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DISCOVER DESERT ART

Australia is a nation of indigenous cultures. This is a very big country and different cultures evolved in different areas in response to local plants, animals and landscapes. Central Australia's spectacular landscape inspires visitors and residents alike, so why not let the Park allow you to experience the desert from an authentic Central Australian perspective.

EXAMPLE OF TOUR

To gain a basic appreciation of some of the symbols used in desert art and how this art form reflects a culture that is still vibrant and alive today, guests will be escorted to a private area in Desert Rivers on arrival at the Park. On the way through Desert Rivers the art of environmental education artist, Kaye Kessing, nature artist, Nick Pike and various works of the Hermannsburg Potters will be seen.



Example of Desert Basket Weaving

Listen as the meaning of symbols in desert art are revealed and enjoy an opportunity to participate in an artistic activity, which may include:

- transforming the ground into a two dimensional ground painting
- learning the art of weaving with local indigenous women
- designing a desert postcard with the help of a local artist

INDIGENOUS ORGANISATIONS WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DESERT PARK

Tjanpi Desert Weavers - began in 1995 as a result of a basket-weaving workshop which built on Anangu traditions of creating objects from natural fibres for ceremonial, medicinal and clothing purposes. With the support of the Ngaanyatjarra Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara Women's Council, Ngaanyatjarra women taught their skills to women in nearby communities. Tjanpi fibre art is now firmly embedded in Central and Western desert culture and is highly valued for its capacity to keep culture strong, maintain links with country, and provide meaningful employment to the keepers and teachers of Tjanpi.

GROSS TOUR FARE
DURATION

\$78 per person based on minimum of 15 persons
2 hours

Please note all rates are GST free. If you have any queries regarding rates, number of passengers or duration of tour please contact the Park as we are able to tailor this product to suit your needs.



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