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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 Uluru Kata Tjuta 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.

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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.

ALICE SPRINGS VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

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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 Arrernte 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 Arrernte 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.

As a visitor, it's good to try a few words in the local language.

ARRERNTE WORDS

ARRERNTE WORD	TRY TO SAY THE WORDS!	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
Taye	*tire*	Moon

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 - A festival in light

"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".

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 eye 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

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Alice Springs Hospital 8951 7777
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Road Conditions 1800 246 199
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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

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

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 Uluṟu. 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.

National Road Transport Hall of Fame

- Historic Trucks & Military Vehicles
- Kenworth Museum
- Shell Rimula Wall of Fame

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Old Ghan Museum

- Station at the MacDonnell Siding
- Restored Locomotives & Carriages
- Souvenir Shop
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***Entry Fee Applies**

ALICE SPRINGS HISTORY WALK

NATIONAL TRUST

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.

1. **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**

2. **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**

3. **Pioneer YHA Hostel i**s 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.

4. **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**

5. **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**

6. **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.

7. **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**

8. **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**

9. **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**

10. **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**

11. **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**

12. **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**

13. **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**

14. **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**

15. **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**

16. **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**

17. **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.

18. **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**

19. **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**

20. **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. N**ot open to the public**

21. **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**

22. **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**

23. **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**

24. **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**

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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!

Bike Path, Alice Springs Desert Park

DAY 1

- Visitor Information Centre
- History Walk
- Dining options

DAY 2

- Alice Springs Desert Park
- Pyndan Camel Tracks Sunset Tour

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 Hole
- Standley Chasm
- Simpsons Gap

DAY 5

- Yubu Napa Art Gallery
- Tjanpi Desert Weavers
- Megafauna Central

DAY 6

- Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre
- Alice Springs Reptile Centre
- National Pioneer Womens Hall of Fame & Old Gaol

DAY 7

- East MacDonnell Ranges
- Day trip or overnight
- Yeperenye/Emily & Jesse Gaps
- Coroboree Rock
- Arltunga Historic Reserve
- Hale River Homestead

DAY 8

Day trip South

- Rainbow Valley
- Ewaninga Historic Reserve

DAY 9

- Easy day - late brunch, poolside relax
- Shopping / Souvenirs
- Dining options

DAY 10

- Family Day Walking or Bike Trails
- Homemade crafts/souvenirs
- Anzac Hill Lookout

DAY 11

North to Aileron

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

DAY 12

South

- Owen Springs Reserve
- Henbury Meteorites Conservation Reserve

DAY 13

South West

- Hermannsburg Historic Precinct
- Palm Valley

DAY 14

South East

- Chamber Pillar overnight camping

Mt Gillen Sunset (top); Pyndan Camel Tracks (bottom)

Standley Chasm/ Angkerle Atwatye

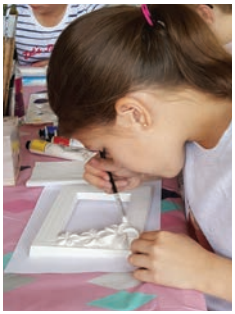
FAMILIES TRAVELLING

When you are travelling as a family throughout The Red Centre, release some of the kids energy with the many stunning walking and bike trails or ask at the local Visitor Information Centre for any free activities and specials deals on offer.

Battery Hill Gold Mining Centre, Tennant Creek

Alice Springs offers many family friendly options. Get up close and personal with a tour at the Alice Springs Reptile Centre, see how kids in the outback do their education at the Alice Springs School of the Air Visitor Centre. Both venues offer a fun and informative visit, just don't let on it could also be educational!

Alice Springs School of the Air



MeeMa's Lolly & Craft Shop

The Alice Springs Desert Park offers a day full of walks and exhibitions with daily Bird shows. If at any age you have any special mobility needs check with the venues as they are always happy to assist. The Megafauna Central in the Todd Mall has free entry it's a great option to value add to your experience. For the creative type at MeeMas' Kitchen, Lolly & Craft Shop make your own souvenir of The Red Centre with plaster craft fun and a huge option of casts to choose from.

If you are visiting the Tennant Creek, the Gold Mine Tours at Battery Hill Mining Centre are worth booking or enjoy a picnic at Lake Maryann.

Coober Pedy offers free noodling where the chance of find real opal is real! The Playground on the entrance from the Stuart Highway is a favourite with many travellers offering a skate park and other facilities.

While in Yulara in the Uluṟu Kata Tjuṯa National Park, make sure you ask about the range of free activities each day so check at the Resort Information Centre.

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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.

Bilby at Alice Springs Desert Park

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.

Dingo at Alice Springs Desert Park

Megafauna Central

THE ORIGINAL BIG BIRD

The largest flightless bird to ever walk the earth Standing 3 metres tall (10 feet) and weighed up to 500kg (half a ton), Dromornis stirtoni lived in Central Australia 8 million years ago.

Image by Dr Adam Yates ©MAGNT

MEGAFAUNA CENTRAL showcases the unique megafauna that would have roamed Central Australia up to 8 million years ago. Meet the world's largest bird, and a fearsome crocodile that would be more than a match for the biggest modern salty. Discover more fossils and maybe catch a glimpse of paleontologists at work in our lab. Augmented Reality coming in April.

Megafauna Central ALICE SPRINGS

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National Pioneer Womens Hall of Fame

Pyndan Camel Tracks

NATIONAL PIONEER WOMENS HALL OF FAME Step back in time at the National Pioneer Womens Hall of Fame, a wonderful museum honouring pioneering women including other collections and exhibitions. This is all within the Old Gaol, opened from 1938 to 1996. Allow 2+hours to see all the displays.

ALICE SPRINGS REPTILE CENTRE Back into the CBD and a visit to the Alice Springs is a must do with the region's largest reptile collection including Thorny Devils, pythons and Terry the Crocodile. Tours can offer hands on fun for everyone!

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.

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!

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!

ALICE SPRINGS TURF CLUB Located 5 minutes south of town, we have 33 race meetings per year so check our Facebook or website for our latest fun filled events. With picturesque views of the MacDonnell Ranges with undercover and A/C public areas enjoy full TAB facilities, cafe & Bars. Don't miss the Alice Springs Cup Carnival in April - May every year.

Araluen Cultural Precinct

ARALUEN CULTURAL PRECINCT

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.

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Outback Ballooning

OUTBACK ELITE TOURS Located in Alice Springs, Outback Elite Tours are an award-winning, fully accredited tour operator specialising in small group private chartered and personalised tours. We showcase all the wonder of the region and offer once in a lifetime Central Australian experiences. Visitors are awestruck by the iconic Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, amazed at the scenic landscapes of the West MacDonnell National Park and enthralled by the local flora, fauna and indigenous culture leaving them with a lasting impression for life time memories.

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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!

Territory Day Celebrations

Parrtjima - A Festival in Light

APRIL

5th- 14th (annual event)
Parrtjima - A Festival in Light
www.parrtjimaaustralia.com.au

6th-14th • **Alice Springs Heritage Festival**
www.facebook.com/events/2138557312846739

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

19-20th • **Aileron Easter Bush Weekend** • *www.aileronbushclub.com.au*

13th April - May 6th
Alice Springs Cup Carnival
alicespringsturfclub.org.au/25-cup-carnival

25th • **Anzac Day Dawn Service**

MAY

1st • **Rotary Club of Alice Springs Bang Tail Muster Parade**
alicespringsrotary.org/sitepage/bangtail-muster

Alice Springs Cup Carnival
Continues until 6th

4th-5th • **Blacken Open Air Festival**
www.facebook.com/BlackenOpenAir

AS Turf Club at Pioneer Park Racecourse

MAY cont.

12th • **Big Day Out in Harmony**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/2017-05-13/2017-big-day-out-harmony

16th - 19th • **NT Writers Festival**
www.ntwriters.com.au/festival/about

Wide Open Space Festival
Postponed until 2020
wideopenspace.net.au

25th • **Alice Springs Telegraph Station Open Day & Market**
alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/ 2019-05-25/alice-springs-telegraph-station-open-day-and-market

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

18th • **Alice Springs Autumn Fair**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/2019-05-18/steiner-fair

24th-26th • **West Macs Monster Trail Running Festival**
www.westmacsmonster.com.au

26th • **Pets on Parade**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/2019-05-26/2019-pets-parade

JUNE

7th - 10th • **Tatts Finke Desert Race**
www.finkedesertrace.com.au

28th Jun - 1st July
Alice Springs Beanie Festival

JULY

1st • **Territory Day Celebrations**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/2019-07-01/territory-day-alice-springs-community-celebration

5th - 6th • **Alice Springs Show**
www.alice-springs.com.au

21st • **AFL Round Melbourne Demons vs West Coast Eagles**
www.aflnt.com.au/competitions/afl-games

AUGUST

2nd - 6th • **70th Harts Range Bush Sports Weekend**
www.hartsrangeraces.org.au

9th - 11th • **Desert Smart Eco Fair**
www.alec.org.au/desertsmart_ecofair

10th • **Old Timers Fete**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/ 2019-08-10/old-timers-fete

Finke Desert Race

Alice Springs Beanie Festival

AUGUST cont.

17th • **Rotary Henley on Todd Regatta** • *henleyontodd.com.au*

30th Aug - 1st Sept • **Red CentreNATS**
www.redcentrenats.com.au

Red Centre NATS

30th Aug - 13th Oct
Alice Desert Festival • *desfest.com*

SEPTEMBER

4th -8th • **Red Centre Bird Festival**
www.alicespringsdesertpark.com.au/whats-on/red-centre-bird-festival

5th - 20th Oct • **Desert Mob Festival**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events

30th Aug - 13th Oct
Alice Desert Festival • *desfest.com*

OCTOBER

30th Aug - 13th Oct
Alice Desert Festival • *desfest.com*

5th Sept - 20th Oct • **Desert Mob 2019**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/2019-09-05/desert-mob-2019

26th • **Red Centre Splash**
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events/2019-10-26/red-centre-splash-2019

For all up to date information - go to the web links on our eBook:
www.discovercentralaustralia.com/events
www.alicesprings.nt.gov.au/events • www.redhotarts.com.au/events

Rotary Henley on Todd Regatta

Come and join in the fun at the worlds only dry river bed boating regatta!

2019 Rotary Henley on Todd Regatta
Saturday 17th August 2019

www.henleyontodd.com.au
Tickets on sale now via the website

Visit the Red Centre and see 6000 handmade beanies, 30 textile workshops, Indigenous culture, live entertainment and more. You can even volunteer! ***Can't be there?*** Become a beanie maker and send your creations in!

For more information
www.beaniefest.org
ALICE SPRINGS BEANIE FESTIVAL
Araluen Arts Centre
Alice Springs, NT
Friday 28 June to Monday 1 July

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.

Araluen Cultural Precinct

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!

Yubu Napa Art Gallery

HERMANNSBURG ART GALLERY

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

The Central Australian Aviation Museum

MUSEUM OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA In the heart of Alice Springs, the Museum of Central Australia charts the region's unique natural and geological history. See how the landscape and fauna have evolved from the big bang to the present day.

The current temporary exhibition, A Frontier Journey, is a collection of historic photographs taken between 1915 and 1918 by Otto Tschirn.

The Museum of Central Australia also houses the Strehlow Research Centre, one of Australia's most important collections relating Aboriginal ceremonial life. This collection is culturally restricted and not on open display.

MUSEUM OF CENTRAL AUSTRALIA & STREHLOW RESEARCH CENTRE

Museum of Central Australia

OPEN EVERY DAY: 10:00am - 4:00pm

Closed Good Friday and 25 Dec 2019 -5 Jan 2020

ADMISSION
Adults - $8 Children/Concession - $6
Children under 4 years - free
Family (2 adults, 3 children) - $20
NT residents - free

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Tjanpi Alice Springs Gallery

Margaret Poulson - Tjulpu Kutjara (left); Mary Pan and Pantjiti McKenzie collaborative works (right)

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.

SHOPPING & SERVICES

What a better place to get that special gift, unique souvenir or simply stock up your supplies for further exploring. With modern shopping options and services of big city relax and get some pampering, you are on holidays after all!

Araluen Cultural Precinct

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www.desertdwellers.com.au

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Offering a wide range of gifts and indigenous artworks, as well as an opportunity to meet the artists.

A: 65 Hartley Street, Alice Springs
P: 0450 894 142
E: gallery@yubunapa.com

www.yubunapa.com

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TODD MALL MARKETS

In the heart of the Alice Springs Central Business District, the Todd Mall Markets offer a great range of clothing, jewellery, hats, wellbeing products, local produce and honey, food and so much more! Discover an integral part of Alice Springs and her community.

Todd Mall Market dates for 2019 - from 9am to 1pm

- March 10
- March 24
- April 7
- April 21
- May 5
- May 19
- June 2
- June 16
- June 30
- July 7
- July 14
- July 21
- July 28
- August 11
- August 18
- August 25
- September 8
- September 15
- September 22
- October 6
- October 20
- November 3
- November 17
- December 1
- December 15

NIGHT MARKETS

- Thursday 6 June
- Thursday 29 August
- Thursday 26 September
- Thursday 24 October
- Thursday 14 November
- Friday 6 December *(Christmas Carnival)*

IGA SUPERMARKETS If you need to top up and stock up, then head to the one stop shop for fresh produce and groceries, conveniently open 7 days a week. Lhere Artepe IGA Supermarkets are locally owned and operated, with stores located at Northside, Eastside & Flynn Drive, all with large parking areas and are well stocked with weekly specials and friendly staff.

ACCOMMODATION

From 5 star luxury offering modern well appointed comforts to a sky full of stars to admire while camping in a swag, there is the right option for everyone to enjoy and make your stay one to remember. So unpack and make the most of your stay in the heart of The Centre.

Lasseters Pool Cafe

CROWNE PLAZA ALICE SPRINGS LASSETERS Lasseters is positioned 1.5km from the central business district, 18km from the airport and surrounded by tourist activities. The property features the region's largest range of dining and bars in one location, 4 ½ star accommodation, full health club and day spa facilities, meeting and conference services and a large selection of gaming options including electronic gaming and a boutique selection of Table Games.

This is luxury in the heart of Australia, boasting 205 modern rooms ranging from Standard through to Premium Suites. The Hotel also encompasses a heated resort pool with café for guests wanting to unwind and soak in the picture perfect surroundings.

Complimentary features of Crowne Plaza Alice Springs include: WiFi throughout the property, town & airport transfer options, bike hire, press reader facilities, electric car charging ports, access to computers and printing in the business centre and access for hotel guests to the VIP Gaming lounge.

Villa's Desert Palms Alice Springs

THE DIPLOMAT MOTEL Superbly located in the centre of town, the Diplomat Alice Springs provides the perfect place to relax and unwind with 81 rooms, an outdoor swimming pool, on-site restaurant and bar, guest laundry, tour desk and conference facilities.

ELKIRA MOTEL Stay at the conveniently located Elkira Motel for easy CBD access. Choose from Budget, Queen to Executive Spa rooms with WiFi available. All rooms are comfortably appointed. So settle in and relax by the pool before you start exploring the Red Centre. Located at 65 Bath Street, right opposite Kmart.

DESERT PALMS ALICE SPRINGS These self contained ensuite studio villas have all you need for your stay in the Red Centre. All set in an oasis of graceful palms and set around a crystal clear pool is your perfect base.

Styles to suit all single or family travellers this is a quiet and relaxing place to make the most of your business trip or holiday.

Being close to town you can stroll in for some shopping or adventuring and with the Golf Course as your neighbour and the Casino & restaurants just down the street, you know you're on holidays when you stay here!

THE SWAGMANS REST APARTMENTS
The Swagmans Rest Apartments are self-contained with air-conditioning, WiFi, Foxtel and secure parking. Whether you're a seasoned traveller, a family on holiday, in town for work or simply passing through, The Swagmans Rest is the place for you.

ALICE SPRINGS TOURIST PARK Beautifully shaded camping spots and well appointed cabins for your self contained option, the friendly staff will ensure your stay is a comfortable one. Attractions are at your doorstep and exploring the MacDonnell Ranges are only minutes away. Close to town, this is your perfect base for relaxing by the pool or utilising the handy kiosk. Pets are by appointment so call ahead first.

Peddle Go Karts - Big4 MacDonnell Ranges Tourist Park

BIG4 MACDONNELL RANGE HOLIDAY PARK This is your ideal location to base yourself to explore The Red Centre. Enjoy their warm outback hospitality while you explore all that the region has to offer; although you may never want to leave the park with all the first class facilities available - heated pools, waterslide, gymnasium, jumping pillows, go kart hire, camp kitchens and more. And don't forget the free nightly entertainment from April to September and best of all the free pancake breakfast every Sunday morning, all year round!

DINING, CAFES & TAKEAWAY

The variety and styles you will find the Alice Springs will amaze and delight your taste buds! From fine dining options to tasty takeaways and foods with bush tucker influences, this is not the place you will go hungry for choice. It's always good to book ahead so you don't miss out.

Cafe & Takeaway

1 Twenty Three Bar & Bites - Gapview Hotel

LASSETERS HOTEL CASINO Open 7 days for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Tali is Alice Springs premium fine dining Restaurant with an à la carte menu featuring modern Australian and French flavours. The restaurant delivers exceptional flavour with an extensive wine menu and a theatrical open plan kitchen.

The iconic Juicy Rump is the perfect destination to take family, friends or join workmates for a great meal from the grill or cold drink. Relax and unwind while taking in the view of the gorgeous MacDonnell Ranges from either our massive covered deck or beer garden.

The Goat and Bucket Steak house is a great location for a rendezvous with friends with the best grill menu in town.

Lasseters also encompasses Tempo wine and cocktail bar, for an intimate evening with friends, Casbah Café serving café style food for the main gaming area and poolside Splash café.

93 Barrett Drive Alice Springs | (08) 8950 7777 | @lassetersau

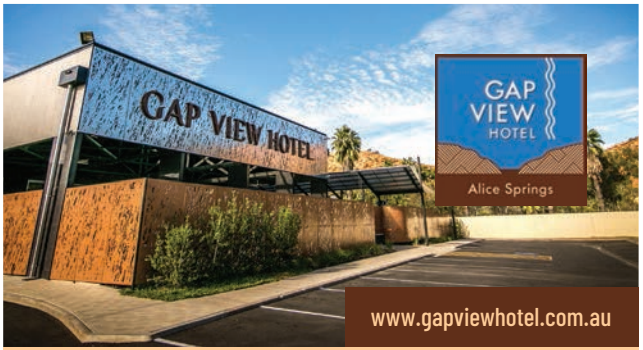
View menus & book at www.lasseters.com.au

TALI

à la carte menu featuring modern Australian and French flavours.

Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner 7 days

THE GAPVIEW HOTEL This is one of the most modern & innovative pubs in Alice Springs. If you are after a decent meal, catch some sport, a live band or just relax with a cold drink, the Gapview is the place to go. There is also a Campground with new amenities block with powered and unpowered sites.



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Family Friendly • Relax by the Pool • Regular Entertainment

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KUNGKAS CAN COOK Look for our new location cafe for a great range of all your favourites with a twist of bush food to add even more to each dish. We pride ourselves on quality fresh dishes and coffee made just how you like it. We mix current taste trends with ancient foods and flavours. Catering available with notice given.

CYCADS RESTAURANT Whether you are looking to enjoy a great meal out with your mates, or you just want to want to enjoy some light casual dining options, Cycad's Restaurant is the place to be. Our fully licensed establishment is part of Elkira Court Motel and we have a great range of seafood, steak and salad options to select from. Open Monday to Friday from 6pm

UNCLES TAVERN Uncles Tavern, the locals favourite, is located in the heart of Alice Springs offering live music, dinner specials, outdoor dining areas, pool tables and TV's for watching sports. Uncles is the perfect spot to relax with friends and family.

THE GILLEN CLUB Alice Springs premier club offers a high standard of customer service in a quality venue. A great Kids Area, Bar & Gaming and known around town for their great meal choices. Bring the family and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere and say hi to a friendly local.

Kungka's Can Cook

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Fri–Sat: 10am–2am

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Wed–Sat from 4.30pm
Sun from 2pm

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".

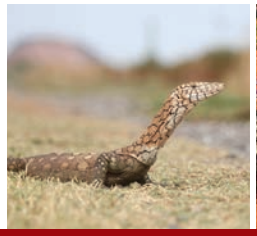
Wattle Seed Damper

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)

Quandong ; Perentie; Bush Tomato



THE MACDONNELL RANGES

These ancient rugged ranges showcase some of the most spectacular landscapes you 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***

RESPECT THE PARK RULES

- 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

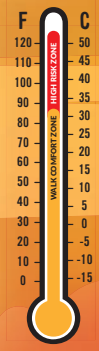
BEAT THE HEAT

Stay Cool, Stay Hydrated, Stay Alive!

Overheating can cause death

Walking in hot weather can result in heat exhaustion, which may progress to a potentially fatal heatstroke.

Don't ignore the early warning signs. If you feel unwell, stop. Rest in the shade and drink water.



Do the NT

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

nt.gov.au/beattheheat

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 you 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.

Contact the **Visitor Information Centre** for details **1800 645 199** or **Central Land Council (08) 8951 6211** or **permits@clc.org.au**

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May to August 2019

NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT

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

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.

Yeperenye/Emily Gap Nature Park

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

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.

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.

Redbank Gorge

Standley Chasm Angkerle Atwatye

THE RED CENTRE WAY

Ormiston Gorge

Check with Parks for park access and all the facts sheets you need for safe, informative and enriched touring. ***www.nt.gov.au/parks***

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.

Standley Chasm* is an Aboriginal cultural site that has a wheelchair friendly path to the stunning Chasm with other walks and assorted wildlife. The kiosk is well stocked and camping available*.

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*

Mount Sonder

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.

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. ***nt.gov.au/leisure/ recreation/bushwalking-hiking/larapinta-trail/ about-larapinta-trail***

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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.

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NORTH OF ALICE SPRINGS

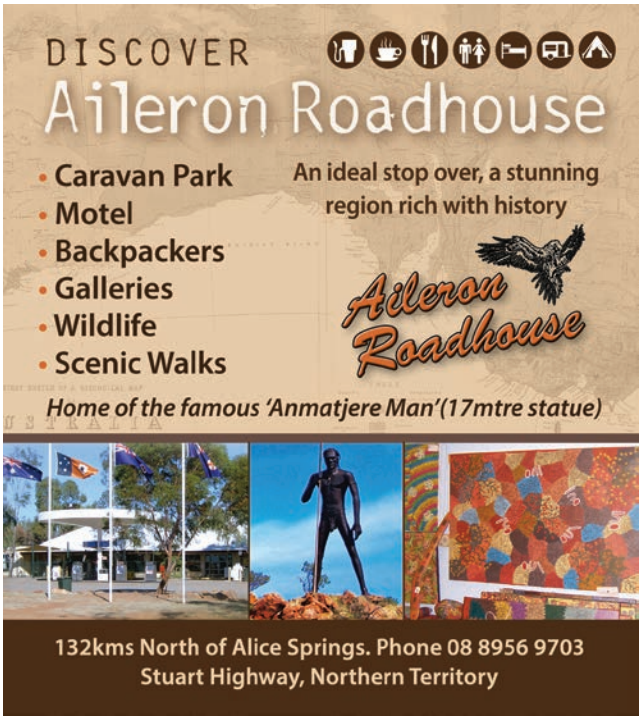
As you head north of Alice Springs you pass the Tropic of Capricorn and a whole new landscape and adventure begins.

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

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.



Barrow Creek Wagon Shed

Further along the Stuart Highway, also known as the Explorers Way, there are many sites of interest along the way. So take your time and explore the history of the region at places like Barrow Creek Telegraph Station.

THE IYTWELEPENTY / DAVENPORT RANGES NATIONAL PARK have a quiet beauty making them a relaxing and attractive place for intrepid tourists and local residents from Tennant Creek and Alice Springs who wish to get away from it all.

Located in the Davenport and Murchison Ranges within the Barkly Region the Park is an important refuge for fauna, especially water birds, due to an extensive network of waterholes. The Park also has a surprising number of fish species in the many permanent waterholes. The Davenport Ranges contain evidence of traditional occupation and 'Dreamtime' or creation stories remain strong among Aboriginal people here.

Basic camping facilities so be well prepared. Camp only in designated points. Wood BBQ / Pit Toilets. Fees apply.

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.

Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles

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.

DESERT HARMONY FESTIVAL

Join in five days of music, dance, art, film, food, theatre, workshops, sports and cultural activities at the Desert Harmony Festival, held in Tennant Creek every August. The program is a mix of locally produced work that showcases the immense talent in the Barkly region, community performances and travelling Australian productions that collaborate with local artists. Check the website or the Visitor Information Centre for more details.

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

2019 EVENTS

MARCH
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 8th

APRIL
ANZAC DAY 25th
YOUTH WEEK

MAY
TWO CUP RACE DAY

JUNE
ABC RACES 20th-23rd
Enjoy 4 days at Brunette Downs

JULY
TERRITORY DAY 1st
TENNANT CREEK SHOW 12th
All the excitement of an outback show
NAIDOC WEEK
Celebrate Aboriginal history, culture and achievements in the Barkly
WAUCHOPE VS THE WORLD CRICKET MATCH

AUGUST
DESERT HARMONY FESTIVAL 3rd-4th
3rd - Opera Australian Tour
4th - Enjoy a day of cultural activities
11th CAREERS EXPO

OCTOBER
BARKLY RODEO
BARKLY GOLD RUSH CAMPDRAFT

NOVEMBER
BATTERY HILL CHRISTMAS MARKETS
Head on up to Battery Hill to get into the festive spirit

DECEMBER
TENNANT CREEK CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS TREE – 85th Year

For further information and events contact Tennant Creek Visitor Information Centre
08 8962 1281

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)*

Day 3 cont.
- 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*

EXPLORE TENNANT CREEK & THE BARKLY REGION

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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 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

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 MacDouall 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-kar-wara) 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 Pillar

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2019 EVENTS

APRIL

20-21st	Coober Pedy Gem Trade Show

MAY

11-12th	Coober Pedy Golf Open

JUNE

1st	Great Kanku-Breakaways Marathon
21st-23rd	Coober Pedy Opal Festival

AUGUST

9-10th	Coober Pedy Races & Gymkhana

3 DAY SUGGESTED ITINERARY

DAY 1 Get Outback

- Breakfast at the Breakaways
- Moon Plain & Dog Fence
- Sunset and a show at the Big 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!

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 tens of thousands of years, Aboriginal people walked across this desert environment; nomadic hunter gatherers, they travelled in search of food and water, and for traditional ceremonies. They named present day Coober Pedy "Umoona", meaning "long life" - and the Mulga tree found here.

RECENT HISTORY The first European explorer to visit the area was John McDouall Stuart in 1858. Until 1920 it was called Stuart Range Opal Field. A new name was need and the Progress Committee made up of opal miners, chose the name Coober Pedy, an Aboriginal term (Kupa Piti) meaning "white man in a hole".

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
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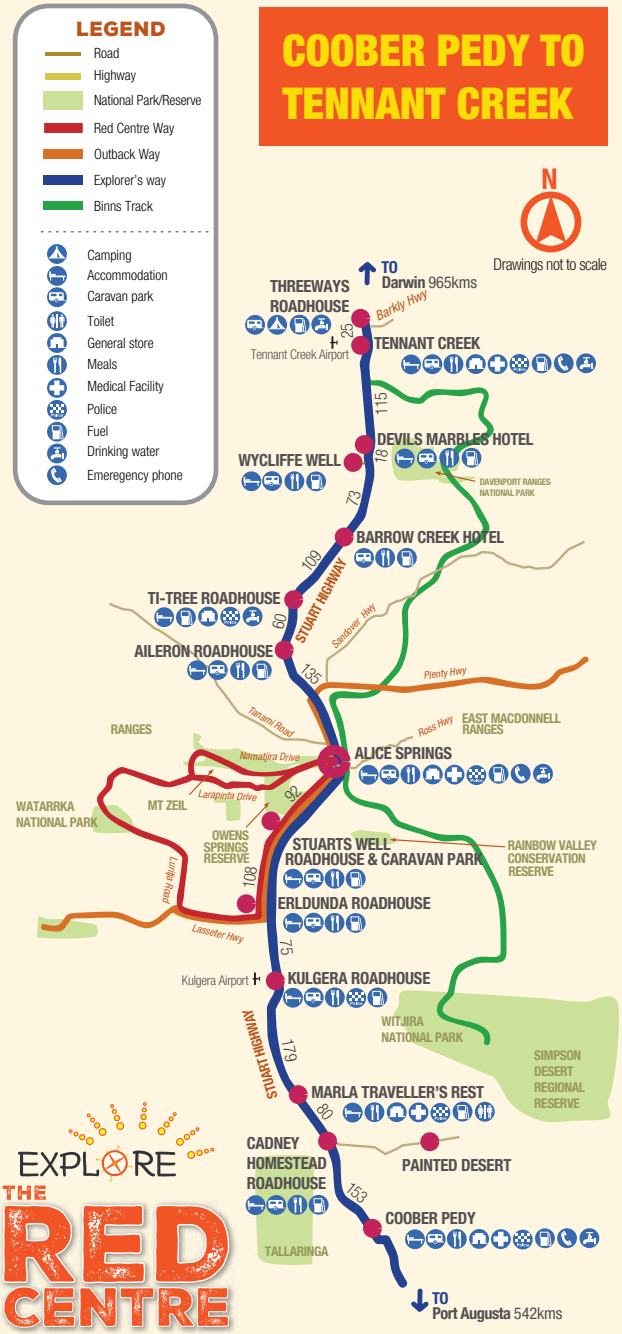

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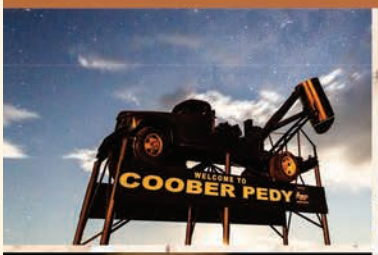

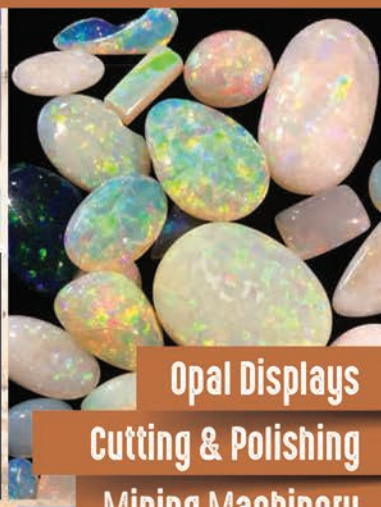

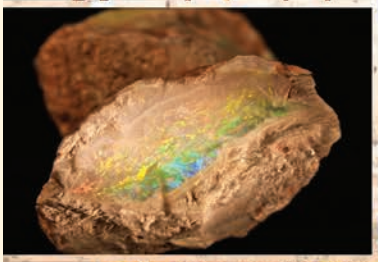

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CURTIN SPRINGS

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.

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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'.

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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.

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.

CURTIN SPRINGS WAYSIDE INN Peel back the layers and discover the unique experiences and hospitality. We offer a range of accommodation options, a campground with powered and unpowered sites, fuel, store, bar and restaurant. Base yourself here and visit the other attractions of Uluru and Kings Canyon.

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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

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***

Watarrka National Park/Kings Canyon

ULURU KATA TJUTA 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/Uluṟu, 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 Tjuṯa 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 Uluṟu, but it wasn't until the late 1940s that the first graded road linked Uluṟu 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 Uluṟu climb. In 1958 records show 2,296 people travelled to Uluṟu; 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 (Uluṟu) 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.

Uluṟu Kata Tjuṯa National Park

Uluru Camel Tours

Kata Tjuta 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.

Do I climb Uluru? Anangu ask that you refrain from climbing Uluru: as visitors to their land and out of respect for their Law and culture. Traditional Owners have a duty to safeguard all people who come to their country, and are extremely sad if anyone is killed or injured.

When is the climb closing? In a landmark decision the Traditional Owners and the Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park Board agreed that the climb will close 26th October 2019.

So much more to do! To help you to explore and get the most from your visit to this World Heritage site, enjoy one of the base walks around Uluru or join the daily walks conducted by experienced guides. There is much to learn and fascinating stories to hear. Explore the many options to make the most of your experience.

ANANGU WORDS

ANANGU WORD	TRY TO SAY THE WORDS!	WORD MEANING
Uluru	*ool-or-roo*	Uluru is a name like Darwin, Sydney, London. No literal translation applies
Kata Tjuta	*catta-jew-tah*	Many heads
Anangu	*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
Kapi	*kah-pee*	Water
Waru	*wah-roo*	Fire

KATA TJUTA Kata Tjuta 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 Uluru at 546 metres. Known also as The Olgas, Kata Tjuta offers wonderful walks like Walpa Gorge, the Valley of the Winds and viewing areas that are not to be missed.

Tours and Information Centre Whilst Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park is a delight for walkers, you can also explore around the base of Uluru in a number of ways: motorcycle, Segway and even riding by camel! Daily schedules are available at the Tours & Information Centre, located near the town square at the Resort.

A visit to Uluru would not be complete without spending some time in the Cultural Centre, within walking distance of the Information Centre, where you can learn about Anangu art, culture and traditions. The Centre itself is designed to represent ancestral snakes that Anangu believe were the creators of Uluru.

HOW MANY EYELIDS? CAMELS = 3!!

- Two eyelids have lashes and the third eyelid comes from the corner of the eye to help like a "windshield wiper"
- Protected by a double row of long curly eyelashes to reduce the sand and dust to their eyes
- Thick bushy eyebrows shield the eyes from the desert sun

AYERS ROCK RESORT IN ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Maruku 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 Uluṟu Kata Tjuṯa National Park is located in Central Australian desert country, there is a veritable oasis of accommodation options at Ayers 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 – Ayers Rock Resort boasts a wide range of dining opportunities, from a poolside cafe through to fine dining restaurants. If staying 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.

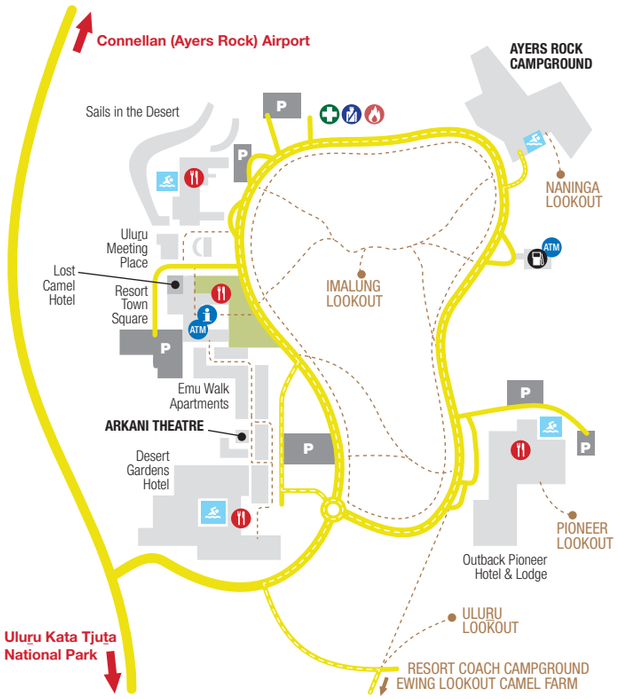
Services and Facilities – Newsagency, Post Office, banking, souvenir and art shops, an IGA Supermarket and even a hair salon are all conveniently located at the Ayers Rock Resort Town Square.

Tour and Information Centre – You can use the free hop on/hop off shuttle bus service available to help you get around the Resort. Ayers 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 Ayers Rock Resort, including bush tucker tours; visit the Wintjiri 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 Ayers Rock Campground.

Uluṟu from Ayers Rock Resort

RESORT TOWN MAP



Sounds of Silence Dinner - Ayers Rock Resort

Kata Tjuṯa Sunrise

ULURU KATA TJUTA NATIONAL PARK

Note: Drawings not to scale and kilometres are approximate

LEGEND

- Road
- Unsealed Road
- FREE Shuttle Bus Route
- Walking Track
- Lawn Area
- Swimming Pool
- Parking
- Information Centre
- Restaurant / Cafe
- Medical Centre / Doctor
- Police Station
- Fire Station
- Fuel Outlet
- Campground
- Accommodation
- ATM
- Drinking Water
- Emergency Radio Alarm
- Toilets
- Picnic Area
- Wheelchair Access
- Telephone

Photographing Uluru

NATIONAL PARK OPENING HOURS

MONTH	OPEN	CLOSE
Dec / Jan / Feb	5.00am	9.00pm
March	5.30am	8.30pm
April	5.30am	8.00pm
May	6.00am	7.30pm
June/July	6.30am	7.30pm
Aug	6.00am	7.30pm
Sept	5.30am	7.30pm
Oct	5.00am	8.00pm
Nov	5.00am	8.30pm
Cultural Centre	7.00am	6.00pm
Information Centre	8.00am	5.00pm

Note: Uluṟu Kata Tjuṯa National Park closes overnight. Ayers Rock Resort has camping as there is NO CAMPING in the National Park.

LOVE OUR LAND

Enjoy the natural beauty 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.
- Leave only footprints behind.
- Do not drive or camp in undesignated areas.
- Uluṟu Kata Tjuṯa National Park closes overnight.

ULURU EVENTS

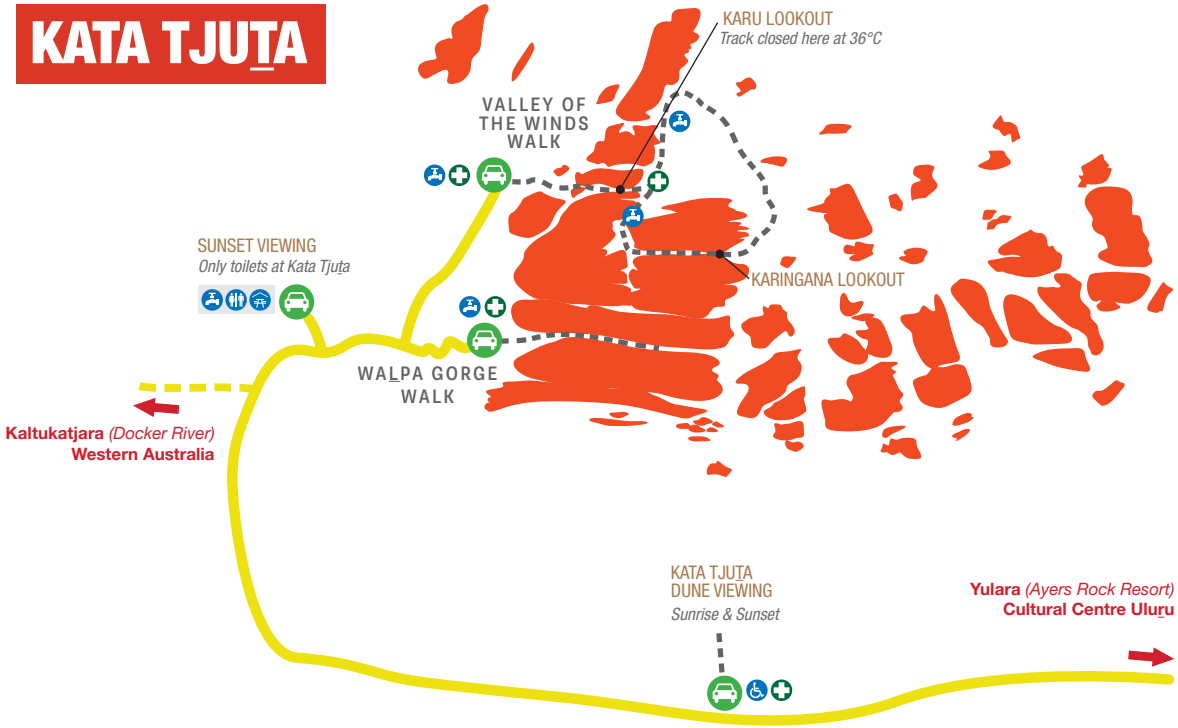
Present - Dec 2020	**Field of Light**
APRIL	
25th-28th	**Tjungu Festival**
MAY	
25th	**Uluru Camel Cup**
JULY	
27th	**Australian Outback Marathon**
SEPTEMBER	
14th-16th	**Uluru Astronomy Weekend**

For more information, visit:
www.discovercentralaustralia.com/events/red-centre-events-calendar

Kata Tjuṯa Walpa Gorge Walk

ULURU

KATA TJUṮA



LEGEND

- Culturally Sensitive Site *(No filming or photography)*
- Road
- Walking Track
- No Stopping on Roadside
- Drinking Water
- Emergency Radio Alarm
- Toilets
- Car Parking Area
- Bus / Coach Parking Area
- Picnic Area
- Information Centre
- Cafe, Food & Drink
- Wheelchair Access
- Telephone

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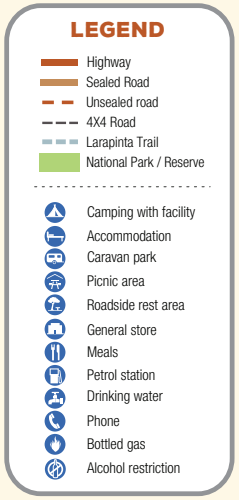
REGIONAL MAP

Kings Canyon

Sunset over West MacDonnell Ranges


LEGEND
Highway
Sealed Road
Unsealed road
4X4 Road
Larapinta Trail
National Park / Reserve
Camping with facility
Accommodation
Caravan park
Picnic area
Roadside rest area
General store
Meals
Petrol station
Drinking water
Phone
Bottled gas
Alcohol restriction

*** A permit is required for the Mereenie Loop Road

Map not to scale. Kilometres are approximate

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Rainbow Bee-eater

Boobook Owl

Baby Euro

Pyndan Camel Tracks

ACCOMMODATION

1	Big 4 MacDonnell Range Holiday Park	K32

ATTRACTIONS TOURS & ADVENTURES

1	National Road Transport Hall of Fame	L39
2	Pyndan Camel Tracks	S36
3	Alice Springs Brewing Co	M32
4	Alice Springs Turf Club	K36

SHOPPING & SERVICES

1	Tourist Gold Radio	L38

Alice Springs Brewing Co.

Alice Springs Turf Club

Big4 MacDonnell Range Tourist Park

National Road Transport Hall of Fame

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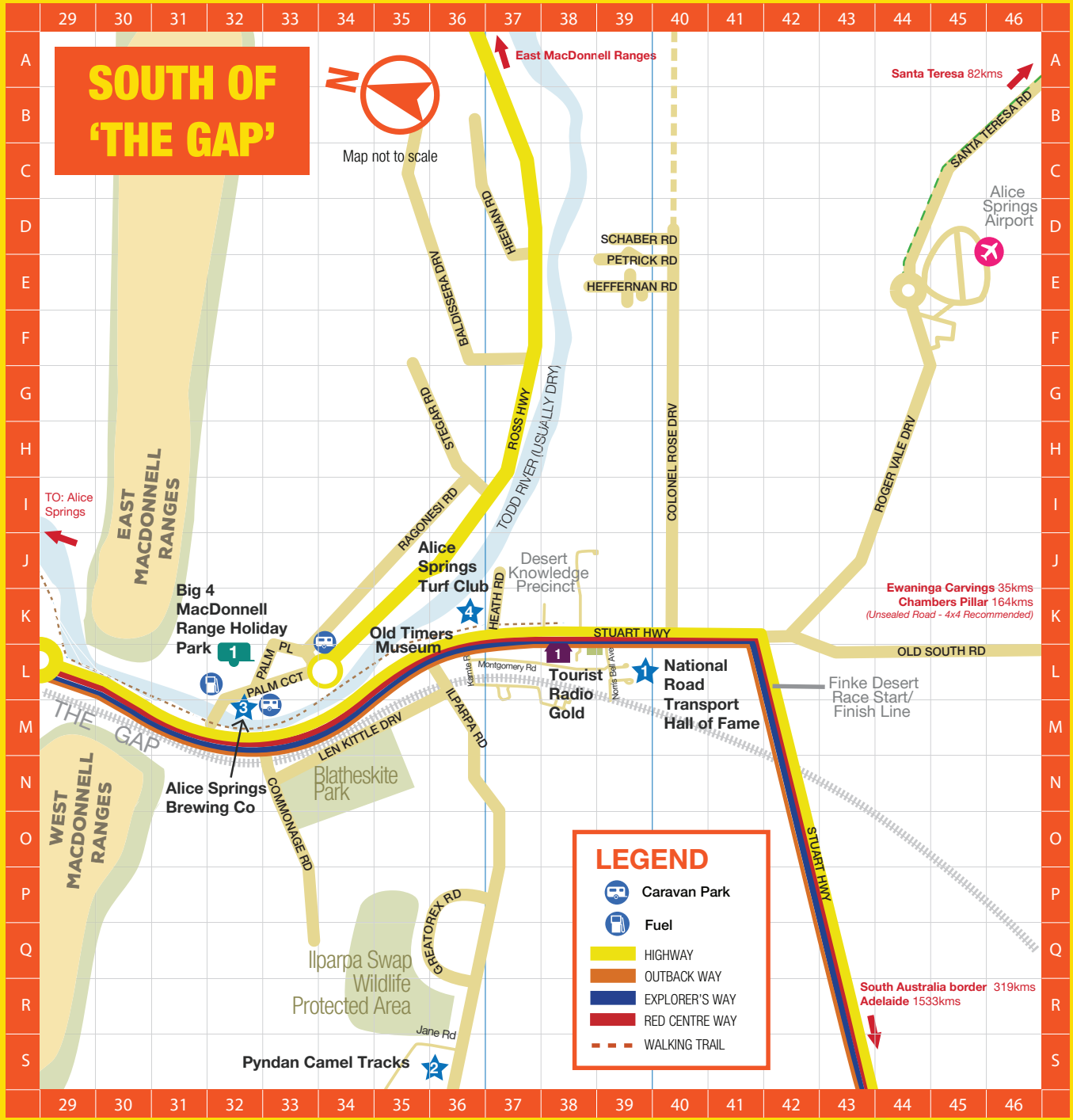

ALICE SPRINGS CBD

Drawings not to scale

EXPLORE THE RED CENTRE

ALICE SPRINGS HISTORY WALK

1	Hartley Street School	I12
2	Adelaide House and the John Flynn Memorial Church	G11
3	Pioneer YHA Hostel	D9
4	Wills Terrace Foot Bridge	C2
5	Wilkinson Memorial	E2
6	Totem Theatre	C1
7	Site of Myrtle Villa	H3
8	Catholic Church Precinct	D2
9	ANZAC Memorial	P2
10	Central Australian Pioneers Memorial	O2
11	Railway Houses	P5
12	Old Post Office	O9
13	The Postmaster's Residence	O10
14	Stuart Town Gaol	K9
15	Old Court House	I15
16	The Residency	I9
17	Lizzie Milnes Well	M15
18	Tuncks Store	J18
19	86 Hartley Street	J23
20	Les Hansen House	M24
21	Old Alice Springs Gaol	P26
22	Royal Flying Doctor Service Base	M22
23	Stuart Memorial	I24
24	Former CWA Buildings	F20

ATTRACTION TOURS & ADVENTURES

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

VEHICLE HIRE & AUTO SERVICES

1	Central Car Rentals	N24

ART, CULTURE & SHOPPING

1	Yubu Napa Art Gallery & Gift Shop	I17
2	Meema's Kitchen Lolly & Craft Shop	G14

ACCOMMODATION

1	Diplomat Motel	I15
2	Elkira Motel	M18

DINING CAFES & TAKEAWAY

1	Uncles Tavern	I15
2	Cycads Restaurant	M18

LEGEND

- Medical Clinic
- Pharmacy
- Australia Post
- Electric Vehicle Charging Point
- Supermarket
- Cafe/Restaurant
- Information Centre
- Shared pedestrian area
- Local bus stop
- Interstate bus stop
- Petrol Station
- Walking trail
- Toilet
- Parking
- Caravan Parking

ATTRACTIONS TOURS & ADVENTURES

S18	1	Alice Springs Desert Park
G15	2	Alice Springs Reptile Centre
L5	3	Alice Springs School of the Air
M15	4	Araluen Arts Centre
M15	5	Museum of Central Australia & Strehlow Research Centre
D14	6	Megafauna Central
G15	7	National Pioneer Womens Hall of Fame & Old Gaol
E18	8	Olive Pink Botanic Garden

ACCOMMODATION

F20	1	Desert Palms Alice Springs
F15	2	Diplomat Motel
G15	3	Elkira Motel
G23	4	Lasseters Hotel Casino
I21	5	Swagmans Rest Apartments
I7	6	Wintersun Cabin & Caravan Park
M14	7	Alice Springs Tourist Park

DINING CAFES & TAKEAWAY

D18	1	Bean Tree Cafe
G15	2	Cycad's Restaurant
Q17	3	Kungka's Can Cook Cafe
G23	4	Goat & Bucket Restaurant
K19	5	Gillen Club
G23	6	Tali Restaurant
F15	7	Uncles Tavern
J24	8	Gapview Hotel

ART, CULTURE & MUSEUMS

F15	1	Yubu Napa Art Gallery & Gift Shop
E14	2	Meema's Kitchen Lolly & Craft Shop
J15	3	Tjanpi Desert Weavers

SHOPPING & SERVICES

B12	1	IGA - Eastside
N18	2	IGA - Flynn Dr
I8	3	IGA - Northside
J14	4	Desert Dwellers
G23	5	Lavish

VEHICLE HIRE & AUTO SERVICES

I13	1	Hertz, Bosh Service Centre, Pedders Suspension
I15	2	Outback Batteries
I14	3	P&V Panel Works
J13	4	WB Windscreens
F13	5	Central Car Rentals

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