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Experience a vibrant and living culture in the heart of Australia.

An original-owned and-operated tourism company Anangu Tours was recently named the winner of the 2006 Best Indigenous Tourism Experience award at the third annual Australian Travel and Tourism Awards.

Located at Uluru, Anangu Tours provides visitors with an insight into aspects of Anangu culture and customs and the importance of the Rock in their lives.

The tours are operated by the traditional Anangu owners of Uluru National Park, who accompany visitors to some of the most beautiful locations around Uluru. There are a variety of tours on offer, from watching the sun rise and set at Uluru to gazing at the stars while enjoying traditional bush food.

There are dot painting workshops, demonstrations of tool and weapon making and spear throwing. There's also the chance to hear Anangu creation stories and learn the real meaning and history of Uluru as it's been passed down by ancestors for generations. From their ancestors, the Anangu people have gained an intricate understanding of the environment, flora, fauna and desert survival.

All tour guides speak in language, which is interpreted by a translator. Anangu speak a range of dialects, collectively known as Western Desert Languages, although the most commonly spoken are Pitjantjatjara and Yankunytjatjara.

Visitors learn about Tjukurpa or Wapar, which is basically Anangu law, culture, history and world view all rolled into one. Gaining an u



- IMAGES**
- 1 Anangu guide Wally Jacob tells the Creation stories of Uluru.
 - 2 An Anangu tour group leaves Mutijulu Waterhole at Uluru after the conclusion of a Kuniya Sunset Tour.
 - 3 Guests learn the craft of dot painting during an Anangu Tour workshop.
 - 4 Explaining the significance of hunting tools to Aboriginal men, Anangu tour guide Alwyn Dawson details the uses of a spear thrower.

nderstanding of Tjukurpa is an important part of visiting Uluru, as it is the foundation of Anangu – a living culture.

To find out more, head to www.ananguwaai.com.au or call (08) 8950 3030.



PREPARATION FOR READING

This report tells us about the Aboriginal-owned-and-operated tourism company at Uluru, central Australia. Anangu Tours provides visitors with a range of activities and workshops which help to explain aspects of Anangu culture and the importance of Uluru and its environment.



Uluru - Northern Territory

ACTIVITY 1: SKIMMING FOR MAIN IDEAS

1. Which Aboriginal-owned-and-operated tourism company operates at Uluru?

2. Which award did this company recently win?

3. Make a list of five activities and workshops that Anangu Tours offers visitors.

4. According to the report, how is the concept of Tjukurpa or Wapar explained?



ACTIVITY 2: SCANNING FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION

1. This report says that Anangu Tours can help visitors to “experience a vibrant and living culture in the heart of Australia.”

What does this mean?

2. Anangu Tours offers dot painting workshops, and tool making demonstrations.

TRUE FALSE

3. Which two of the Western Desert languages are most commonly spoken?

ACTIVITY 3: ANANGU TOURS DOT PAINTING WORKSHOP

The information below is from the Anangu Tours website.

Dot Painting Workshop

Like to learn about Aboriginal art and culture from Aboriginal artists? Join Aboriginal artists at the Uluru Cultural Centre for a fun introduction to Aboriginal art and the chance to join the artists to try your own hand. Aboriginal Guides provide an introduction to their culture and how this is expressed in their art works. Join the artists to complete your own painting, which you can take home as a memento of your experience.

Duration: 3 – 3.5 hours.

Price: Adult: \$79 Child: \$56

http://www.ananguwaai.com.au/anangu_tours/

1. Where are these workshops held?



2. People who participate in the workshop can take their painting home with them.

TRUE FALSE

3. What does the word "memento" mean?

4. How long does each workshop run for?

5. How much does it cost for a child to participate in the workshop?

ACTIVITY 4: CREATING A DOT PAINTING

Dot paintings express Aboriginal culture by handing down stories from one generation to the next. They feature symbols of water, caves, people, animals and plants.



In the picture below, famous Papunya artist Michael Jagamara Nelson took seven days to transform a black BMW into a masterpiece of Papunya art.

Create your own dot masterpiece on the picture below.

