walks run from March to November.

How do I check availability?

Our website booking system shows real time availability www.curtinsprings.com

If you have any other questions please contact us on enquiries@curtinsprings.com or +61 8 89562906

All bookings are subject to Terms and Conditions



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Cancellation fees:

All cancellations must be received in writing (emails accepted) and must be received during normal business hours. The cancellation is not confirmed until you receive a notification from Curtin Springs Walks.

If your plans change and you can't join us for your planned walk, then we will do all we can to change your booking to one that is more suitable for you. If there is a difference in price for that tour, you will be responsible for any additional charges, if the price is less, we will refund the difference.

If that fails,

- > Up until 1 calendar months before your arrival date - your full payment - less 7.5% administration charge will be processed.
- > From 1 calendar month before your arrival date to the arrival date, 100% of your tour fee will be forfeited. You are welcome to transfer the walk to someone else.
- > We reserve the right to change the itinerary or cancel a walk without notice or explanation. The reasons for this could include, but not be limited to - weather condition or fire.

If we have had to cancel a confirmed walk, then we will do all we can to change your booking to one that is suitable for you. If we cancel a walk and we can't transfer you, a full refund will be made of all monies paid. Any additional charges/expenses incurred as a result of these changes will be the sole responsibility of the participant.

Insurances

All participants must have appropriate travel insurance, this includes Australian's. You will be required to provide us with a copy of this insurance before your arrival. If it is not provided you will not be able to participate in the walk. You are responsible for ensuring that your travel insurance will protect you, as a minimum, against cancellation of the tour due to minimum numbers, weather conditions, evacuations, other medical emergencies or issues and delayed flights etc.

Other conditions.

Any special requirements of participants must be identified at the time of booking and rechecked by you, in writing, 1 month before your arrival date.

No participant will be allowed to participate on a walk or to continue a walk, if their physical, emotional or mental wellbeing is impaired to a point where it could hinder their participation or the participation of others or they are unable to care for themselves or are objectionable in their interaction with others - as determined by any representative of Curtin Springs.

