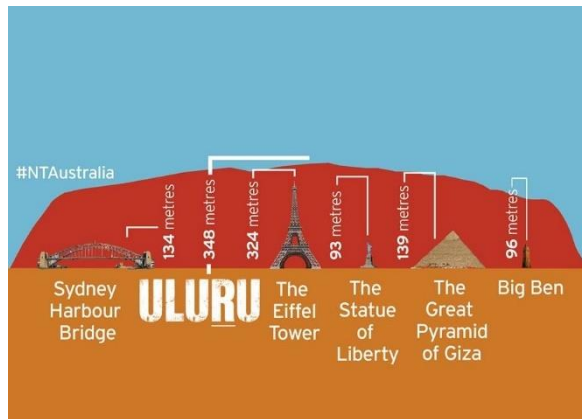




Uluru Australia



Uluru (a.k.a. **Ayers Rock**) is a large **sandstone rock formation** in the **Northern Territory** in central **Australia**. It lies in the middle of the outback, 335 km south west of the nearest town, **Alice Springs**. Uluru is sacred to the **Anangu**, the Aboriginal people. The area surrounding this huge **monolith** is home to an abundance of springs, caves and ancient paintings – so much so that it is listed as an **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

This sandstone monolith stands **348 m** high, rising 863 m above sea level and has a total **circumference of 9.4 km**. Both Uluru and the nearby **Kata Tjuta formation** (25 km west of Uluru) have great cultural significance for the Anangu people, the traditional inhabitants of the area. Uluru is notable for appearing to **change colour** at different times of the day and year, especially when it glows red at dawn and sunset.

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