

Uluru & the Red Centre — Knowledge Organiser

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Key facts

- Uluru is a huge sandstone rock in the centre of Australia, in the Northern Territory.
- It rises about 348 metres above the desert — taller than the Eiffel Tower.
- Most of the rock is hidden underground, like an iceberg.
- It glows red at sunrise and sunset as light hits the iron in the rock.

Key vocabulary

- Monolith — a single, enormous block of stone.
- Sacred — holy; deeply important in belief.
- Anangu — the Aboriginal people who are the Traditional Owners of Uluru.
- Arid — very dry, like a desert.

Cultural significance

Uluru is a sacred place for the Anangu people, full of Dreaming stories and law. Out of respect for their wishes, climbing Uluru was banned in 2019. Visitors now walk around its base and learn about its meaning.

The Red Centre

Uluru sits in the arid heart of Australia, often called the Red Centre because of its red desert soil. Nearby is Kata Tjuta, another sacred rock formation.