



Alice Springs 3 Day Experience



Day 1

First things first, Alice Springs is a large area that offers so many things to do and see. It is recommended that you hire a car to make it easier to get around. Contact the Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre to secure your car with unlimited km's! Many tours offer a transfer from accommodation; however, some are self-drive.

To fully experience the Alice, you need to see one of the magical sunrises! Options for viewing could consist of a hot air balloon ride with Outback Ballooning; climbing to the top of Mt Gillen and witnessing the sun rise above the Alice Springs township or a stroll around the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. Opt for breakfast at the Trail Station café, located at the Telegraph Station, and enjoy with the sounds of birdlife and the beautiful surroundings of heritage buildings and White Ghost Gums. Take a wander through the grounds, here you can learn about the history of Alice Springs including the towns first settlers, how the town was named and history about the Indigenous people of the area.

On your way back into town stop in at the Alice Springs School of the Air. Take the tour and learn how the school has offered support to children living remotely around the Territory for years and how they have developed into what they are now.

Continue your site-seeing in the CBD with the Royal Flying Doctors Service, National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame and the Alice Springs Reptile Centre all within walking distance of each other.

Feeling peckish after your must-see attractions? Stroll down the Todd Mall and enjoy one of the many cafés/restaurants on offer. After your lunch, take a wander and check out the numerous art galleries and souvenir shops in the mall.

Check into your accommodation this afternoon. There are many lodging options available in Alice Springs, from luxury hotel rooms to camping under the stars.

It's been a big day! After checking in, take it easy this afternoon. Enjoy a beverage or two at the Alice Springs Brewing Co, home to all your brewing needs! Or if you'd prefer a cocktail Tempo Wine and Cocktail Bar is the right place for you. Relish in one of the many dining options around town and have a good night's rest!



Day 2



Make your first destination for the day the Alice Springs Desert Park. Situated on Larapinta Drive, spot rare and endangered animals in the low light of the nocturnal house and discover the star attractions at the free-flying birds of prey show. Stroll along the 1.6 km trail to experience three distinct habitat areas within the park. Make your way around the park at your leisure, and then relax with some refreshments at the onsite café.

On your way back into town, check out Araluen Cultural Precinct. Home to the Central Australia Museum, Albert Namatjira art gallery and just a short walk away, the Aviation Museum.

Enjoy some lunch at the Barra On Todd, located at the Mercure. Here you can also utilise the swimming pool or enjoy the sunshine poolside with some beverages.

After lunch head to the Olive Pink Botanic Garden, Australia's only arid zone botanic garden and the perfect place to leisurely stroll around amongst the native surrounds. Take the time to wander along the walking trails to see the hundreds of plant species that are native to the Red Centre, or spot some of the 80 bird species which have been recorded at the park.

Bask in the Alice Springs sunset this afternoon at ANZAC hill. Take a look around and see how the town honours the ANZACS while watching the colours of the sky rapidly change in beautiful pinks and reds.

Day 3

Spend your final day in Alice Springs exploring the West MacDonnell Ranges. Hit the road heading west of Alice Springs along Larapinta Drive to Simpsons Gap, an impressive opening between the towering cliffs of the West MacDonnell Ranges. The area is also an important spiritual site to the Arrernte Aboriginal people, where several dreaming trails and stories cross. Continuing along Larapinta Drive, stop in at Standley Chasm for morning tea at the café and check out the amazing scenery!

Back on the road again, turn right at Namatjira Drive towards Ellery Creek Big Hole where you can stop for a refreshing swim. This location is one of the most popular and picturesque swimming, camping and picnic spots in the region. You will understand why when you set eyes on the spectacular waterhole surrounded by the high red cliffs and sandy creek.

Driving further west, stop over at Glen Helen Homestead Lodge. The landscape around Glen Helen is truly spectacular with towering sandstone walls greeting you as you arrive. You will be spoilt for choice with the delicious food available on the menu! Enjoy your lunch on the back verandah of the restored homestead overlooking the majestic Glen Helen Gorge. If you are feeling adventurous, sign up for a four-wheel-drive tour or a scenic helicopter flight to discover more of the area.

Make your way back to Alice Springs in time for a sunset camel tour at Pyndan Camel Tracks. A camel ride will definitely be an experience you will want to tell your friends about. The camel tour starts at Pyndan Camel Tracks yard, through White Gums Station and follows an avenue of Iron Bark and Mulga trees across a clay pan flat.

Finish the ride and the end of your journey with amazing views of the glowing MacDonnell Ranges as the sun goes down.





Bucket List Items

- ☐ Walk on the Larapinta Trail
- ☐ Wake up early for an Alice Springs sunrise
- ☐ Camel ride
- ☐ Try some local brew
- ☐ Enjoy the scenery from ANZAC hill
- ☐ Dip your toes in Ellery Creek Bighole