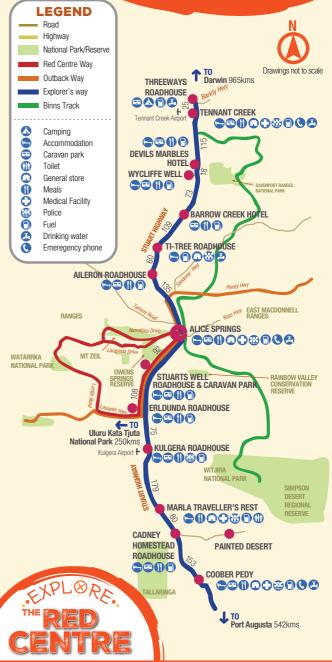








## THE STUART HIGHWAY



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If you only visit one gallery in Alice Springs, make sure to visit Yubu Napa – showcasing the highest quality Aboriginal Art from Central Australia and featuring a gift shop with an eclectic range of beautifully handcrafted gift ideas and Central Australian Photography. They have one of the biggest gallery spaces, allowing visitors to truly take in the artworks on display, including their stunning collection of contemporary Aboriginal Art.









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### www.yubunapa.com





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BY DAY Explore the animals, plants and Aboriginal culture of the desert BY NIGHT Join a Nocturnal Tour and spotlight desert animals







### WELCOME

Welcome to The Red Centre. We are delighted that you have chosen our beautiful destination for your holiday. From Uluru, the West MacDonnell Ranges, Alice Springs, and north to The Barkly, there really is so much to see and experience – amazing adventures, stunning sunsets, unique events and breathtaking scenery.

Dale McIver

Chairperson, Tourism Central Australia

Your journey to The Red Centre is one of expectation and wonder. The gateways to the heart and soul of Australia's outback, is your introduction to a region vast and rugged and one that will not disappoint. Flying into the Red Centre offers a 'bird's eye' view of landscape more colourful than most expect.

Covering from Coober Pedy in South Australia to the Barkly region in the Northern Territory and the iconic Ulu<u>r</u>u Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park to the east, this is a region that demands your attention and entices you to really explore.

The Red Centre offers a surprisingly varied experience, often drawing you back time and again to enrich your memories that last a lifetime. Culturally rich and scenically diverse, each region you traverse through offers landscapes to marvel and even the amateur photographer will be delighted with what their camera or phone can capture.

To maximise your stay in The Red Centre, your first stop should be the Visitor Information Centre in the Todd Mall for your full list of 'what to do'. They can book tours, accommodation and offer you the best advice to make the most of your time here. Their award winning service will have you talking to a local who knows their 'backyard', and loves to share their passion.



More than half the land in the Northern Territory is Aboriginal owned and you need a permit to travel through. Ask the friendly staff for any further information.

You are spoilt for choice with attractions and adventures; and that's just close to Alice Springs! A majestic hot air balloon ride at dawn, to a camel ride along the spine of the MacDonnell ranges, or a stroll around the world renowned Desert Park - everyone will find a pace to suit them.

Galleries in Alice Springs offer a range of amazing assorted arts and crafts, with museums with art in Namatjira's style, to ones with fossils of some of the oldest birds that once walked the earth, all on show in first class displays.

Guided tours can offer a personalised service to maximise your time in The Red Centre or explore on day trips heading north, south east or west; adventure at your feet - all within 100 km.

Some of the wackiest events are proud long term fun packed weekends in the Centre so make sure you check the guide for what's on while you are here. The Centre is famous for celebrating all things fun, from boat races in the dry Todd River, to festivals celebrating all things Beanies! Always something different is on offer so join in the fun and meet some locals along the way.

Enjoy your time in this region best by making sure you are well prepared for you outback adventure. It's a harsh environment that even the most experienced traveller should respect, so take care with simple planning and advice from the local experts.

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### Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre

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Corner of Todd Mall & Parsons Street Bookings: 1800 645 199 or info@discoverca.com.au discovercentralaustralia.com



#### PARRTJIMA

The celebration of the Caterpillar dreaming story is presented in events surrounding Parrtjima, a modern re-telling of the creation of this beautiful landscape. Hosted by the Alice Springs Desert Park, it's here that Parrtjima - a Festival of Light, is held annually. In the words of one of the traditional owners of Alice Springs:

"Parrtjima shows people that the country is alive, so all the non-Arrernte people can have a deeper respect for it, and see how much it means to us. We want people to understand that it has always been a part of us. Parrtjima helps our young people stand tall in front of the world to say 'This is our country, this is our art, and this is our culture - and it is good".



#### AN ANCIENT CULTURE

Often referred to as the Dreamtime or Tjukurrpa, the ancient stories that explain the creation and the terrain are just as real to the Traditional owners of the land in Central Australia as they were thousands of years ago. It is thought that where the first written "Dreamtime stories" were recorded in and around Alice Springs.

The local Arrente people know the stories and continue to pass them on to future generations. All share the belief in Altyerrenge - ancestral figures - creating the landscape and its features, as well laying the foundation of Arrente law about country. Stories are all around you, of the caterpillars, beetles, wild dogs, two sisters and euros that made the land as we see it now.

In the past, linguists and missionaries have been part of the recording of the different dialects of the Arrernte peoples from Alice Springs and Central Australia.

Four separate language groups live in and around Alice Springs (Mparntwe): Eastern and Western Arrernte. Central Arrernte and Pertame. s a visitor. it's good to try a few words in the local language.

ARRERNTE WORDS						
ARRERNTE WORD	WORD MEANING					
Mbantua	m-barn-twa	Alice Springs (A local translation of the town name)				
Werte (no word for goodbye)	word-ah	Hello / goodbye				
Altyerre	ahhl-chew-ra	Creation time, law, way of life, story				
Kwatje	qua- jar	Water				
Waru	wah-roo	Fire				
Aherre	a-hurra	Kangaroo				
Ura	oo-rah	Sun				
Тауе	tire	Moon				



Alice Springs at sunset from Anzac Hill

#### **HISTORY OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA**

John McDouall Stuart was born in 1815 in Scotland and in 1839, after coming to join the surveying department in South Australia he accompanied Charles Sturt on a 17 month expedition to Central Australia in 1844. In 1858 he returned with two others and reached as far as Tennant Creek. By 1862 he eventually reached the north coast after several other attempts that cost him the sight in one eve and a great impact on his health. The Stuart Highway was named in his honour.

The Alice Springs Telegraph Station was established in 1871 connecting the remote town by relaying messages at a speedy pace of 5 hours in Morse code to Java and London! A far cry quicker than 3-4 months by overland and boat.





John McDouall Stuart

Alice Springs Telegraph Station

#### **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

Visitor Information Centre 18	00 645 199
Police / Ambulance / Fire	
Alice Springs Police Station	131 444
Alice Springs Hospital	8951 7777
Emergency Roadside Assistance	131 111

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Alice After Hours Clinic: 89517577

#### Road Conditions ...... 1800 246 199 Crisis Line ...... 1800 019 116 Aboriginal Land Permits ...... 8951 6211 Snake Catcher ...... 0407 983 276

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**Bath Street Medical** Centre: 8952 2000

Central Clinic:	Mall Medical Centre:
89521088	8952 2744

Injured Wildlife ...... 0419 221 128

Alcohol Trading in Central Australia: nt.gov.au/law/alcohol/travellers-and-tourists-to-the-nt

#### THE EARLY DAYS

In 1887 the discovery of gold at Arltunga, 100 kilometres east of the present Alice Springs, led to significant European settlement. Cattle Stations soon followed and Afghan camel trains, travelling via Marree to Oodnadatta and onto Stuart town. All supplies for the miners and station owners where brought the long journey up from Adelaide in dry and harsh conditions.

Then called Stuart, the town was changed to Alice Springs in 1933 and named after the wife of the former Postmaster General of South Australia, Sir Charles Todd. In 1909 the first stone building was the Old Stuart Gaol in Parsons Street, followed by the first hospital "Adelaide House" in 1926, when the European population of the town was about 40.

In 1929, after the train line to the Centre was built, many of the Afghan cameleers settled in Stuart Town, some became market gardeners supplying much needed fresh vegetables; they planted the date palms near the present Town Council. Aboriginal Centralians outnumbered European Centralians until the mid-1930s. Few European women ventured in these early times; with very few amenities and the relentless summer heat, dust storms and flies. Many of those who did left a lasting legacy.

1939 the population was still under 1000 people and government funds were used to upgrade the Overland Telegraph Track so by 1941 when the first troop carrying convoys were dispatched to the region, the track was a gravel all-weather road.

Alice Springs grew rapidly during World War II due to being an active staging base with 8000 soldiers posted in peak times. After the war the population dropped again but the infrastructure injected to the town, Alice Springs was set to grow in time.

#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

Being a semi arid zone, Central Australia has four seasons with temperatures often having large variations throughout each one. From under 0°C (32°F) during the few winter months to and extreme 40+°C (104°F) in the summer months. Conditions can be extreme in this harsh environment.



The normally dry Todd River can quickly go from a muddy trickle to a raging torrent if there is rain north of Alice Springs in the catchment area, catching those unprepared or camping in the river.

The early 1920s were wet ones for Alice Springs, but from 1958 to 1965 there was prolonged drought; in 1973 the Heavitree gap flooded and the town was cut off from rail and road. The 1983 and 1988 two major floods in Alice Springs left the town without power and when the river broke its banks, several people were drowned.

#### **ALICE SPRINGS AVERAGE TEMPERATURES**

High °C	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	Мау	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
°C	35	34	32	27	22	19	18	23	29	30	33	35
Low	22	21	17	13	8	5	4	9	11	15	18	20
°C												





Camels in the outback

The Old Ghan

The beginning of the tourism boom for region began in the 1950's with the first tours leaving Alice Springs for a rough track heading out to the famous monolith of Ayers Rock now know as Ulu<u>r</u>u. During the 1960s Alice Springs became an important defence location with the development of the US/Australian Pine Gap joint defence satellite monitoring base, home to about 600 workers from both countries.

Today Alice Springs offers visitors a modern town with all the shopping and chain stores of the big cities with the charm of local businesses offering first class service and products. With a thriving arts community, sports mad enthusiast from a multitude of genres and outback hospitality shining through, enjoy the region at your own pace...the locals do!

#### EARLY TRANSPORT INTO THE RED CENTRE

**CAMELS** As early as the 1850 Afghan Cameleers played a vital part in opening up Central Australia where the climate was too harsh for horses to make a real impact. All supplies into the region were thanks to these dedicated people and their versatile camels.

**TRAINS** In 1891 the original narrow gauge Ghan line had reached Oodnadatta in South Australia. Following the same track as the Overland Telegraph, this is the route taken during the 1862 crossing of Australia by John McDouall Stuart. A standard gauge line was replaced starting from Port Augusta 1957. A wholly standard gauge railway line was replaced in 1980 using a new route up to 200kms to the west.

**ROAD** Again explorer John McDouall Stuart's route influenced the planning of the road north from Port Augusta. In the 1920's the road saw its first motor vehicles. While not impassable sections were sandy, boggy, rugged boulders, washed outs and several creek and river crossings were required. By mid 1942 the North-South had works begin to build and reseal the road and it was named the Stuart Highway.

**AIR** The first flight landing into the original airport in Alice Springs was in 1921. In 1940 due to the military build up the Seven Mile Aerodrome was built. This officially became Alice Springs Airport in 1958 and had diminished the role of the Town Site Drome from 1946 until it closed 1968. It is now the site of the Central Australian Aviation Museum.



#### WWW.EXPLORETHEREDCENTRE.COM.AU Also visit WWW.EXPLORETENNANTCREEK.COM.AU

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### ALICE SPRINGS HISTORY WALK

Guide yourself through a town rich in history and discoverthe stories of the past. Remember to wear a hat & sunscreen and carry your water bottle, or stop and enjoy a coffee at a local cafe along the way.

Use the Central Business District (CBD) Map foldout (see the rear of this guide) for your self-guided historical tour.



Hartley Street School First government school opened 1930, extensions in 1940 and 1946. Used as government offices 1966 until 1980. Octagonal room is open as an education museum. Open 10.30am - 2.30pm Monday - Friday

Adelaide House & the John Flynn Memorial Church First hospital designed by Rev. John Flynn opened in 1926. Church built as memorial to John Flynn opened in 1956. Check for open times

Pioneer YHA Hostel is former walk-in picture theatre. Built by 'Snow' Kenna in 1942, closed as theatre in 1984. Last known example of old movie theatre in NT and prime example of adaptive re-use for business.

Wills Terrace Footbridge was completed in 1957 bringing an end to isolation of Eastside suburb whenever the Todd River flowed. Intended as a temporary structure but continues in use today. Open to public 24hrs

Wilkinson Memorial unveiled in 1934 to honor George Wilkinson who operated a general store on opposite site across road. Held in high regard by many people he helped in early settlement times. Open to public 24hrs

Totem Theatre is housed in the Sidney Williams Huts that are the last remnants of an Australian Army camp during WW2. The buildings were converted into a small theatre in 1964, now maintained by Alice Springs Town Council.

Site of Myrtle Villa is marked by a tall date palm first planted in a garden at the front of a timber slab house early last century, which was the home of Ida Standley, the first school teacher. Open to public 24hrs

Catholic Church Precinct comprises four historic buildings, including the first Catholic Church opened in 1930. Also includes the Marist Brothers house, convent and a former boarding house. Not open to the public

Anzac Memorial was designed by Rev Harry Griffiths and unveiled on Anzac Day, 1934. Originally a memorial for the fallen of WW1, it now represents Australian servicemen and women of all conflicts. Open to public 24hrs

Central Australian Pioneers Memorial was unveiled in 1957 as a memorial for all Central Australian pioneers, including explorers, overland telegraph line workers and pastoralists. Open to public 24hrs



Railway Houses Three were built in the late 1920s, prior to the arrival of the Central Australian Railway in 1929. More houses were built during WW2, of which two survive. Not open to the public



Old Post Office Opened in 1932 after being moved from the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. The post office led to the name of Alice Springs replacing the original name of Stuart for the town. Not open to the public



Former Postmasters Residence Built for the town's postmaster in 1932, when the post office was built. It remained a residence until 1980. It was restored in 1988 and is now a business property. Not open to the public



Stuart Town Gaol Built in 1908, now the oldest building in Alice Springs. Built from local materials, the gaol was in service until 1939, and saved from demolition in the 1970s. Open by arrangement with National Trust

Old Court House was built in 1928. It was used for administrative offices but from 1936 served as a court house until 1980. Was used as a museum from 1990 until 2007 but now used as offices. Not open to the public

- The Residency was built in 1927 as the home of the Government Resident of the Territory of Central Australia until 1931. It was the home of the Centre's senior public servants until 1973. Open 10am - 3pm, March - Nov
- Lizzie Milnes Well was dug in the 1930s, a reminder of early settled life in town before WW2. They were a necessity before reticulated water existed. This well is believed to be the last surviving example in town.

Tuncks Store is the last remaining corner store, built in 1939 to cater for new residences in the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct. Ralph Tuncks owned the store from 1950 until retiring in 1979. Not open to the public

- 86 Hartley Street One of the houses designed by architect Beni Burnett. This house was built in 1939 and is largely unmodified. It is in the Heritage Precinct and is now a private residence. Not open to the public

Les Hansen House Built in 1942 for the Dept of Civil Aviation. Handed over to the NT Housing Commission in 1978, later transferred to the National Trust and is a part of the Heritage Precinct. Not open to the public



Old Alice Springs Gaol Opened in 1939 and operated until 1996. Much of the original complex remains. It is now the home of the National Pioneer Women's Hall of Fame. Open 10am - 5pm, Feb - December 25



Royal Flying Doctor Service was opened in 1939, with another building constructed in 1949. It accommodated the School of the Air for several years. It is a part of the Heritage Precinct. Open 9am - 5pm Mon to Sat



Stuart Memorial was unveiled in 1939 by Governor-General, Lord Gowrie. It is the main feature of Stuart Park which is included in the Alice Springs Heritage Precinct. Open to the public 24hrs



Former CWA Building Built during WW2 as a women's recreation facility, used as club rooms for the Country Women's Association 1946 to 1978. Now the business premise of Monte's Lounge, Open 2pm - 2am, Wed - Sunday



#### National Trust of Australia (NT) McDouall Stuart Branch Alice Springs

The Hartley Street School, Alice Springs P 08 8952 4516 E mcds.ntnt@internode.on.net www.nationaltrust.org.au/nt/

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### **EVENTS**

Chances are with so many weird and wonderful festival & events on in Central Australia there will be something happening during your visit. You can often participate in many, a great way to really enjoy the special event!

The majority of Red Centre events are held around the same time every years. Most events for 2020 have been cancelled as directed by the current global conditions. However please check with each website to see an update on any that may be able to go ahead once travel restrictions have been lifted.

#### Red CentreNATS

#### APRIL

Parrtjima - A Festival in Light www.parrtjimaaustralia.com.au

Alice Springs Heritage Festival <u>www.nationaltrust.org.au/news/alice-springs-</u> <u>heritage-festival-2020/</u>

Easter in the Alice – Mountain Bike Race www.easterinthealice.com

Aileron Easter Bush Weekend

Alice Springs Cup Carnival alicespringsturfclub.org.au/

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Rotary Club of Alice Springs Bang Tail Muster Parade

https://alicespringsrotary.org/sitepage/bangtailmuster Alice Springs Cup Carnival

alicespringsturfclub.org.au/

Blacken Open Air Festival www.facebook.com/BlackenOpenAir

Big Day Out in Harmony alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/calendar/ big-day-out-in-harmony-3

Wide Open Space Festival wideopenspace.net.au/wos2020-re-scheduled/

Alice Springs Telegraph Station Open Day & Market

https://alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/ calendar

Hamilton Downs Youth Camp – Alice's Longest Desert Lunch www.hamiltondownsyouthcamp.org.au

West Macs Monster Trail Running Festival www.westmacsmonster.com.au

Pets on Parade alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/councilevents/pets-on-parade

#### JUNE

Tatts Finke Desert Race www.finkedesertrace.com.au

Alice Springs Beanie Festival beaniefest.org/

#### JULY

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Territory Day Celebrations alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/ calendar/18228

Alice Springs Show www.alice-springs.com.au



#### AUGUST

70th Harts Range Bush Sports Weekend www.hartsrangeraces.org.au Desert Smart Eco Fair

www.alec.org.au/events Old Timers Fete alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/ calendar?month=2020-08

Rotary Henley on Todd Regatta henleyontodd.com.au

Red CentreNATS www.redcentrenats.com.au Alice Desert Festival desfest.com Road Transport Hall of Fame Reunion roadtransporthall.com

#### SEPTEMBER

Red Centre Bird Festival alicespringsdesertpark.com.au/whats-on Desert Mob Festival alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/ calendar/7/106

Alice Desert Festival <u>desfest.com</u> OCTOBER

Alice Desert Festival desfest.com NT Writers Festival https://www.nturiters.com.au/festival/about/

Red Centre Splash alicesprings.nt.gov.au/about-alice-springs/



### ATTRACTIONS, TOURS & ADVENTURES

From an early morning balloon flight across the desert plains to a camel ride at sunset, you will always find something exciting to explore. Historic icons, such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service, are also right here in the Red Centre. With so much to do, why not stay a week or two!

Alice Springs Reptile Centre

ALICE SPRINGS DESERT PARK Where the desert comes alive! Our deserts are rich with life with thousands of stories to be explored. Experience the spirit of a living culture; explore a vibrant botanic wonderland and get up close with outback animals and characters that epitomise the fun and adventurous spirit of the red centre.

Immerse yourself in the beauty and mystery of Australia's deserts as you wander through the ancient landscapes from dry river beds to dense woodlands full of life. Experience the night during the day in the Nocturnal House and see animals once found in abundance across the desert. Discover the diversity of desert plants. Be inspired by ancient living cultures and feel the spirit with local Aboriginal guides and try your hand at traditional methods. Marvel at the energy and adrenaline of free flying birds as they saw through crystal blue skies.



At night, come spotlighting with us on a Nocturnal Tour. Step inside the Mulga Walk enclosure for an evening of adventure and discovery. Spotlight endangered animals of Australia's outback including Mala and Bilby in the foothills of the MacDonnell Ranges. You will leave with the Desert Park with new stories, skills and some of the secrets of the desert. www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au

Bilby at Alice Springs Desert Park



### ALICE SPRINGS... INSPIRING, NOSTALGIC, BEAUTIFUL, HISTORIC ... BE AMAZED

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#### ALICE SPRINGS REPTILE CENTRE

On the edge of the CBD just below Billy Goat Hill the Reptile Centre is a 'must see' attraction.

Housing the region's largest reptile collection view Thorny Devils, Frill-neck Lizards, large pythons, the world's most venomous snakes and Terry the Saltwater Crocodile. Daily demonstrations at 11am, 1pm and 3:30pm allow you to meet and learn about some of the 'locals' in a safe and fun learning environment. Open daily 9.30am to 5pm.

#### ALICE SPRINGS SCHOOL OF THE AIR VISITOR CENTRE

Our unique attractions provides an insight into innovative education for outback children. Take a journey from an idea in 1946, radio lessons in 1951 to the modern day. Join us in the world's largest classroom, covering an area of 1.3 million square kilometres. Open 7 days per week, 8.30 to 4.30 Monday to Sat and 1.00 to 4.30 Sundays and public holidays.









The largest reptile display in Central Australia Alice Springs Reptile Centre TERRY THE SALTWATER CROCODILE - PERENTIES - GOANNAS - SNAKES - BEARDED DRAGONS



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#### WOMEN'S MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIA



Step inside and be inspired! The Women's Museum of Australia is housed within the heritage-listed Old Gaol in Alice Springs. The same entry ticket will allow you to experience both.

A: 2 Stuart Terrace, Alice Springs P: (08) 8952 9006



#### wmoa.com.au

Alice Springs School of the Air

#### NATIONAL ROAD TRANSPORT HALL OF FAME & THE OLD GHAN MUSEUM

Take a nostalgic trip into Australia's - and the world's - transport history at the National Road Transport icon. Become engrossed in, and perhaps relive, your own transport experiences surrounded by a unique collection of workhorses from yesteryear. Some have spent days here and still return for another repeat visit!

#### Historic Trucks & Military **National Road** Vehicles **Transport** Kenworth Museum Shell Rimula Wall of Fame Hall of Fame \*Entry Fee Applies

#### **Old Ghan Museum**

- Station at the MacDonnell Siding
- Restored Locomotives & Carriages
- Souvenir Shop
- Tearooms Open for Breakfast
- & Lunch (in tourist season)
- \*Entry Fee Applies



92 Norris Bell Dr, Alice Springs NT OPEN: Mon to Sun 9am–5pm. Changes seasonally (check the website) PH: 08 8952 7161 M: 0409 635 091 E: manager@roadtransporthall.com www.roadtransporthall.com



**PYNDAN CAMEL TRACK** Come for a sunset ride with the West MacDonnell Ranges beside you and enjoy gentle camels, an experienced guide and a variety of photo opportunities you will love. Your adventure of a lifetime awaits!

The **ARALUEN CULTURAL PRECINCT** is home to some of the most significant artistic, cultural and historical experiences in Alice Springs. Set on nine hectares amongst significant Aboriginal sacred sites, and important heritage buildings, the Araluen Cultural Precinct hosts Central Australia's key cultural institutions and collections.



Araluen Cultural Precinct



61 Larapinta Drive | 8951 1120 www.araluenartscentre.nt.gov.au

### ART, CULTURE & MUSEUMS

You're in the heart of the Arts in Central Australia, with a good variety of galleries specialising in local and regional pieces and first class museums, housing cultural stories and ancient relics. Enjoy the beauty and the knowledge of these places that engage and delight across all ages.





Tjanpi

**TJANPI DESERT WEAVERS** Tjanpi Desert Weavers is a social enterprise of NPY Women's Council that represents over 400 Aboriginal women artists from 26 remote communities and offers spectacular contemporary fibre art in the form of baskets and sculptures. Cultural Precinct hosts Central Australia's key cultural institutions and collections.





We've consolidated the Red Centre's amazing art attractions and events into four easy-to-follow trails so that you can experience the full richness of art in the region. You can pick up a free booklet from the Alice Springs Visitor Information Centre, download a copy, or download the free app for iOS and Android to customise your own unique Art Trail.



#### Yubu Napa Art Gallery

YUBU NAPA ART GALLERY Just a short stroll from Todd Mall brings you to Yubu Napa Gallery and Gift Shop. You can browse the amazing variety of styles of art on show in this ethically accredited location. They have a wide range of paintings and artefacts from the Alice Springs region and out to remote Central Australian communities.

You can often see artists in residence, telling their traditional stories in new and exciting mediums; this is a privilege you can share at few galleries in Alice Springs. Original and contemporary Indigenous artwork makes Yubu Napa "a rare gem in a minefield of galleries". You will be pleasantly challenged to decide on a favourite piece to take with you.

Karl and Ric know their artists well and are willing to share their knowledge and passion for works by some of Central Australia's top artist. Visitors to Yubu Napa Gallery will be greeted by gallery dog Kirby, our concierge, with tail wagging!



### HERMANNSBURG ART GALLERY



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The birth place of the artist Albert Namatjira, come see his country and learn more about the man and his art. Purchase artwork produced within the community by local artists, from dot paintings to the famous Hermannsburg pottery.

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www.hermannsburg.com.au

### **14 DAYS** TO EXPLORE

Base yourself in Alice Springs then get exploring! With so many options you can head north, south, east or west and always have something to marvel at. Enjoy the many attractions, historic icons, and natural beauty of the region, with the MacDonnell Ranges at your doorstep. There's so much to do... stay a week or two!

DAY 6

AS Reptile Centre

· Women's Museum of

Australia and Old Gaol

National Road Transport

Hall of Fame & Old Ghan

East MacDonnell Ranges

· Yeperenye/Emily & Jesse

· Arltunga Historic Reserve

· Ewaninga Historic Reserve

· Easy Day Late brunch

Shopping /Souvenirs

· Hale River Homestead

• Day Trip or overnight

· Coroboree Rock

DAY 8

Dav trip South

DAY 9

Dining options

Poolside relax

Rainbow Valley

Centre

DAY 7

Gaps



Bike Path, Alice Springs Desert Park

#### DAY 1

- Visitor Information Centre AS School of the Air Visitor · History Walk - see Page
- 12/13
- Dining options

#### DAY 2

- Alice Springs Desert Park Pyndan Camel Tracks Sunset Tour
- West MacDonnell Ranges day trip or overnight at Glen Helen Lodge

#### DAY 3

- Olive Pink Botanic Garden
- Araluen Cultural Precinct Museum of Central
- Australia

#### DAY 4

- West MacDonnell Ranges Day trip or overnight stay
- Hermannsburg
- Tnorala/Gosse Bluff
- Ormiston Gorge
- Ochre Pitts
- · Ellery Big Holel
- Standley Chasm Simpsons Gap

#### DAY 5

- Yubu Napa Art Gallery
- Tjanpi Desert Weavers
- Megafauna Central
- Pyndan Camel Tracks (bottom), Standley Chasm/ Angkerle Atwatye (right)



#### **DAY 11**

#### North to Aileron

- Tropic of Capricorn
- · Connors Well
- Native Gap
- To Aileron

#### **DAY 12**

#### South

- Owen Springs Reserve Henbury Meteorites
- Precinct Stuarts Well Roadhouse
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- Camel Ride at Camels Aust

#### **DAY 13**

#### South West

- · Hermannsburg Historic Precinct
- Palm Valley

#### **DAY 13**

- South East
- Chamber Pillar overnight camping



- - souvenirs

- Anzac Hill Lookout
- **DAY 10** Trails
- · Family Day Walking or Bike





### SHOPPING **& SERVICES**

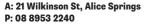
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Please make sure you keep up to date with Market Day & Night dates by checking with the website and Facebook page. We will only be following safe practises during the trying times the 2020 season offers us. Be assured for all dates we go ahead with, these will be made with all precautions that are required. https://www.toddmallmarkets.com.au/

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-	MAY	9am to 1pm	10th and 24th
	JUNE	9am to 2pm	7th, 21st and 28th
-	JULY	9am to 2pm	5th, 12th and 19th
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-	SEPTEMBER	9am to 1pm	13th and 27th
14	OCTOBER	9am to 1pm	11th and 25th
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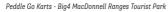


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### **BUSH TUCKER**

Bush Tucker is all around you in Mparntwe (Alice Springs) and the surrounding ranges. You may not recognise some as they are less obvious than farm sourced foods. There is so much that can be eaten and harvested under the title "bush tucker".

#### FOODS AVAILABLE LOCALLY COVER ALL THE FOOD GROUPS:

**Meat from animals** - lizards, bush turkey, emu, kangaroos and wallabies, echidnas, snakes and perentie.

Honey and nectars - the honey ant, native bee honey, nectar from the grevillea flowers, bloodwood and corkwood trees.

**Plant food** - from wild orange, wild passionfruit, wild fig, bush tomato, conkerberry, bush banana, quandong, bush plums and sultanas.

**Edible seeds** - the wattle seed, a staple food; the seeds can be ground into a paste or made into wattleseed damper. Other local seeds used traditionally are mulga, dogwood and desert kurrajong.

**Grubs and insects** - the witchetty grub is a favourite eaten raw or roasted on hot coals! Cicadas, caterpillars and some other grubs found under the bark of river red gums, coolibah, ironwood and prickly wattle.

**Water** - the search for water in dry desert conditions was essential for survival; Water is found in soakages, tree roots and hollows and the very scarce permanent waterholes, the area around Mbarntwe has permanent waterholes in the ranges both east and west of the town; there are also rare springs where water seeps from rockfaces in the when the rivers are totally dry.

**Bush tomato** - A staple food for local people which has been eaten for many thousands of years. Dried it looks like a raisin, and can be stored for extended periods, is plentiful and popular and is high in vitamin C and potassium.

A local elder has said, "When we were young we used plants for food and medicine all the time. We'd eat the orange blossoms of arrutnenge, the wild passionfruit that grow along the banks of the rivers, and the green pods of alangkwe, the bush banana. There was plenty of bush food and you didn't have to travel so far for it. Nowadays bush food is much harder to get hold of because the environment has been destroyed or built on." (Emily Liddle Foreword to "Bushfires and Bushtucker" - Peter Latz published 1995)

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If you are travelling in a convoy always leave plenty of room between each vehicle for ease of passing of others.

Never park in Truck designated parking bays; these drivers have to stop by law to take rest breaks regularly.

On unsealed roads always reduce your speed, turn on your headlights and stop if dust obscures your view. When vehicles are approaching beware stones being flicked up from their tyres. The same rules apply when dirt roads are wet. They can become very slippery so slow down.

Remember, you are often travelling through private property and these properties are responsible, under law, for perpetuity, for any weeds or pests that you may leave on their property. If you dump your black waste, that will have an impact on various accreditations such as organic status.

Take every piece of rubbish, including used toilet paper and food scraps with you. Don't leave rubbish next to a bin. If it doesn't fit take it with you until you find an empty bin. If you bring it in, you take it out. Dump your black waste only in legal dump points.

Camp only in structured campsites and don't 'go out the back' of any of these campsites.

Regardless of how experienced you are, it's important to let responsible people know your travel plans, approximate leave and arrival times.

Often services can be interrupted or stock of goods low, so ensure you have spare food, water and cash as facilities maybe down at remote outlets for periods of time.

Should you breakdown always stay with your vehicle.

https://roadreport.nt.gov.au/road-reports



#### WATCH FOR WEDGETAIL EAGLES!



Slow down if you see a Wedge Tailed Eagle feeding on the side of the road. With huge wingspans of up to 3 metres they can be slow to take flight. These big birds of prey are easily injured and can do extensive damage to a vehicle. Slow down and be aware.



### MACDONNELL RANGES

These ancient rugged ranges showcase some of the most spectacular landscapes vou will never forget.

Ormiston Pound

These parks are known worldwide for their natural beauty, their remoteness and for being accessible. You can see a huge variety of native plants, birds, reptiles and other animals. Some parks you can swim, many you can camp, others you traverse through with landscapes that are rugged and stunning.

With free programmes like Parks Alive you are enriched further with the informative guided walks and talks by a park Ranger. Fact Sheets for all parks are available offering everything you need to know about each park, camping facilities, access and highlights, to make your time exploring the region complete. www.nt.gov.au/parks



2Mile, West MacDonnell Ranges

THE MACDONNELL RANGES spine stretches 644km (400mi) with parallel ridges running from east and west of Alice Springs. Consisting of the 5 highest mountains in the Northern Territory the highest is Mount Zeil, with an elevation of 1,531 metres (5,023 ft) and formed over 300-350 million years ago. The range is most famous for the red quartz; but also granite, limestone, sandstone and siltstone.

Fossil evidence of marine reptiles has been found showing the signs of an inland sea from 110 million years ago. While many reptiles died out there are still some fish and shellfish that can be found today.

Telephone network coverage is limited so if you need to stay connected ensure vou look at satellite phone options.

#### DON'T FORGET YOUR PERMIT

If you may be driving through Aboriginal land while in the Red Centre a permit must be purchased.

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- Camp at designated sites only
- ▶ Take all of your rubbish when you go
- ▶ Leave your pets with friends at home
- Obey the 'no swimming' signs
- Collect your fire wood before entering National Park areas
- Light fires only in fireplaces provided
- Use gas BBQs during total fire bans
- Don't use soap or detergent in or near waterways
- Look (don't touch) at cultural items and wildlife
- Don't feed native animals
- ▶ Be prepared with cash as fees apply to some parks for camping

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### EAST MACDONNELL RANGES

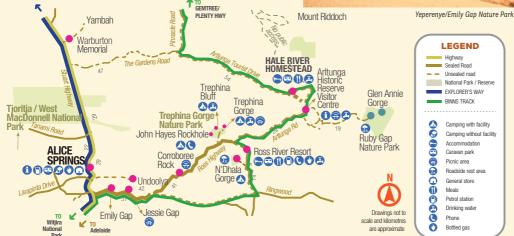
Heading east is a delightful day trip or longer if you want to camp along the way. Enjoy the pace of this section of the MacDonnell Ranges that can be missed by many. Don't miss out!

Old Police Station Gaol - Arltunga

TO TENNANT CREEK

HALE RIVER HOMESTEAD In the heart of the East MacDonnell Ranges enjoy the tranquil surroundings and boasting breathtaking views, this is a stopover you will always remember. Add historic sites, bird watching and walks & mountain bike tails, rest at the end of the day from a choice of accomodation options; Hale River Homestead is a must do.





**EMILY GAP**, your first stop and before **JESSIE GAP**, offers large rock paintings depicting the caterpillar dreaming of Mparntwe (Alice Springs).

**COROBOREE ROCK** was formed over 800 million years ago by salt lakes. This dolomite structure is a sacred men's site still important to the local peoples today.

**TREPHINA GORGE NATURE PARK** is home of the largest ghost gum (Corymbia aparrerinja) in Australia, this park offers a variety of short and experienced walks. With birds and other wildlife frequent visitors, the sheer quartzite cliffs and River Red Gum lined watercourses, this is a wonderful photo opportunity.

### N'DALA GORGE NATURE PARK is known as a cultural treasure, this park boasts

6,000 individual petroglyphs, or rock carvings. This is a must for any art lover! Accessible by 4 wheel drive vehicle only.

#### **ARLTUNGA HISTORICAL RESERVE -**

\*No Fossicking Allowed. The Visitor Centre offers a great insight to the history of the first settlement in Central Australia. With a 'rush on' for what was first thought were rubies, garnets and then later gold were the reason Arltunga had nearly 300 people – well before Stuart – now Alice Springs was established. Old buildings have been preserved in the region and well worth the visit.

RUBY GAP NATURE PARK - You will need a full day minimum to visit this remote and rugged terrain that is not to be underestimated. Enjoy bush camping and experienced walkers will be rewarded after a 2km walk to Glen Annie Gorge. Travelling on you can enjoy the hospitality of Hale River Homestead or take part of the Binns Track further north to Gemtree for a stopover and a fossick on the Plenty Highway. www.nt.gov.au/parks







### WEST MACDONNELL RANGES

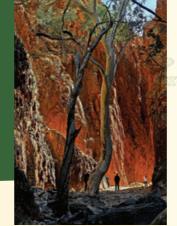
The Red Centre Way loops around for a full day trip from Alice Springs to Ntaria/Hermannsburg then along to Glen Helen. See all the highlights of the region as you travel along Namatjira Dr and back to Alice Springs. Or stop and stay at one of these stunning outback camping options.

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THE SIMPSONS GAP area is a haven for over 40 rare and relict plants and known for the Black-Footed Rock wallabies. Walking/ bike paths and gas BBQs make for an enjoyable stopover.

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**ELLERY CREEK BIG HOLE** where camping and caravaners can stay overnight\*. A brisk swim and incredible walks offering geological delights makes for a great photographic opportunity and picnic spot.

SERPENTINE GORGE is the Trail Head for sections 7 & 8 of the Larapinta trail and is a narrow gap of Heavitree Quartz that also offers an easy walk or short but exhilarating climb to a lookout above.

**OCHRE PITS** are a culturally active site showcasing an outcrop of walls with a silken texture and glimmer, one of the best examples in Australia. Please do not touch or remove the ochre.

**ORMISTON GORGE** is stunning place with a waterhole, caravan & camping, visitor centre and kiosk and is the Trail Head for sections 9+10 of the Larapinta Trail. This is a wonderful place to base yourself for a few days to enjoy a variety of walking trails and a fauna refuge for many animals, reptiles and birds.

GLEN HELEN GORGE is an oasis after a long day's travel with refreshing swims on offer where you can caravan/camp or stay at the Homestead\*. A range of walks and drives near the Gorge take you to lookouts with views to Mt Sonder or 2 Mile a 4x4 camping site, along the mighty Finke River.

**REDBACK GORGE** with 5kms of gravel road to drive in then has a 20 min walk along the rocky and sandy riverbank to reach the gorge. The water is very cold due to the high rock walls towering above so a floatation device is recommended. Camping is permitted\*

TYLERS PASS is a must stop lookout to admire the 360 degree views including Tnorala (Gosse Bluff).

TNORALA/GOSSE BLUFF CONSERVATION RESERVE has day access only to 4 wheel drive vehicles for the last 10kms. This is a culturally significant site for the Western Arrernte people.

NTARIA (HERMANNSBURG) is home of the Historic Precinct and offers fuel, supplies, a caravan park\* and a great base if you have 4x4 access to explore Palm Valley.

\*Fees may apply for entry or for camping



Larapinta Trail - Section 4 marker

**THE LARAPINTA TRAIL** Marvel at the breathtaking views as you traverse over the spine of the MacDonnell Ranges, with 12 individual sections in varying grades, something to suit most fitness levels. This is an experience you will have that will always be an important part of your visit to Central Australia.

Ranked as one of the planet's top 20 treks, The Larapinta Trail links with other walking tracks, with the whole trail over 230km (143mi) long beginning at the Alice Springs Telegraph Station. The western end of the trail finishes at the highest point with Mount Sonder, a favourite subject of artist Albert Namatjira.

While all Trailheads have a water supply research on how much water to trek with daily for each section. Some have free gas barbecues, others you need to bring correct change for camping fees so ensure you are well prepared for your one or two day walks. You can enjoy magnificent night skies and camp under the stars along the way, arrange supplies to be dropped off to you, or you trek with all your own supplies.

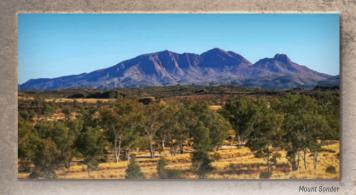
Maps and Park information can be picked up from the Visitor Information Centre, or contact an experienced tour operator for further information. https://nt.gov.au/leisure/parks-reserves/plan-your-visit/bushwalkinghiking/larapinta-trail



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#### THE STORY OF THE HERMANNSBURG HISTORIC PRECINCT

Established in 1877 and 130 kms west of Alice Springs, Lutheran missionaries from Hermannsburg, Germany set up the Finke River Mission on the northern bank of the Finke River. Together with the local Aranda people they shared hardship, struggle and despair. The two very diverse cultures came together sharing faith and courage over time; and prevailed forging a unique relationship still strong today.

The missionaries in Hermannsburg or Ntaria saw from the start the importance of learning and recording the written form of the Western Aranda language. Education was shared in both English and Aranda with their Christian message was at the centre of their philosophy.

1982 saw the return of land title to the Aranda. This followed a period of neglect of all to the buildings, some dating back as far as 1882 until 2006 when local Aranda leader Kasper Gus Ntjalka Williams helped lead them to having the site declared a National Heritage Place. This has assisted in securing both Northern Territory and Australian Governments funding to assist with infrastructure improvements and upgrades to signage and story-telling.



HISTORIC HINT In the 'Curio Shop' in Hermannsburg in 1961 you could buy: Double Bed Kangaroo skin rug for 28£ / 10 shillings and 1 x pair Adult size Moccasins for between 15 and 20 shillings

ALBERT NAMATJIRA Born in 1902 as Elea Namatjira, this Western Arrernte speaking man became the most famous Indigenous Australian of his generation. He showed an interest in painting in his early years however it wasn't until he was 32 and had began being tutored by Rex Battarbee, a well known artist for his paintings of the Central Australian outback, that Namatjira began to paint seriously. His style was more Western art influenced, water colour paintings



of the outback, and a great contrast to the symbols and abstract designs of more traditional art forms.

As the first Aboriginal to be exhibited commercially and internationally Alberts work became widely acclaimed. Artists in Hermannsburg continue to paint with watercolours in Albert Namatjira's style.



### NORTH OF ALICE SPRINGS

As you head north of Alice Springs you pass the Tropic of Capricorn and a whole new landscape and adventure begins.

Take your time and enjoy the hidden delights as you start to reach the Barkly region.



Aileron HIll

Only 20kms north of Alice Springs along the Stuart Highway is your turn off to the Tanami Highway, with 700kms to the Western Australian border. This is your shortest route between Alice Springs and Halls Creek with a seasonal dirt road. There are not designated campsites you will need to find a campsite between the salt bush and spinifex, which can be challenging. Due to the changing conditions of the road, especially during the wet season this road is best travelled between April & October. Watch out for Road Trains and trucks along the road and always check road conditions before heading off as well as services that are available as many are very limited.



North West of Alice Springs approximately 200km, **TILMOUTH WELL ROADHOUSE** provides a welcome refreshing break in your travels. This haven of outback hospitality offers a range of accommodation including motel rooms, contractor style accommodation and an expansive campground with both powered & unpowered sites. With a licensed restaurant, takeaway food, swimming pool, general store and more. A great stop over before heading outback or before you return to 'the big smoke' of Alice Springs!

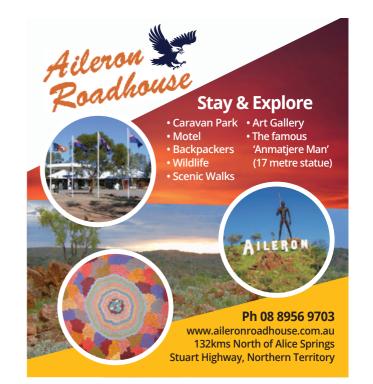


Roadhouse Rooms I Jackaroo Quarters I Camping Ground tilmouthwell@ngur.com.au I Reservations: (08) 8956 8777

115kms north of Alice Springs, Native Gap's history to the Overland Telegraph Line goes back to 1872. It's a rocky sandstone outcrop containing a variety of native species including Native Fig, Ironwood, Cypress Pine and more. Black footed Rock Wallabies and Euros may be seen especially around dusk.

Cattle cross this highway at many points due to unfenced or open section so enjoy to outback roads at a comfortable pace so it's safe for all.

**AILERON ROADHOUSE & CARAVAN PARK** 135kms north of Alice Springs at the turnoff drop in and stay at one of the cleanest Roadhouses along the Stuart Hwy and enjoy great pub meals, a walk to view 'The Big Man' on the Hill and have a look at the great artworks, all sourced locally. Motel rooms and a caravan park make for a relaxing stay and ask about local attractions while basing yourself at Aileron Roadhouse.



### TENNANT CREEK & THE BARKLY REGION

Plan a few days and make the most of your stay with adventure, history and culture all mixed into a landscape full of colour and life.



Battery Hill Gold Mining Centre

Explore Tennant Creek and the Barkly region, your ideal place to stop, relax and enjoy the outback hospitality. This region has secret gems often missed if you don't stay a day or two, it's not termed the "Heart of Gold" for nothing, as the people are among the Territory's most genuine and welcoming.

Well known as the site of Australia's last gold rush, Tennant Creek still has evidence of this in the area with many sites to explore. The Visitor Information Centre is placed at Battery Hill Mining Centres so you're at the right place for all the best information and Gold Mine Tour bookings.

There are vast cattle stations, historic stock routes, and the region showcases the pioneering contributions from the past. Ringers and station owners, huge cattle road trains, rodeos are all part of the atmosphere in Tennant Creek and The Barkly region.

Barrow Creek Wagon Shed



The Warumungu people are the custodians to the region and offer a rich, yet tough history of fighting for their land rights. The offices of Aboriginal Organisations in Tennant Creek all use paintings and the local language, a prominent feature of the town. Warumungu artwork and stories can be explored at Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre, located on the Stuart Highway. This beautiful gallery also uniquely hosts a sacred site of the ancestral Nyinkka, a spiky tailed lizard from the area.

### WARUMUNGU WORDS

WARUMUNGU WORD	TRY TO SAY THE WORDS!	WHAT THEY MEAN Not all words can be easily translated into an English meaning
Karlu Karlu	Gull-oo-Gull-oo	Karlu Karlu also known as Devils Marbles
Warumungu	Warra-moong-oo	Local nation for the area
Karmente	Gummen-da	Goodbye
Tjukurpa	chook-orr-pa	Creation time, law, way of life, story
Nappa	Nar-pa	Water

Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles

**KARLU KARLU / DEVILS MARBLES** This is a living cultural landscape and the traditional country for the Warumungu, Kaytetye, Alyawarra and Warlpiri people. Formed over millions of years, you can take the walking tracks provided with information boards to enhance your understanding of these magnificent granite boulders. Spectacular photographic opportunities here especially at dusk and dawn and a haven from hard conditions for sometimes hard to see reptiles, insects and birds.

95 kms south of Tennant Creek they are close enough to enjoy a day trip if you are based in the town, only a short drive to The Devils Marbles Hotel with all the comforts and accomodation options you need or camp in the Park where facilities are basic so be well prepared. Fees apply.

### 5 DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

#### DAY 1

- Visitor Information Centre (Check tour times)
- Battery Hill Mining Centre
- Book Underground Mining tour -Gold Stamp Battery, 3 Museums

#### DAY 2

- Tennant Creek Telegraph Station Historical Reserve - Information Sheet & deposit for key @ Visitor Centre
- Kundjarra/The Pebbles
- Aboriginal Womens Dreaming -6km of gravel road, shaded area

#### DAY 3

- Nyinkka Nyunyu Art & Culture Centre - Museum and Exhibitions, Retail Gallery, Cafe (seasonal)
- Take a self guided tour: Anzac Hill Lookout, Jurnkurrakur Mural, Peko Park, Catholic Church, Celebrity handprints

#### DAY 4

- Lake Mary Ann Picnic area & tables/ chairs, shady areas/playground, swim/ Kayak/Water fun, abundant birdlife
- Cycle Path & Walks in Honeymoon Ranges -Through the McDouall (Honeymoon) Ranges

#### DAY 5

- Karlu Karlu/Devils Marbles
- Walks & photographic delight
- Day trip from Tennant Creek
- Sunrise/Sunset from Devils Marbles Hotel





### SOUTH OF **ALICE SPRINGS**

Driving through undulating country along the Stuart Highway you will come across welcoming roadhouses at Stuarts Well and Erldunda. You will cross the ancient Finke River with its wide sandy bed and is one of the oldest natural watercourses in the world.



Mushroom Rock - Rainbow Valley

Just south of Alice Springs are some off road experiences you don't want to miss. Take the turn off to RAINBOW VALLEY CONSERVATION RESERVE. 75 kilometres south of Alice and along 22 kilometres of unsealed road to the scenic sandstone bluffs and cliffs. Here you will find a hidden treasure...

With significant archaeological sites and artefacts - evidence of ancient Aboriginal connections to the area, Rainbow Valley is at its most impressive in the early morning or late afternoon around sunset; Rainbow Valley is a photographer's delight. There are two walking tracks within the Reserve; both are graded easy and are suitable for families. There are several viewing platforms along the way that provide the best views of Rainbow Valley.

Make sure you visit Mushroom Rock, an interesting sandstone formation. which has been carved by wind and rain over millions of years.

Walking trail - Rainbow Valley



#### **STUARTS WELL ROADHOUSE**

A: Stuart Highway, Stuarts Well P: 08 8956 0808 E: smurfy8@bigpond.com

Only 90km south of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway. Base yourself at Stuarts Well Roadhouse and explore

Rainbow Valley, Henbury Meteorite Craters and Chambers Pillar.

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#### HOW MANY EYELIDS?

#### CAMELS = 3"

- Two evelids have lashes and the third evelid comes from the corner of the eye to help like a "windshield wiper"
- Protected by a double row of long curly evelashes to reduce the sand and dust to their eyes
- Thick bushy evebrows shield the eves from the desert sun

**CAMELS AUSTRALIA.** nestled at the base of the James Ranges 90km's south of Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway, offers short rides through to unique overnight experiences, exploring the many wonders of Central Australia. Share in the authentic lifestyle of local Camaleers and their family of 45 Dromedary Camels.

Only an hours drive, it provides locals and visitors a great spot to get away for the day or call in on your travels South of Alice. The Hoosh Cafe offers locally roasted Barista coffee, a fresh menu, plus Souvenirs, Local art, Craft and Culture.

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#### CHAMBERS PILLAR HISTORICAL RESERVE

The main access to Chambers Pillar Historical Reserve, 160 km south of Alice Springs, is along the Old South Road on a turnoff to the west of Maryvale Station. The road is unsealed and may be closed after rain. After the Maryvale turnoff, a 4WD is required to negotiate the deep sand drifts and steep jump ups. It is wise to let people in Alice Springs or your next destination know your travel time for this visit.

As you approach the Reserve you will see the 50m high sandstone pillar, it towers impressively over the plains below. This site was recorded by John MacDoual Stuart in April 1860 travelling north on his first attempt to cross Australia. Until the coming of the railway in the 1920s, the Pillar was a landmark in the desert on the long overland journey from Adelaide to Alice Springs. Many of those early travellers have left a record of their visit in the soft. white sandstone.

In the Dreamtime the Gecko ancestor Itirkawara, (pronounced it-turk-karwara) came here and local Aboriginal people believe both the Pillar and Castle Rock, 500metres to the northeast are this story.

At sunrise and sunset, the Pillar glows like a burning ember as the rays of the sun strike its walls making an unforgettable sight. Early morning and evening are excellent times to explore the reserve on foot and don't forget your camera. Use the viewing platform at the base of the Pillar - this protects the fragile sandstone from erosion.

As this is a more isolated place off the highway, all visitors are advised to keep to designated roads and tracks in the Reserve. The two campground sites provided, have wood firepits and pit toilets; remember to carry and drink plenty of water, and avoid walks in the heat of the day.

Chambers Pilla



### **COOBER PEDY OPAL CAPITAL**

#### GET OUTBACK ... GET UNDERGROUND

Get to Coober Pedy for a truly unique experience where the colours of the outback are as stunning as the gems found underground. Allow time to really explore this region, it won't disappoint!

WELCOME TO COOBER PEDY - OPAL CAPITAL We want you to enjoy our unique surroundings - filled with colour, the hope of discovery, the chance of riches. Founded by human perseverance and indomitable personalities. Coober Pedy has outlived its wild-west culture to share its multicultural community with all visitors.

Situated between Adelaide and Alice Springs on the Stuart Highway, Coober Pedy is a renowned opal mining town, steeped in mineral wealth and local history. Opal was first discovered in 1915, followed by an influx of prospectors from all around the world, and the multicultural community of 40 nationalities vou find today.

The town currently has more than 20 Opal Stores with opal displays rivaling any Opal town in the World! Museums & tours throughout the area show the incredible beauty and variety of opal to be found, mining history & modern mining machinery.

View underground churches, sculptured from the beautiful sandstone, picturesque landscapes, and horizons as far as the eye can see.

Where better to escape the heat and dust than staying in underground accommodation, where the temperature is naturally cool and the peaceful ambience ensures a good night's sleep.

It's a tourism experience you can't have anywhere else in the world - you will want to stay more than one night.

### ANNUAL **EVENTS**

#### APRIL

**Opal Symposium** www.opalsymposium.org

#### MAY

The Great Kanku- Breakaways Marathon & Fun Run

www.greatkanku-breakawaysmarathon.com.au

#### JUNE

**Coober Pedy Opal Festival** www.opalfestival.com.au

Visitor Information Centre Ph: 08 8672 4617 or download the Visitor Guide at www.cooberpedy.com

https://www.flipsnack.com/CPRBTA/ coober-pedy-visitor-guide/full-view.html

### **3 DAY** SUGGESTED ITINERARY

#### **DAY 1 Get Outback**

- Breakfast at the Breakaways
- Moon Plain & Dog Fence
- Sunset and a show at the Bia Winch

#### DAY 2 Get Underground

- Explore Underground opal mines, churches, shops, dining, homes
- Tours available

#### DAY 3 Opal Capital

- Browse the opal shops
- Go noodling by day or night
- Unearth a Gem!



The Breakaways

**ANCIENT HISTORY** Around 150 million years ago the area that is now Coober Pedy's opal fields, was an inland sea. Over millennia the sea water receded, and the lowering of the underground water. Silica solutions trapped in the cavities and faults in the underground became the opals found here today.

**ABORIGINAL HISTORY** Over ten of thousands of years, the Indigenous of the region the Anangu, called Antakirinya, Matu-Yankunytjatjara, Arabana or Kokatha walk this desert environment. They were nomadic hunter gatherers, travelling in search of food and water supplies and for their important traditional ceremonies. The present day name of Coober Pedy is named "Umoona" in their language, meaning 'long life'. This is also the name used for a common tree in the region, the mulga tree.

**RECENT HISTORY** The first European explorer to visit the area was John McDouall Stuart in 1858. It wasn't until 1915 that opal was first discovered by 14 year old Will Hutchison, while with his fathers gold prospecting party.

Until 1920 is was called Stuart Range Opal Field when a new name was decided on so a post office could be established. Stuart Range was deemed unsuitable as it was too similar to Stewart Range in Western Australia. The new name was established by the Progress Committee, made up of local miners and Coober Pedy was chosen. The term is an Aboriginal term - Kupa Piti, meaning "white man in a hole" derived from Anangu words.

Shafts were dug originally by hand with basic tools like pick and shovels and hand windlass and bucket.

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### COOBER PEDY'S -HIDDEN GEM

#### Umoona Opal Mine and Museum

provides an award-winning tourist attraction in Coober Pedy, South Australia - the opal capital of the world. The largest



underground complex in town, Umoona Opal Mine provides the complete tourism package providing a unique and informative experience for visitors of all ages. Located on Coober Pedy's main road, Umoona is 850 kilometres north of Adelaide and 680 kilometres south of Alice Springs, making it ideally situated for outback tour stopovers. Indeed, for many thousands of tourists each year, Umoona Mine and Museum is the focus of their stay in Coober Pedy. Umoona is a member of the Jewellers Association of Australia, the Opal Association of Australia, and the South Australian Tourism Commission (SATC).

Providing excellent quality products and facilities, multilingual staff, and exceptional levels of customer service, Umoona Mine strives to maintain its position as the number one tourist attraction in Coober Pedy and reputation as a must-see destination in South Australia.

Open 365 days a year, from 8am until 6pm, we provide mine tours three times a day, at 10am, 2pm, and 4-m. If you are lucky enough, you may even spot the "Bomb Kings", from the famous Opal Hunters TV series, who are regular guests and friends of Umoona Opal Mine and Museum.

This is the perfect tour for those visiting Coober Pedy with time limitations. We pack a lot into this 1.5-hour tour, which consists of:

- an 18-minute award-winning documentary experience in our underground cinema
- A guided tour through our hand-dug and modern dugouts, showcasing underground living
- A guided tour down into an original opal mine, displaying a genuine opal seam
- Complimentary tea and coffee, while browsing our stunning opal jewellery and opalised fossils.

**OUTBACK BAR & GRILL:** Being a locals favourite place for breakfast, lunch and dinner you know you are going to have a good experience. With easy to 'grab and go' options you can enjoy their fresh made takeaways while touring the region. If you have the time enjoy the option of sitting back, relaxed with the big screen TV in the airconditioned restaurant or head to the outdoor courtyard & beer garden. With a wonderfully varied menu your whole family with be happy with the pub classics, daily specials, vegetarian options and meats on the char-grill. Known for great coffee and friendly service, you will enjoy this eatery anytime of day.



# DISCOVER COOBER PEDY

Opal Capital • The Breakaways Get Underground • Tours & Museums



# A tourism experience like no other

Visit the Opal Capital on the Stuart Highway - 852 kms north of Adelaide, 700 kms south of Alice Springs. Stay underground or in a range of accommodation ranging from backpackers to four star including caravan parks, motels and hotels. Visit underground opal mines, museums and churches and dine at Coober Pedy's excellent eateries.

Coober Pedy Visitor Information Centre Phone (08) 8672 4617

### www.cooberpedy.com





#### TRY YOUR LUCK FREE NOODLING

Noodling is the process where you can search through mounds of mullock for pieces of opal often missed by miners. Locals have made a living out of it and it is popular with visitors. Search around town and most stores have small noodling pits for you to try your luck! You may find a special gem or even a small keepsake of your time in Coober Pedy.



The **OLD TIMERS MINE** is a unique experience the whole family will enjoy. Take the Self Guided tour at your own pace and time and explore an underground opal mine from 1916.

Wear a hard hat and see the natural seams of opal and fossils as you wander through one of the first working mines. Enjoy the museum full of the history of Coober Pedy and the hard times of early mining and living. Discover the original underground home from the 1960's with rooms set just as they were in those bygone days.

With a huge range of assorted opals on show, from colourful uncut stones to pieces made into stunning jewellery, you will find something to match your taste and budget. With souvenirs for memory keep sakes, The Old Timers Mine is a must do in Coober Pedy.

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#### **TYPES OF OPAL**



#### **GREY/WHITE/MILKY OPAL**

Found in Coober Pedy. Mintabie. Andamooka. White Cliffs. The base colour is light, white or a greyish colour. Considered the lowest grade of the Precious Opal.



#### **CRYSTAL OPAL**

Found in the SA Opal Fields. The base colour is transparent or very translucent. The quality and value increases as the range, brightness, and size of the colour play inside the stone improves.



#### **BLACK OPAL**

Predominantly Lightning Ridge in NSW. The body colouring is a smoky to very dark grey, to black. The darker, the higher the value.



#### **BOULDER OPAL**

Found in the inland QLD Fields. Layers of Opal are naturally formed in narrow cavities in ironstone - often giving the opal an uneven surface, or a mix of opal and ironstone on the surface.

The OASIS TOURIST PARK is a dog friendly caravan park is situated across the road from the famous Coober Pedy Drive In and is a quiet, friendly park for you to base yourself in to enjoy all the regions highlights.

With a great variety of accommodation options from unpowered & powered sites, some with water connections and comfortable cabins available as well. There is also a disabled amenities room available, camp kitchen, and gas BBQ areas for use. With a refreshing swimming pool, a great games room and big TV with Foxtel and free wi fi both you and the kids are well catered for. An onsite dump point & laundry all make this Park an easy convenient and comfortable 'must stay'.



#### THE BREAKAWAYS

Kanku - Breakaways Conversation Park

Only 32 kms north of Coober Pedy the turn off to the Kanku - Breakaways Conversation Park takes you along a formed dirt road to the registered and owned aboriginal heritage site. They consist of colourful low hills that have 'broken away' from the Stuart Range, hence their name The Breakaways.

With 2 lookout points to enjoy, these highlight the large open spaces and colourful hills that once had was a vast inland sea. With fascinating formations such as Papa Kutjara in the east, these and other parts of this region has been used by many blockbuster films, TV advertising, including Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome and Ground Zero. This is a photographers delight at any time of day and especially at sunset.

The 70km round trip taking you east along the hills and famous 2m high Dog Fence - a 5.300 wire barrier that stretches along 3 states protecting the sheep country in the south from the native dingo - offers a desert like 'moonscape', nicknamed the 'moon plain'.

Permits are required. Purchase these at the Visitor information Centre or the Underground Bookstore. \$10 per vehicle or \$8 consession

For the 'must do' in Coober Pedy the OASIS TOWN & MINE TOURS or the SUNSET BREAKAWAYS TOURS run daily. Taking around 3 hours with a a great variety of points of interest, including underground homes, churches, museums, you also get to fossick for your own Opal. Enjoy an award winning documentary in an underground theatre followed by refreshments. The breathtaking Breakaways Sunset Tour will include the Moon Plains, famous Dog Fence and Mica Fields, all while giving you plenty of time for your photo opportunity of places you will want never to forget. Served with warm muffins and tea and coffee the sun setting over the Breakaways will be a memory you will always cherish.



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### **CURTIN SPRINGS**

Mount Conner, located on the private property of Curtin Springs Station, reaches 859 metres (2,818 ft) high above sea level or 344m above the surrounding plains. It is a distinctive flat-topped sandstone mesa. It is often confused with another famous 'rock'.

You can only access Mt Conner by joining a tour or a Curtin Springs Walk. Ask at Curtin Springs Wayside Inn for further details.

Mt Conner

### CURTIN SPRINGS PAPER TOUR

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### Curtin Springs Wayside Inn

Your perfect base to visit the Ayers Rock and Kings Canyon regions. A wide range of accommodation, powered sites and free unpowered sites, home-style meals and bar.

### **Curtin Springs Paper**

Curtin Springs makes handmade paper from the native grasses found on Curtin Springs Station. A distinctive and beautiful souvenir of Central Australia. Join a 1 hour tour 10.30am and 4pm.



#### WHAT IS A WAYSIDE INN?

In early days pastoral cattle stations were called upon to provide services for an increasing number of tourist. From this grew 'Wayside Inns'. They were created, providing structured support and a range of services to the travelling public. They had to offer their services 365 days a year and could be open 24 hours a day. As visitor numbers increase further roadhouses were created with more emphasis on fuel but usually shorter open hours. Wayside Inns provide an iconic experience for in the NT, where visitors get to spend time with the 'locals'.



Central Australia has a long, proud and strong pastoral industry. The land you will drive through you your visit is predominately privately owned and under production and was settled by very early explorers, challenged by the extreme environment. Curtin Springs Station is no exception.

"Not long after we arrived in 1956, the heavens opened up and it rained 1 inch. Then it didn't rain again for 9 years!" Peter Severin. Peter & Dawn with their toddler son Ash arrived in Curtin Springs with 1500 cattle. Their home for the first three hard years was under the Bough Shed. In the late fifties the first tourism pioneers began a new industry. Dawn saw the opportunity to diversify and supply scones and tea. With an increase in tours to 2 a week in 1964 the draw of Central Australia still pulls visitors to this rugged outback.

Curtin Springs stands as testament to the commitment made by the Severin family to both the pastoral and tourism industries. It takes a lot of hard work, heartache, tears and joy to live and grow a station from 320,000acres (500sq miles) to 1,028,000 acres (1600 miles) and to develop an iconic, award winning tourism business. They encourage visitors to glimpse what it takes to live in such a remote area, to raise and family and run a business here.

#### WHAT PLANT IS THAT?

Parakeelya is a succulent plant and with the right rainfall can grow all year round in Central Australia. Due to the high quality of feed this plant offers, when the seasons are right, once every 7-10 years, cattle can go without needing to drink water, for much longer periods.







### WATARRKA NATIONAL PARK/ KINGS CANYON

Explore Watarrka National Park/Kings Canyon at the end of the Gorge Gill Range with its majestic rocky cliff tops and winding quiet roads. See the magnificent views from the Rim Walk, rest at a waterhole, and enjoy a sunset or sunrise to remember.

Watarrka National Park/Kings Canyon

Watarrka National Park/Kinas Canvon

These ancient red canyon walls soar 100m above Kings Creek to a plateau of rocky domes. The rock holes and gorges are an important refuge for many plants and animals. The sheltered environment below in the creek bed has a great range of flora including the MacDonnell Ranges Cycad.

**THE KINGS CREEK WALK** (2.6 km, one hour return) – Suitable for families and wheelchair access for the first 700 meters, this gentle slope of the track meanders up Kings Creek.

**THE KINGS CANYON RIM WALK** (6 km loop, 3-4 hours) - Suitable for fit and experienced walkers. The first steep climb is worth taking your time with as it offers spectacular views from the Canyon rim and features the 'Lost City' and the lush vegetation of the 'Garden of Eden'.

**SOUTH WALL RETURN WALK** (4.8 km, 2 hours return) - Suitable for fit and experienced walkers. Starting with a steep climb up the southern rim of Kings Canyon this walk offers stunning views of the Park's geological features.

\*Check with your accommodation outlet the gate closing times for these walks as they can close early in the day when temperatures are forecast of 36°C (97°F).

Tours began in late 1961 thanks to the pioneering family of Jack Cotterill and his sons John and Jim who set up their new place of Wallara Ranch approximately 110km (70 miles) from the Canyon which continued running until the late 1980s. ]Today this region offers a few accomodation options as there is no camping allowed in the National Park. *www.nt.gov.au/parks*  ULU<u>R</u>U KATA TJU<u>T</u>A NATIONAL PARK

It's an experience that will stay with you for a life time, and guarantee treasured memories. The sheer red rock, its massive presence in the World Heritage National Park will wow your senses. Allow time to absorb the sight upon your arrival, explore specific viewing areas at both sunrise and sunset to admire the vibrant changing colours; it's unforgettable.

**EXPLORER'S HISTORY & DISCOVERY** Although explore Ernest Giles was the first explorer to identify Ayers Rock/Ulu<u>r</u>u, it was William Christie Gosse who first climbed the rock in 1873. With 8 months supplies on camel trains, aided by Afghan cameleers, and a 3 month trek from Alice Springs, Gosse named the Rock after Sir Henry Ayers who later became Premier of South Australia. Gosse also explored nearby Kata Tju<u>t</u>a and named them "The Olgas" after Queen Olga of Wurtemberg.

A MORE RECENT HISTORY In the 1930s, the first flights and motor vehicles made it to Ulu<u>r</u>u, but it wasn't until the late 1940s that the first graded road linked Ulu<u>r</u>u to Alice Springs. Tourism was encouraged when Len Tuit, an Alice Springs local, began to run tours, camping at the base of the Rock, and near the Ulu<u>r</u>u climb. In 1958 records show 2,296 people travelled to Ulu<u>r</u>u; in recent years this has risen to more than 300,000 visitors a year.

During the 1970s, the Aboriginal Land Council negotiated with authorities on the site for a new town - now called Yulara. By 1980 improved road access and an airport meant more tourists were able to visit the Rock and the Olgas; basic motel accommodation was available with Ayers Rock Campground opening in 1983.

In 1985, the Commonwealth Government handed back the Ayers Rock (Ulu<u>r</u>u) National Park to Traditional Aboriginal Owners. By 2016 the Tjintu Solar Field was completed - it produces over 15% of the average power supply to Yulara Resort.

Ulu<u>r</u>u Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park





#### Ulu<u>r</u>u Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park

The **ANANGU PEOPLE** are the Traditional Owners of Uluru/Kata Tjuta; they welcome everyone to their country. This National Park represents the beating heart of our nation! Located near the centre of the Australian continent, the sacred rock formations of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, are a significant distance away for most visitors; but the moment you first set eyes upon Uluru, you will know that every step of that journey was well worth it! As you settle into your accommodation, plan to make the most of your 3 day park entrance pass so you can participate in the variety of experiences on offer.

The Yankunytjatjara and Pitjantjatjara people, the traditional landowners of Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park welcome you to their lands. The local people call themselves A<u>n</u>angu and ask you do use that word too. They welcome you and are proud to share their land and culture with you.

#### TJUKURPA - "our law, stories and spirituality"

This is the foundation of the A<u>n</u>angu Culture and has a complex and deep meaning that links A<u>n</u>angu to the environment and their ancestors.

Covering from the beginning of time Tjukurpa stories contain important stories of how to survivor the desert and rules for appropriate behaviour. They are also used like maps, showing important places and how to travel from place to place, where food and water can be found. These are never written down but passed on to the right people like an inheritance. The understanding and depth of these stories increases throughout a person's life. It tells the traditional law on how to care for each other and their land. It tells the relationship between people, plants, animals and the features of the land.

	ANANGU WO	DRDS
A <u>N</u> ANGU WORD	TRY TO SAY THE WORDS!	WORD MEANING
Ulu <u>r</u> u	ool-or-roo	Uluru is a name like Darwin, Sydney, London. No literal translation applies
Kata Tju <u>t</u> a	catta-jew-tah	Many heads
A <u>n</u> angu	arn-ung-oo	Aboriginal people of the Western Desert
Palya	pahl-yah	Hello/goodbye/thankyou/welcome
Tjukurpa	chook-orr-pa	Creation time, law, way of life, story
Карі	kah-pee	Water
Waru	wah-roo	Fire

Ulu<u>r</u>u/Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park

Maraku Arts

**KATA TJUTA** Kata Tju<u>t</u>a means "many heads" in Pitjantjatjara - one of several local languages used in the Park and it is made up of 36 domes spread over 20 square kilometres, and higher than Ulu<u>r</u>u at 546 metres. Known also as The Olgas, Kata Tju<u>t</u>a offers wonderful walks like Walpa Gorge, the Valley of the Winds and viewing areas that are not to be missed.

To support the local community and deepen your understanding of Ulu<u>r</u>u-Kata Tju<u>t</u>a National Park start your trip with a visit to the Cultural Centre.

Learn about  $A\underline{n}angu$  culture and the park's natural environment through exhibits and free presentations with  $A\underline{n}angu$  and park rangers.

There are also displays, a visitor information desk, Aboriginal art galleries and several community-owned shops and facilities.

The Cultural Centre buildings represent the two ancestral snakes that battled at Mutitjulu Waterhole and helped create Ulu<u>r</u>u: Kuniya, the woma python woman, and Liru, the poisonous brown snake man.

Artists from Mutitjulu community worked on the paintings, ceramics, glass, wood and audiovisual displays.

To make the most of your visit allow at least two hours to fully explore and appreciate the Cultural Centre, located at the base of  $Ulu\underline{r}u$ .

Learning Dot painting



### AYERS ROCK **RESORT IN** ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Maraku Arts

**RESORT INFORMATION -** From Cultural tours and stargazing, to a sunset camel ride or reptile show, there is something to intrigue, entertain and fascinate all who immerse themselves in the beauty of this region.

ACCOMMODATION - Whilst Uluru Kata Tiuta National Park is located in Central Australian desert country, there is a veritable oasis of accommodation options at Avers Rock Resort, everything from five star motel suites to campgrounds. Wherever you choose to stay, please don't miss the opportunity to view the magnificent night sky lit up by thousands of stars before retiring for the night.

**DINING** - Avers Rock Resort boasts a wide range of dining opportunities. from a poolside cafe through to fine dining restaurants. If staving in any of the motels, meals can be charged back to your room from any of the restaurants. Enjoy the opportunity to indulge in menus which include the tastes and textures of local bush tucker.

SERVICES AND FACILITIES - Newsagency, Post Office, banking, souvenir and art shops, an IGA Supermarket and even a hair salon are all conveniently located at the Ayers Rock Resort Town Square.

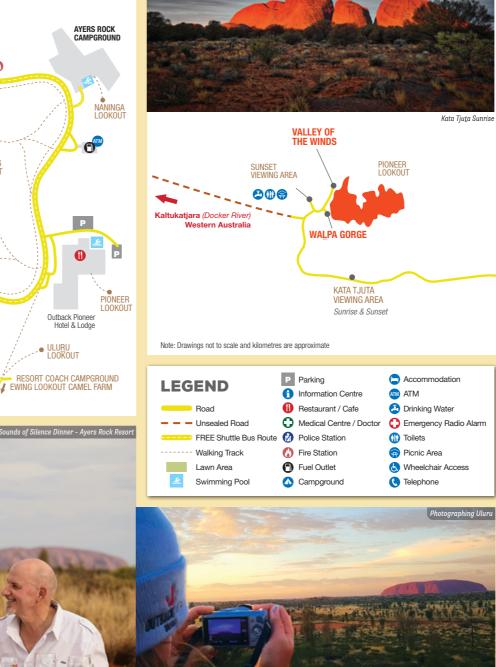
TOUR AND INFORMATION CENTRE - You can use the free hop on/hop off shuttle bus service available to help you get around the Resort. Avers Rock Autos/Repairs can assist with any mechanical issues and a first aid medical service is available at the Resort. There isn't a pharmacy onsite, but the Supermarket sells basic medical supplies.

FREE ACTIVITIES - There are a number of family friendly daily free activities at Avers Rock Resort, including bush tucker tours: visit the Wintiiri Arts & Museum for a guided tour, or to enjoy watching artists at work, creating their stunning traditional designs: attend a Bush Yarn at the Circle of Sand to learn about ancient traditions of desert life, including the hunting weapons and methods of harvesting various bush tucker plants. You can also explore the wonderful grounds of the Desert Gardens Hotel, a beautiful example of outback landscaping. A playground and giant chessboard are located in the Avers Rock Campground.

Uluru Kata Tjuta National Park







# ULURU KATA TJUTA **NATIONAL PARK**



NATIONAL PARK **OPENING HOURS** MONTH Dec / Jan / Feb

air Access	March	5.30am
ie	April	5.30am
	Мау	6.00am
Photographing Uluru	June/July	6.30am
	Aug	6.00am
	Sept	5.30am
	Oct	5.00am
	Nov	5.00am
NWA TANY	Cultural Centre	7.00am
	Information Centre	8.00am
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#### and always ensure you respect and care for the places you travel through. It is either a stations back yard, Aboriginal Land or National Park. Pick up all rubbish. If there are no bins available take your rubbish back to the Resort for disposal.

 If there is a gate and it is closed - keep it closed. unless you have permission to enter.

LOVE

OUR

LAND

Enjoy the natural beauty

· Leave only footprints behind.

Uluru Kata Tiuta National

Park closes overnight.

• Do not drive or camp in undesignated areas.

rk closes overnight. Avers Rock Resort has camping as there is NO CAMPING in the National Park.

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### **ATTRACTIONS TOURS & ADVENTURES**

- S18 Ŷ Alice Springs Desert Park G15 2 **Alice Springs Reptile Centre** L5 3 Alice Springs School of the Air M15 4 Araluen Arts Centre M15 Museum of Central Australia & Strehlow Research Centre 5 D14 6 Megafauna Central
- G15 🙀 National Pioneer Womens Hall of Fame & Old Gaol

#### ACCOMMODATION

F20	1	Desert Palms Alice Springs
F16	2	Diplomat Motel
G15	3	Elkira Motel
G23	4	Crowne Plaza Alice Springs & Lasseters Hotel Casino
121	15	Swagmans Rest Apartments
17	16	Wintersun Cabin & Caravan Park
M14	17	Alice Springs Tourist Park

#### **DINING CAFES & TAKEAWAY**

D18 Bean Tree Cafe G15 2 Cycad's Restaurant F16 3 Monte's Lounge G23 4 Goat & Bucket Restaurant K19 Gillen Club 6 G23 6 Tali Restaurant **Uncles** Tavern F15 J24 8 **Gapview Hotel** Zaara's 122

#### ART, CULTURE & MUSEUMS

- F15 1 Yubu Napa Art Gallery & Gift Shop
- J15 12 Tjanpi Desert Weavers

#### **SHOPPING & SERVICES**

B12 1 IGA - Eastside N18 2 IGA - Flynn Drive 18 3 IGA - Northside J14 4 **Desert Dwellers** G23 5 Lavish 122 6 **Piggly's Supermarket** 

#### VEHICLE HIRE & AUTO SERVICES

113	1	Bosch Service Centre, Hertz
115	2	Outback Batteries
114	3	P&V Panel Works
J13	4	WB Windscreens
H11	5	Autofit 88

#### ALICE SPRINGS HISTORY WALK

1	Hartley Street School	11:
2	Adelaide House and the John Flynn Memorial Church	G
3	Pioneer YHA Hostel	D
4	Wills Terrace Foot Bridge	C
5	Wilkinson Memorial	E2
6	Totem Theatre	C
7	Site of Myrtle Villa	н
8	Catholic Church Precinct	D
9	ANZAC Memorial	P2
10	Central Australian Pioneers Memorial	0
1	Railway Houses	P
12	Old Post Office	0
13	The Postmaster's Residence	0
14	Stuart Town Gaol	K
15	Old Court House	11
16	The Residency	19
17	Lizzie Milnes Well	М
18	Tuncks Store	J1
19	86 Hartley Street	J2
20	Les Hansen House	M
21	Old Alice Springs Gaol	P2
22	Royal Flying Doctor Service Base	М
23	Stuart Memorial	124
24	Former CWA Buildings	F2

### ATTRACTION TOURS & ADVENTURES

*	Alice Springs Reptile Centre	N24
2	Megafauna Central	L6
3	National Pioneer Womens Hall of Fame & Old Gaol	o26

### VEHICLE HIRE & AUTO SERVICES

Central Car Rentals



1 Yubu Napa Art Gallery & Gift Shop

2 Elkira Motel

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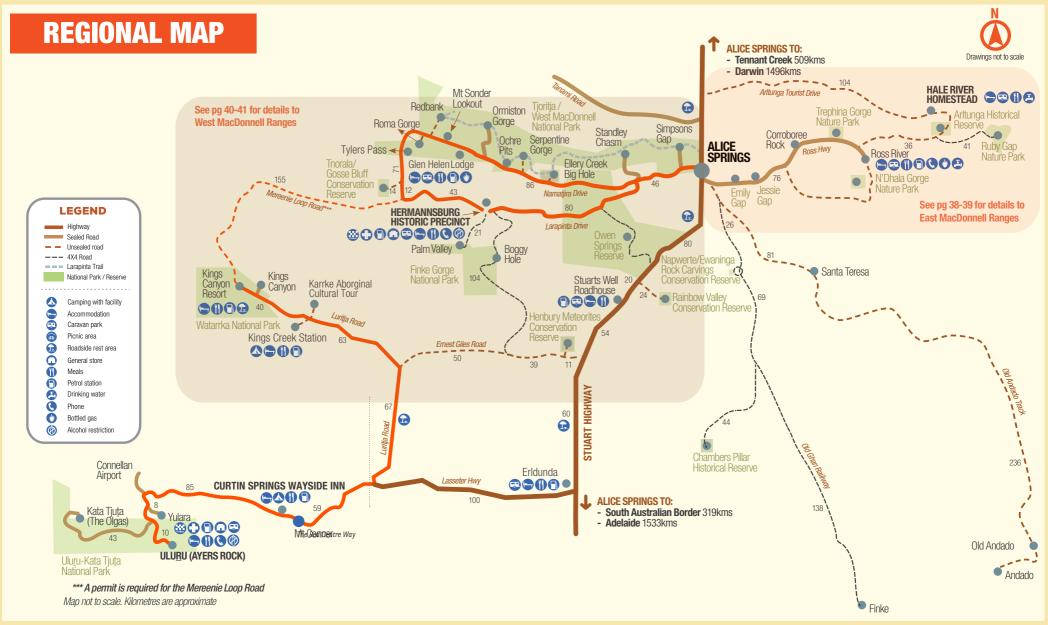
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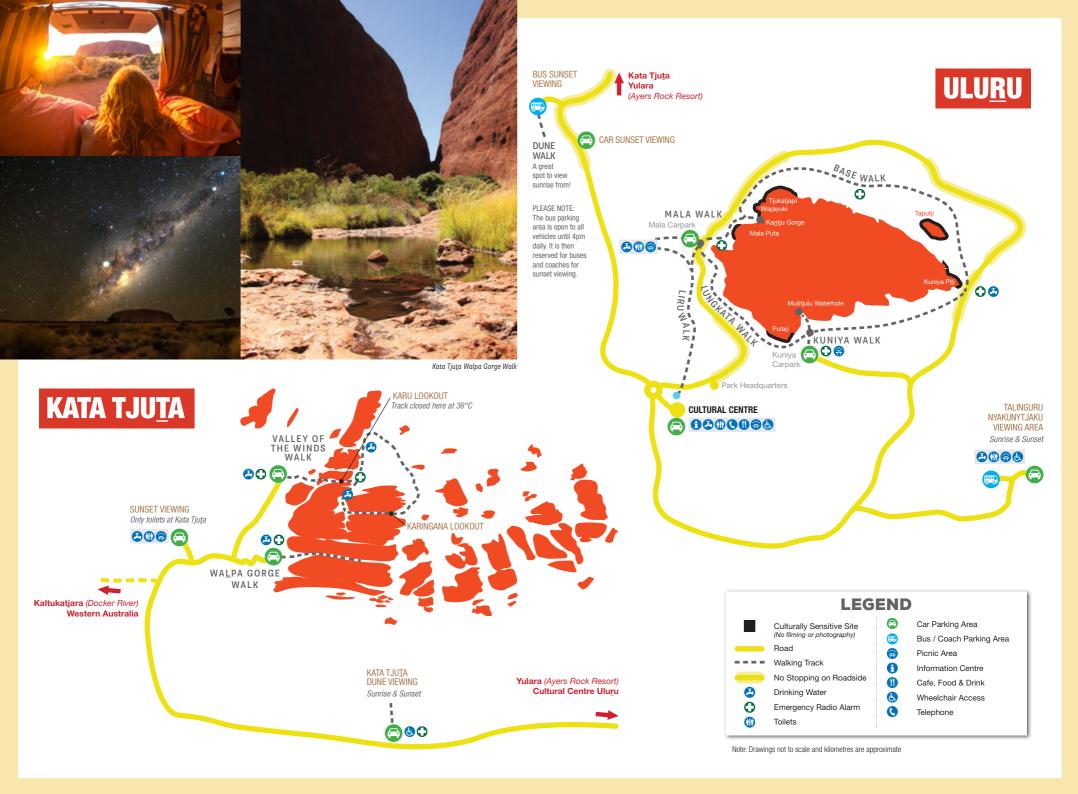
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