



Parks, people, planet: inspiring solutions

## **Geotourism - Inspiring a New Generation**

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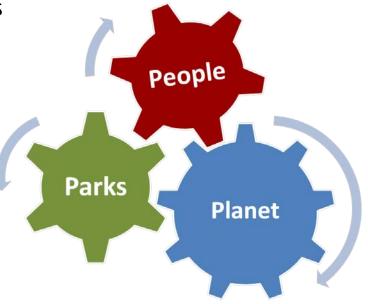
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#### What is Geotourism?

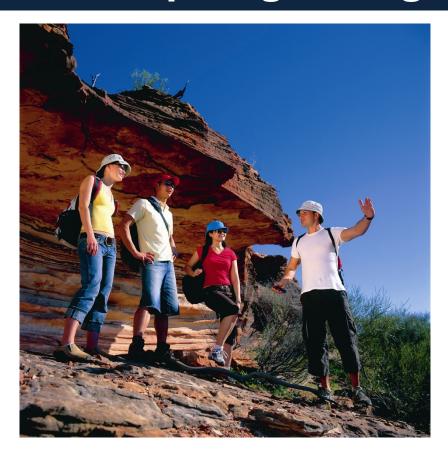
'Geotourism is sustainable tourism which focuses on an area's geology and landscape as the basis for providing visitor engagement, learning and enjoyment'.





http://www.slideshare.net/leisuresolutions/geotourism-australias-national-landscapes-and-regional-development

## **Geotourism – Inspiring Young People**



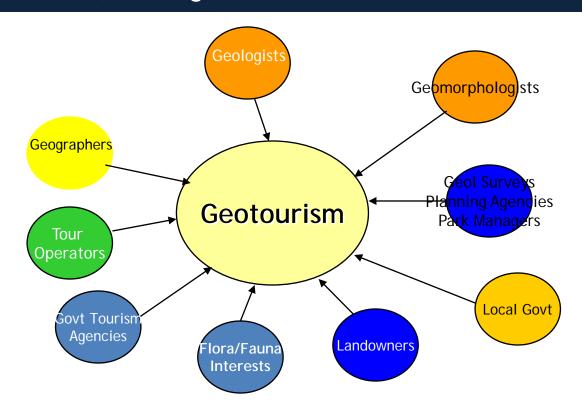
## **Geotourism – Maximising Experiences Related to Natural and Cultural Heritage**

- Natural heritage encompasses all aspects of the natural environment, including flora and fauna, scientifically known as **BIODIVERSITY**, as well as geology and landforms known as **GEODIVERSITY**.
- ➤ Geotourism enables people to better understand natural heritage and to **enjoy cultural experiences** that explain how peoples past and present have lived in that environment.

# Geotourism - as <u>One</u> of the Components of the Many Types of 'Place-Based' Tourism



#### Geotourism (Geological Tourism) - Stakeholders



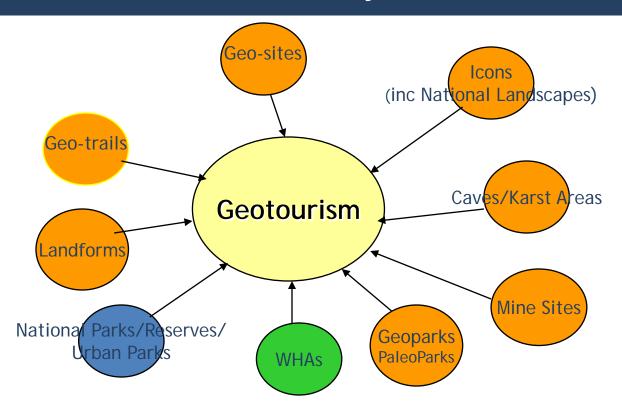
#### **Geologists – Reaching Out to A New Audience**





Left: Dr John Jackson, 'Australia's Green Cauldron' National Landscape, Australia Above: Phil Smart, Gondwana Coast Fossil Walk, Ulladulla, Australia

#### **Geotourism – Diversity of Sites**

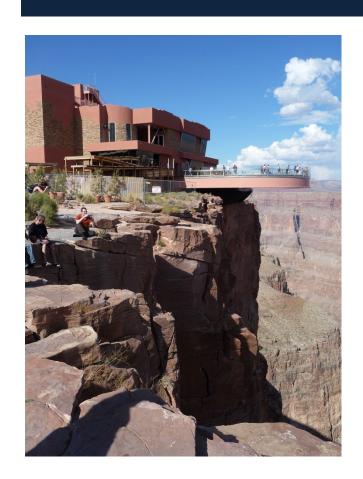


### **Geotourism in Caves**



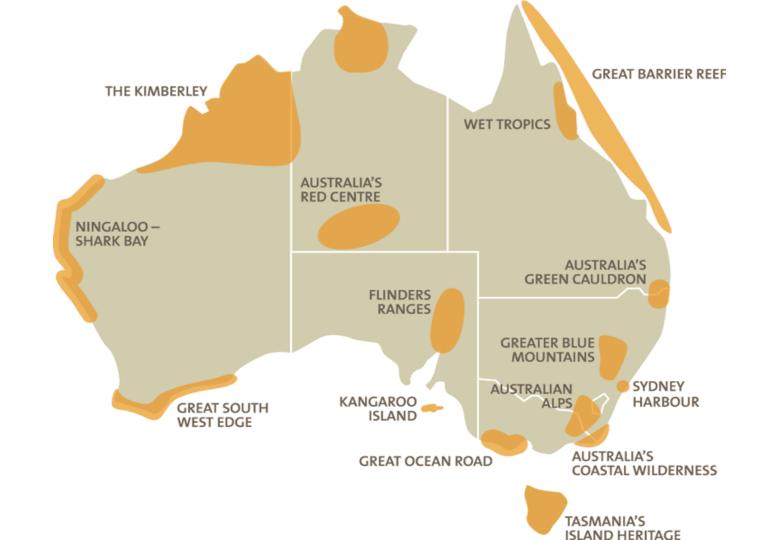
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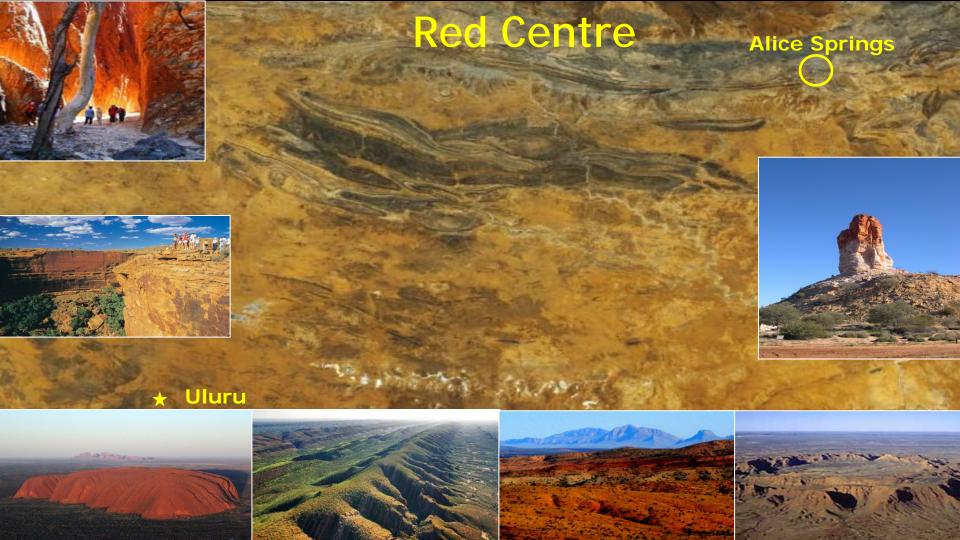
## **Geotourism in Protected Areas**





Grand Canyon National Park, Arizona, USA





#### Geotourism in Australia's National Landscapes

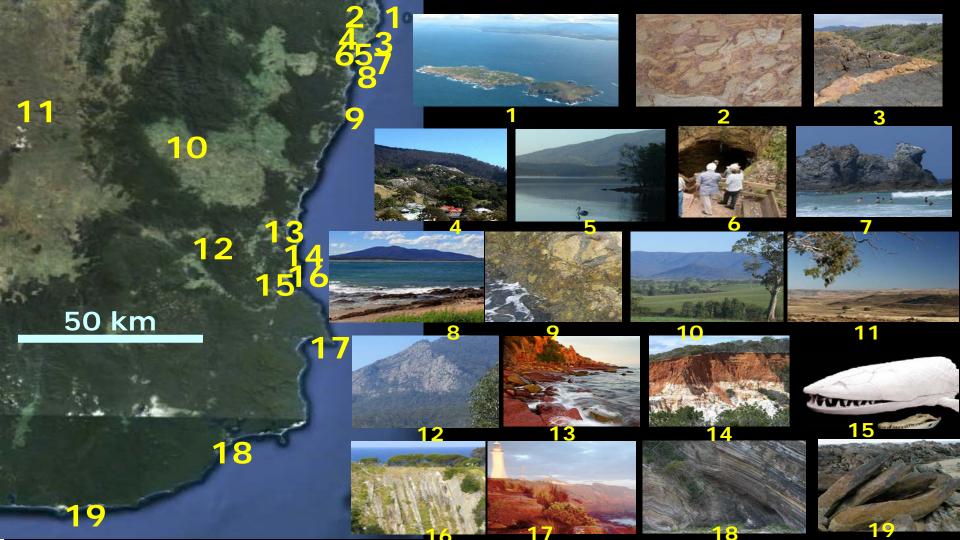




Uluru, Australia's Red Centre National Landscape

Ormiston Gorge, Australia's Red Centre National Landscape





#### Geotourism and GeoTreat

